



Gordon Hargett

Marine, Rotarian

Gordon Hargett was an 18-year-old student when Japan bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. After the attack, he asked his mother for permission to join the U.S. Marine Corps and go fight. After he got it, he rode his bicycle 33 miles from Fort Worth to the Dallas recruiting office and enlisted.

That sort of dedication stuck with Mr. Hargett as a Rotarian, as he doggedly made his way to weekly meetings and occasional social gatherings – in later years on a walker – and accumulated 51 years of perfect attendance.

Mr. Hargett, who served two tours in the Pacific Theater during World War II, died Friday. He was 92.

The accomplishment of his 50th year of perfect Rotary attendance was honored in 2012 with a cake, special badge and a slideshow of the big news of 1962. Wearing his new 50-year badge, Mr. Hargett reminisced about the day he got his first Rotary badge, at a meeting in 1962 in the old Longview Hotel, and about what it meant for him to be a Rotarian.

"I appreciate all of this hullabaloo that you did for me," he said of being honored. "But it's really easy if you just make up your mind."

He was discharged from the Marines in 1946 but remained an active member of the Marine Corps League in Longview and was instrumental in the group's annual Toys for Tots drive (photo above, from 2002). His love for the Marines was even reflected in his e-mail address: bigdaddyUSMC@sbcglobal.net.

His active duty included being part of the force that invaded Okinawa. The invasion was the largest amphibious assault in the Pacific War. Mr. Hargett, by then a corporal, served on an artillery crew supporting Marines in the frontline battles.

After the war, Mr. Hargett worked for Convair (now General Dynamics), LTV (Ling-Temco-Vought) Aircraft and Panther Chemicals. In 1970 he started Mingo Sales, a chemical sales firm he continued to operate.

Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. Friday at Rader Funeral Home in Longview. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.



Next week's meeting at Thanksgiving Food Drive

Next Tuesday is the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive and we will be meeting at Maude Cobb Convention and Activity Center to help with distribution. There will not be a regular meeting next week. You may also help out Monday afternoon with preparation of the food boxes that will be distributed Tuesday. Here's the schedule:

Monday, Nov. 23: Beginning at 3 p.m., volunteers will gather at Maude Cobb to prepare boxes of food for recipients to pick up the next day.

Tuesday, Nov. 24: Beginning at noon, volunteers are needed to distribute the food boxes to pre-approved recipients.

For more information or to donate, please see Food Drive organizer Betty Horaney, and thanks in advance for your service to this effort.

For a look at more upcoming programs, visit rotarylongview.org and find the "Speakers" section.

November Student of the Month

Gregory Jordan Wright Jr., a senior at Longview High School, was introduced last week as our Student of the Month for November. The son of Kim and Greg Wright, Jordan currently is ranked No. 2 in his class.

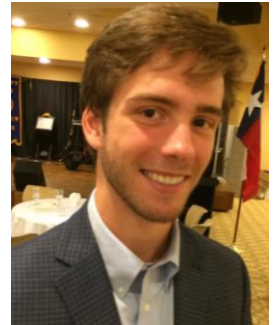
He recently was named a National Merit Semifinalist, which places him the top 1 percent of students across the U.S. taking the PSAT their junior year. His achievement marks the first time since 2012 that Longview High School has had a National Merit Semifinalist.

His extracurricular activities include being a member of the varsity Lobo baseball team, vice president of the Interact Club and First Baptist Church Youth.

His hobbies include backpacking and scuba diving.

Jordan plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering then an MBA or law degree. He's in the application process and still considering college options.

Congratulations, Jordan, and good luck!



Calendar of events

Wednesday: Board meeting, Gerald's. 11:30 a.m.

Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Food Drive preparation, Maude Cobb Convention and Activity Center, 3 p.m. Information: Betty Horaney.

Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Food Drive distribution, Maude Cobb Convention and Activity Center, noon. Information: Betty Horaney.

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving.

Dec. 17: Musical "Behold the Lamb of God," fundraiser to benefit Newgate Methodist Mission and Hiway 80 Rescue Mission, Belcher Center.

Lunch menu: Today – Kidney beans and sausage, rice, turnip greens. Nov. 24 – No meeting. (All served with soup, salad, dessert, coffee and tea.)

Share your news: If you have items for the calendar or other news for the Rotaview, club website or Facebook page, please share with Ric Brack at ric.brack@gmail.com or Gai Bennett at gnbnt@aol.com

Last week's visitors and guests

Visitors: Richard Lazarus, Longview Greggton. John Bisese, Longview Greggton.

Guests: Joseph Egby, guest of Steve Butler. Robert McGaughey, guest of Cindi-Marie Lewis. Jordan Wright, Student of the Month, and parents Kim and Greg Wright.

The Rotary Club of Longview, Texas

P.O. Box 2244 - Longview Texas, 75606

Club website: www.rotarylongview.org

District 5830 website: www.rotary5830.org

Meets at noon Tuesday at
First Baptist Church, Longview - (903) 758-0681
Enrollment as of Oct. 20: 98



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Ash, Kandi 0 YPA Attorney - Registered Nurse
Barkman, Donald FS, PH+1, 30 YPA Pecan Grower
Bartleman, William FS, PH+1, 3 YPA Self Storage
Bell, Deborah PH+2, 0 YPA Medicine - Humanitarian
Bennett, Gai PH, 2 YPA Business Manager - Construction
Bentley, Bob PH, 0 YPA Scout Executive - Retired
Best, Shane FS, PH+2, PP, 25 YPA Banking - Commercial Loans
Bigony, Jayne FS, PH+7, 19 YPA Insurance - Fire
Boon, Mark FS, PH+3, PP, 33 YPA Law Estate - Planning
Brack, Richard 2 YPA Newspaper Editor
Butler, Stephen 0 YPA Chemical Plant R&D
Cammack, Casey PH+1, PP, 33 YPA Insurance - Estate Planning
Chaikin, Craig 3 YPA Banking - Personal Trusts
Chaney, Frank FS, PH+2, 8 YPA Real Estate - Commercial
Chaney, Jill FS, PH, 3 YPA Banking - Loans
Cox, Doug FS, PH+2, 25 YPA Pub. Education - Dir. of Athletics
Cromer, Jon 0 YPA Banking - Commercial Loans
Deike, Terri PH, 2 YPA University Athletics
Dial, Richard PH, PP, 35 YPA Income Tax Service
Dolive, Wayne PH+1, 30 YPA Civil Engineering
Drayer, Kellyn FS, PH+1, 10 YPA Investments - Vice President
Florence, Patricia FS, PP, PH+5, 22 YPA Law - Title
Florio, Charles PH+1, PP, 38 YPA College Administration
Forester, Sam FS, PH+2, 1 YPA Investments - Financial Services
Greenwaldt, C. PDG, FS, PH+7, PHS, PP, 25 YPA Chem. Plant - Admin.
Greenwaldt, Mary FS, PH, PHS, 1 YPA Higher Education
Griffin, Keith PH, 0 YPA Accounting Services - Taxes
Griffin, Shirley FS, MD, PHS, PP, PDG, 19 YPA Travel Agency
Hall, Kevin 0 YPA Insurance - Specialty
Hargett, Gordon FS, PH+2, 51 YPA Cleaning/Chemical Distribution
Harrison, John W., Jr. FS, PH+2, PP, 49 YPA Electr. App. Retail
Harrison, Patti PH, 1 YPA Concrete Manufacturing
Hays, Tom FS, PH, 0 YPA Real Estate - Appraiser
Herrington, Angie 0 YPA Investment Advisor
Henry, David 0 YPA Attorney - Oil and Gas
Hollis, LaJuan PH, 0 YPA Non-profit Administration
Horaney, Betty FS, PH+3, 14 YPA Feed Supply
Hubbard, Griff FS, PH+1, 5 YPA Railway Management
Hugman, James FS, PH+5, PP, 3 YPA Architect
Jameson, B.H. 35 YPA Justice of the Peace
Johnson, Dietrich PH, 2 YPA Municipal Gov't - Administration
Johnson, Joel FS, PH+2, 16 YPA Consultant - Business
Jordan, Gene 0 YPA Business Development
Key, Carl 0 YPA School Administration
Khoury, Dorothy FS, PH+1, 9 YPA Consultant - Political
Knollenberg, Steve 0 YPA Boy Scouting
Lanier, Jack, Jr. PH, 0 YPA Police Chaplaincy
Lewis, Cindi-Marie FS, PH, 4 YPA Primary Education
Liu, Jeannie 0 YPA Neurosurgery

Loy, Lindsay 0 YPA Non-Profit Administration
Maly, Robert FS, PH+2, PP, 0 YPA Civil Engineering
Manley, Richard FS, PH, 3 YPA Real Estate - Development
Mann, Jack FS, PH+4, 1 YPA Distribution - Soft Drinks
Mann, Nat 0 YPA Distribution - Soft Drinks
Martinez-Berrios, Pedro 0 YPA Public Accounting
Mason-Durrant, Dawne 0 YPA Hospitality Management
Matlock, Paul 0 YPA Building Construction and Electrical
McClellan, Joe 1 YPA Music Education
McFaul, Justin PP, 3 YPA Banking - Trust Services
McKinney, Ronnie PH+1, 3 YPA Construction Consulting
McLemore, Reagan FS, PH+3, 21 YPA Business Broker
McReynolds, Allen 0 YPA Real Estate Investments
McWhorter, Gene FS, PH+1, 33 YPA Advertising - Industrial
Mwakikoti, Alex 0 YPA Higher Education
Neal, Billy PH, 0 YPA Vehicle Collision Repair
Neill, Jeremy 0 YPA Banking
Northcutt, Gordon FS, PH, 0 YPA Financial Advisor
Northcutt, LeGrande FS, PH+2, 51 YPA Insurance - Fire
Novy, Scott 25 YPA Law - Taxes
Overman, Rodney FS, PH+2, 14 YPA Income Tax Service
Parrott, Deborah FS, PH, 16 YPA Banking - Mortgage
Pigeon, Lee PH+2, 32 YPA Chemical Plant - Engineering
Pistone, Joseph PH, 0 YPA Emergency Medicine
Poland, Rick PP, PH+1, 19 YPA Beer Distributor - Market
Primo, Darryl PH, 0 YPA Oil and Gas Leases
Rice, Bill PH, PP, 19 YPA Financial Advisor
Risinger, Charles FS, PH+3, 27 YPA Chemical Plant Utilities
Roberts, James FS, B, PH+8, PHS, PP, 14 YPA Accounting Services
Ruff, Eric 6 YPA Real Estate - Commercial
Scoggins, Don FS, PH, SE, 12 YPA Chemical Plant - Admin.
Smith, R.H. Jr. "Hank" PH, 2 YPA Insurance - Casualty
Smith, Philip FS, PH+1, 25 YPA Insurance - Casualty
Smith, Shawn 0 YPA Auto Dealer - Comm. Prop. Mgmt.
Smith, Trey FS, MD, B, PHS, PP, 19 YPA Oil and Gas Properties
Stout, Bill FS, PH+2, 0 YPA Investments
Taylor, Gary PH+1, 0 YPA Bank Executive
Thomas, Linda FS, PH+6, PP, 20 YPA Plumbing and Heating Supply
Thomas, Wiley FS, PH, 5 YPA Information Systems Manager
Thompson, Chris FS, PH, 1 YPA Banking - Real Estate
Walker, John FS, PH+7, 30 YPA Gasoline Distributor
Welge, Ava FS, PH+3, 20 YPA Education - Testing
Welge, Jack Jr. PH+3, PP, 36 YPA Law Practice - Criminal
Wells, Wes 0 YPA Administrator- Long-term Care
Wilcox, James 0 YPA School Administration
Wilkinson, Dickens 2 YPA Sulfur Sales
Willett, Jim FS, PH+1, PP, 9 YPA Financial Advisor
Williams, Kasha PH, 3 YPA Home Health Care
Winn, Terry FS, PH, PP, 0 YPA Civil Engineering



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The Four-Way Test

Is it the *truth*?

Is it *fair* to all concerned?

Will it build *goodwill* and better friendships?

Will it be *beneficial* to all concerned?

Today's Program

Lindsay Loy – Gregg County Historical Museum

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PDG: Past District Governor. PH: Paul Harris Fellow. PHS: Paul Harris Society. PP: Past President.
SE: Senior Exempt. YPA: Years of Perfect Attendance.

Area Club Meetings

Monday: Marshall Metro, Trinity Episcopal Church. **Also:** Big Sandy, Greater Paris, South Tyler.

Wednesday: Kilgore, Meadowbrook Country Club. **Also:** Jacksonville, Jefferson, Lake Fork, Pittsburg.

Thursday: Gladewater, Chamber of Commerce. **Also:** Atlanta, Marshall, Overton, Quitman, Texarkana, Tyler.

Friday: Longview Greggton, First Baptist Church. **Also:** Carthage, Henderson, Paris.

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