EDGAR F. WISE: Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Born June 2, 1939

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE

The Cedar Rapids Bowling Association is pleased to nominate Edgar F. Wise for consideration to the Iowa State Bowling Association Hall of Fame. The following resume contains the many accomplishments Ed has accumulated over the past forty years. Ed has dedicated a large part of his life to service and improving the sport of bowling. Additionally, he was able to maintain a respectable attitude, knowledge, and skill of the game.

Ed started bowling in 1962, at the age of 23, in the South Jersey Bowling Association (New Jersey) where he averaged 155 and 156 for two seasons. Moving to Iowa in January 1964, he again bowled in one league and continued a steady rise in his league average.

In 1970, Ed was appointed to the Cedar Rapids Bowling Association and served 7 years as a Director, 3 years as Vice President, and served as President for the 1977-78 season. In the 1980-81 season Ed was elected Secretary/Treasurer and served 12 years in the position. Ed served as a delegate from the Cedar Rapids Bowling Association to the Iowa State Bowling Association Annual Meeting for 27 years (19 as an ISBA board member). He also served as a delegate to the American Bowling Congress meetings for 14 years.

In 1971, Ed was appointed to the Cedar Rapids Junior Bowling Association and served for 10 years as a Director, and was the President for 6 years. He was certified as an American Junior Bowling Congress coach, and actively coached for 25 years. For 9 years, Ed served as a delegate to the Iowa State Young American Bowling Alliance Annual meeting for 24 years, 14 of which was as an Iowa State YABA board member.

In 1977 thru the 1979 seasons, Ed served on the Cedar Rapids Bowling Hall of Fame Board of Directors. He was Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1990. In 1983, Ed was appointed to the Iowa State Bowling Association and served as Director and Vice President for 7 years. He was President during the 1990-1991 season.

Ed was one of the organizers and a charter member of the Chapter 19 of the 700 Bowling Clubs of America This was in 1983. He was certified as a lane inspector in July 1985. Ed has served as a league president 3 times and as league secretary/treasurer 5 times. He captained teams nearly every year he bowled. Ed has participated in 26 CRBA tournaments, 30 ISBA tournaments, 26 ABC National tournaments, 6 CRBA Senior Tournaments, 6 ISSrBA tournaments and 19 ISBA Jamborees. Ed has organized many teams for the Iowa State Tournaments as well as the National Tournaments

Although Ed is better known for his organizational skills, he has received a modest amount of bowling awards. He has placed 1st in Collins Radio Tournaments 5 times, and in the Cedar Rapids tournaments, 4 times. In the 1978 season, Ed and his son placed first in the Family Doubles Senior Father-Son Division. Ed has a personal high average of 210 (1986-87) and a high series of 737 (1997). He has a high game of 289 which was rolled in 1982-83 season.

Ed is very active outside of the bowling lanes. He has been a member of the First Methodist Church in Marion for 35 years, and has served in many different positions on their councils. He has coached softball for 6 years, volleyball for 3 years and coached little league baseball for 2 years. Ed was a Cub Scout Leader for 5 years.

Ed is married to Edithann, better known as Edie, for 42 years. Where Ed is, you will almost always find Edie. Together, they have four children and nine grandchildren. Dave and wife Marti have two daughters(Julie and Rachel), Joe and wife Jenni have one daughter (Allie), Marty and wife Lisa have three sons (Jake,Brandon,Barrett), and one daughter (Makenzie), and Christina and husband Mike Wright have two daughters (Madeline and Maggie).

Ed and Edie now reside in Cape Coral, Florida, but come back all the time to visit the family.

Sincerely,

Cedar Rapids Bowling Association

Inducted in 2003 in the Meritorious Service Category