

## CLUB HISTORY

CHARTERED APRIL 1, 1921

15 ORIGINAL MEMBERS, 5 WENT ON TO BECOME PRESIDENT

Two members today are decendents of the original members:

Ellen Yates is the Grandaughter of Elmer Garnett

David Braddock is the great grandson of George C. Wright.

The late Logan Garnett was a son of Elmer Garnett

Larry Duffy's father, Ray Duffy, was a District Governor although from the Frederick Rotary Club, Larry Duffy served as DG in 2000/01, His son Michael is a third generation Rotarian, Jim Gover, now serving as Assistant District Governor, is also the other third generation Rotarian following his grandfather Walter and Father John. David Braddock, father, Tom, as well a great grandfather were Rotarians

The Altus clubs DGs have included in addition to Larry Duffy, Johnny Diltz, 82/83 and Winston Higgs, two terms, 89/90 and 95/96

If my count is right we have 22 Past Presidents in the club today, Please stand.

Our Club has met in the following locations:

Tal Oden has mentioned that the First Methodist Church was an early day meeting place, but I cannot confirm that. Early history I have found only mention the first location from 1921 to 1965 at New Orient/Shafer Hotel / *TOWERS* ballroom on the second floor. Cliff Felker, grandfather of Regan Felker had the restaurant on the ground floor and served our meals.

1965-1983 at the Friendship Inn

In 1983, two meetings at the cafeteria

Moved to Crystals in Plaza shopping center for about 6 months

Moved to the Country Club for about 6 months

Late 1984 moved to Ramada Inn until 2003

WOSC since 2003

I joined Rotary in January 1956, 53 years ago. Only Tal and L. D. were there then.

My Rotary year was fortunate to have had the President of Rotary International visit. J. Edd McLaughlin from Ralls, Texas, his theme that year was "You are Rotary, Live It, Express it, Expand it" We had a dinner meeting at QM Lodge

Our BIG Community Project was the acquisition of an old WWII Air Force barracks from Altus AFB. We moved the barracks to what is now the AHS practice football field, then to the city park. We used that as our community project. Every time a new DG came to visit we showed him the building, Rode that horse many years.

Critical time in Rotary history when women were admitted in 1987, 22 years ago, Many including myself thought about dropping out. Don't know if any did but many considered it.

Near by RI Presidents were McLaughlin, Ralls, Texas 60/61 and Everett Hill, Shawnee, OK 1924/25