

Stan Boreson's Y Story

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In the 1920s, one Everett Y program began shaping young leaders in a way that would impact Snohomish County for generations. It was called Hi-Y.

Launched during the 1921–1922 school year, Hi-Y was built around a simple but powerful idea: clean speech, clean living, clean athletics, and better scholarship. What began as a 30-member club quickly grew into one of Everett High School's most influential student organizations, giving students opportunities to lead, serve, and discover their potential.

One of those students was Stan Boreson.

As a high schooler, Boreson served as president of the Hi-Y club in the mid-1930s. Years later, he would become one of the Pacific Northwest's most beloved entertainers. With an accordion in hand and a knack for celebrating his Scandinavian heritage through humor, Boreson delighted audiences with his musical talent. For 15 years, children welcomed him into their homes as the host of "KING-TV's Clubhouse." Even into the early 2000s, he was still entertaining audiences with the same warmth and wit that made him a household name.