



HISTORY

At the time of the closing of the original Washington Senior High School in 1979, a substantial and well-organized celebration took place. Titled the "Last Harrah" thousands of past graduates of Washington High School took part in many of the planned events. Hundreds paraded down Rice Street. Countless toured the school. Scores of past graduates listened to speeches and viewed presentations. Everyone truly appreciated getting together with former classmates and friends. It was from this event that the genesis for an annual reunion gathering began.

Initially the group organizing the annual reunion gatherings was simply called the "Alumni Association". After many years of casual operations, a decision became obvious that the group needed a more formal structure. Subsequently, the original name was changed to the Washington High School 50+ Club, Inc. and the first set of bylaws were adopted and signed on February 1, 1988 by the following directors.

President, Betty Jane Hanson
Vice-President, Lenore Huttle
Secretary, Winifred Midler
Treasurer, Ida Fabyanske

Washington High School 50+ Club, Inc. was officially incorporated on March 24, 1988. The Articles of Incorporation were personally signed and executed by the following individuals.

Harold E. Selby Sr.
Ida Fabyanske
John Lackner
John E. McManus
Robert J. Hennessy

For the purposes of forming a corporation pursuant to the provisions of the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 317, the Club filed incorporation papers with the state. On April 6, 1988 the Washington High School 50+ Club, Inc. was registered by Joan Anderson Grove, Secretary of State of Minnesota, and issued Corporate Charter Number IC-99. The Washington High School 50+ Club, Inc. also now has both State and Federal ID tax exemption numbers.

Today every member of a graduating Class of Washington High School is automatically designated as a member of the FIFTYPLUSCLUB at the beginning of the fiscal year during which their Class will celebrate its fiftieth (50th) graduation anniversary. There are currently over (4000) classmates in the Club, of which approximately (2000) are designated as "Active" members.

The Club has a Board of Directors who meets as needed to act on Club matters. Presently the Board of Directors includes the Club President, Treasurer/Secretary, Database Manager, plus other members.