

San Marcos Kiwanis History

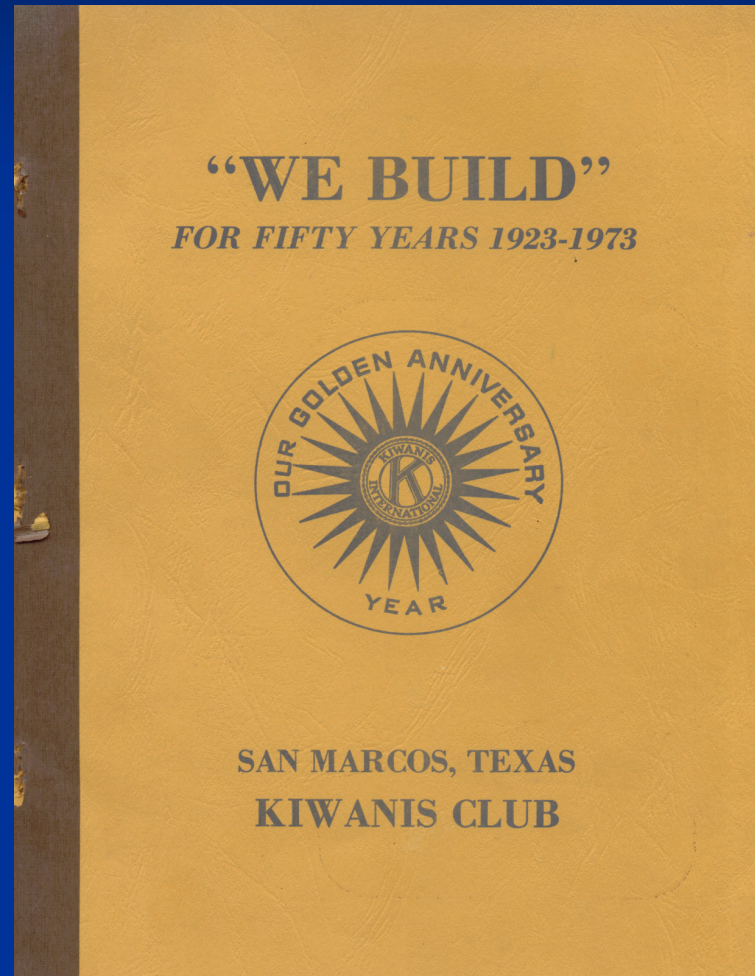


Golden Anniversary -1973

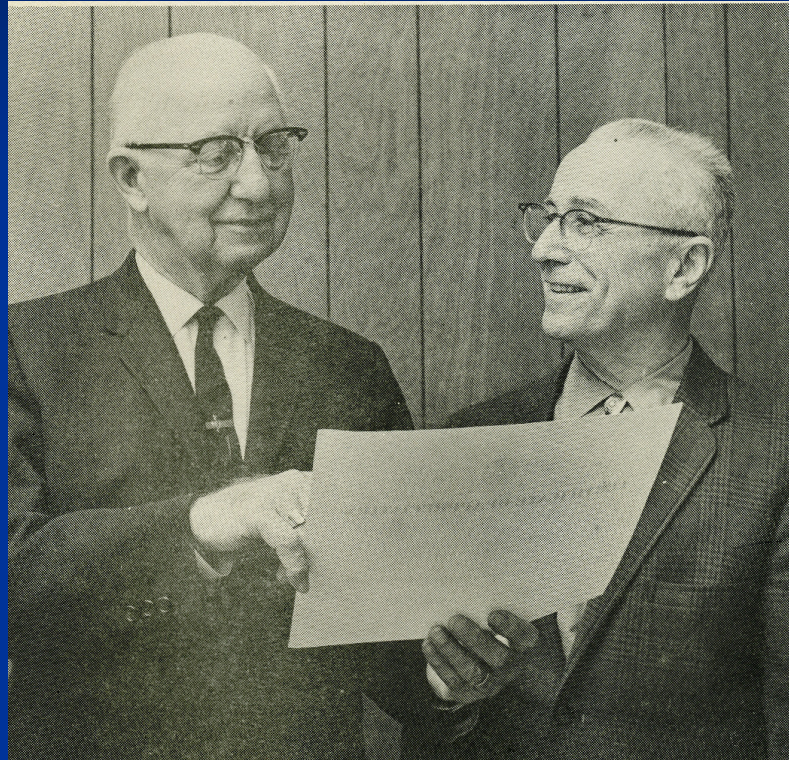
The early materials presented here were primarily taken from the *Our Golden Anniversary 1923 to 1973* booklet that was developed by the 1973 Anniversary Committee made up of:

- Chairman, J. Lloyd Rogers,
- Alfred H. Nolle,
- Handler Smith
- Frank Zimmerman

Golden Anniversary



Two Charter Members -1973



Two Charter Members were still active in the club when the Anniversary was published in 1973 –Dr. A.H Nolle (Professor at Southwest Texas Teachers College) and F.W. Zimmerman (Movie Theater Owner & Ex Mayor)

1923 Kiwanis Charter Year

- First meeting was reported in Feb 16, 1923 issue of the *San Marcos Record*.
- New San Marcos Club had 52 Charter Members.
- Dr. L.L. Edwards (a medical doctor) was the first President. He served two terms.
- The Secretary – Treasure (Addison Buckner) was also the editor of the weekly bulletin. - A lot of the information gathered for the Anniversary Booklet was gleamed from these early bulletins.

February, 1923 Highlights

- Southwestern University Pirates defeat the Bobcats of Southwest Texas Normal in Basketball by a score of 16-9
- The Marshall Taylor Motor company announced a Ford Runabout for \$369, F.O.B. Detroit.
- San Marcos Kiwanis Club has membership of 52.

1923 Highlights

- State Bank Robbed By “Newton Boys”
- San Antonio – Largest Texas City – Population 161,379 per 1920 Census
- President Warren G. Harding dies in office.
- Total Federal Spending 3.14 billion.
- Adolf Hitler imprisoned – writes “Mien Kampf”

1923 –Officers & Members

Below we are giving a full roster of officers,
committeemen and members of this organization:

Dr. L. L. Edwards-----President
W. H. Harrison-----Vice President
Frank M. McGee-----Secretary-Treasurer
A. H. Nolle-----District Trustee

Board of Directors:

L. J. Berry, M. D. Chitwood, C. N. Smith,
L. A. Cooper, Dr. M. B. Combs, W. A. Mayhall,
T. A. Buckner, C. C. Bond.

Committees:

Attendance-----V. Nesbitt
Business, Standards and Methods-J. C. Holloman
Classification-----Carl S. Smith
Education-----J. E. Abney
Financial-----Walter Puls
Grievance-----O. W. Strahan
House-----Dr. M. C. Williams
Inter-Club Relations-----F. K. Sutton
Membership-----F. F. Erck
Laws and Regulations-----H. H. Goodman
Music-----L. A. Cooper
Program-----F. W. Zimmerman
Public Affairs-----Felix Douglas
Publicity-----T. A. Buckner
Reception-----B. A. Stufflebeme
Song Leader-----Claude Ivey

Members and Their Classifications:

Claude S. Ivey, Dry Goods
H. H. Goodman, Educator
I. H. Harrison, Dry Goods
J. E. Abney, Religious Educator
J. R. Wilhelm, Federal Farm Loans
Wm. G. Bass, General Merchandise
R. F. Agnew, Retail Grocery
M. D. Chitwood, Retail Grocery
Geo. N. Reed, Wholesale Grain
M. H. Jackson, Haberdasher
Fred F. Erck, Insurance
W. H. Harrison, Jeweler
Allen L. Woods, Jeweler
H. C. Krueze, Miller
A. L. Ingram, Minister
L. L. Edwards, Surgeon
M. C. Williams, Physician

1923 – Officers & Members – cont.

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Felix Douglas, Post Office Clerk
T. W. Willard, Wholesale Produce
A. H. Nolle, Administrative Officer
E. T. Crozier, County Agent
W. A. Mayhall, Auto Dealer (Ford)
E. S. Sutton, Auto Accessories
L. A. Cooper, Baker
G. H. Ward, Baker
Sam W. Gardner, Banker (National)
Walter Puls, Banker (State)
V. Nesbitt, Barber
J. O. Scott, Battery Service
C. C. Bond, Cafe
L. J. Berry, Supt. of Schools
John D. Cape, Civil Engineer
Max Smith, Coal Dealer
B. A. Stufflebeme, Cotton Breeder
Lee Donaldson, County Clerk
James L. Moore, County Official
J. F. Ivey, Creamery
R. S. Hays, Department Store
M. B. Combs, Dentist
C. T. Bass, Druggist
Frank M. McGee, Public Accountant
Ray E. Bowles, Public Utility
S. V. Norwood, Tailor
F. W. Zimmerman, Theater
Carl S. Smith, Ginner
J. P. Holloman, Top Mgr.
John H. Dobbins, Transfer
E. O. Wiley, Teacher Tr.
O. W. Strahan, Athletic Coach
J. D. Cartwright, Butcher
W. M. Reed, Specialist
T. A. Buckner, Newspaper

Note that the early organization was fortunate in having as its publicity chairman the publisher of the San Marcos Record, Mr. T. A. Buckner. They thus were able to get a report of the first meeting written the day before it happened! Note also the confidence that Mr. Buckner had in Frank Zimmerman.

Two of the charter members are still active Kiwanians: A. H. Nolle and F. W. Zimmerman. Others living in San Marcos but not active in the club are Wm. G. Bass, James L. Moore, Max Smith and O. W. Strahan. It is not known whether any others are still living, with the exception of John H. Dobbins of Ft. Worth.

One was observed that Nolle and Zimmerman should be honored, if for nothing more than their endurance in sitting through 2600

52 Charter Member - Employment Classifications 1923

- Educator – three, including San Marcos School Superintendent L. J. Berry and College Coach O.W. Strahan,
- Dry Goods
- General Merchandise
- Wholesale Grain
- Medical Doctor
- Butcher
- Auto Dealer
- Baker
- Coal dealer
- Ginner
- County Judge
- Newspaper Editor

1933 Newsletter

KIWANIS CLUB

of
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS

"WE BUILD"



1933 OFFICERS

Lee McWilliams, President
H. H. Goodman, Vice-President
W. H. Thompson, Past President
Harold G. Smith, Secretary-Treasurer

DIRECTORS

H. S. Goodenough
R. O. Wupperman
R. R. Dobbins
Dr. L. L. Edwards
I. H. Harrison
W. B. Aubrey
W. H. Thompson

1933 OBJECTIVES

1. Will continue the Under-privileged Children's work and protect the morals and health of local juveniles.
2. Encourage better business standards.
3. Foster beautification of San Marcos.
4. Attempt to maintain adequate educational facilities.
5. Co-operate to maintain the Post Road through San Marcos.



Mr. Harold G. Smith
City

1933 Officers & Members

COMMITTEES FOR KIWANIS

The Year 1933

AGRICULTURE

Ed Kasch
W. H. Thompson

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

W. B. Aubrey
W. F. Hall
J. A. Blair

RECEPTION

Rodgers Storey
H. H. Goodman
J. E. Abney

ATTENDANCE

R. O. Wupperman
L. J. Berry
C. C. Bond

PUBLICITY

Max Smith
R. R. Dobbins

BUSINESS STANDARDS

I. H. Harrison
M. B. Combs
W. K. Holleron

UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN

Harold S. Goodenough
C. C. McNeill

CLASSIFICATION

M. D. Chitwood
E. O. Wiley

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

T. A. Buckner
W. M. Burnett

INTER-CLUB RELATIONS

A. H. Nolle
Jack Wood

KIWANIS EDUCATION

Dr. L. L. Edwards

MUSIC

Dr. S. B. Slaughter
Lee McWilliams

PROGRAM

F. W. Zimmerman
H. G. Smith
Taylor Thomas

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Chas. R. Ramsay
E. S. Sutton

FINANCE

S. V. Norwood

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

1. Aubrey, W. B., Druggist
2. Berry, L. J., School Supt.
3. Bond, C. C., Cafe
4. Buckner, T. A., Publisher
5. Blair, James A., Wholesale Grocer
6. Chitwood, M. D., Wholesale Lbr.
7. Combs, M. B., Dentist
8. Dobbins, R. R., Tax Collector
9. Burnett, Will, County Judge
10. Edwards, L. L., Surgeon
11. Goodman, H. H., Education
12. Goodenough, H. S., Minister
13. Holleron, W. K., Gas Utilities
14. Hall, W. F., R. R. Ticket Agent
15. Harrison, I. H., Dry Goods
16. Kasch, Ed, Cotton Breeder
17. McWilliams, Lee, Power & Light
18. McNeill, C. C., Wholesale Produce
19. Nolle, Alfred H., Dean of College
20. Ramsay, Chas. R., Insurance
21. Smith, Max C., Ginner
22. Storey, Rodgers, Wholesale
Petroleum Products
23. Slaughter, S. B., Physician
24. Smith, Harold G., Insurance
25. Thompson, W. H., Farmer
26. Wiley, E. O., Teacher Training
27. Wood, Jack, Haberdasher
28. Wupperman, R. O. Wholesale
Petroleum Products
29. Zimmerman, F. W., Theatre
30. Sutton, E. S., Tires
31. J. E. Abney, Religious Education
32. Autry, F. M., Retail Gasoline
33. Barber, Henry, Banker
34. Norwood, S. V., Tailor
35. Scrutchin, Max, Automobiles
36. Thomas, Taylor, Grocer
37. Vest, E. W., Farmer
38. Waldrip, C. M., Tailor
39. Wilhelm, J. R., Loans
40. Woods, Allen L., Jeweler
41. Smith, Carl S., Laundry
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1933 - Newsletter

DECEMBER 21, 1933

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM today, in charge of Berry, Harrison and Hall. If we ever get in the habit of having 100% attendance, it will be due to programs of the type we had last week. That was the best program put on by the club since I have been a member. I am tempted to start going to church again, and will, if assured that I can depend on the Reverend Edwards to preach such sermons as he did Thursday. L. J., we believe you and Ike and Walter can do just as well this week. Let her rip!

We especially urge Dr. Nolle to be on hand at this meeting. We want him to welcome Representative Henry C. Kyle and Reverend R. C. Edwards into the club.

It's time the program committee was getting busy. This year is nearly over.

Today's meeting will be a real Christmas celebration, with music by George and Foxadene, Inspirational talk by Mr. Norton of the Presbyterian Church, and a Christmas dinner. Each member is requested by the program committee to bring a small present, about a ten cent cut, and you will be told what to do with it when you get here. This looks good. Give the program committee a good attendance again today.

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One winter night-how long ago it seems! - I lay me down to bask in pleasant dreams. My sock was hung, hard by the quilting frame, where Santa Claus must see it when he came. I'd been assured by elders, good and wise, that he would come when I had closed my eyes; across the roofs he'd drive his team and sleigh, and down the chimney make his sooty way. And much I wondered as I drowsy grew, how he would pass the elbows in the flue.

The morning came, the Christmas bells rang loud, I heard the singing of a joyous crowd, and in my sock that blessed day I found a gift that made my head whirl round and round. A pair of skates, whose runners shone like glass, whose upper parts were rich in steel and brass! A pair of skates that would the Gods suffice. If ever Gods go skooting o'er the ice! All day I held them safely in my arms, and nursed them close, nor wearied of their charms. I did not envy then the King his crown, the knight his charger, nor the mayor his town. I scaled the heights of rapture and delight - I had new skates, oh, rare and wondrous sight!

'Twas long ago, and they who loved me then are in their graves, the wise old dames and men. Since that far day when rang the morning chimes, the Christmas bells have rung full forty times; the winter snow is on my heart and hair, and old beliefs have vanished in thin air. No more I wait to hear old Santa's team, as drowsily I drift into a dream. Age has no myths, no legends, no beliefs, but only facts, and facts are mostly griefs.

I've prospered well, I've earned a goodly store, since that bright morning in the days of yore. My home is filled with rare and costly things, and every day some modern comfort brings; I've motor cars and also speedy steeds, and goods to meet all human wants or needs; and at the bank, when I step in the door, the money changers bow down to the floor.

The bells of Christmas elamor in the gale, but I am old, and life is flat and stale. I'd give my hoard for just one thrill of joy, such as I knew, when as a little boy, I proudly went and showed my youthful mates my Christmas gift-a pair of shining skates! For those cheap skates I'd give my motor cars, my works of art, my Cuba-made cigars, my stocks and bonds, my hunters and my hounds, my stately mansion and my terraced grounds, if, having them, I once again might know, the joys I knew so long, so long ago!

-Walt Mason.

Yours in Kiwanis,
Harold G.

Club Membership 1952 –In Front of Julia's Tea Room



CLUB MEMBERS IN FRONT OF JULIA'S TEA ROOM 52

Early Meeting Places

- 1923 – Bond's Café
- 1923 – C. of C. Office
- 1931 - Upstairs City Hall
- 1942 – Pappas Café (Self Service)
- 1942 – Carson's Café
- 1948 - Julia's Tea Room
- 1953 – Spur Room
- 1954 – Jean's Café
- 1960 – Carson's Cafe

Unique Fundraisers

- One year an annual Kiwanis Minstrel Show was advertised with Max Smith as interlocutor. Again in 1927 a “Womanless Wedding” was announced, with “Alfred the Great Nolle as announcer.” The following year “The Womanless Divorce” was presented, with Dr. Nolle as attorney for the plaintiff, and Maurice Waldrip as “Mother of the Bride”! The tickets for these events were 50 cents.
- The early club depended heavily on dramatic productions, probably because of the availability of two former vaudevillians, Leslie Cooper and G. H. “Happy” Ward.
- The service clubs often forgot their rivalry long enough for a money-raising event. For instance, in February of 1938, a Kiwanis-Rotary Amateur Show for the Warm Springs Foundation was reported.

Legion of Honor, 1959

A Kiwanian who has been a member for twenty-five years is eligible to election to the Legion of Honor.



MEMBERS LEGION OF HONOR 1959

Early Club Activities - Personal Involvement

- Working in Pancake Supper
- Supplying drivers and cars to take boys to camp
- Leaders in United Fund Drive
- Clearing weeds and brush from Boy Scout Camp
- Repairing donated toys in Wiede's Shop for Christmas
- Chaperones for USO and High School Play Nights
- Driving to M.D. Anderson Clinic in Houston to give blood to a fellow Kiwanian

Ladies Night - 1960

SAN MARCOS
KIWANIS CLUB



Ladies Night and
Installation of Officers

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January 14, 1960
High School Cafeteria
7:00 o'clock P.M.

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1960 Theme:
"Freedom Is Up to You"

Officers-Directors -1960

1960 OFFICERS

President Dr. Charles W. Jarvis
Vice-President R. E. "Gene" Turpin
Secretary..... W. H. Tiner

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DIRECTORS

Malcolm Scott1960
Benge Elliott1960
V. E. Klossner.....1960
Marvin Altenhoff1961
Steve Gregg1961
Terry Jacks1961
Handler Smith1961