**JIM WILSON MEMORIAL AWARD**

Lion Jim Wilson was District Governor for District 19E, Lions Clubs International during the year 1988-1989. He was a member of the Spokane Manito Lions Club. Lion Jim was a pilot for the USAF and USAF Reserves for several years flying B-52’s, C-124’s. C-130’s and C-141’s. He also was a pilot for Braniff Airlines. Lion Jim served as the Police Commissioner and twice as Mayor of Spirit Lake, Idaho. In Lions, Jim was a 100% President, Secretary and Zone Chairperson and received numerous club and district awards.

Lion Jim was very proud to serve as a District Governor due to the care, concern, effort, dedication and Leadership the Lions put forth in the District. After Lion Jim’s death a few District Lions were talking with Lion Jim’s wife Pat and it was decided to honor Jim’s legacy in District 19E with an award specifically dedicated for those District Lions that demonstrate the Leadership qualities that Jim believed.

To that end, the Jim Wilson Memorial Award was established. At the beginning the award was funded by donation of Lions Pins and memorabilia from the collection of Lion Jim. To this day Lions in District 19E continue to donate pins to help fund the award. Individual Lions that have been involved with administering the award are: Lion Pat Wilson, Lions Glen and Jeanette Leyden, PDG Bill Brewer and Lions Mike and Kim White. Mike and Kim continue collecting pins and other items and administer the Jim Wilson Memorial Award at this writing.

Since the 1st award in 1990-1991 an award has been made each year. In the early years the personal plaque carried the name of the recipient and a “traveling” carried the club name. The following list was obtained from the “traveling” plaque:

Club Name Recipient

Suburban North 90-91 Unknown
Sunrise East 91-92 Unknown – Club disbanded
Trail 92-93 Unknown
Spokane Valley 93-94 Unknown
Elkford 94-95 Ed Dustin

Chewelah 96-97 Unknown
Hillyard 96-97 William Brewer
Spokane Manito 97-98 Unknown- Club disbanded
Southeast 98-99 Unknown
Airway 99-00 Unknown
Southeast 00-01 Lonnie Morse

Southeast 01-02 Unknown – Club disbanded

Southeast 02-03 Unknown – Club disbanded

Priest River 03-04 Jan Perrins
Beaver Valley 04-05 Unknown

Wasa 05-06 Hans Kaufmann

Rathdrum 06-07 Larry Quimby

Golden 07-08 Orlando Pecora
Chewelah 08-09 Lynn Hume
Central 09-10 Cliff Miller
NPOV 10-11 Robert Shanklin
Southeast 11-12 Harry Lippincott
Priest Lake Kaniksu 12-13 Bob Ekler

Hillyard 13-14 Unknown
Priest Lake Kaniksu 14-15 Jim Moffatt

Beginning in 2015 both the personal and “traveling plaque” carries the name of the recipient.

Rathdrum 15-16 Frank Bega

Priest River 16-17 Leonard Parenteau
Coeur de Alene 17-18 Ken Cook

Spokane Shadle North 18-19 Bob Yeoman

Priest Lake Kanisku 19-20 Cheryl Ekler

Should anyone reading this document have knowledge of award recipients for the years shown as “Unknown” please contact PDG Harry Lippincott (509) 443-0570 or email to: hlippin1@comcast.net.