



### **Attilio W. Bedont**

Attilio W. Bedont was born in Bingham Canyon, Utah in 1920, the son of Italian immigrants from northern Italy. He grew up in the Kemmerer, Wyoming area. After graduation from Kemmerer High School, he worked in the coal mines, where he was injured in an accident. With the compensation from the injury, he attended the University of Wyoming and was drafted in 1942. After basic training, he was transferred to the Air Force, and graduated from the Provost Marshal and Adjutant General Schools and was discharged in 1946 as a major. With his new bride, from South Carolina, Hedy Culbertson, he came home to Kemmerer. He was recruited by the Equitable Life Assurance Society, which he represented for 57 years as an agent and manager. He earned the Charter Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant designations and is a 45-year member of the Million Dollar Round Table. In 1963 the Equitable honored him as its National Honor Agent. Later he was selected to the Equitable Hall of Fame.

Attilio was very active in his church and in the community and served as president of DePaul Hospital Board, Rotary Club of Cheyenne, Rocky Mountain CLU Association, and United Way, as well as five consecutive terms as president of the Wyoming State Insurance Licensing Board. Attilio and Hedy also established the Bedont Rose Garden at the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens. Attilio was one of the founders and first trustees of the Foundation for the Rotary Club of Cheyenne.



### **James H. Walton**

James H. Walton was born in Steuben County, New York in 1874. He grew up on a grain and cattle farm. He graduated from the Genesee State Teacher's College near Rochester, New York in 1898. Thereafter, he moved to Warren, Ohio to teach grammar school. During the summers of 1901 and 1902, Walton traveled to Cheyenne to work for the *Wyoming Tribune* selling subscriptions. In 1903, Walton moved to Cheyenne permanently to become the advertising manager of the *Wyoming Tribune*. He traveled by horse across southeast Wyoming selling advertisements.

Walton was married in 1910 to Louise Burrage, a Cheyenne school teacher. In 1912, Walton accepted a position as Vice-President of Stockgrowers National Bank. In 1921, Walton left the Stockgrowers Bank to acquire and operate the local Ford dealership. Walton Motor Company grew into one of Wyoming's largest automobile dealerships.

Walton was an active civic leader in Cheyenne. He was on the Cheyenne Frontier Days Committee, served as a director of the Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce and was a longtime member of the Young Men's Literary Club. He was also "the backbone of the Cheyenne Rotary Club" according to Fred Baggs.

In 1917, he joined approximately 30 other business and professional men in founding the Cheyenne Lions Club. Following an irreconcilable difference with the national organization, Walton and the other members organized the Cheyenne Rotary Club in August 1918. After the Club received its charter on November 1, 1918, Walton served as the Club's first president from 1918 through June 1920. Walton also served as Rotary District Governor in 1922-23.

## **Cheyenne Rotary Clubs Foundation**



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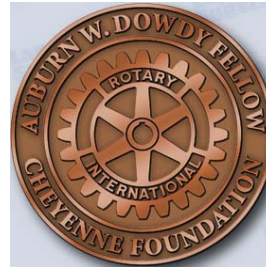


The Cheyenne Rotary Clubs Foundation has established the following recognition levels for donors who contribute gifts to the Foundation starting July 1, 2007. The recognition levels are as follows:

<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>Auburn W. Dowdy Fellow</b>
<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>Frank J. Trelease Fellow</b>
<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>Attilio W. Bedont Fellow</b>
<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>James H. Walton Fellow</b>

Any donations at these levels are eligible to receive the Fellow recognitions, including donations to the endowment and donations earmarked for specific projects such as the Botanic Children's Garden.

For more information please contact Foundation President Jared Black at (307) 635-2451.



### **Auburn Dowdy**

Auburn W. Dowdy was born in Dekalb County, Alabama, in 1931. He originally came to Cheyenne in 1950 when he was stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base. Later that year he was transferred from Cheyenne. He returned in 1953 to work for the Stockgrowers Bank. Auburn continued to work for that bank or its successors until 1991 when he retired as bank president. He also served on the Norwest Community Bank Board (now Wells Fargo) for many years.

Auburn was very active in the community serving on the school board, the water board, the Memorial Hospital board, the LCCC Foundation, and the Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of the Young Men's Literary Club. Auburn joined Rotary in 1969. Auburn was one of the founders and first trustees of the Foundation for the Rotary Club of Cheyenne.

Auburn currently lives near Albin, Wyoming, with Phyllis, his wife of 56 years.



### **Frank J. Trelease, III**

Frank was born May 24, 1937 in Boulder, Colorado to Mary and Frank Trelease, Jr. He grew up in Laramie, WY where he graduated from University Prep High School. He played basketball, ran track and was an honor student. Frank went on to get a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Wyoming and a Masters Degree in Hydrology from Colorado State University. In his career as a water engineer, he worked for the State of Wyoming as well as various engineering firms through the years.

Frank became a Rotarian in 1970. He truly adapted the Rotary Four Way Test as a personal mantra, and was known to have the Test in his wallet, and on his desk at work. As a Rotarian, he was an active participant in the local club, attended district meetings at The Broadmoor, and involved the family in Rotary Club picnics, Ladies Night socials, holiday parties and hosting visitors from around the world. Most memorably, the Trelease family enjoyed Mr. Watkins from Scotland and Katri from Finland. Frank served as club president in 1987-88, the year the club admitted its first woman member. He was integral in the creation of the Foundation for the Rotary Club of Cheyenne and served as one of the first Trustees.

Frank enjoyed fly-fishing, hunting, downhill skiing, camping, dancing, and spending time with family and friends.