
Greater Washington Bowling Senate celebrates 50 years

The Greater Washington Bowling Senate, the second largest senate within The National Bowling Association, Inc. (TNBA), currently is celebrating its 50th anniversary. GWBS President Barbara Vaughan graciously provides readers with a few highlights from those years:

- **1961** – An organizational meeting is held Saturday, August 19 at 4 p.m. in the ball-room on second floor of the Masonic Temple, located at 10th and U Streets NW in Washington, D.C., and a national representative is invited. Upon completion of business, the Greater Washington Bowling Senate is officially chartered and its first elected officers are: James Minor, president; Fred Coleman, vice president; [Martha Burton](#), secretary; Robert Edmonds, treasurer; and James Hurley, publicity/business manager.
- **1966** – On Friday, June 24, [Margarette Uncles](#), a 45-year-old professional babysitter from Silver Spring, Md., scores 300 at Bowl America Town Center in the District to become the first woman in the Washington metropolitan area to roll a perfect game in a sanctioned tenpin bowling competition.
- **1985** – Senate King [Edward Woodbury](#) becomes GWBS's first National King.
- **1990** – Crystal D. Garner, daughter of Christine Thompson, is the first youth bowler to receive a TNBA scholarship award. She goes on to graduate at the top of her class in the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.
- **1991** – Senate Queen Johnnie M. Andrews is crowned TNBA Queen in Denver, Colorado.