

Rotary Club History

Rotary Club of Georgetown Charter Date/Members	Chartered February 28, 1962 – Sponsored by Taylor Sam H. Brady, Dr. Durwood Fleming, J.H. Compton, Charles Forbes, Ernest Grigsby, Lloyd Crabb, Jr., A.C. Woodfin, C.S. Sanders, Gilbert Conoley, J.D.F. Williams, A.F. Davis, M. Howard Knox, John V. Berglund, J.P. Kerr, Sheridan D. Cavitt, Jr., Floyd H. Engvall, Robert F.B. Morse, Wallace M. Giddings, R.B. Motheral, J.T. Atkin, W.R. Stump, Fred Bell, Harold Gattis, J.H. McCoy, E.C. Girvin.	
Clubs Chartered by Rotary Club of Georgetown	Georgetown Sunrise – Chartered on March 20, 1996, sponsored by Georgetown. Georgetown Sun City – Chartered on October 24, 1997, sponsored by Georgetown and Georgetown Sunrise. Round Rock – Chartered April 1, 1983 sponsored by Georgetown.	
Past President Past District Governors	1961-1962 Sam H. Brady 1962-1963 Sam H. Brady 1963-1964 Durwood Fleming 1964-1965 Buster Compton 1965-1966 Thatcher Atkin 1966-1967 Floyd Engvall 1967-1968 John Berglund 1968-1969 Bill Stump 1969-1970 Charles Forbes 1970-1971 Robert F. B. Morse 1971-1972 Bill Ludwig 1972-1973 Wallace Giddings 1973-1974 William "BillyBob" Eanes 1974-1975 Mearl Leffler 1975-1976 Armistead "Army" Davis 1976-1977 Eb Girvin 1977-1978 Jim Cole 1978-1979 Connie Venable 1979-1980 Paul Williams 1980-1981 Elvin Gentry 1981-1982 Bill Connor 1982-1983 Tom Buckner 1983-1984 Norm Peters 1984-1985 Virgil Carlson 1985-1986 Billy Smith 1986-1987 Tom Locke 1987-1988 Larry Bingham 1988-1989 Mo McKinney 1989-1990 Richard "Andy" Anderson 1990-1991 Billy Ray Stubblefield 1991-1992 Paul Dabney 1992-1993 Wade Todd 1993-1994 Don Hewlett 1994-1995 Mike McMaster 1995-1996 Bill Bryce 1996-1997 Jim Albers 1997-1998 Bill Bayer 1998-1999 Judy Shanklin	DG I.A. Shepherd, Taylor DG James Simpson, Hallettsville DG Patrick Taggart, Waco DG Calvin I. Matthews, Yoakum DG Maurice Acers, Austin DG Arthur Kasper, Shiner DG Carl Welhausen, Yoakum DG Thomas H. Little, Cleburne DG Dave Smith, Austin DG Sam Gardner, Northwest Waco DG R.J. "Jack" Forrest, Mexia DG Thomas Bullion, Taylor DG Richard S. "Dick" Merrill, South Austin DG Wilson E. "Pat" Speir, Austin DG C.E. "Gene" Neal, Fairfield DG Colin "Ick" Hook, Killeen DG Vann Taylor, Temple DG W.H. "Bill" Bradfield, Shiner DG D.L. Alford, Jr., Caldwell DG James L. Lilly, Northwest Waco DG Erroll Wendland, Temple DG Herman Focke, Mexia DG William I. Jordan, Bosque Co. (Clifton) DG Virgil Waggoner, South Austin DG John K. Braselton, Northwest Austin DG Bobby Parker, Belton DG Joe Lee Kirgan, Jr., Fairfield DG Robert Adams, Killeen DG Jose Guerra, South Austin DG James R. "Jim" Witte, Yoakum DG Harry B. Macey Jr., Temple DG James Stoner, Austin DG P.Cliff Price, Austin University DG John M. "Mike" Pinson, Killeen Heights DG Gonzalo Garza, Northwest Austin DG John P. Salem Jr. , Marble Falls DG James V. "Jim" Robinson, North Austin DG Billy D. Archibald, Mexia

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	<p>1999-2000 Nelson Barrett DG William Bryce, Georgetown 2000-2001 Tom Owens DG Patsy Long Derr, Killeen Heights 2001-2002 Gene Davenport DG Rex Weaver, Killeen 2002-2003 Kay Trub DG Tom Chamberlain, Temple 2003-2004 Eileen Hegar DG Barbara Warden, Marble Falls 2004-2005 Ron Swain DG Gene Davenport, Georgetown 2005-2006 Tim Harris DG Ed Mullen, Killeen Heights 2006-2007 Ken Anderson DG James Osbon, Austin Oak Hill 2007-2008 O.L. Davis DG Barry Curlee, Austin 2008-2009 Tom Crawford DG Ronald Reynolds, Austin 2009-2010 Wilson Morris DG Tim Buckley, Austin Northwest 2010-2011 Robert Hardy DG Ruth Allison, South Austin 2011-2012 Laura Antoine DG Suresh Pahwa, Austin University</p>
Rotary International Service Above Self Award Recipients	<p><i>Rotary's highest honor for individual Rotarians. The award recognizes up to 150 Rotarians annually who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others through Rotary.</i></p> <p>2009-2010 Gene E. Davenport</p>
District Roll of Fame Recipients	<p><i>Formally established in the 1957-1958 Rotary Year. Selection to the District's Roll of Fame represents the highest award that may be conferred by the District to an individual Rotarian. Each honoree is nominated by the President of the Club.</i></p> <p>1965 Durward Fleming 1978 W.P. Ludwig, Jr. 1984 William H. Connor 1990 Larry Bingham 2002 Virgil Franklin Carlson 2005 William D. Bryce 2006 Gene Davenport 2007 Jim Albers 2008 Billy Ray Stubblefield 2009 Kay Trub 2010 Ronald L. Swain</p>
Sam Brady Award Recipients	<p><i>Since 2002, and in memory of Sam Brady, the Georgetown Rotary Club awards a Paul Harris Fellow to a member of the community who is not a Rotarian, but whose contributions to the community at large exemplify the ideals of Service Above Self.</i></p> <p>2002 Patsy Brady (deceased), Sam's spouse 2003 JoAnne Ford, Educator (deceased) 2004 Harold Steadman, fund-raiser (later became a Rotarian, now in Sun City Club) 2005 Ethel Moore, Community volunteer 2006 Barbara Pearce, Community leader 2007 Barbara and George Brightwell, Community leaders 2008 Douglas Benold, Retired physician, Community leader 2009 Nancy Krenek, Owner/creator of the R.O.C.K. 2010 Rusty Winkstern, Monument owner/manager 2011 Vic Figurelli, Community volunteer</p>
Club Honorary Members	<p>1. Dr. Kitty Cardwell - graduated from Georgetown High School. B.S. degree at UT and doctorate in Plant Pathology from Texas A&M. Volunteered for the Peace Corps and spent several years in Colombia. Went to Nigeria to work for the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture. While there she was instrumental in obtaining a Rotary Foundation \$500,000.00 grant to increase awareness of the dangers of aflatoxin in the food supply. This club</p>

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	<p>was the driving force in obtaining this grant. After 12 years in West Africa, she returned to the U.S. and is currently employed by the U.S.D.A. She travels extensively in her work, and has made several trips to Haiti. Kitty is the daughter of Fran and Virgil Carlson.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Frieda Davidson – wife of James Davidson. Frieda brings husband James and attends our meetings. 3. Art Goethe – would outsell everyone during the fruit sale fund raiser. Had 39 years perfect attendance before health problems. Wife was a food server. 4. John King – Owner of Heritage Printing and Office Supplies and printed the San Gabriel Trumpet for years and years. 5. Judi Shanklin – 1998-1999 past president. First female club president. 6. Bill Ludwig – 1971-1972 past president and was the club’s photographer for many years. Had 40 years of perfect attendance before becoming honorary member.
<p>Past Club Honorary Members</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delores Garza – past honorary member. Wife of Gonzalo Garza became honorary member when Frieda Davidson became honorary in 2003. Would attend with husband Gonzalo.
<p>Rotary International Youth Exchange Students</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cristina Mestres (Vilanova, I.La.Getru, Barcelona) 1997-1998 2. Fred Bayers (Welkenraedt, Liege, Belgium) 1998-1999 3. Angie Pasqualis (Mendoza, Mendoza, Argentina) 2000-2001 4. Phili Jahn (Bad Harzburg, Niedersachsen, Germany) 2001-2002
<p>Foundation Program Involvement Toward World Peace and Understanding</p>	<p>3-H Grant – \$500,000 – 1998, Nigeria, Africa to increase awareness of the dangers of aflatoxin in the food supply. Monitoring labs were set up in 3 African countries and personnel trained to test grain samples in the marketplace. Model farms were established to teach poultry farms how to properly use diseased grain that has been treated. Tours were set up for other farmers to see the difference and how the model farm was structured. A public awareness campaign was launched to educate the urban population in the three countries, warning against consumption of the diseased grain.</p> <p>Humanitarian RI Grants & Matching Grants – \$390,225</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1999-2000 Ciudad Victoria (CV) - upgrading of surgical rooms of Hospital Civil in CV – (\$40,000). 2. 2000-2001 Georgetown – medical equipment in the Medical Clinic (now Lone Star Circle of Care) - (\$40,000). 3. 2002-2003 Ciudad Victoria – neonatal equipment – (\$49,000) 4. 2004-2005 Georgetown – equipment for Caring Place – (\$39,000) 5. 2006-2007 Ciudad. Victoria TB clinic, equip.- (\$41,000) 6. 2008-2009 Georgetown - equipment and tractor for R.O.C.K.- (\$30,000) 7. 2009-2010 Ciudad Victoria - supplies, materials, and equipment for ReHab Center – (\$30,000) 8. 2010-2011 Georgetown - equipment, furniture, and supplies for The NEST – (\$35,000) 9. 2010-2011 Nepal – medical equipment (\$20,850) 10. 2011-2012 Ciudad Victoria – children’s hospital ambulance (\$49,250) 11. 2011-2012 Nepal – dialysis ambulance (\$16,125)

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District Assistance Grants - \$29,250

1. 2004-05 Literacy/Library Project at Williams Elementary - (\$3,000)
2. 2005-06 Willie Hall Center AC/Heating equipment – (\$5,890)
3. 2006-07 Shoes, clothing, school supplies for homeless children - (\$3,625)
4. 2008-09 Children's playground equipment, Boys and Girls Club - (\$3,935)
5. 2009-10 Two part DAP, Wesleyan at Estrella benches and equipment (\$3,360)
6. 2010-11 Blue Santa Teddy Bear project with police department – (\$3,000)
7. 2011-12 Texas Light – (\$3,800)

Group Study Exchange:

GSE Team Leaders (2) Gene Davenport-Germany 2001, Kay Trub-Italy 2009
GSE Team Members (1) Brian Dieringer-Czech Republic/Slovakia 2002

GSE Visiting Teams (7) *Hosted teams visiting District:

1. 1999 South Korea - Dist 3870
2. 2001 Germany - District 1850
3. 2002 Czech Republic – District 2240
4. 2005 Mexico – District 4130
5. 2007 Australia – District 9710
6. 2008 Italy – District 2060
7. 2010 Japan – District 2660

***Hosted meaning:** 1. Scheduled all team activities for the week in Georgetown and 2. Home-hosted each team member in a Rotarian's home, and 3. Managed all local transportation and meals other than those cared for by home hosts. In each case Sun City and Sunrise Clubs had a chance to host one of the team members as well.

Ambassadorial Scholars (3) \$75,000

Alysson Ford - selected in summer of 2002 (England 2003-2004)-\$25,000
John Nehme - selected in summer of 2009 (Australia 2009-2010)-\$25,000
Maureen Johnson – SWU student selected as 2010 (Peru 2011-1012)-\$25,000

Cultural Scholar (1) \$10,000

Dr. Vanessa Sikes Villate – selected in the summer of 2009. Villate went to Taipei to expand studies in the Mandarin /Chinese language (2007-2008). Dr. Villate received her Ph.D degree in May of 2009. She was appointed Assistant Professor of Education at Lamar State University in September 2009, a position she continues to hold. In 2010, she was selected and served on the Rotary GSE team from her Rotary district that visited Brazil.

Other Projects

- Transportation Grant – \$1,500 grant for the transportation of school supplies to Honduras.
- Libraries of Love - belt sanders and 200 bookends donated by Office Depot.
- Wheel Chair projects - with Haiti, Dominican Republic and Honduras \$6,225
- Malaria Prevention Project - Mosquito Nets. \$776
- Samoa Tsunami Relief - to help re-build destroyed school \$1,700
- Japan Quake Relief – shelter box \$1,000
- Books for Williams Elementary Library – estimated, 480 books donated.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centennial Project with Sun City and Sun Rise – nature trail \$10,000 - 2004. • Firefighting equipment for Ciudad Victoria. • District Mosquito Net Project - \$776 • Rotaract Tribal Out Reach Medical - \$1500 • Georgetown Public Library Reading program - \$5,000 • Habitat for Humanity International \$1,500 • Friends of Georgetown Animal Shelter \$2,200 – 2011 • RYLA – sponsoring youth to RYLA. • Rotary Scholars • High School Scholarships 																														
Service Club Coalition	<p>During 2011-2012, our Rotary Club joined in the Georgetown Service Club Coalition. The newly formed organization made up of three Rotary Clubs, three Kiwanis Clubs, Sertoma, Optimist, and The Georgetown Project. The mission is to annually raise through a collaborative effort for youth initiatives.</p> <p>This group joined forces with The Williamson Museum to enhance the Cimarron Trails Day event as a community fund-raiser. The result was that we netted \$7200 for the Museum and \$7,200 for The NEST (the selected youth project for 2011-2012). We will continue to participate in this venture each year with the netted funds going to selected youth projects.</p>																														
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Club Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EREY Club for the past 5 years: (Every member made a contribution to the Rotary Foundation) • Top 5 Club Per Capita in our District • Paul Harris Fellows in club - 76 • Paul Harris Fellows awarded - 213 • Benefactors – 11 • Bequest Society – 5 • Major Donors – 5 																														
Rotary Membership	Ended the year with 52 members in 1960.																														
Rotary Auction	First Auction raised \$1,278 under Norm Peters during 1983-84. Did not continue.																														
BBQ and Auction start	Started under president Tom Owens in 2001																														
Golf Tournament	Wallace Giddings championed the golf tournament under President Norm Peters in the 1983-84 year and it continues today!																														
Fish Fry	Virgil Carlson and Larry Bingham initiated the Fish Fry in 1984. During Virgil																														

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	Carlson's presidency.
Fruit Sale	Started in fall of 2000 – Tom Owens was club president. Ended in 2005.
Valentines Dinner	Held under Norm Peters during the 1983-1984 year.
Garage Sale	Began in 1999 – under the leadership of President Judy Shanklin.
First woman	Judy Duer (now in Temple Club) was our first female member in 1989. She was the Head Librarian for the Georgetown Public Library. Rotary International allowed women to join beginning July 1, 1989.
Books for Williams Elementary Library	In 2002, the club under the presidency of Kay Trub began to provide books to the Williams Elementary Library in honor of our guest speakers. The program is known as the Blue Bonnet Book Award. It is estimated that 480 books have been donated (48 per year).
Rotary Dictionary	The Rotary dictionary was developed in 1989 and contains 2,446 entries in American Sign Language (ASL), Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Swedish. Claude O. Proctor and Georgetown Rotary Club used to have royalty rights to it. It's been reprinted again. It's being used at Gallaudet University in Washington, D. C. and being sold as a text book.
Women Presidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judi Shanklin – 1st female club president, 1998-1999 • Kay Trub – 2nd female club president, 2002-2003 • Eileen Hegar – 3rd female club president 2003-2004 • Laura Antoine – 4th female club president, 2011-2012
Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange	The program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.
Ambassadorial Scholars	Our club has sponsored three Ambassadorial Scholars. Since 1947, a total of \$532 million has been awarded to 41,000 men and women. Students are awarded individual \$25,000 grants.
Cultural Scholar	Our club sponsored one cultural scholar.
Rotary International Youth Exchange Students	RI Youth Exchange Students spend up to a year living with host families and attending school in a different country. More than 80 countries and over 8,000 students each year participate in the program, which is administered at the regional level by Rotary districts and at the local level by Rotary clubs.
RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards	<p>RYLA is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. RYLA participants can be ages 14-30, but most clubs and districts choose to focus on a narrower age range, such as 14-18 or 19-30. RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth, and aims to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth • Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders • Encourage leadership of youth by youth • Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their

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	<p>communities</p> <p>Our club has sponsored an average of two youth to RYLA camps since inception. It is estimated that our club has sponsored 16 youth to date.</p> <p>RYLA was discontinued 1994 and the program was dormant for about ten years. RYLA began again in D5870 July of 2004. Gene Davenport was DG in 04-05, and was on the planning team to initiate it during the first month of his governorship.</p>
Rotaract	Rotaract Club was formed in 2002. Kay Trub was the President at the time. She and the other two club Rotary Presidents that year came out to give the Rotaract Club their first banner, bell and gavel.
Interact	Interact was formed at Georgetown High School in 2000 under President Tom Owens. Interact at Eastview High School applied for a charter in 2011 under President Laura Antoine.
Rotary Scholars Program	<p>For over 30 years, the Georgetown Noon Rotary Club has honored Georgetown High School students in recognition of high academic achievement. Students represent the top 5% by grade point average of the 2011 graduating seniors. Many of these students demonstrate involvement in a multitude of extra-curricular activities, are members of civic and service organizations, are actively involved in church groups, and hold part-time jobs.</p> <p>Norm Peters and Bill Connor started the program in 1981. Today, Rotary provides a college dictionary as a gift recognizing their achievement. There is a student initiated teacher recognition in which our club gives a stipend of \$100 to each teacher.</p>
High School Scholarships	It is estimated that the Rotary Club has given \$250,000 since 1962. (Each year we give an average of \$10,000 in scholarships; \$1,500 to the first college student in the family; and \$1,000 to a teacher. This totals \$12,500 every year.) <i>(10 years at \$1,000 - \$5,000 annually, and 20 Years at \$10,000+ annually)</i>
Longest serving Rotarian (Man/Woman).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Burt has been a Rotarian since 1962 (49 years). • Honorary member, Bill Ludwig has been a Rotarian since 1968 (44 years). • Patricia Stevenson has been a Rotarian since 1988 (23 years). • Honorary member, Judy Shanklin has been a Rotarian since 1991 (21 years).
Longest serving member of Georgetown Rotary Club.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill Connor has served in our club since 1972 (40 years). • Paula Brent has served in our club since 2001 (11 years).
Longest Perfect Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gonzalo Garza – 28 years.
Trumpet to members	Since 2002, Howard Burt has been providing the trumpet newsletter to those who miss meetings.
Coke Bottle Award	Awarded for un-glorious performance. It is an empty coke bottle sawed in half and glued to a plaque with special recognition behind the plaque for no - glory. Part of the fun is the past recipient gets to award the new recipient.

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“Do You Remember When”....quotes and stories.

The Club started:

“It was started by some friends in Georgetown who played golf every week together and they decided to form a Rotary club that would meet on Fridays, and when the meeting adjourned, they were off for the week and they would take off to play golf. Sam Brady was one of those guys and so was Skip Morris (who was an attorney and the last quarterback at Southwestern University before they stopped playing football).” Bill Bryce 10/21/11

What it means to me:

“I don’t ever want to miss a meeting. I try never to miss a meeting. My attendance is not counted because of my age. But, Rotary is a real important part of my life. Meeting with these people here because they all have so much to give to Georgetown and they all do give so much for Georgetown and this club has done so much for Georgetown. I just like to be at Rotary with members of this club and I try to put all the other jobs that I have on a day besides Friday, so that I can be here with this club.” Chuck Martin 11/4/2011

Grant for Africa:

“Aflotoxin is a disease or fungus found in corn – if you eat it, serious things can happen to you. When we were campaigning for this project, I recall that I brought in an empty bag of deer corn and it says (on the package) less than 2 parts per billion of aflotoxin in this corn. My point was that the people in Africa are not getting as good of corn as the deer were in this country.” Nelson Barrett 11/4/2011

Rotary Exchange Students:

“Cristina Mestres was from Barcelona and when the Rotary International conference was held there, we called her up. We told her we were coming, and she showed us around Barcelona. She would talk about her restaurant and she came from outside of Barcelona on the coast, she came from the fishing environment. She took Debra and me to the Montserrat on top of the mountains, where the monks are. Christina told us she wanted us to go to her dad’s restaurant. Her dad’s restaurant was in town, and she sat us at a table by the kitchen. She told all the staff and her dad all that we had done and we had a fabulous evening.” Jim Albers 11/4/2011

Foundation Giving:

“In an attempt to increase our Rotary Foundation Club giving, I suggested we honor the 13 past presidents currently in the club with a \$100 donation to the Rotary Foundation in their names, including me, making a \$1400 donation that year....a substantial increase over previous years.” Norm Peters 11/30/2011

Matching Grants:

“One of the most memorable moments for me was when I discovered that we could do matching grants, And we could make a difference in a big way as a club, here in our own community, as well as other international communities. That was an “aha” moment for me. When I realized that we could take \$7000 and leverage it into \$40,000, that was like, ‘Oh my gosh! There’s money out there. And it was like no one knew that money was there. When I really wrapped my brain around that. It was like we need to be doing these grants every year. We can’t let these grants just sit, and that was a real inspiration for me. It inspired me to look for those needs, and put these grants together and make a difference. As part of Rotary International we could be making a huge impact once again here locally and make a big difference at Georgetown and internationally. That led me to sit on the Districts Grant committee for 5 or 6 years to really dig in and get involved there.” Kay Trub 11/22/2011

Club Diversity:

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I was a new member of the Club's board during the presidency of Nelson Barrett (1999-2000). As we officers met during the weeks prior to and subsequent to our taking office, we had several conversations about the nature of our Club's membership. Only a few years earlier, the Club had begun to include women as members and Judi Shanklin had served as Club president during the previous year.

As I recall, our club membership then included only one Hispanic member and no African American members. I also remember commenting to Board members once that a visitor to our Club might well wonder if s/he were attending a Ku Klux Klan meeting, there being NO African Americans present. Our board discussions about membership focused on two matters: 1) the desire to increase our total membership and 2) our absolute agreement that we should seek Hispanic and African American individuals to become members of our Club. In fact, a majority of us board members agreed that we would resign from our offices if our Club did NOT recruit and induct Hispanic and African American members.

*Our efforts to recruit for membership diversity did not pay off quickly. On the other hand, our Club did induct a couple of ethnic minority individuals, one of whom, Ron Swain, became our Club's president for the 2004-05 Rotary year. We also were fortunate to recruit other minority individuals. For the past 12 years, accordingly, our minority membership has increased slowly. Next year, our Club will have its first Hispanic president, Hector Martinez. – O.L. Davis
11/12/2011*

Expansion of Club:

“About 5 years ago, Jackie Ellison gave everyone a survey about who they would like to see in the club. Within a few months the club went from 75 to 115 members.” Bill Bryce 10/21/11

Location:

“The club has always met at First United Methodist Church. Started out in the basement. Some of the first monies went to pay for the church cushions. The early start did not include a charge for the use of the hall or the serving of the food by the ladies.” Phil Baker 10/28/2011

“We were meeting in the Fellowship Hall, which was located on south end of what is known as the Education Building of the First United Methodist Church. I think that we then moved to Atkin Hall. The Education Building is the western portion of what we know as the building where the Sanctuary is located. Later we met in the Fellowship Hall, which is now on the north end of the Education Building. That may have been post Atkin Hall construction. The renovation of the Education Building was after Akin Hall was built.” Bill Connor 10/24/2011

Rotary Song Books:

*There have been instances when someone has tried to get the club started with singing, but it has never caught on. Our club professes this club would never sing. “I can remember when I joined in 1991. I was the song leader in the Pearsall Rotary Club before I came here. I brought some Rotary Club Song Books with me and I kept asking the club, “When are we going to use those song books?” One day Dr. Bob, who had sponsored me, and caught me and said, “Chuck, you bring up singing just one more time, and they are going to vote you out –this club does not sing!” And that was my inauguration to this club. I never got to sing.” Chuck Martin
11/4/2011*

Royal Rotarians:

*“Wallace Giddings, who was a charter member and sponsored me, started the Royal Rotarians, who played poker together once a week about 20 years ago and we still do”. Phil Baker
10/21/11*

Service Inspiring Moment:

“I saw Larry Bingham get up one day to try to inspire the club to really get them to get out and

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work. And those ole guys just sat there. Larry just unloaded on them saying; you guys call yourselves Rotarians – he wanted them to serve – and Larry’s just the man to do it too!” Bill Bryce 10/21/11

“For years I was in the Sertoma Club and I got so sick and tired of all the work they did. Those guys do the Fourth of July and they put out the flags and they did all kinds of stuff. And then I heard about Rotary and I said “What do they do?” and someone said, “Well last year we all pitched in \$15 and we bought a tree and planted it.” And I said, “that’s my kind of club.” Phil Baker 10/21/11

Coke Bottle Award:

“If you did not have your speaker, if your speaker didn’t show up you would get the award once a year. It was later titled the Bill Connor Memorial Award.” Bill Bryce 10/21/11

Speakers:

If you ever find yourself President of the club and the speaker fails to show up, here is a tactic I have seen used: announce that you are calling on someone to do a spur-of-the-moment biographical talk. This actually happened one time. The President called on someone at random. His talk included the fact that he had landed at Normandy on D Day plus 2 (June 8, 1944) and ultimately ended up in Germany. He became the historian for his division, and was able to relate some wonderful stories. Bill Bryce 10/21/11

Mottos:

“The motto my year was- “Work for Peace, Serve with Love, Act with Integrity. It’s a big old button and I still wear it on my coat. People always think that I am a deputy or something. Because it lends itself to that, and every now and then people read it.” Jim Albers 11/4/2011

International Dictionary Project:

“Claude Proctor put together an international dictionary, sponsored by this club, written in 13 sign languages with over 2,600 words. He worked for Air force intelligence, was a Russian linguist, and translated technical data, maintenance manuals. The club gave him some money and Ned Snead contributed \$20,000 toward this deal.” Larry Bingham 10/21/11

“There was a Rotary International Dictionary Project which was more of a service than a fundraiser. Money still dribbles in, I understand. It was done in partnership with Gallaudet University in Washington, D. C., since it included American Sign Language as one of numerous languages. Claude Proctor was the author. The club pitched in quite a sum of money (for the day). Again, I believe this was done in ‘89-‘90 under Andy Anderson’s presidency.” Bill Stubblefield 10/24/2011

“In 1989, the dictionary project was the fundraiser that took over after the fish fry. That was Andy Anderson, who was president. The project needed money to print it. There was a lot of pressure for members to put up \$1000 apiece and Andy said, “If this deal works and we make money out of it, we’ll kick the \$1000 into the Rotary Foundation and you’ll get a Paul Harris Fellow. If it doesn’t work you’ve just supported the club and I will give some dictionaries.” So I got a bunch of dictionaries!” Jim Albers 11/4/2011.

Fish Fry:

“We were talking about you earlier with Carl, Kevin, Davidson, Big John and me. We had five or six fish fry cookers going right as you (Bill Bryce) walked in the door, it was hot and sweaty; and there was grease all over the floor. This was before they remodeled the kitchen. And Dr. Bryce walks in and says, “It’s slippery back there, it’s dangerous back there; what are you going to do

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when someone walks in a falls?" And I said; "Well they're going to bust their ass and get up off the floor and go back to their car." He just kind of shook his head-walked off. What else was I suppose to say? I don't know, are we going to get everyone to sign an indemnification sheet or something?" Larry Bingham 10/21/2011

Fish fry ended 1987: "It was after Don Hewlett cooked his hands and everyone said,"That's enough of that!" Jim Albers 11/4/2011

Selling Oranges and Grape Fruit:

"I had attended PETs in Dallas and sat in on a fund raising session where different clubs talked. I was very impressed with a couple of Austin clubs as they talked about their fundraiser. Northwest Austin Club had a Fruit sale fundraiser. They would get fresh fruit from the valley in December. I had them speak to our club. At the time the NW club made \$23,000 in sales. Today they make more than \$100,000 and profit \$80-90,000." Tom Owens 11/19/2001

"Rotarians would take orders and then the big truck would come. It was a lot of work. Virgil Carlson was always the one who sold the most oranges or grapefruits." "I don't know how he did it!" "People were threatened if they didn't work at the barbeque, we'd go back to selling oranges – nobody wanted that!" Phil Baker 10/28/2011

"My partner at the time Johnny Lacy was a Kiwanian and they were selling fruit, and I went to talk to him about it and he said, - "Oh, we are going to quit that- it's too much work." So we started and did it for a couple of years and I thought it was a great fund raiser but we had too much complaining that it was too much work – unloading the truck." Art Goethe could sell two pick up loads of fruit – that was his forté. Jim Albers 11/4/2011

The Highway Cleanup Project

Once upon a time, many years ago, the Rotary Club agreed to clean two miles of Highway 29. It was actually closer to Seward Junction and Nelson Barrett's home than it was to Georgetown. The demands of the Highway Department were few: we only had to do it about twice a year; we all had to wear reflective vests furnished by the Department; we had to open a warning sign on both ends of our segment, and pile the full orange sacks in a mound behind the eastern sign. The Club only had about 90 members in those days, but we had an ace up our sleeve. Judge Bill Lott could call the alcohol detox center on College Ave and get 10-15 healthy young men who needed to do public service hours. However we had to assign two people who could pretend to be picking up trash but would actually always position themselves between the good Judge and the traffic. I honestly think the cars sped up when they saw the warning signs; maybe they were out to get Judge Lott. There was no center lane in those days—just two lanes in each direction.

I had a yellow Toyota pickup truck that looked almost like a Highway Department truck from the 60's [only much smaller] and had made some signs with stakes [I still have them somewhere in the attic—just in case] that I placed every 2/10 of a mile according to the Toyota odometer. So all I had to do was drive up and down the two miles picking up full orange sacks of trash and pass out empties. Judi Shanklin and Sharon McCarty, attired like something out of Elle magazine, dutifully appeared every year. One year I lost Judi and feared for the worst, but she reappeared from behind a long guard rail out of a deep culvert. These road cleaning efforts seem to have died out before the Highway Department ran out of money. I don't know why it has passed, but we collected mountains of trash and we had no fatalities. Our worst casualties were a few cases of poison ivy. Howard Burt 10/26/2011

"To the guy that kicked me out of Rotary", Ned Snead autograph to Larry Bingham.

Past Presidents' Night:

Big evening events with entertainment. Various venues: Community Center, Mexican restaurant

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between the Palace and 8th Street, Berry Creek Country Club. Entertainment included the Giesenslaw Brothers (I convicted one of them for felony DWI). A Magician called Peter the Adequate. Javier Chaparro (fantastic Latin musician who, incidentally, lost his home in the Bastrop fires earlier this year). I believe it was during my President year that we had Javier entertain us at the Mexican Restaurant. I will check to see if anyone can remember the name of the Mexican Restaurant. The magician was at Berry Creek and the Giesenslaws were at the Community Center. The theme for their performance was a Hay Ride with the members and spouses encouraged to wear western outfits. I invented the motto: "Dare to be Gauche." They obliged. Bill Stubblefield 11/4/2011

Impeaching the President:

"A funny moment thought I was going to be impeached. We had a head table (long table) in front of everyone and the president, the officers, and whoever had the program. The speaker would sit up there in front of everyone. It just wasn't very good. So I did away with it the first week I was there and said we could all sit at the round tables – which we do today. I thought the whole club was about to come down on me at that time. They said I had had the shortest term as President because everyone wanted to get rid of me. All because I got rid of the head table and we all got some laughs from it. We then made little signs for us and we encouraged the members to come sit with us – it was much better." Tom Owens 11/19/2011

Rearranging the head table:

"Long-time members will remember that on my first meeting, we re-arranged the tables in the downstairs Fellowship Hall, placing the head table away from the serving line (a distraction, as late members arrived during opening business comments). Naturally that shook up old-timers who tend to sit with the same members each Friday. You can imagine the looks on their faces upon arrival (Where do I sit????)." Norm Peters 11/30/2011

Golf Tournament:

"Wallace Giddings started the Golf Tournaments. In October we would have a practice tournament." Phil Baker 10/21/11

Women who serve the meal:

At one time the women servers would use their funds to buy cushions for the Methodist pews.

Stephen Benold mother (Nell Benold) has been serving on the food service line since the club started.

Caterer: *Alycia Heeneman was hired during Nelson Barrett's presidency in 1999-2000.*

Competition Works!

I was also a member of Sertoma at that time. Noticing the normal donation to high school senior scholarships was \$100 from most service clubs at that time, I was dismayed at that level of giving. So, being on the board at Sertoma, I suggested we up the ante to more realistic levels, to \$1500, divided among from three to five students....which we did. Then, knowing the #1 service club in Georgetown (Rotary) would not want to be upstaged by Sertoma, we alerted our Club accordingly, and you see the results. Naturally, other service clubs followed suit, bringing the high school scholarship funding to meaningful levels. I think well over \$10,000 is given each year. Competition works! Norm Peters 11/28/2011

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Gene Davenport

My memorable moments will relate to two different Rotary years: 2001-2002, when I was Club President and 2004-2005 when I was D5870 Governor. Note: When I joined the club in 1997, our membership was 65. The International President in 2001-2002 was Richard King and he had a grand scheme to grow Rotary to an all-time high level. Our club members were inspired and we grew up to 99 members during that year. Unfortunately, we had significant losses at the end of the year and dropped back down into the high 80's. The growth challenge remained and we continued to grow such that during Ron Swain's club president year, we once again arrived at the threshold of 100 membership. This was the Centennial year of Rotary and we celebrated our 100th member, Teri Gooch. Unfortunately, a few years after this achievement, Teri passed away. She is missed. Our club has continued since that time to maintain a level over 100 that makes us the 4th - largest club in District 5870.

A key memorable moment took place at the District Conference in 2002. I asked Danny Swafford if he would make a presentation on how to grow Rotary. The District Governor at that time, Rex Weaver, Killeen, wanted some young Rotarians on the program to emphasize new generation growth. Danny wrote his remarks and was prepared to deliver them, but had to cancel due to family plans. In his place, Judi Shanklin, past club president, read his speech. It is now my privilege to introduce Danny to give that same presentation 10 years later. Thanks, Danny.

From the District Conference, April 24, 2002

written by Danny Swafford Jr. read by Judy Shanklin at the District Conference.

ASK!

Family commitments prevent me from being here today, I appreciate the substitution and the ability to share my thoughts on "Why did I become a Rotarian". It was taken as a compliment to classify me as a young 40 year-old member when our club's President Gene Davenport sought speakers. Rotary has become an important part of my life, both in the business community and within the framework of my personal goals and anticipated achievements. As many of you, if not all of you, we are busy people. The "M.O." (Method of Operation) for me, is to be involved, give back, and make a difference. The balance of spiritual growth, family well being, business commitment and community support are important aspects for all of us, specifically those we are associated with in Rotary.

The reason I became a Rotarian: I WAS ASKED!

We have a unique organization founded on basic principles of honesty, integrity, and service. This fundamental process of "what makes a Rotarian" is the right place to be. The internal drive to do what is good and right makes Rotary International the natural avenue of time and effort. The organizational structure, established programs, weekly fellowship, and planned activities makes Rotary something to be proud of and share:

The reason I become a Rotarian: I WAS ASKED!

*Why would we, as individual members, NOT want to share this organization and all the natural benefit offered to our communities? Why would we want to hold private the fellowship and activities afforded to us? I am a banker by trade, so I do get personal very quickly: How many guests or prospective new members have you invited to be a part of this outstanding organization? I would encourage each of you to share the joys you have experienced through this group we know as Rotary. **Why will your club grow, prosper, and extend greater service?***

YOU SHARED AND ASKED!

In Service

Danny Swafford, Jr.

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I remember my first Rotary Club meeting quite well. I was asked to come speak about the brand-new Peveto Bill (which was a major reworking of the way property taxes were computed. It called for frequent re-evaluations of market value in an effort to make sure everyone was taxed fairly and equally, according to the value of the property). The law was brand new; there was no case law to interpret the bill's implementation. A number of the members were hostile to the bill, but the group was cordial to me and asked many questions, some of which I could actually answer. I noticed that Thatcher Atkin (Atkin's Furniture) chain-smoked cigarettes on the right-hand side of the meeting room (the basement of the sanctuary) and Billy Bob Eanes (President of First National Bank) smoked and chewed a cigar to the point that he pretty much consumed it in its entirety. The room had a blue haze by the end of my talk. Soon after, I received an invitation to join the club from Tom Locke, who was later president of the club.

In the early days of my membership, RI had a longstanding strict rule that each club was to have only one person per classification. We were very inventive, breaking down "lawyer" into many subtle subsets to allow for a multitude of lawyers in the club. I was Lawyer-Criminal, which got a lot of droll comments. We had a club assembly one day and brainstormed on what new classification could we include and recruit to fill. "Veterinarian" was the invariable suggestion (but those guys would never have time to come to a meeting). The average age of the club was well into the 50s and maybe the early 60s. I was just about the youngest member (about 31 or 32) and I commented that I didn't really know of any good classifications, but that I thought it would be a good idea if the new member knew CPR. You could have heard a pin drop.

We did, eventually, recruit Dr. Stephen Benold and he gave us a practical demonstration of new CPR techniques that we could understand. (Howard, I remember your talk on prostate health. Very humorous and informative at the same time.) Object lesson: Be careful with smart aleck remarks which may be humorous to you, but which others might take more seriously. I was forgiven, eventually.

*Another moment few who were present will forget: One of our members had waited to the last minute to get a program. Scrambling, he found someone who put on seminars to help people reduce "executive stress." He had never seen the presentation, but it seemed apropos for our club. The day arrived and the member introduced the speaker. The speaker then introduced his assistant, who was a lovely young woman (well endowed) in leotards. She then produced a small trampoline and began to jump up and down, demonstrating how this would relieve our stress. The speaker was selling trampolines!!! We don't sell things in Rotary (with the occasional author who speaks on his subject of expertise and then is available to autograph his book). Members were rolling their eyes and whispering under their breath. Object lesson: Vet your program ahead of time. It might be better to get the Empty Coke Bottle Award than to introduce an embarrassing program. I wonder if any of the members still have their trampoline. **Billy Stubblefield 10/21/2011***

I was president in 1993 -1994; boy, was that an interesting time in our club! It was our turn to go to Mexico and so we went down to.... what's the name of it? Victoria – por favor, whatever. Tremendous hosts, but we almost had an international incident down there. Judi Shanklin, Sharon McKennen and Bonnie Wolbrueck were down there with Patti and me and some of the others and husbands. And at that time, the Mexican Rotarians did not recognize women at a Rotary function. They (women) had their own club. So they came over and wanted to take our women and we said "no, no, no, no, no".... so we had a little problem, but a few drinks of tequila and we had it all worked out. We had a great year and we had a lot of fun at our fund raisers. The first golf tournament was held at the Georgetown Country Club. At that time we raised about eight or nine thousand dollars which was a lot of money at that time. We had an ongoing project with our friend Dr. Claude Proctor out here at Southwestern University. He had, with the help of Ned Snead;.....that was a combination to watch those guys work together, come up with a sign language dictionary. How many of you remember that project? That took several years to complete. Yes ma'am. Oh, did you bring one with you, Well lookie here, she's holding one up,.... so that you know I am telling the truth. Come up with a sign language dictionary. It's in excess of a dozen languages including sign language and it was well received. So, it was a good year. In '95-'96 Bill Bryce dressed us up and he gave us all..., where's Bill. Thank you Bill, I am still wearing it. A beautiful sports coat with Rotary emblems on the cuff, visor. It was a good year.

Don Hewlett 12/2/2011

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My memorable moment is actually two memorable moments. They are both having to do with programs in this Rotary Club. One was a program presented by Sam Brady, our charter president of our club. The other was a little talk by Harry Gold. We go back seventy years ago and some of us can remember that far back what Georgetown was like back then. Not many of these streets were paved.

One school, Georgetown Grammar School number one that would go the entire block. The kids would recess and they would draw a big circle in the dirt with a stick and they had marbles and they would put marbles in the circle and they would take turns shooting at them with something called an aggie – a marble made of agate. If you knocked the marble out of the circle you got to keep it and that was the recess for kids at Georgetown Grammar school #1, 70 years ago. One of these kids was better than the others and he really got a lot of marbles. His name was Sam Brady and he was very proud of this fact as you will learn in a moment.

Another man came to Georgetown named Harry Gold and opened up a store and showed us how to sell clothing. He was so wise in the ways of Georgetown and the economy of Georgetown that he would go to New York and present evidence of our solvency in Georgetown and obtain a loan. And municipal bonds and those proceeds would used to improve Georgetown.

Well, gradually the streets got built and the curbs got guttered and the improvements were made. It was so small seventy years ago then that the kids would go home and walk back to school. Georgetown was not ole town, just Georgetown. Incidentally, we had breakfast, dinner, and supper. Dinner was at noon.

When Harry Gold came here he told us how to manage Georgetown and how to advertise. If any of you remember, he had a store downtown and a sign that took up half or quarter of a city block and fifteen foot high. That's static advertising. You don't have to do anything to it but paint it every now and then.

Sam Brady decided to have a Rotary club. And he got together with some others Fridays after lunch and they formed this club and that's exactly what they did, that's where we came from. Sam brought values to this club, which were matched by Harry. Although both were from different worlds. They had things in common.

There are at least three members of this club who live up to the kind of the people they were. I will let you guess who they are. Just some people live up to these values. Some people cultivate chivalry qualities and fine feelings, which they openly express with the spirit of unaffected kindness. They do this with good and proper behavior; and courteous speech, and decent conduct. These people are brave. They select noble thoughts, noble words, and noble deeds from the realm of possibility. They think those noble thoughts, they speak those noble words and they do those noble deeds; there by making these noble things their possessions for eternity.

*Sam and Harry did that and got the goal for all of us to strive for. Incidentally when Sam spoke to our club, our charter president, he would reach out from under the podium and pull out a big mason jar full about this big, filled with marbles. Those were his trophies from his boyhood. **Bill Bryce 12/9/2011***

Some of y'all were probably still in diapers when some of this stuff was going on. But back in the seventies, I have to give you a bit of history here. Back in the seventies my father was past- president of the Houston Club, the Hobby Houston Club. And he said that I should join the Rotary Club because it was the thing to do because my grandfather was past president and a Paul Harris Fellow and he was past president and Paul Harris Fellow and it's your turn boy. We had 65 members in the club. We met at a hotel across from the Hobby airport and had an annual budget of about \$40,000. We sold 400 - \$100 tickets for a Lincoln from a dealer that would let us have it for next to nothing, almost. And we gave away four scholarships. Sixty-five hundred dollars per year for four years. So if you got a scholarship from us it was a good bite.

Had a blast. Business had absolutely gone crazy, the world had gone crazy, whiskey was flowing faster

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than it ever had flowed before and I was selling as much as I could. Oil ripped up to \$35 a barrel and people just lost their minds. My son was a year and a half old and I said, "I am not going to raise my son in Harris County!" So I made the decision and take a 75% pay cut and move to Georgetown. Came up here to Georgetown and said, "Hey, might as well be in Rotary." I joined the Rotary Club. Went to the first little intimate five group people board to say, "What do you do here in Georgetown?" That's the thing -we have scholarships. That's great - what is it? We give four \$100 scholarships. I broke out laughing at my first Board meeting and said, "Folks, that's a good tip for a table of twelve in a nice restaurant. It certainly won't buy a book much less help somebody." One gentleman, God rest his soul was one of my mentors in life, patted me on the leg and said, "Son, you're in Georgetown now, and this is the Georgetown Rotary Club," and said, "Sit down and shut up. If we need any money, we'll assess ourselves." So knowing how I am, I immediately thought about what is the greasiest, nastiest, most dangerous way to raise money, where everybody stinks and sweats like beer when they're numb – let's cook some fish! And I said "Let's cook some fish!" Raised \$4000 and if any one of y'all suggest we go back to cooking fish instead of our annual auction, I'm going to quit.

Larry Bingham 1/13/2012

All right, when I came here about 1990, I had been a Lion before and had just switched to the Rotary club. Maybe six months or a year before I came here. So, our little Rotary club was about 20 members or something like that. And I walked into the gym over here and I thought that's a huge club; I bet there's 40 people there. And I thought, I will never get to know all those people.

The other thing that happened at that same time – that's when Polio Plus was first started and that got my attention. Our first fund raiser in this club that I think was dedicated to Polio Plus was the dictionary project. We talked about this a little bit. These dictionaries sold for \$19.95 but not too many sold. But, the way the funding happened on that, we needed about \$20,000 to print the dictionaries. So, like I said there were about 40 people in attendance. And in one of my first meetings, Andy Anderson, who was here last week, invited us to all kick in \$1000 for this and if the project was successful you would get a Paul Harris Fellowship and it was not too successful, you would get a dictionary. And I've got some of those dictionaries yet.

We've talked about Sam Brady and as we have club events, we recognize him every year as we recognize people from the community. Sam was a person who almost always, when he had the program, would get up and tell stories. He was the greatest story teller you have ever heard. He didn't bother to ask for help with his programs. For the most part he just did it himself.

And so the program that I remember the most that he did - well, we used to have a table in the front that was like the head table that you kind of sat separately from. If you were the President and the speaker and that were really the only people that sat there. He was walking around taking care of business and there was this blossom kind of thing laying there, just wilting at the front of this head table. And everybody kind of looked at him and wondered what it was. It was about May or June of that year. And Sam got up and started talking about what was important to him. What was laying up there was a blue bell he had pulled out that morning. The flower that he believed strongly should be the state flower of Texas. And he talked about that the entire time. And ever since then, for me personally, I notice the blue bells in the late spring much more than I had ever done before. And so, that was one of the significant things in my life.

Jim Albers, 1/20/2012

Centennial Year

I had the pleasure of serving as President of the Rotary Club of Georgetown in the Centennial Year, 2004-2005. During the Centennial year, we had a unique experience, where the three Rotary Clubs in Georgetown, jointly sponsored a Centennial Project. Our project was the creation of the trail and the Rotary Centennial Heritage Garden off Hutto Road in Georgetown. The three presidents, David Leas of the Sun City Club, John Eagle of the Sun Rise Club, and I collaborated on the project, along with committee members, and club members who raised

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money to purchase lumber, other materials and plants. We conducted a raffle to raise \$25,000, half of which was used for prizes. The top prize was a \$10,000 travel voucher, which was won by Bryan Jamison, one of our club members. Unfortunately, the flood of 2006 destroyed all the work that was done on this trail project.

Also during the Centennial year, we had the good fortune of having one of our members of this club, Gene Davenport, serve as the District Governor of, during the Centennial Year. This was a significant recognition, both for Gene and for our club.

Glenn Estes, was the President of Rotary International. I had the privilege of meeting Glenn at the District Foundation Dinner in Austin. Glenn recognized and awarded several of us, including Billy Ray Stubblefield, Stephen Benold, O.L. Davis, and me, as Paul Harris Fellows. I learned a few days ago, that Glenn passed away earlier this week.

I suppose that a lesson to be learned is that one day each of us, like Glenn, will pass away and even the service projects that we undertake, may not endure forever, but the principles of our Rotary organization and the motto: "Service Above Self" are enduring principles. I am honored to have served as President of our club during the Centennial Year. Thank You.

Ron Swain, 2/10/2012

Having a Fun Rotary Year

You know, I wrote a message to the club every week and put it in the bulletin, and I went back and read 40 or some of those messages, and we had an incredible year. I am going to recite the statistics; we had 28 new Paul Harris Fellows. We broke every record for fundraising, and we did, I don't know, how many projects, and it was a very interesting year.

But, my memorable moment was the entire year, which was nothing but fun, and it began with playing around with Patricia at the beginning of every meeting. See, I told you it was fun! And, the first (or maybe it was the second) meeting, we had the RYLA person and two RYLA students come up. You always wonder if they are going to get through what they have to say, or are they going to mumble, or are they actually going to have some poise. Maggie Johnston was one of our RYLA persons that year. She came up, she took the microphone, and she sang the most beautiful a cappella version of the Lord's Prayer you could ever imagine! It was an incredible way to begin the year!

Maggie came back with a show choir later on. I wish every member of the club could have been there because they all ate after the club had left. Martha and I were the only two left from the club; Alicia and the service ladies were there. Maggie organized that group of kids, surrounded us, held hands, and sang a benediction to us. I promise you, there was not a dry eye around when the kids got done with that. It was that way the whole year though, everything about it that was so cool.

And, there was something we tried to do with every penny that we spent. We tried to bring someone into the club to show you where that penny got spent. We went out and swung hammers with Habitat, we planted trees, we took a field trip to the Caring Place, and we had lunch over at the library. It was a brand new library and they were kicking off their summer reading program.

But, my favorite part of the whole year was when we got the seven kids from across the street from Williams Elementary, and brought them over. I interviewed each of them because, you know, we give those books away, and we see the books but we never get to see the kids actually read them. And those seven kids, I asked each of them a couple of questions, they told us about their favorite books, and it was just a blast to see what we do with those books that we give every year! That was my memorable moment. It was a heck of a lot of fun the whole year!

Ken Anderson 2/24/2012

My name is Tim Harris, and I was the Rotary Club President in 2005-2006. I joined our club in 1990, so as you can see, it took the club 15 years to recognize my superior leadership skills. I think my fondest Rotary moment is the changes we made to our fundraisers around that time. Years before I was President, one of our main fundraisers was a Garage Sale. We would accumulate items, large and small, for the Garage Sale. Then hold our Sale at the Show Barn down in the Park. The last year we had it, I remember us all gathering in the dusty ole barn, setting up tables to sell such exciting items as articles of clothing, used lawn mowers, used tools, hats, little things like that....., at least, we had the benefit of a nice used car from Mr. Hewlett. As I walked by one table, Sharon McCarty, who was a member of the club back then and is a fine retailer who owns a store now called Wonderful Things, was fighting her way through the dust to sell a lady a sewing thimble. She told the lady it was ten cents, and the lady talked her

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down to a nickel. At the end of the day, we made around \$3000. I said "there has to be a better way raise funds for Rotary", so we took a proposal to the Board to have a barbeque and auction, and that is what we did. A few years later, they decided I could be President of this club. And I am proud to say that the barbeque and auction has improved each year we have done it, and it is shaping up this year to be the best one yet, under the leadership of Barbara Garland and that other guy.

In my year as President, we awarded a DAP grant to the Willie Hall Center here in Georgetown, a neighborhood center that does tutoring and early childhood learning. Our \$3000 grant funded some learning tools, books, and software. We also did a matching grant with our sister club in Ciudad Victoria for \$39,000. It was our turn for that grant money to stay in Georgetown, so we gave it to the Caring Place, to fund racks computers, a walk in cooler, and other equipment that helped them deliver their valuable services to our community. And, we had a successful barbeque and auction that year, and donated that money to PIE and other local charities. This is a great club, with great leadership, and following Dr. Ron Swain as President of this club made my job pretty easy. Thanks to all of you for allowing me to be a part of this fantastic Rotary club. Tim Harris 3/9/2012

I am sure you remember one of the big highlights of my administration and that was when we had Ciudad Victoria come up. We presented Rock with a \$42,000 check for among other things, a brand new Charger tractor that they needed very badly. They had been borrowing tractor equipment from a John Deere dealer. I am even licensed to drive that tractor. I can go out, cut weeds, and do whatever they need to do. And it is real used. In addition, to that they bought a bunch of computer equipment, lap tops, and servers. They made use of our \$42,000. That is the last time that the Ciudad Victoria Rotary Club members were here back in 2009. Also, we presented a DAP (District Assistant Program) grant, to our rather new Boys and Girls Clubs. We gave them a bunch of play equipment, a Moonwalk, some giant chess sets and giant checker sets. If you go by there, they will be using it every single day.

When the folks from Ciudad Victoria members were here, the Southwester Rotaract group presented a \$2000 check to the Rotaract of Ciudad Victoria and that was well received by them. We gave a big donation to the Libraries of Love. We gave them a bunch of sanders for their rough cut boards in Africa. They had been sanding by hand until we got these electric sanders for their book shelves. Office Depot donated 200 bookends, which were also needed.

One of the highlights of the club was Chris Lewis, the son of Jerry Lewis, who came down from California to talk to our club about the Wheel Chair Foundation. We are big time supporters now, but that was the first introduction to us about the Wheel Chair Foundation. Another memorable moment for me was the day we presented an Eagle Scout award to this young man who was in troop 2935. A troop we had just started sponsoring that year and we continue to do so. The boy that we presented the Eagle Scout award is going to be graduating this year and he is going to Texas A&M. So I sent a memo to Randy Mongold. I hope that he is going to be at the auction and sit at the Aggie table. And also you may remember, that it was the first time we had Dean Higginbottom serve as our Santa Claus. That was a memorable time for us. I think Danny had been serving as our Santa Claus up until that time. But, Dean looks like the real, real thing. Kay Trub was presented with a District Award, she received the Roll of Fame Award from the District and Nancy Krenek received the Sam Brady Award that year. One of the most significant presentations made during that year involved one of our real Rotarian of this club, Gene Davenport was presented the highest award that Rotary gives to members like this. It is called the Meritorious Award. It is highly sought after. You can seek it, but it is an award that has to be earned. Gene has done so much for the District and for this Club. He is at PETS teaching presidents how to be better presidents in Rotary. With that I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President for the 08-09, because I really enjoyed it. I encourage you all to get in the chain of progression and become President of this club. It's a great Club, thank you.

Tom Crawford, 3/23/2012.

Being President was a great thing. I enjoyed it thoroughly. I remember that it was Ken Anderson who explained to me the commitment. I didn't really understand it. One of my first Board meetings as vice president, Ken looked at me and said, "You are vice president this year, president elect next year, and then you are president, and then past president. You got four years of this." That's when the light came on. I remember that at that point. But, it was a great thing. I remember every minute of it. And I really thought about a memorable moment.

The most memorable moment for me occurred two years before I was president. I came to a rotary

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meeting and like most of you, I thought, I am going to have lunch and fellowship today. It's going to be a lot of fun. Someone came to me and said President O.L. Davis is not here today and Tom Crawford will run the meeting, but guess what, Tom Crawford is not here today. So as vice president they said, "Wilson, will you run the meeting?" Let me tell you, I was nervous. Like most of you, I had been to many meetings but had never run one. I knew all the steps but when you get up here in front of the microphone you start forgetting. Which is first, the pledge or the invocation, you know those things are difficult sometimes when you are up here. I got up here and started winging through it and I thought I did a pretty good job of it. I stumble a few times. I sat with our speaker, and forgive me because I don't remember who it was. It was a young lady that was going to talk to our club. I briefly introduce her, and at that point, we were not having the host do their classification talk. The president would introduce the speaker.

I was sitting right here at the head table looking at our speaker. (Looking at today's speaker) I probably shouldn't tell you this story today. She got up here and started talking at the microphone and then got quiet (head lowered). I was sitting there thinking, I should do something because this is not normal. She was about grey,.. in the face. I am not a medical professional, but grey is not a real good color for the human face. I stood up and walked up here and asked her, "Are you alright?" She kind of looked at me. Her eyes were starting to sink backwards. I asked her, "Can I get you some water?" I learned that from watching television. That's what you do when someone doesn't feel good. You ask them if they want some water. She said yes. So, I started walking over here where the water was.

About that time, the commotion started. Luckily, Stephen Benold and Rob Hardy who was a paramedic, emergency management professional. This is a great place to get sick by the way. Save it for Rotary! She dropped to the floor, right here. We started giving her attention. It turned out, she really just fainted. But, when that happened, we didn't know if it was heart failure. It could have been any number of problems. You have to take it very seriously. A little commotion, a little chatter in the audience, and I came back up to the microphone. Rob, Stephen and somebody else was with her. She was laying here on the floor. I am thinking, well maybe we ought to cancel this meeting. My first meeting was going to hap in a hang basket, you know. Then I thought ringing the bell and four way test with her on the floor is the appropriate thing to do. I was starting to get really nervous by now. I have to handle this and I wanted to do the right thing. So I said, would you please think the four way test and we are adjourned. Thank you.

Wilson Morris 3/3/2012