



II.

MEMBERSHIP

NOKOMIS CHARTER MEMBERS*

MAY STEELE HUFFMAN, 28, was elected *Commander-in-Chief* at the initial Nokomis meeting on June 3, 1909. She was a Nokomis member from 1909-1910; 1911-12; 1914-20. Born in the upper Midwest, May in her late teenage years worked as a domestic for the Vaughn family in Issaquah until she married Charles Willard Huffman, part owner of the Redmond Trading Company, in 1903. She was the mother of two children, Hazel, born in 1904, and John born in 1906. May died on November 27, 1920 at the age of 39.

JENNIE WILLIAMS, 31, was selected *Chief* during the establishment of the Nokomis Club. She was a member of Nokomis from 1909 to 1913, and demonstrated her leadership skills as Chief Counsel from 1910-13. Originally from Indiana, Jennie at the age of 15 had married William B. Williams, who worked in Redmond as a barber. She was the mother of two children, Ola Margaret, born in 1896, and Wardolph or Wantolph, born in 1903. Jennie and her family moved away from Redmond after 1913, and eventually settled in Corning, California.

+LENNA GRETTA BREWSTER HUFFMAN, 21, became *Clerk* at the first Nokomis meeting. She was a member of Nokomis from 1909 to 1918, and was Clerk from 1913 to 1915, Counsel from 1915 to 1918. Lenna arrived in Redmond from Eugene, Oregon, in 1907, and soon met Hayes Huffman, part owner of Redmond Trading Company, who she married on May 23, 1909. Lenna had one daughter, Estella Beryl, born in 1910, who belonged, as Beryl Huffman Johnson, to Junior Nokomis and briefly attended Nokomis in 1943 and 1986. Lenna was an active member of the Red Cross where she served as Supervisor. She also participated in all activities of the Methodist Church, and was Sunday School Superintendent. Lenna was only 30 years old when she passed away on September 2, 1918.



HARRIET (HATTIE) GREENMAN FORRESTER, 29, served as *Banker* from 1909 to 1911. She continued her membership in Nokomis from 1922 to 1949 and 1950 to 1951 to become the only charter member to belong for 30 years. Born in Iowa in February 1880, Hattie grew up in Oysterville, Pacific County, where she met and subsequently married William A. Forrester, a schoolteacher, in 1898 at Astoria, Oregon. Sometime prior to 1909 Hattie moved to Redmond as a schoolteacher's wife with two daughters, Louise, born in 1900, and Marjorie, born in 1904. Her family grew in 1909 when a son, Lyle, was born. Daughter, Louise, was a Nokomis member from 1965 to 1976. In 1949 Hattie was honored at the 40th anniversary celebration of the founding of the Nokomis Club. She died at the age of 75 in 1955.

+URANIA CATHERINE (RENE) FARRELL ADAMS, 51, was named *Advocate* at the first Nokomis meeting. She remained a Nokomis member until 1913, and served terms as Banker from 1910 to 1911 and Advocate from 1911 to 1913. By 1899 Rene, a native of Canada, had immigrated, become a naturalized citizen, and settled in Redmond with her husband, Ernest. She had six children four of whom survived including her eldest child and only daughter, Mabel Annie. Her sons were Alexander, born 1887, Webster, born 1888, and John, born in 1891. Rene became a widow about 1915, when Ernest, a section boss for Northern Pacific Railroad, died. She continued to reside in Redmond with her children until her death on January 27, 1919 at the age of 60.





+**MABEL ANNIE ADAMS LARSON**, 24, was elected *Attendant* at the club's organizational meeting, and served as Clerk from 1910 to 1912. Mabel, Rene's daughter, was born in Minnesota in 1885. She was employed as a bookkeeper by the Redmond Trading Company, and sometime prior to 1920 became head bookkeeper there. About 1922 she married John Dowain Larson, who was a burman at a shipyard in Kirkland, and had a son, Richard, born in 1923. She lived in Kirkland until she died in 1969.

◆**JANET ADA (JENNIE) ADAIR SIKES**, 41, became a member of Nokomis at the second meeting held on June 17, 1909, nevertheless, she was still considered a charter member. She attended meetings from 1909 to 1913, 1914 to 1915, 1927 to 1934, and 1936 to 1937. Jennie was born in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada on April 11, 1868, and immigrated with her parents to homestead at Adair Farm, Novelty, King County, in 1871.

At Adair Farm September 18, 1884, she married William Ezra Sikes, a farmer. Her husband took her to live in a log cabin he built complete with hand-hewn furniture at the present site of the Carnation Farm. The farm was so remote that supplies had to be brought in upriver from Snohomish by canoe. She had two daughters by December 1889, Mary Evaline (born July 1885), and Lulu Marguerite (born February 12, 1889), when an epidemic of diphtheria occurred that caused their deaths. Jennie also became ill with diphtheria, but was strong enough to recover. ^

Subsequent to the diphtheria epidemic, Jennie and her husband moved to Redmond where Mr. Sikes constructed and operated the Valley Hotel. In 1891 a son, Lionel, was born, and in 1908 another son, Kenneth, was added to complete the family. The Valley Hotel burned down in 1910 consequently twenty years after their arrival in Redmond the family made the decision to resume life on a farm in Vincent.

Jennie was a great lover of farm life--and flowers. She was a very hospitable hostess and a popular member of the community. In addition to her membership in Nokomis she belonged to Eastern Star, Fall City; Novelty-Vincent Ladies' Aid; Snoqualmie Valley Grange and Auxiliary, Tolt; State of Washington Pioneers Association, Seattle; and Snoqualmie Valley Pioneer Association.

In 1938 Jennie and her husband, Ezra, sold their property adjacent to the north side of Redmond Town Park to the city. The sale enlarged the park—now called Anderson Park—to its present size. Originally, Ezra requested that the park be named in honor of Jennie, but that was not accomplished, instead, Adair House, built in 1939, was officially named for her in 1982. #

Jennie passed away at the farm in Vincent at the age of 71 on July 1, 1939. She was survived by her husband of 54 years, two sons, two granddaughters, two sisters, two brothers, fifteen nieces and nephews, and eleven grandnieces and nephews. ^

She is remembered as a faithful member, willing club worker, and loved friend by Nokomis Club members, who wrote a memorial to her in a Death Resolution found in the Nokomis *Minute Book 10/25/1935 to 5/28/1943*, page 127-28.



▪ "Death Claims Mrs. Hayes Huffman." *East Side Journal*. September 5, 1918: 1.

* Genealogical information courtesy of Margaret E Wiese

Hardy, Naomi, *Redmond Reflections: from settlers to software*. Redmond, Washington: Redmond Historical Society, 2006, 76.

^ "Mrs. Sikes Passes Away Saturday." *East Side Journal*: July 8, 1939.

+ Photo restoration courtesy of Joe Townsend

◆ Photos of Jennie Sikes circa 1901 courtesy of Sheri Sikes.

◊ "Redmond Pioneer Passes Away Last Monday." *East Side Journal*. January 30, 1919: 1.

MEMBERSHIP 1909 – 2009

*There is a destiny that makes us sisters;
None goes her way alone;
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.*

--Nokomis Program 1936-37

Organizational history is created by the ideas, discussion, decisions, and activities shared among the members. Since regular attendance at meetings is an integral part of understanding club business, the criteria for appearing on this list is based on attendance as recorded on the secretary's roll. Listed are members who attended at least two meetings during the year, and belonged for more than one year. Members are listed by the year membership was established.

Several names are listed by last name, title, and husband's name or initials. The given name of these members is unknown, and are members who joined prior to common usage of given names that began about 1934.

In 1909 the titles given to the officers were: Commander-in-Chief, Chief, Banker, Clerk, Advocate, and Attendant. The titles of Commander-in-Chief and Chief changed to Chief Counsel and Counsel in 1910. The office of Advocate, equivalent to Sergeant-at-Arms, was discontinued in 1915; and Attendant, now known as Parliamentarian was unused after 1919. The modern titles for officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Parliamentarian became standard usage about 1940.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

Identification of the offices held are listed in modern terms:

P – President

S – Secretary

Sr – Sergeant-at-Arms

VP – Vice President

T – Treasurer

PrI – Parliamentarian

★ Denotes charter members

❖ Indicates prior membership in Junior Nokomis

Name in bold italics are members of 50 years or more

Name in italics are members of 25 years but less than 50 years

LIST OF MEMBERS 1909-2009

- ★Adams, Mabel 1909-10 **Prl**; 1910-12 **S**
★Adams, Rene 1909-10 **Sr**; 1910-11 **T**; 1911-13 **Sr**
Collins, Mrs/Dr. 1909-10
Dupay, Mrs. John 1909-10
Faulds, Mrs. 1909-10
★*Forrester, Hattie* 1909-11 **T**; 1922-49; 1950-51
★Huffman, Lenna 1909-10 **S**; 1911-13; 1913-15 **S**; 1915-18 **VP**
★Huffman, May 1909-10 **P**; 1911-12; 1914-20
★Sikes, Jennie 1909-13; 1914-15; 1927-34; 1936-37
★Williams, Jennie 1909-10 **VP**; 1910-13 **P**
- Faulkner, Anna 1910-11; 1912-13 **T**
LaMere, Mrs. LA 1910-11 **VP**; 1911-12; 1912-13 **T**; 1913-15
Norman, Mrs. C 1910-13
Ottini, Lena 1910-11 **Prl**; 1911-13 **VP**; 1913-15 **P**; 1915-17; 1917-19 **P**; 1919-22;
1922-23 **P**; 1923-28; 1928-29 **T**; 1929-40; 1940-47 **T**; 1947-61; 1961-63;
1963-68; 1968-69 **S**
Walthers, Mrs. FW 1910-11 **Sr**; 1911-13; 1916-17
Weiss, Mrs. Henry 1910-12
- Kern, Mrs. CR 1911-13
Perrigo, Anna Falconer 1911-15 **Prl**; 1915-19 **S**; 1920-37; 1937-38 **VP** 1938-39 **P**; 1939-58;
1959-60
Whitfield, Mrs. GM 1911-13; 1913-15 **VP**
Woodside, Mrs. James 1911-12; 1915-16; 1917-26; 1927-30; 1931-32
- Moffitt, Mrs. LL 1912-13 **S**
- Elliott, Annabell 1913-15
Fleming, Florence 1913-15
Goodnow, Marion 1913-15
Shinstrom, Helen 1913-14; 1914-15 **T**; 1915-16; 1916-17 **T**; 1917-23; 1923-24 **S**; 1932-36
- Rosford, Luella* 1914-15; 1916-18; 1918-19 **Prl**; 1919-20 **T**; 1920-58
Ross, Mrs. WD 1914-15; 1915-16; 1916-17; 1917-18 **Prl**
Trimble Nan 1914-15; 1915-17 **P**; 1917-25
Wiley, Mrs. OA 1914-17
- Bergum, Lillie 1915-18; 1918-19 **T**; 1919-25; 1925-26 **S**; 1926-27
Brown, Irene 1915-16 **T**; 1916-17; 1917-18 **T**; 1918-20; 1920-21 **P**; 1921-27; 1927-28 **T**;
1928-30 **P**; 1930-47; 1947-48 **VP**; 1948-50 **P**; 1950-67; 1968-84
- Chatfield, Ella 1915-28
Mott, Mrs. JF 1915-18
Trimble, Mrs. WJ 1915-18; 1922-23 **S**; 1923-25
Webber, Mrs. JF 1915-18
Woods, Dell 1915-17; 1922-23; 1937-43; 1944-45
- Brewster, Molly 1918-24
Carpenter, Mrs. 1918-23; 1927-28

Heiser, Helen 1918-22; 1922-24 T; 1979-80
 Hendricks, Minnie 1918-19; 1919-20 VP; 1920-23; 1925-32
 Huffman, Ada Leeper 1918-21; 1921-22 P; 1922-33; 1933-34 VP; 1935-37 P; 1937-41
Skjarstad, Mary 1918-35; 1936-37 T; 1937-38 S; 1938-52; 1953-55; 1955-56 VP; 1956-58 S;
 1959-68
 Walker, Flora 1918-19; 1924-32
 Walker, Lizzie 1918-29

 Johnson, Agnes 1922-23; 1923-24 VP; 1924-32; 1936-37 S; 1938-41
Johnson, Anna 1922-33; 1933-34 T; 1935-40; 1940-42 S; 1942-47; 1947-48 P; 1948-75
 Lundberg, Mrs. 1922-25
 Norby, Blanche 1922-23; 1923-26 P; 1926-32; 1935-45
Orr, Mamie 1922-23 VP; 1923-30; 1932-34; 1946-58; 1958-59 S; 1959-60; 1960-61 VP;
 1961-64; 1964-66 VP; 1966-76
Tingelstad, Selma 1922-33; 1933-34 S; 1935-47; 1948-53; 1960-66; 1966-68 VP; 1968-71 P;
 1971-82

 Hollenbeck, Mrs. 1923-24; 1924-25 T; 1925-27
 Kirschner, Mrs. 1923-25
 Perrigo, Evelyn 1923-24; 1924-26 VP; 1926-27; 1927-28 S; 1928-40
 Quackenbush, Maude 1923-25; 1926-29; 1937-41
Wolcker, Lois 1923-26; 1926-28 P; 1928-38; 1938-39 VP; 1939-41 P; 1941-48; 1949-50;
 1951-57; 1958-59; 1960-62; 1963-65

 Adamson, Mrs. 1924-25 S
Buckley, Margaret 1924-25; 1925-27 T; 1927-28; 1929-30 S; 1930-31 P; 1931-48;
 1948-49 S; 1949-51; 1956-84
 Douglass, Lura 1924-26
 Dwyer, Mary 1924-26; 1926-28 VP; 1928-33; 1933-35 P; 1935-39; 1941-43
 Pope, Myrtle 1924-27; 1928-30 VP; 1930-34; 1935-37 VP; 1937-38 P
 Swan, Mrs. 1924-25; 1927-28; 1928-29 S; 1929-32

 Anderson, Martha 1925-30; 1932-45
 Earnheart, Charlotte 1925-26; 1926-27 S
 Lindstrom, Amanda 1925-27
 Lynn, Faye 1925-26; 1927-28; 1935-40
 Nordquist, Iola 1925-47
 Perrigone, Mrs. 1925-26; 1927-28
 Wallace, Edna 1925-28; 1930-42

 Bishop, Cora Lombard 1926-28; 1938-39; 1977-79
 Lynch, Mrs. 1926-27; 1928-29
 Winters, Mabel 1926-27; 1928-30

Johnson, Mabel 1927-30; 1930-31 VP; 1931-33 P; 1933-46; 1948-49; 1951-57

 Erickson, Lucille 1928-30; 1937-50
 Montieth, Mrs. 1928-30
 Morford, Addie 1928-29; 1929-32 T
 Olafson, Amelia 1928-32; 1932-33 S; 1933-35; 1941-48

 Bartow, June 1929-32; 1932-33 VP; 1933-37
Johnson, Karolina 1929-56; 1957-58

Johnson, Ruby 1929-34
Pierce, Helen 1929-32

Pool, Ruth Hitchings 1931-34

Boyd, Margaret 1932-34; 1951-53
Carlson, Elin 1932-45; 1945-47 S; 1947-53
Gleason, H. May 1932-34
Johnson, Audrey 1932-34; 1935-36 T; 1936-39; 1940-41; 1943-44; 1944-47 VP; 1947-48 T;
1948-51; 1951-54 T; 1954-55; 1955-56 T; 1957-58; 1958-60 VP; 1961-63 P;
1963-73; 1973-75 T; 1975-98
Swenson, Alice 1932-39; 1939-41 VP; 1941-43 P; 1943-50; 1950-52 S; 1953-56; 1956-58;
1961-73; 1973-75 VP; 1975-77; 1977-79 P; 1979-81
Thomas, Grace 1932-33 T; 1933-41; 1941-43 VP; 1943-44 P; 1944-47; 1948-53; 1970-73 T;
1973-75; 1975-76 T; 1976-77 S; 1977-81; 1981-85 T; 1985-92; 1992-93 VP
Tolman, Edna 1932-36; 1957-59; 1960-61; 1961-64 T

Gunnerson, Minnie 1934-36

Anderson, Hazle 1935-44; 1944-45 S; 1945-47 P; 1947-63; 1963-64 P; 1964-70; 1970-73 S;
1973-78; 1979-86

Reed, Jane 1936-37; 1938-40 T

Buckley, Mary 1937-38; 1938-40 S; 1940-50
Green, Dorothy 1937-43; 1944-51
Gwerder, Katherine 1937-39
Yend, Agnes 1937-45; 1955-56

Allen, Edith 1939-41; 1943-44
Baker, Twila 1939-47; 1947-51 T
Knowles, Lucille 1939-41; 1944-45
McCombs, Ruth 1939-41
Olts, Ruth 1939-42
Teachout, Myrtle 1939-41

Oman, Laurie 1940-43; 1943-44 VP; 1944-45 P; 1945-47; 1948-64; 1971-80

Keller, Constance 1941-48; 1948-52 VP; 1952-53 P; 1953-56
Mason, Vera 1941-50; 1950-52 P; 1952-56
Travis, Velma 1941-42; 1942-44 S

♣Bryden, Jennie 1943-45; 1976-78; 1978-79 T; 1979-83; 1983-85 VP; 1985-87 P; 1987-91;
1991-93 S

Dougherty, Virginia 1944-52
English, Mamie 1944-48
Guilmette, Susan 1944-47; 1948-65
Harrison, Hazel 1944-48; 1949-50 S; 1950-53; 1953-54 VP; 1954-67
Roach, Estelle 1944-47
Stepan, Mona 1944-46

Morrell, Hilda 1946-48
Paulsen, Myrtle 1946-48

Flowers, Ella 1947-52; 1952-53 S; 1956-64; 1965-70
Hunt, Helen 1947-48; 1950-52; 1953-56; 1971-95
 Kallen, Helen 1947-51
 Kean, Geraldine 1947-49
 Reid, Bea 1947-49

 Dore, Grace 1948-51
 Gullette, Elden 1948-51

 Cash, Mary 1950-53
 Everson, Gladys 1950-54; 1962-64
 Hooten, Marguerite 1950-51; 1952-53
 McPhie, Vera 1950-61; 1963-74
Neslund, Sylvia 1950-52; 1952-53 VP; 1953-71; 1971-73 P; 1974-79
 Nielsen, Dorothy 1950-56; 1957-58; 1959-60

 Swalwell, Josephine 1951-52; 1956-57

 Bernard, Ethel 1952-53; 1953-54 S; 1955-57 VP; 1957-59
Trippett, Dorothea 1953-55; 1955-58 P; 1958-63; 1964-84
 Beba, Claribel 1955-56; 1956-61 T; 1961-64; 1978-79

 Hanks, Edith 1956-64; 1967-69
 Norman, Jessie 1956-57; 1957-58 VP; 1958-61 P; 1961-64
 Peterson, Mabel 1956-59
 Sweitzer, Betty 1956-58

 Reuter, Elizabeth 1957-59; 1959-61 S; 1961-63 VP; 1964-66
 Lewis, Katherine 1958-60; 1961-64; 1964-66 P; 1966-81; 1983-84
 Rynning, Inga 1958-59; 1960-63; 1963-64 S; 1964-77

 Stump, Beth 1960-62

 Iverson, Johanna 1961-64
 Myers, Louise 1961-63; 1963-64 VP; 1964-77; 1978-80; 1981-82

 Bernardi, Mildred 1962-66; 1966-68 S; 1968-70
 Hinehline, Florence 1962-64
 Shobert, Jennie 1962-64; 1964-68 T; 1968-69 VP; 1972-73; 1973-74 S; 1974-85; 1986-87;
 1989-91

 Hogel, Ingrid 1963-68

 Streeter, Mildred 1964-66 S; 1966-68 P; 1968-69 T; 1971-86; 1987-88; 1992-93; 1996-97

 Forrester, Louise 1965-76
 Och, Jennie 1965-68
 Swenson, Marie 1965-85; 1986-88

 Fitzgerald, Lena 1967-74
 Hansen, Blanche 1967-73 ; 1973-75 P; 1975-80
 Landaker, Bertha 1967-73

 Carlson, Gertrude 1970-82

DeWitt, Marie 1970-75; 1975-77 P; 1977-99
Engstrom, Barbara 1970-72 VP; 1972-75
Paylor, Marjorie 1970-81
Shepherd, Myrtle 1970-72; 1972-73 VP; 1973-74; 1974-75 S; 1975-78
 ❖*Smith, Ruth* 1970-75; 1975-76 VP; 1977-78; 1979-80

Drake, Naomi 1972-75; 1975-76 T; 1976-88
Stroope, Lola 1972-77; 1977-81 S; 1981-85; 1985-87 VP; 1987-89 P; 1989-92; 1993-2001
 ❖*Kerwin, Hazel* 1974-77; 1977-79 VP; 1979-81 P; 1981-85; 1985-89 S; 1989-96

Lundy, Lenora 1975-76; 1976-77 T; 1977-78

Bolstad, Nellie 1976-81; 1981-85 S; 1985-86
 ❖*Giles, Violet* 1976-81
 ❖*Lechner, Alice* 1976-77; 1977-78 T; 1978-98; 1998-2000 T; 2000-03

 ❖*Johnson, Hazel* 1977-79; 1979-81 VP; 1981-83 P; 1983-95
Reams, Bea 1977-88; 1992-93
 ❖*Reil, Irene* 1977-79; 1988-92; 1993-96
Wood, Judy 1977-79; 1979-81 T; 1981-83; 1984-85; 1986-88; 1992-93; 1996-97 S

Blaskowsky, Maxine 1979-80; 1981-82
 ❖*Watts, Elaine* 1979-81; 1981-83 VP; 1983-85 P; 1985-94 T; 1995-98

Anderson, Barbara 1980-84

Nielsen, Clair 1981-88

Geneen, Olive 1982-86
Gronvold, Gladys 1982-89; 1992-93
O'Dell, Ruth 1982-89

 ❖*Locknae, Charlotte* 1983-89
Shelton, Ila 1983-91

Wood, Marie 1984-86; 1987-88 VP; 1988-93; 1993-96 S; 1996-97 VP; 1997-2000 P;
 2000-01 S; 2002-03 P

Benham, Velma 1985-89
 ❖*Brashears, Dorothy* 1985-94
 ❖*Craig, Sada* 1985-97
 ❖*Donahue, Mary* 1985-95
 ❖*Funk, Cecilia* 1985-88; 1989-91
Leptich, Kathleen 1985-87
 ❖*Martin, Peggy* 1985-92; 1993-99
 ❖*Radtke, Joan* 1985-92
 ❖*Reed, Frances* 1985-91; 1992-93; 1996-97
Schultz, Shirley 1985-88; 1989-92

 ❖*Brashears, Thelma* 1986-87; 1989-94
 ❖*Curry, Marian* 1986-89; 1989-91 S; 1991-
 ❖*LaBrie, Loretta* 1986-92; 1993-94
Usibelli, Helen Ottini 1986-91; 1991-93 VP; 1993-95 P; 1995-2001; 2001- T

Durand, Marge 1987-89

Gorlick, Audrey 1987-92; 1993-2007
 Jennings, Edna 1987-88; 1988-89 VP; 1989-99
 Ostrom, Venetta 1987-89; 1989-91; 1991-93; 1993-96
 ❖Renfro, Audrey 1987-93

 ❖Gisele, Anna 1988-2003
 Lind, Elaine 1988-89; 1989-91 P; 1991-98
 Pierce, Stephanie 1988-92; 1995-2001
 Sibelia, Dora 1988-89; 1992-93
 ❖Sween, Faye 1988-2003

 Wyman Marjorie 1989-95; 1995-96 VP; 1996-97; 1998-2001

 Gillie, Barbara 1992-98
 Weiss, Rose 1992-93; 1993-95 VP; 1995-97 P; 1997-2000; 2000-10 VP; 2-7/2010 P

 Hasselblad, Anna Lee 1993-95
 Kaplan, Fran 1993-94; 1994-95 T

 Hockenbery, Janet 1995-2000; 2000-02 P
 Kinney, Irene 1995-97
 Taylor, Wanda 1995-99 T; 1999-2001

 Rasmussen, Leona 1996-2000 S

 Coffin, Susan 1998-
 Marr, Clare "Amo" 1998-2003; 2003-1/2010 P

 Daly, Sharon 2003-2010
 Himes, Christine 2003-06; 2006-08 S; 2008-
 Hussey, Linda 2003-
 Ives, Rosemarie 2003-
 McCoskrie, RuthAnn 2003-04; 2004-06 S; 2006-07
 Munoz, Alexa 2003-10; 8/2010- P
 Townsend, Doris 2003-

 Kotsogean, Celinda 2004-06
 Schneider, Daphne 2004-06

 Hanson, Marge 2005-
 Lang, Judy 2005-

 Dumond, Anne 2006-
 Jovag, Pat 2006-11; 2011- S
 Moody, Cathie 2006-08; 2008-10 S; 2010-

 Hardin, Kay 2008-
 Robinson, Vivian 2008-
 Walsh, Wendy 2008-10

 Gilroy, Dorothy 2009-
 Rosenbach, Ruth 2009-



TOP 10

YEARS OF ATTENDANCE

10. <i>Grace Thomas</i>	42
9. <i>Luella Rosford</i>	43
8. <i>Alice Swenson</i>	45
7. <i>Mary Skjarstad</i>	47
<i>Anna Perrigo</i>	
6. <i>Hazle Anderson</i>	50
5. <i>Anna Johnson</i>	52
4. <i>Selma Tingelstad</i>	53
3. <i>Margaret Buckley</i>	54
2. <i>Lena Ottini</i>	60
<i>Audrey Johnson</i>	
1. <i>Irene Brown</i>	68



PAST PRESIDENTS



YEAR	PRESIDENT	YEAR	PRESIDENT
1909-10	May Huffman	1958-61	Jessie Norman
1910-13	Jennie Williams	1961-63	Audrey Johnson
1913-15	Lena Ottini	1963-64	Hazle Anderson
1915-17	Nan Trimble	1964-66	Kathryn Lewis
1917-19	Lena Ottini	1966-68	Mildred Streeter
1920-21	Irene Brown	1968-71	Selma Tingelstad
1921-22	Ada Leeper (Huffman)	1971-73	Sylvia Neslund
1922-23	Lena Ottini	1973-75	Blanche Hansen
1923-26	Blanche Norby	1975-77	Marie DeWitt
1926-28	Lois Wolcker	1977-79	Alice Swenson
1928-30	Irene Brown	1979-81	Hazel Kerwin
1930-31	Margaret Buckley	1981-83	Hazel Johnson
1931-33	Mabel Johnson	1983-85	Elaine Watts
1933-35	Mary Dwyer	1985-87	Jennie Bryden
1935-37	Ada Huffman	1987-89	Lola Stroope
1937-38	Myrtle Pope	1989-91	Elaine Lind
1938-39	Anna Perrigo	1991-93	Venetta Ostrom
1939-41	Lois Wolcker	1993-95	Helen Usibelli
1941-43	Alice Swenson	1995-97	Rose Weiss
1943-44	Grace Thomas	1997-2000	Marie Wood
1944-45	Laurie Oman	2000-02	Janet Hockenbery
1945-47	Hazle Anderson	2002-03	Marie Wood
1947-48	Anna Johnson	2003-2010	Clare "Amo" Marr
1948-50	Irene Brown		
1950-52	Vera Mason		
1952-53	Constance Keller		
1953-55	Madge Plummer		
1955-58	Dorothea Trippett		

MEET A MEMBER: LENA OTTINI



Shortly after her arrival in Redmond, Lena attended her first Nokomis meeting on February 4, 1910, and was accepted into membership on May 27, 1910. During her 60 years of active membership, Lena was President, 1913-15, 1917-19, 1922-23; Vice President 1911-13; Secretary 1968-69; Treasurer 1928-29, 1940-47; and Parliamentarian 1910-11. She served on the Redmond Library Board of Trustees from 1933 to 1954 and on the Library Board of Control for 15 years.

Born in Petaluma, California, on July 12, 1891, Lena met her husband, Antonio, a native of Preonzo, Switzerland, upon his 1902 arrival in Petaluma. She and her new husband came to Redmond in early 1909 from California with the hope of establishing a dairy farm. They were able to begin their dairy on rented land with a small home north of the Justice White home on the McRedmond homestead. The dairy business proved to be a profitable venture, and the Ottini's by 1917 were able to purchase a residence known as the Melrose Inn and the surrounding 40 acres that had been Warren Perrigo's original homestead.

Their home sat on rich bottom land that allowed Lena to cultivate a vegetable garden, and the produce she grew was often requested for suppers at the Methodist Church where diners enjoyed the salads she made from freshly picked lettuce, tomatoes, and other available vegetables. She had also planted fruit trees and contributed freshly baked fruit pies prepared in large dishes that fed a crowd. A favorite culinary activity was to cook dinners sponsored by the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS). Another contribution she considered special was to cook for the local Girl Scout troops she accompanied to Camp Robinswood on Hood Canal.*

Without a doubt her culinary experience promoted Nokomis' reputation for good food when the club served dinners as a fundraising activity. Lena recognized that in order to pursue the charitable causes that Nokomis supported, fundraising was an important activity. She often organized these activities, and participated fully in the provision of adequate finances to reach club goals.

Sewing was another domestic occupation she enjoyed, and she constructed a number of quilts her family still enjoys. Perhaps her favorite pastime, though, was reading. According to her daughter, Helen Usibelli, she read at least two books each week. Her interest in reading lead her to be a primary advocate for the establishment of a library by the Nokomis Club in 1927. Besides her executive and administrative duties on behalf of the library, she also served as a volunteer librarian and buyer of new books. Helen recalls new books for the library were often stacked in their living room until they were catalogued then taken to be shelved at the library.

Lena utilized her writing abilities as a correspondent for the "East Side Journal" and the "Sammamish Valley News". She contributed articles about the new books available from the Redmond Library that appeared on the "Redmond Page" of the "East Side Journal". Her column, "The Town Crier", detailed personal events in the lives of the town inhabitants, and was a community favorite. Individuals often contributed these personal items to Lena by telephone since recognition was gained from seeing their name in the newspaper. Although her husband protested the inclusion of family items in "The Town Crier" column, Lena included them anyway in order to collect the additional five cents she earned for her "pin money".

East Side Journal
August 7, 1941

Redmond LIBRARY NEWS

Have you read? "Out of The Night??" by Jan Valtin; "City of Illusion" by Vardis Fisher, a story of the early days of the Cornstock Lode and Virginia City. "They Came To a River" by Allis McKay, a story of Washington. "Berlin Diary" by William L. Shirer is the journal of a foreign correspondent of the years 1934-1941. "Here's Death Valley" by C. B. Glasscock. "With Love and Irony" by Lin Yutang; "The Mystery of the Buried Crosses" by Harlin Garland, a most astonishing story. The young people will also enjoy "The Mystery of The Jasper Jewel Case" by Jane Selkirk. "District Nurse" by Faith Baldwin. "The Silver Flute" by Lida Larimore, a tender charming story. "The Parson of Panamint" by Peter B. Kyne; "Wanderer of the Wasteland" by Zane Grey.

There are also two new books for the Christmas Season, "The Shining Tree" and other Christmas stories by Hildegard Hawthorne, is a beautiful collection of twelve Christmas stories which all the family can enjoy and "All Field, a charming Christmas fable for both old and young. For the little people, there are four new books by Thornton W. Burgess, namely, Mother West Wind's "Why" stories, Mother West Wind's "When" stories and Mother West Wind's Neighbors.

Attendance at district and state conventions of the Federation of Women's Clubs where new information was shared and learned became important to Lena. After Nokomis joined the federation in 1928, Lena was a frequent delegate and presence at these conferences. At one of the conferences she was awarded a medal for her participation in community service as a Pioneer Woman. Her name was also presented for a Memorial at the district convention on April 24, 1971.

Besides Nokomis Club, Lena held membership in Silver Sands Rebekah Lodge, Rebekah Past Noble Grand Club, and the Women's Society of Christian Service. In each of these clubs she served in nearly every office.*



Lena Ottini celebrates her birthday at the July 1969 meeting of the Nokomis Club. Her daughter, Helen Ottini Usibelli, center, reads a birthday card while Grace Thomas, left, listens.

East Side Journal
September 1, 1941



Rev. and Mrs. Aumiller and family spent the past week in Yakima with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. King of Bellevue were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ottini and daughters on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Eunice Allen returned to Portland on Monday after enjoying a month's vacation with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rutledge of Kirkland spent the week end at Coulee.

Mrs. Rudolph Johnson and family and Mr. Ed Peterson spent the week end at Spokane visiting relatives.

Mr. George Dwyer of Portland spent the past week visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Beyrer.

Miss Ethel Reil left Monday for Carnation where she will make her home during the coming school year. Miss Reil will teach at the Vincent school.

Mrs. R. Burns and son Reed of Centralia were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Robstad on Thursday.

Current Nokomis member Ruth Rosenbach, a neighbor of Lena's for 12 years, remembers her as a kind person and a good listener. Lena was matronly in appearance, and her unhurried manner made it easy to converse with her according to Ruth. Lena and her husband raised two sons, Ralph and Lloyd, and two daughters, Virginia and Helen. Helen has been a member of Nokomis since 1986 when she retired from her teaching career. Although Helen says she is not her mother, she has served Nokomis in the leadership positions of President, Vice-president, and Treasurer. Involvement in community service exemplified by her mother continues.

The Ottini's closed their dairy business in 1945, and sold the property to a developer, but maintained their home, The Melrose Inn, until Lena passed away on December 27, 1969, two years after her husband. A neighborhood shopping center, that is the current location of Value Village, occupies the site where the Ottini farm once existed.

Mrs. A. Ottini and daughters Helen and Virginia visited relatives in Kent on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ashbaugh and family spent the week end at Hood river visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mattiell spent the week end visiting relatives in Cle Elum and Yakima.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ashbaugh and family spent the week end at Lewiston, Idaho.

Miss Helen Ottini left Tuesday for Shelton where she will resume her school teaching for the coming year.

Mrs. Ernest Hei was hostess on Friday at a 1 o'clock luncheon at her home honoring the birthday of Mrs. B. Robstad. There were six ladies present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Shotwell and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McKee were busy moving into their new homes over the week end. The Shotwells moved into their new house and the McKees moved the little house formerly occupied by the Shotwells on to their newly purchased lot across the street from its present location.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Olts and daughter Margery and Seattle relatives spent the week end in Yakima.



Lena Ottini in 1969 with Irene Brown center, and Mary Skjarstad, right.

* "Mrs L Ottini Service Today." *Sammamish Valley News* December 30, 1969: 1.

MEET A MEMBER: MABEL JOHNSON

Mabel Johnson became a member of Nokomis in 1927. She served as Vice-president 1930-31 and President 1931-33, and was appointed Trustee of the Redmond Library, an office she held from 1942 until 1954. She retained her membership in Nokomis until 1957—a total of 26 years.

Mabel was born on January 16, 1880, in a residence on Avondale Road at Union Hill Road, and was the daughter of pioneers, William and Matilda Perrigo. She was the twin of Arlington, and they were the third born with only two brothers who were older, Robert and Marvin. Subsequent siblings added to the family were Wells, Nellie, June, Thomas, Marian, and a second set of twins, Maude and William.

During Mabel's early childhood years, the Redmond area was still heavily forested with firs, cedars, hemlocks, and maples that grew 200 feet high with a diameter of 10 feet as well as smaller trees such as Vine Maple and Pacific Dogwoods. Ferns gave a lacy appearance to the forest that had an abundance of several different species of edible berries and streams filled with salmon. Attuned to birdsongs from outdoors, Mabel's earliest memories were of her mother singing cradle songs and ballads.*

Despite the bounty of natural food available, the first priority of the pioneers was to clear the land to establish productive farms and gardens. Mabel's father founded and operated the first trading post that imported implements and basic household staples for the pioneers. One of her father's favorite activities was to supply American flags to pioneer schools. She remembers riding her horse as a young girl behind her father's with the American flag flying as they approached Paradise Lake School at recess time. The students had seen Mabel and her father riding toward them, and cheered when they arrived to distribute the flags. Her father continued to be very patriotic, and planned entertaining 4th of July celebrations. One Independence Day he rented a steamer to tow a scow around Lake Sammamish. Family with friends filled the scow to enjoy a picnic while being towed all around the lake.+

Logs from the local forest formed the structure of the first school built in 1875, which Mabel attended located on Warren Perrigo property south of what is now Anderson Park. Also constructed on land donated by Warren Perrigo, the Melrose School replaced the log cabin as the community school with Mabel in attendance in 1887.* The Melrose School had a more traditional schoolhouse design with a peaked roof and clapboard siding, and after the Melrose School burned down, the Redmond School was built in 1892 where Anderson Park is now located. Mabel went to this school with 31 other children and two teachers until it burned down in 1895.

Intensive logging activity began in the Redmond area about 1899, and as a young woman, Mabel cooked and baked in the camps where loggers lived. One of the camps where she first cooked was in Houghton. Her routine in the evening was to wash the dishes, and then finish the baking. By the time her chores were completed, it was dark and she would have to light a lantern to carry with her to her domicile. The lighted lantern was to protect her from a cougar since common wisdom said the light from the lantern would scare the cougar away. Mabel traveled on horseback to cook for a camp on southwestern Lake Sammamish across from Monohan, at the Berg Logging Camp in Happy Valley, and for Olaf Olsen. Her brother, Robert, employed her to cook at his logging camp located on the Perrigo property now occupied by Redmond Junior High School at 166th Ave NE and NE 104th Street. Mabel claimed this was her most taxing position because she had to pack water uphill to the camp from the draw on the lower side of the hill.+

Cooking and baking remained her most enjoyable occupation throughout her life, and her family members recall the biscuits she made in a pan almost too large to fit in the oven. When the biscuits came out of the oven freshly baked, they were cooked to a feather light perfection. Her culinary experience, no doubt, enhanced the meals Nokomis prepared for their fundraising projects.



Beside her labor as a cook, Mabel enjoyed a social life. She attended dances, and after one dance in Kirkland she was escorted home by a fellow who had a horse and buggy. She and her escort were almost home, but had to cross the flooded Sammamish River over a plank road laid on stringers that rested on logs. In the dark the buggy left the planked roadway, tumbled into the ditch alongside the road, and came to rest against a fence.+

In 1908 Mabel married Mark Johnson, a slender, strapping, and handsome man. Mark was highly respected for his accomplished manners and his great heartedness. Mabel and Mark had five children, Vonal, Margarete, Myrna, James, and Glyneth. They were married for 58 years. Mark initially had a career as a logger, and then became a salesman. He partnered with an Englishman, Arthur Ball, and maintained a stall at Seattle's Public market where they sold farm produce.+

Mabel and Mark were well known for the annual pioneer picnics they held at their home each June. The occasion allowed early residents of the Sammamish Valley to renew acquaintances and reminisce with old friends and neighbors.▪ Mabel recollected her heritage too as a member of the Washington State Pioneers Association and the American Legion Auxiliary where she served as President in 1944.

The Nokomis Club claimed her attention and participation particularly as Vice-president then President from 1931 to 1933. Her remarks delivered at the January 29, 1932, Nokomis meeting, expressed the desire to have a library building of their own, and inspired club members to thoroughly investigate the proposal. Once it was determined that the club would not incur any debt from the project, the construction of a library building was approved. Mabel's comments supplied the impetus to complete the library building, and it opened on March 1, 1933.



Mabel Johnson enters the polling booth at the Log Cabin to cast her ballot in the November 1964 election. ° -SVN Photo

Mabel also served a club mother for Junior Nokomis, a club founded in 1934 to train younger women for further membership in the senior group. Her daughter, Glyneth Johnston, belonged to the junior club. Mabel additionally held membership in Redmond Rebekah Lodge, the Rebekah Past Nobel Grand Club, and the Royal Neighbors of America.▪

Civic obligations were very important to Mabel, and she took them very seriously. She voted in every election once women were allowed to vote which occurred in 1910 in Washington State. On a couple of occasions she had to submit an absentee ballot due to family illness otherwise she appeared at the designated polling place to make her vote count.°

Not only was Mabel a pioneer, but a native of Redmond. Unlike the migratory birds that pass through on the flyways of Washington State, Mabel never desired to go south for the winter to join the *Snowbirds*.+ Always, her home was on Avondale Road—she was comfortable there, so there she stayed surrounded by family and friends until she died on April 21, 1966.

* Carlberg, Elmer. "Mabel Perrigo Johnson's Life Spanned Redmond's Pioneer Era." *Sammamish Valley News*, April 28, 1966: 2.

+ Carlberg, Elmer. "Redmond History Seen in the Life of Mabel Johnson." *Sammamish Valley News* May 5, 1966: 4.

▪ "Redmond Pioneer Daughter, Mabel Johnson, Passes Away." *Sammamish Valley News* April 21, 1966: 1.

° "Mrs. Mable Johnson." *Sammamish Valley News* November 5, 1964.



MEET A MEMBER: D. MARIAN CURRY

Named Della Marian Gillis upon her birth in Minnesota in 1920, Marian was called by her middle name to avoid confusion because her first name was the same as her mother's. During the first years of her life, she lived on a farm with her family until the farm was lost in the early depression in 1927.

Marian moved with her family to a city, Balatin, Minnesota, in the southwestern part of the state near the boundaries of Iowa and South Dakota.

For a number of years, her father could find only sporadic part time work, but eventually he was hired to work at Boeing in Seattle where he was remained employed until he retired. During that time Marian together with her eight sisters and two brothers, labored in order to maintain a large garden in their city home that provided fresh vegetables in the summer, and vegetables for canning that could be eaten in the winter. The family remained in Minnesota until each child completed school. School was important, and Marian graduated from Mankato State College. When she arrived with her husband, Von, in Redmond, Marian had a job as a fourth grade teacher while her mate obtained a job with the post office.

Marian met Hazel Kerwin, a Junior Nokomis Club member, who was also a member of the Methodist Church. Hazel became Marian's sponsor for Junior Nokomis membership, and she was accepted into Junior Nokomis Club shortly after her arrival in 1945. The Junior Nokomis club was composed of young women in their twenties and thirties who were being groomed to be Senior Nokomis members. Most of the junior club members still had young children that needed attention, and could not commit a great deal of time to the club. This caused generational friction to develop with the seniors who advised the younger group. Strong leadership soon developed in Junior Nokomis, and the organization became an independent club.

During their short stay in a small apartment, Marian adopted the habit of taking a walk around town from 4 pm to 5 pm, and enjoyed visiting with the friends and neighbors she saw personally on these walks. In a town of 550 people she was able to keep up on all of the town news, and when telephones became prevalent about 1945, she declined to have one because it interrupted her activities. Her remaining leisure time was spent playing golf on at the Carnation Golf Course or the Redmond Golf Course where she enjoyed walking from tee to tee among the towering fir trees alongside babbling Bear Creek. Although her husband continued to inhabit the golf course, Marian's golfing was interrupted by the birth of their first son, Bill.

Advised to build a home, Marian and her husband found a good location at 16511 NE 80th Street, the present location of the Mirage Salon, across the street from the Methodist Church. It was first necessary to cut down the forest existing on the lot before the home could be constructed. Shortly after their new home was completed, Marian and Von became parents of their second child, Sharon, but Bill proved to be a very adventurous and active child. One night after Marian had put him to bed, she went to check on him only to find that he had disappeared. She and her husband started to look for him, and as they opened the front door met their neighbor with Bill in tow. The neighbor had found him in the adjacent woods—Bill had escaped through the window in his bedroom.

The proximity of the Curry's to the Methodist Church proved to be fortuitous as Bill grew older. Because kindergarten was not held in the public schools in 1949, Junior Nokomis sponsored the kindergarten class held at the church.* Bill, at age four, ventured across the street, entered the class with the permission of the teachers, and participated with the other children until Marian arrived to claim him. Bill's energetic activities also attracted the attention of Reverend Aumiller, who began the practice of taking Bill for all-day Saturday excursions to the Kirkland waterfront where they spent the day feeding the ducks.

The Curry's moved their residence in 1950 to the 17400 block of NE 116th Street when a 20-acre tract of property was sold to them by the two bachelor property owners, who desired to relocate. They moved into a 4-room 24' x 24' home which they remodeled by combining two rooms, and built a kitchen and bath addition. They also began construction of a new home which took six years to complete. With the completion of the new home, the Curry's continued to develop a family compound, and eventually Sharon and her family lived in one dwelling on the property while in another, Von's sister, Hazle, and her husband, John Anderson, resided. Hazle Anderson had joined Nokomis in 1935 and was a member until 1986. Active in the club, Hazle was President 1945 to 1947 and 1963 to 1964, and was then Secretary 1970 to 1973. Marian's relationship with Hazle furthered her acquaintance with the senior Nokomis Club.

The Curry's also made substantial improvements to the grounds surrounding the living quarters. They established a park where they enjoyed barbeques and overnight campouts. While the previous property owners had grown 5-acres of strawberries, the Curry's established a large vegetable garden, and they grew beets, carrots, onions, peas, beans, corn, potatoes, cabbage, plus several varieties of squash. They also established an orchard of apple trees, pear trees, prune trees, and blueberry bushes. Marian was generous and gave away much of the fruit produced, but always saved prunes for one of the family's favorite traditional dishes, prune pie with the most delectable flaky crust ever invented.

Christine Himes, who lived across NE 116th Street from the Curry's, recalls the Curry's held a cider-making event in the fall when the apples were ripe. Everyone in the neighborhood was invited including children who could participate in the hands-on production of the cider, and could take home the cider they made if they supplied their own container. Chris felt that handling the machinery involved in producing cider provided meaningful learning experience for everyone—children, teen-agers, and adults alike.

Animals were also grown for food by the Curry's, and they usually had 13 head of cattle and kept about the same number of sheep. Chris Himes recalls her children observed the butchering of the cattle one year, and returned home to comment on how "cool" the procedure was. Marian recounts that one day the cattle got out of the fenced pasture, and were near the road. She saw the cattle from the house window, and went out the door with her arms full of hay. Then she noticed several police officers with their guns drawn advancing toward the cattle, and when the cattle saw Marian carrying the hay, they went running toward the barn ready for their evening meal. Marian was also kept busy as a participant of the Heisdorf and Nelson network of chicken farmers. Twice each year for 15 years, 1,200 six-week old chicks were delivered to them to raise for six months. The young chicks required a good deal of attention to make sure they were kept warm enough under the lights, and Marian reports that only very rarely did they lose one chick.

As her children, that now included two daughters, Sharon and Susan, son, Bill, and a younger son, Jeff, grew older, Marian participated in several activities. She resumed teaching as a substitute, and although she had taught fourth grade, she substituted in a variety of elementary and junior high classes. She also joined the Julia Davis Chapter of Children's Orthopedic Guild, and actively contributed for many years to their projects.

Marian's participation with Nokomis increased and she became president of Junior Nokomis for a term. An active member, she contributed her labor to their ongoing fundraising activities for several years. The junior group raised funds at Bike Derby where they manned a booth that sold pie a la mode until the food sales at the Bike Derby was closed by the health department. They also developed a program of fundraising that prepared lunches for the Lions, Kiwanis, Retired Teachers, members of the Redmond Gun Club, and other groups. They served hamburgers to members of the gun club, but Marian participated in luncheon service for the Lions Club which was held in the large log cabin in Anderson Park, formally named Adair House in 1982. In order to serve the hot lunches, Junior Nokomis donated and installed a complete kitchen in Adair House.+ The Lions

Club luncheon service was eventually discontinued by the junior club, and was assumed by the Methodist Church women. As a member of the Methodist Church, Marian continued to serve the Lions luncheons.

Marian subsequently joined Senior Nokomis in 1986, and served as secretary from 1989 to 1991. She managed sales of dishcloths, which were made of a medium weight cream colored thread, and although they appeared to be hand crocheted, they were very durable. She found the dishcloth project to be popular because it was something small, inexpensive, and necessary. The project had begun in 1948, and due to lack of demand was discontinued in 2001.

As a trained teacher, Marian is still interested in the educational development of the younger generation, and has served for several years on the Scholarship Committee. She assists in the review of applications, and with the committee determines the recipient of the annual Nokomis scholarship.

Marian has witnessed population growth in Redmond from about 550 when she arrived in 1945 to 54,144 in 2010.^o Not only the Library owns a new home—its seventh—at 15990 NE 85th Street, but in 1997 Town Center Shopping Mall opened on the site of the Redmond Golf Course quieting the ping of golf balls. The changes extend north to NE 116th Street where her 20-acre family compound and farm once existed, mega-mansions now crowd the landscape. Even updated communications have caught up with Marian, she can now be reached by telephone—and even has an e-mail address. But, Marian is still a member of the Nokomis Club where she enjoys the fellowship of sister members for lunch on the last Friday of the month.



◆ *Marian Curry, Secretary, second from right, meets with officers and members in 1991 from left to right, Alice Lechner, Elaine Lind, President, Unknown, Marian, and Elaine Watts, Treasurer.*

* Hardy, Naomi. "Nokomis Timeline." Nokomis Archive, Redmond Historical Society: Unpublished from "Kirkland Eastside Shopper." February 17, 1965.

+ Junior Nokomis Scrapbook. Nokomis Archives, Eastside Heritage Center, Unpublished: Undated.

◆ Photo restoration courtesy of Joe Townsend.

^o wikipedia.org, Internet, March 2, 2011 and redmondpatch.com, Internet, March 3, 2011.

MEET A MEMBER: AUDREY GORLICK

The Seattle Times

Thursday, July 5, 2007

Volunteer awarded for her service

BY SHERRY GRINDELAND

Audrey Gorlick of Redmond answered the call long before President George W. Bush issued the plea.

In 2002, Bush challenged Americans to volunteer. In 2003, he created the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. That group issues awards for community service.

Gorlick recently received the group's silver Presidential Service Award.

The mystery is who turned in Gorlick's name. She believes it may be Redmond RSVP folks because the award and two letters of congratulations were sent in care of the Redmond Senior Center.

Through RSVP and the Senior Center—and on her own—she's donated many hours to the Redmond Chamber of Commerce, the library and the old Marymoor Museum of Eastside History. Gorlick led the women's service club, Nokomis, for many years. In the last decade she recruited enough new members to revitalize the group.

About those letters: One congratulated Gorlick for her commitment to volunteerism. The other encouraged her to accumulate 500 hours for a gold award, or to keep serving her neighbors for the 4,000-hour Call To Service Award.

She smiled and dropped her head wearily. Gorlick turned 102 in January.



Audrey Gorlick celebrates her 103rd birthday with Nokomis members on January 29, 2008.

January 2004

To All the Old and New Members of the Nokomis Club,

Saying Thank You seems so inadequate to express my gratitude for your wonderful response in celebrating my 99th Birthday. I looked at you with pride knowing you were the representation of all womanhood—what you have and will achieve in your lifetime toward your fellow men and country.

Nokomis has proven your strength in many ways in the past and will do so into the future and will stand as your flagship to be your guide. I am so proud of all of you.

God's Blessings on all of you, and Thank You.

Audrey Gorlick

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Through her activities with the Chamber of Commerce, Audrey became acquainted with the Nokomis Club. She joined Nokomis in 1987 at the age of 82, and served as liaison to the library. One day, when the Redmond Library called, she responded to prevent Nokomis documents from being tossed in their garbage bin. With her 50-plus years of experience as an antiques dealer, she recognized the value of the club records, and donated them to the Marymoor Museum. When the Marymoor Museum closed, the Nokomis documents became archived at Eastside Heritage Center where they remain.

As a supporter of educational opportunities for young people, she was a member of the Scholarship Committee for 15 years. Audrey also encouraged her grand-nephew, Richard Hersh, to donate to the Nokomis scholarship fund. His \$10,000 donation ensures that a scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Redmond High School senior for several years.

Audrey died on July 4, 2008 at the age of 103½.



IN MEMORIAM

There are stars that go out in the darkness

But whose silvery light shineth on.

There are roses whose perfume still lingers

When the blossoms are faded and gone.

There are hearts full of light and sweetness

When no longer the life current flows

Still their goodness lives on with the living

Like the living souls of the star and the rose.



— Nokomis Program 1974-75

DEATH RESOLUTIONS



Whereas, since the organization of Nokomis club, the Great spirit in his infinite understanding has taken from our midst four of our beloved members:

<i>Mrs. Lenna Huffman</i>	September 2, 1918
<i>Mrs. May Huffman</i>	November 27, 1920
<i>Mrs. Amanda Lindstrom</i>	September 24, 1928
<i>Mrs. Ella Chatfield</i>	November 22, 1928

Whereas these members were earnest workers in our club and by their kindly genial ways endeared themselves to us all therefore be it:

Resolved that in their deaths we have lost four members whose words and deeds will live long in our memories, and be it further

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be entered in our minutes as a memorial to these departed sister members.

Committee: Anna F Perrigo, Anna Johnson, Luella Rosford



Inasmuch as God in his infinite wisdom has removed from our midst, our beloved friend and President, *Myrtle Pope*, be it resolved by us today to cherish her memory and always remember her sweet smile and friendly greeting in the hope we may some day meet her in that land that knows no pain nor sorrow.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be written in our minutes as a token of our love.

Died 1-11-1938

Respectfully submitted: Agnes Johnson, Mabel Johnson, Lois Wolcker



Also adapted for *Clare "Amo" Marr* who joined Nokomis 1998; President 2003-2010
Died 2-22-2010

Whereas death has again entered the ranks of Nokomis Club and taken from us our beloved fellow worker, *Mrs. Janet Sikes* and

Whereas Mrs. Sikes had been a faithful member of Nokomis club since its organization being a charter member therefore be it

Resolved that in her passing we have lost not only a willing club worker but a loved friend, therefore be it

Resolved that in her memory a copy of these resolutions be kept in our records, and a copy sent to the family and to the "Club Woman".

Died 7-1-1939

Respectfully submitted, Anna Perrigo



Since death on November 17, 1952 took from us a beloved member of Nokomis Club, it is only fitting that this tribute to her memory be placed in our minutes.

Dell Woods was a faithful club member for thirty years.

Always faithful in attendance as long as her health permitted.

She was to all a good friend—wise in judgment, faithful in work, ready and willing to do her part in whatever was to be done for the good of Nokomis. Her smiling face and ready wit is greatly missed by all who knew her.

Written by Anna Perrigo



We commemorate *Rose Weiss* who became a member of the Nokomis Club in 1992, and was an officer in the club for over 13 years.

Inasmuch as God in his infinite wisdom has removed from our midst our beloved friend and President be it resolved by us today to cherish her memory: her gentle strength; her ability to speak kindly and with wisdom; her willingness to listen; and her exemplary commitment to service, in the hope we may some day meet her in that land that knows neither pain nor sorrow.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be written in the Nokomis Club minutes as a token of our love.

Written by Alexa Munoz from Agnes Johnson, Mabel Johnson, Lois Wolcker

Rose Weiss joined in 1992; Vice President 1993-95; 2000-2010; President 1995-97; 2-7/2010

Died: 11-3-2010

MEMBERS ENJOY CONVIVIAL JANUARY 2008 MEETING



Doris Townsend



Left to right: Vivian Robinson, Alexa Munoz, Anne Dumond



Left to right: Judy Lang, Wendy Walsh, Marge Hanson



Left to right: Kay Hardin and Daphne Schneider