



A history of honorees

1965

US Plywood Corp., later known as Champion International and today as Georgia-Pacific.

In April 1965, the first particle board was produced at the new US Plywood plant in Gaylord. At the same time, with initiative and support from Plywood officials, a celebration was planned, a sister-city recommendation was made, and the City of Gaylord proclaimed itself the "Alpine Village."

Fred Fahmi, Zurich, Switzerland industrialist, holder of particle board patent rights, was invited to deliver to and receive documents from Pontresina naming the two towns sister cities.

Attending the first honors celebration focusing on U.S. Plywood and held in the plant itself were U.S. Plywood officials Warren C. Smith, John W. Churchill, S.W. Tony Antoville, Gene C. Brewer and Kenneth L. Morrow.

Others attending were Fahmi; Robert Geholtz, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Gov. George Romney.

1966

Standard Products Company

This leading employer of the area, serving the automotive industry, celebrated 20 years of uninterrupted work in 1966.

For a number of years, Standard Products, with its employees, invited community leaders to a Christmas party at Schlang's Bavarian Inn. The party was a guiding influence for those planning Alpenfest and an Honors Luncheon program.



James S. Reid Jr., president of the company, delivered the Honors Luncheon address.

Company officials taking part were Raymond C. Zook, Wil Nordstrom, Stan Larson, Fred Hooker, Art Flewelling, Lewis Sanders and William Jozwiak.

Invocation, Charles B. Hastie; master of ceremonies, Harold A. Elgas.

1967

City and County Officials — A year of togetherness.

The cornerstone for the new Alpine motif County-City Building was laid July 7. On May 20, Gaylord was awarded the community pride award by the Greater Michigan Foundation during Michigan Week for industrial achievements and the Alpine motif.

At the Honors Luncheon, Ernst Theiler, counsel general of Switzerland from Chicago, was the featured speaker.

Officials participating in the honors program included Stanley Magsig, chairman of the board of commissioners; Mayor Kenneth

Campbell, other members of the county and city boards; and Robert Fritz, chairman of the County-City Building Authority

1968

Military Personnel

A total of 172 Otsego County servicemen were listed in the program as active serving our country throughout the world.

Bruce T. Lundin, deputy associate administrator, research and technology, NASA headquarters, Washington, DC, was the feature speaker.

Robert Noa was the Honors Luncheon chairman.

1969

Mass communications industry

Frank Angelo, editor of the Detroit Free Press, and president of the Michigan Press Association was the speaker.

Honorees: James Grisso, Herald Times; Les Biederman, Midwest Broadcasting Company, Traverse City, with a radio station in Gaylord; George Raymond, Association of Shopping Guides, and Daryl Sebastian, WWTV, Cadillac.

Mike O'Rourke was the master of ceremonies. Gov. William Milliken, parade marshal attended.

1970

Otsego Memorial Hospital

Roger M. Busfield, Jr., associate director, Michigan Hospital Association, was the principal speaker. Fundraising was underway and a new hospital building was planned. Howard Purcell was the administrator.

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