

2017 INDUCTEES



The Honorable Mayor Chris Boswell – Chris often remarks, “I was born and raised in San Benito and growing up, I always wanted to live in the big city. So when I got out of law school, I moved to Harlingen.” Chris graduated from San Benito HS and attended University of Texas in Austin where he received his Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance, and SMU where he received his Juris Doctor. Chris married his High School sweetheart Anita Simmons Boswell in 1983 and they have 3 adult children, Megan, Thomas and Carrie. His love of the Harlingen community has led him to serve in public office for over 20 years.

Chris served as a City Commissioner from 1998-2007 and elected Mayor in 2007 and continues to serve in this capacity. As a boy Chris was a Boy Scout and rose to Eagle Scout rank. Chris has served Boy Scouts on the local, regional and national level and has been honored at all levels for his volunteer service. Chris has a successful law practice in Harlingen and serves on many community and non-profit boards. Chris has been honored by the Harlingen Chamber with a Heritage Award, The Girls Scouts Award of Distinction, and The National Order of the Arrow Distinguished Service award from Boy Scouts of America.



Robert R. Bobby Farris - Born in Harlingen and a graduate of Marine Military Academy, Bobby earned his BBA in Finance from the University of Texas at Austin and an MBA in Finance, with honors, from St. Edward's University. Bobby met Robin in college and they married in 1981 and are the parents of two adult children, Houston and Holly Anne. Bobby and Robin moved to Harlingen after they married and Bobby could joined the family business; Valley Transit Bus Company, founded by his grandfather in 1941. Bobby was named President in 1999 of VTC. In addition to his business career with VTC, Bobby holds a

Texas Real Estate Broker license, is a Certified Financial Planner and is licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard as an Offshore Master Captain. He is also an accomplished pilot. Bobby like his grandfather, mother and father, has a strong record of community and public service. Bobby has served on numerous non-profit boards; as a City of Harlingen Commissioner; and a member of his church board. Last year Bobby was honored by being inducted to the Rio Grande Valley Walk of Fame in Hidalgo. Bobby's induction in the Harlingen Walk of Fame makes him the first 3rd generation inductee on the Harlingen Walk of Fame.



Pastor Bill Reagan – Born in Cleveland Ohio, Bill was the oldest of nine siblings. He and his wife, Theresa, met in college and were married in 1978. They have 3 adult children, Mark Elizabeth and Rachel. Bill studied elementary education at Concordia University and went on to study Seminary and he received his Master of Divinity Degree. Bill was ordained into the Holy Ministry on July 17, 1983. He served as Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran's Church and since 2010 has been the Executive Director of Loaves & Fishes. Bill has distinguished himself by serving on numerous boards and committees that include Lutherans Children's Aid and

Family Services, Lutheran Disaster Response after Hurricane Andrew, and the Texas Homeless Network Balance of State Continuum of Care. While serving as President of the Rotary Club of Harlingen, Bill formed the committee to create the Harlingen Walk of Fame during Harlingen's Centennial Celebration year. The Walk of Fame was the clubs gift to the city during the celebration year. Bill and Theresa were awarded the partners in Mission Award from their alma mater, Concordia University, Bill has been a Celebrity Roastee of the Literacy Center of Harlingen's annual Roast, a Columnist for the Valley Morning Star and Bill is a teacher for the Harlingen Community Bible Classes.

The Walk of Fame is a celebration of the citizens of Harlingen, their life achievements, significant civic contributions and their impact on our community. The Harlingen Walk of Fame was unveiled April 15, 2010 as part of the Harlingen Centennial Celebration and is permanently displayed at the Harlingen Municipal Auditorium in Fair Park.

Each year new inductees will be inscribed on the Walk of Fame. By January 1st of each year, consider nominating a man or women, past or present, who has made significant contributions to Harlingen.

Please complete the application herein, visit www.rotaryharlingen.org to complete an application online, or secure one from any member of the Rotary Club of Harlingen.

Walk of Fame Committee
Rotary Club of Harlingen
PO Box 1987
Harlingen, TX 78551-1987

Rotary Club of Harlingen meetings
Friday, 12 noon
Cultural Arts Center, 576 76' Drive



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The Rotary Club
of Harlingen

Walk of Fame Application

Name of Nominee
(Exactly as desired on brick paver if selected)

Nomination made by _____

Individual _____ Organization _____

If organization, primary contact: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

About the Nominee

Date of Birth _____ Still Living? Yes _____ No _____

Did the nominee live the majority of their life in Harlingen? Yes _____ No _____

Nominee's Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please provide responses to each of the following questions. No more than one page per question, 4 pages is the maximum.

- 1) Explain how your nominee has made a difference to our community or having come from Harlingen has distinguished themselves in service to our state or nation.*
- 2) Submit a general overview of your nominee's career, including organizations they have worked for, positions held, titles, awards, etc.*
- 3) Submit a general overview of your nominee's volunteer work, including volunteer positions held, awards, recognitions, etc.*
- 4) What void would there be if he/she had not been a citizen of Harlingen?*

Nominator's signature _____ Date _____

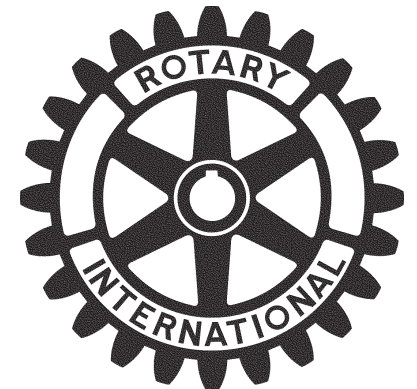
*This information, or parts of, may be published.

Will you be able to help secure photographs of the nominee if selected ___ yes ___no.

WALK OF FAME



THE ROTARY CLUB OF HARLINGEN



“Service Above Self”

Harlingen Walk of Fame ...

-A-

Sam Alexander
City Leader
David E. Allex
Harlingen Chamber Executive
E. W. Anglin
First City Marshall

-B-

Lillian W. Baldrige
Teacher & Historian
Bob Binney
Volunteer
Don Bodenhamer
Business & Industry Leader
Frank N. Boggus
Business & Philanthropist
J. Lewis Boggus
Business & Industry
Donna Bonner
First Female City Commissioner
E. C. Breedlove, Jr.
Banking
Dianne Brumley
South Texas Chorale Founder

-C-

Gloria G. Canales
Folkloric School of Dance Founder
Dr. Abraham P. Cano
Physician
H. William Card, Jr.
Business & Former Mayor
Gloria Chavez Casas
Community Volunteer
A.B. Chapa
First Hispanic City Commissioner
Manuel C. Chavez
Advocate for Youth
Melchor Chavez
Attorney & Former State Representative
Helen Christensen
Poet Laureate
Glen “Dock” Cleckler
Principal
James Robert Cocke
Business & City Leadership
William Hill Cocke
Business Leader
Ray Cocozza
Mr. Rotary & Community Fundraiser
Al Coneway
Attorney & Community Leader
M. H. Connelly
Teacher, Superintendent & Business
Stanley B. Crockett, Jr.
Valley Agriculture Leader
Stanley B. Crockett, Sr.
Citrus Industry & Community Leader

-D-

N. A. Davidson, M.D.
Prominent Surgeon
Leon Day
Day’s Drugstore Founder
Conrado de la Garza
Former Mayor & Int’l Director Lions
Louis Joseph DeLellis
Community Leader
Juan Antonio Dieck, M.D.
Established Su Clinica Familiar
Dial Dunkin
Banker & Business Leader

Matilde R. Elizalde
Ruth Ewers

Robert G. Farris
Business Leader
Charles B. Feldman
Business & Community Leader
Frank Ferree
Border Angel
Gerry Fleuriet
Teacher, Trustee & Community Leader
Owen “Ronie” Flinn
Veteran & Business Leader

Gerald Gathright
Boys & Girls Club
Gordon E. Gathright
Educator & Principal
Raul Gonzalez
City and Community Champion
Matt Gorges
Business Leader & Philanthropist
Patty Crandall Gorges
Activist & Volunteer
Nancy Gray
Educator with Harlingen Housing Authority
Craig Grover
Businessman & Veteran

Antoinette Moss Harkrider
Educator & Artist
Lon C. Hill
Founder of Harlingen
Glenn Hill, Col USMC
Marine Military Academy Superintendent
Alejandro Hinojosa, Sr.
Businessman
Frances Elaine Hury
United Way Director

Genaro Ibarra

Alan Johnson

Mal Kasanoff
Media Industry
Arthur Klein
Attorney, Judge & Child Advocate
Rollins Koppel
Attorney, Banker & Philanthropist

Annie Lamm, M.D.
First Practicing Female Physician
Heinrich Lamm, M.D.
Physician, Inventor of Medical Equip.
Lillian McInnis Lamon
Educator & Banker
J. Gilbert Leal, Ph.D.
Former President of TSTC
Ben Levine
Business Leader

-E-

Community Service
Community Service

-F-

Business Leader
Business & Community Leader
Border Angel
Teacher, Trustee & Community Leader
Veteran & Business Leader

-G-

Boys & Girls Club
Educator & Principal
City and Community Champion
Business Leader & Philanthropist
Activist & Volunteer
Educator with Harlingen Housing Authority
Businessman & Veteran

-H-

Educator & Artist
Founder of Harlingen
Marine Military Academy Superintendent
Businessman
United Way Director

-I-

Advocate for Less Fortunate

-J-

Realtor & Community Activist

-K-

Media Industry
Attorney, Judge & Child Advocate
Attorney, Banker & Philanthropist

-L-

First Practicing Female Physician
Physician, Inventor of Medical Equip.
Educator & Banker
Former President of TSTC
Business Leader

Lewis Levine
Business & City Leader
Martha Susan Lewis
Public Health Nurse
Jo Liston
Business & Girl Scouts
R. W. Liston
Business, Community & Boy Scouts
Elaine Lockhart
Community Volunteer
Nat Lopez
Business & Hispanic Chamber
Sam Lozano
Former Mayor, Education & City Leader

Salomon Maldonado
Business & Industry Leader
Benigno Martinez
Business & Community Leader
Tom Mason
Business & Community Leader
Eleanor O. Matz
Community Volunteer
James R. Matz
City Leader & Environmental Causes
Bill McBride
Business & Community Leader
Gene F. McCullough
Former Mayor & Attorney
Graham McCullough
Veteran & Attorney
Verna Jackson McKenna
Librarian & Historian
Ken MacPherson
Business Leader
George McShan
School Board Trustee & Leader
Lee H. Means
Educator & Principal
Cesar Morales
Educator
Leofredo Muniz, M.D.
Physician & Humanitarian
Petra Muniz
Midwife
Robert A. Murphy
Choir Leader & Gifted Baritone
Betty Nosler Murray
Community Leader & Historian
Menton J. Murray
State Representative

Vera V. Naumann
Harlingen Family Emergency Assoc.
Harry Nigro
Youth Advocate & Fundraiser
J. Gordon Nix
Educator

William T. Peacock, Jr.
Business & Community Leader
Frank Peña
Community Leader
George H. Pletcher
Horticulturalist & City Commissioner
Ernest Poteet, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
J. Mike Powers
Banker & Community Leader
Kathy Preddy
Community Leader
Arthur Purdy
Postmaster

Vance Delone Raimond
Business Leader & Philanthropist
Hugh Ramsey
Former Mayor
Lee H. Richards, Jr.
Business Leader

Business & City Leader
Public Health Nurse
Business & Girl Scouts
Business, Community & Boy Scouts
Community Volunteer
Business & Hispanic Chamber
Former Mayor, Education & City Leader

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Business & Industry Leader
Business & Community Leader
Business & Community Leader
Community Volunteer
City Leader & Environmental Causes
Business & Community Leader
Former Mayor & Attorney
Veteran & Attorney
Librarian & Historian
Business Leader
School Board Trustee & Leader
Educator & Principal
Educator
Physician & Humanitarian
Midwife
Choir Leader & Gifted Baritone
Community Leader & Historian
State Representative

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Harlingen Family Emergency Assoc.
Youth Advocate & Fundraiser
Educator

-P-

Business & Community Leader
Community Leader
Horticulturalist & City Commissioner
Superintendent of Schools
Banker & Community Leader
Community Leader
Postmaster

-R-

Business Leader & Philanthropist
Former Mayor
Business Leader

Hesiquio Rodriguez, M.D.
Physician & Advocate for Equal Rights
J. J. “Chuey” Rodriguez
Veteran, Business & Community Leader
Norman Rozeff
Harlingen Centennial Committee

Connie Salas
Community Service
Juan Salas
Community Service
Robert “Bob” W. Shepard
Insurance & State Education Leader
Norma Shultz, M.D.
Physician & School Board President
Sam R. Sparks
Farmer & Philanthropist
Antonio “Tony” Solis
Media Industry

Ed Tamayo
Banker
Edna Tamayo
Educator & Advocate for Youth
Alan Y. Taniguchi
Architect
McHenry Tichenor, Sr.
Media Industry
Mary “Cookie” Tisdale
Library Advocate
George Toland, M.D.
Physician
June Lee Toland
Nurse & Community Volunteer
Darlene Lightsey Topp
Disabilities Advocate & Volunteer
Mary O. Torres
Community Leader

Filemon Vela
Judge & Community Leader
Moises Vicente Vela
Attorney, Judge & Community Leader
Julia Vernon
Librarian & Historian

John A. Welty, M.D.
Physician & Founder of VBMC
R. K. Whittington
Attorney & Former Mayor
L. Nathan Winters
Banker & Community Leader
Herman Wise
Veteran, Business & City Commissioner

John York
Architect
George Young
Former Mayor
Verna K. Young
Educator, Principal & Board Trustee
Robert “Bob” Youker
Former Mayor & Chamber President

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Community Service
Community Service
Insurance & State Education Leader
Physician & School Board President
Farmer & Philanthropist
Media Industry

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Banker
Educator & Advocate for Youth
Architect
Media Industry
Library Advocate
Physician
Nurse & Community Volunteer
Disabilities Advocate & Volunteer
Community Leader

-V-

Judge & Community Leader
Attorney, Judge & Community Leader
Librarian & Historian

-W-

Physician & Founder of VBMC
Attorney & Former Mayor
Banker & Community Leader
Veteran, Business & City Commissioner

-Y-

Architect
Former Mayor
Educator, Principal & Board Trustee
Former Mayor & Chamber President