

## **Glenn Jackson – IPHA President - 1985**

I received your correspondence in reference to the IPHA Anniversary Celebration on April 13. It was great to hear from you. I hope all is well in your life.

The most outstanding thing that I recall about my term as President of IPHA was the privilege of having US Surgeon General, Dr. C. Everett Koop as our guest speaker. One of the things that stand out to me is one of the topics he spoke on, the elimination of smoking in all public places within a decade. He was very adamant about the hazards of smoking. I believe he was one of the key driving forces to get smoking from all public places; consequently it has led to smoking being banned in many more places including eating establishment and work areas.

One of the major public health issues at that time, (and still is) was lack of immunization programs. When I became the public director in Council Bluffs in 1983, I found a great need to expand the availability of immunizations for children. At that time there were no public immunizations for the elderly, influenza clinics were set up in 1984 and were expanded to include pneumonia immunizations a couple of years later.

One of greatest frustrations I recall was the lack of funding for public health needs, as it still is to some degree.

I could only find one photo pertaining to my time as president of IPHA. It is a photo of Dr. Koop, the Council Bluffs Board of Health Chairman Sid Gousheh, and me. I am sending it as an attachment.

