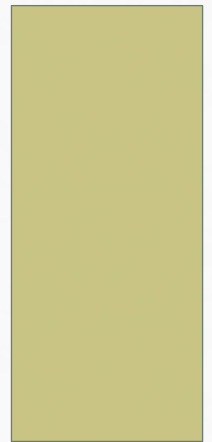


# WASHINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

2016 REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



# WHO WE ARE

Our members can include: current and past supervisors and associate supervisors; employees of conservation districts; members and staff of partner organizations and agencies; spouses and other immediate family members of supervisors and associate supervisors who have passed away, Conservation Districts, Partner Organizations and employees of the Washington Association of Conservation Districts and the Washington State Conservation Commission.

# OUR MISSION

The mission of Washington Conservation Society is to promote natural resource conservation efforts in Washington State by providing a philanthropic center for investments in citizen-led, voluntary-based conservation projects, activities, education, and outreach efforts.

# WHAT WE DO

- ❖ Support educational opportunities for youth by sponsoring Conservation Education Programs in Washington State.
- ❖ Support conservation of natural resources by utilizing our 501c(3) status and acting as a pass through entity for district's seeking grants.
- ❖ Honor the life-long dedication and service of notable Washington State conservationists by including them in our Leaving a Legacy booklet.

# EDUCATION

## 2016 CONSERVATION EDUCATION MINI-GRANTS

### Washington State Envirothon



The 2016 Washington State Envirothon Competition was held at Fields Spring State Park in Anatone, WA on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. In total, 9 WA State high schools participated in the competition- including 60 students and team advisors. Tekoa H.S. won first place in the competition with additional “best test” awards in the Aquatic Ecology and Wildlife categories.

# EDUCATION

## 2016 CONSERVATION EDUCATION MINI-GRANTS

### Ferry CD ~ Growing Lunches from Lunches



The first year of “Lunches to Lunches”, a project of the Republic (WA) High School Environmental Science class, was a resounding success. As planned, fresh salad greens were served to students and families at an end of the year event. The lettuce was grown in a greenhouse on the school property that was refurbished during the school year by Environmental Science students.

# EDUCATION

## 2016 CONSERVATION EDUCATION MINI-GRANTS

Lincoln County CD ~ Direct Seed Partnership



In January, the district put together a direct mailing targeting landowners in the Lincoln County portion of WRIA 34 to promote the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). The mailing went out to over 40 landowners.

# EDUCATION

## 2016 CONSERVATION EDUCATION MINI-GRANTS

### Underwood CD ~ WaterJam Event



This event brings over 400 students from 8 different schools together over two days to learn all about water. Partners included: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Underwood Conservation District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mid-Columbia Fisheries, Yakama Nation, Columbia Gorge Ecology Institute, Friends of the White Salmon, and Klickitat County Solid Waste.



# CONSERVATION EDUCATION MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS FY17

Applications Received & Ranked by Sub-committee:

1. Benton Conservation District ~ Salmon Summit Support
2. Envirothon ~ WA State Envirothon Competition
3. Lincoln County CD ~ Davenport Community Garden Renovation Project
4. Ferry CD ~ Bringing Agriculture Back to Curlew
5. Republic School District (sponsored by Lloyd Odell, Ferry CD) ~ Growing Lunches from Lunches, Part 2

\* Each applicant requested maximum amount allowed.

# LEAVING A LEGACY

- ❖ Created to honor conservationists for their outstanding dedication and service to our natural resources.
- ❖ 3 New Inductees
- ❖ Book is Available Electronically

# *Richard 'Rich' Geiger*

Mason Conservation District

April 12, 1957 – September 22, 2016

Richard Joseph Geiger was born on April 12, 1957 to Herman and Phyllis Geiger in Billings, Montana. He was the oldest son of eight siblings.

Rich attended Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. While at Gonzaga, Richard was an ROTC Cadet and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. After graduation, he was commissioned by the U.S. Army. He served as a lieutenant in the 82nd Airborne Division and left the Army as a major. He earned his Master's in Business Administration from the University of Washington. In 1981, he married Josephine Ferranti. Together, they moved to Germany, North Carolina, Texas, California, and made a home in Washington. They had two daughters, Richelle (28) and Sara (21).

Rich was a civil engineer for the Mason Conservation District. His brilliant mind and kind leadership style made him a great mentor and colleague. He was deeply dedicated to his work and the Puget Sound. His legacy will live on with the work he has done in the Skokomish River Valley.



Rich was an avid fisherman and a passionate trombone player who played with local jazz bands.

# Edward 'Ed' Kuhn

Spokane Conservation District

October 15, 1928 - November 9, 2015

Edward was born in Saskatchewan, Canada to John and Alvina Kuhn. As a young boy his family moved to Washington State and settled in Edwall, WA where he grew up on the family ranch and farm. In 1951 he enlisted in the United States Air Force. Upon leaving the Air Force, Ed and his wife Lavone settled in Edwall, WA where he pursued his dream of farming and ranching in partnership with his father.

Ed Kuhn first became a supervisor for the Sprague-Harrington Conservation District in 1959, serving that District until 1969 when he became a supervisor in the Southwest Spokane Conservation District. Ed was instrumental in promoting and facilitating the consolidation of the 4 original districts in Spokane County in 1974. Ed continued as a Supervisor for the Spokane Conservation District until he stepped down in the spring of 2002. After resigning from the Board, he continued as an Associate Supervisor until 2007 after serving conservation districts for more than 48 years.



Edward's retirement years, his much loved activity was dancing. Besides farming, it was his favorite subject to talk about.

# Gerald 'Gerry' Stubbs

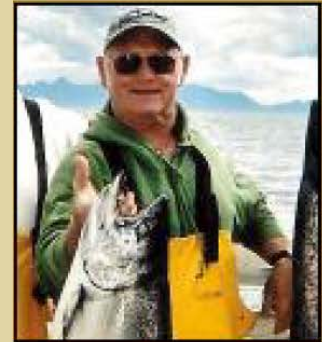
Whitman Conservation District

April 6, 1936 - June 11, 2016

Gerry was born in Madison, WI to Merle and Erna (Domke) Stubbs. He attended the University of Idaho for one year before enlisting in the Navy. Following his military service, he worked in the family business, Stubbs Seed Services. In 1972 he and his wife Angie moved to LaCrosse to farm with her parents.

He was passionate about conserving soil through no-till farming and he was always open to trying new crops and progressive farming techniques, for which his family will forever be grateful. When asked why he wanted to take on the risk of no-till farming late in his farming career, Gerry would say "Because it's the right thing to do!"

Gerry was a past member of the LaCrosse School Board and the Whitman Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors. In 2005, he was honored as the national "Champion of Conservation" by the Conservation Technology Information Center.



He was a lifelong farmer whose goal was to leave the land in better condition than when he received it.

# WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

WWW.WACONSERVATIONSOCIETY.ORG



# CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- ❖ North Central ~ John McLean
  - ❖ South Central ~ Heather Wendt
    - ❖ Northeast ~ Jerry Scheele
      - ❖ Northwest ~ Larry Davis
- ❖ Southeast ~ Jerry Hendrickson
  - ❖ Southwest ~ Doug Rushton

# CURRENT OFFICERS

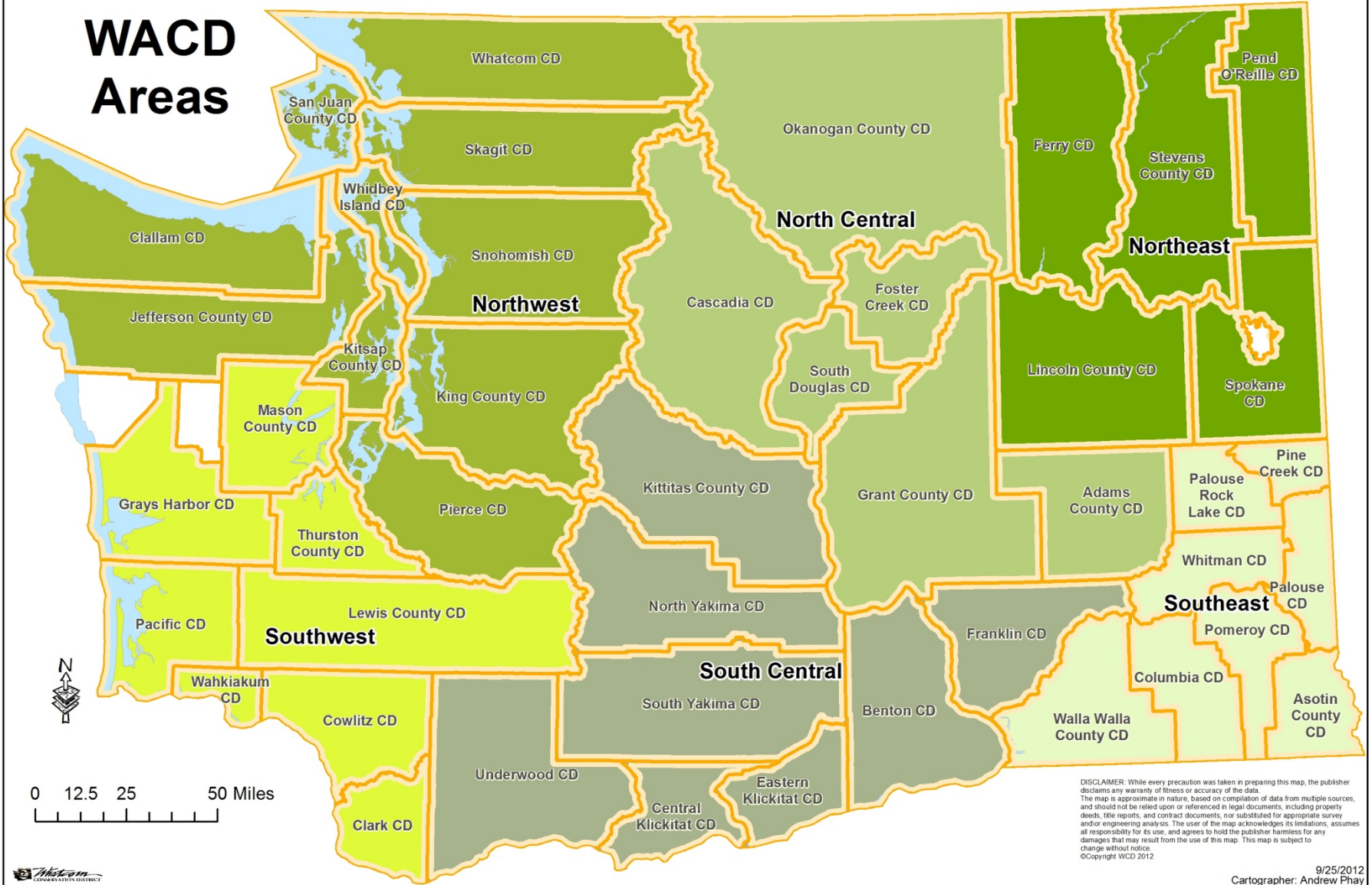
- ❖ President ~ Larry Davis
- ❖ Vice President ~ John McLean
- ❖ Secretary – Treasurer ~ Heather Wendt



# ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations?

# WACD Areas



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# FUTURE GOALS AND PROJECTS

- ❖ WCS to Assist in Seeking Funding for Development and Implementation of Supervisor Leadership and Training Program
- ❖ Celebrating 10 Year Anniversary