

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF OUR SPEAKERS

GARY J. KUIPER

Gary was born and raised in northwest Iowa and graduated from high school with 13 other classmates. He has always had a love for the out of doors and wanted to be a game warden. After attending Iowa State and a small private school in Sioux City, he transferred to the University of Montana where he received his B A in Wildlife Technology in 1961

His idea of the west was gleaned from OUTDOOR LIFE and SPORTS AFIELD magazines because there was not much of either in northwest Iowa as he was growing up. His first summer job with the US Forest Service was in Idaho and later summers were as a Smoke-jumper in Montana, Idaho, California and New Mexico.

His National Park Service career has taken him into Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia, California, Washington, Arizona and now back to Washington State again as Superintendent of Coulee Dam NRA behind the Grand Coulee Dam.

As a park manager, he has seen the visitor use of the NRA increase from 510,000 in 1985 to 1,600,000 in 1990. Considerable controversy has been generated as the NPS began phasing out the privatization of public lands along Lake Roosevelt.

Mr. Kuiper has many hobbies, one of which is bird watching.

Gary and his wife, Judy, have raised 5 children.

GEORGE ELLMAN

George was active in local politics in the '70s in Tiburon, CA where he was Recreation Commissioner, City Councilman and Mayor, Metropolitan Transportation Commissioner, and Bay Commissioner.

He has his Ph.D. in Biochemistry, trained at CalTech, and Washington State College. He specialized on nerve function.

In 1990 he was President of Madrone (sonoma County, CA) Audubon Society, past chair of its Conservation Committee, and was Conservation Chair of Marin A.S.

George also serves on the boards of several environmental organizations, both local and regional.

DR. WILLIAM H. RICKARD

He is a Staff Scientist in Biology with Battelle Memorial Institute. His work deals with ecology and Environmental Monitoring.

Dr. Rickard graduated from the University of Colorado in Botany in 1950 and received his masters from U. of Colo. in Botany in 1953. He received his Ph.D. from Washington State U. in 1957 in Botany.

He worked at New Mexico Highlands University from 1957-1960 and moved to Richland, Washington in 1960 where he still resides.

His interests are Wildlife Habitat, Plants, and the effects that people have on wildlife.

He is married; his wife graduated from U. of Colo. His son, Howard, graduated from WSU as an engineer and works for Kaiser Engineering.

DENNIS CANTY

Dennis is River Programs Manager for the Pacific Northwest Region of the National Park Service. His duties include Wild and Scenic River studies, review of hydro-electric proposals, and assistance with state and local river protection programs. He is the study team leader of the Hanford Reach Study. Dennis has planning degrees from Evergreen State College and the University of Pennsylvania.

No Biographical Sketches were received from our other program speakers.