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The Rotarian Round-Up

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The Edinburg Rotary Legacy

THE CENTENNIAL



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Staying true to our Motto: A Week to the Boys

Designed to encourage the building of citizenship and leadership among young men, "Boys Week" was the Edinburg Rotary Club's first community outreach program.

- Boys' Day in School Tuesday, April 28, 1925
- Boys at Home Night, Tuesday Evening, April 28, 1925
- Boys' Day in Citizenship and Industry, Wednesday, April 29, 1925
- Loyalty and Health Day, Friday, May 1, 1925
- Boys' Outing, Saturday, May 2, 1925

Bellow you will find the excerpted language From the Edinburg Valley Review.

“Remember, our boys of today will be our business and professional men and our public officials of tomorrow.”

Edinburg Valley Review, Friday April 17, 1925

“This committee requests that all parents having boys set aside this evening for a real "old-fashioned at home" when the boys and all of the family can be together as a family.”

Edinburg Valley Review, Friday April 17, 1925

The legacy continues.

Origins of the Edinburg Rotary Club

The following information was gathered from the Rotary Club's 50th anniversary banquet program and had been recycled from the 15th anniversary.

- In the Fall of 1924, W.R. Montgomery "Monty" and Cam E. Hill proposed the organization of a Rotary Club in Edinburg
- Two Rotarians from McAllen assisted with the club's formation, and by December 1924, enough businessmen from Edinburg were on board, and a meeting was held
- At this meeting, W.R. Montgomery was elected club president
- The Edinburg Rotary Club received its official charter on February 18, 1925



Photograph: W.R. Montgomery, 39th Legislature, State Preservation Board

Gender Integration

Since the 1950s, numerous attempts have been made by clubs worldwide to allow women's participation.

- 1950: An Indian rotary club proposed the deletion of the word male from the standard rotary constitution
- 1977: Rotary Club of Duarte, California, admits women, resulting in the termination of the club's membership to Rotary International
- Duarte club then files a lawsuit that eventually reaches the Supreme Court
- 1987: The Supreme Court ruled that women cannot be excluded from the Rotary Club on the basis of gender
- 1989: Rotary Council on Legislation votes to remove the male-only membership requirement
- 2020: According to Rotary International, around 23% of Rotarians are women

Classification Principle

When Rotary International was founded in 1905, a fundamental aspect was the classification principle

- One club member per profession
- Rotary International would develop lists of hundreds of classifications to assist clubs with complying with the classification principle.

In a significant shift from longstanding tradition, Rotary International amended its membership policy in 2001 to allow more than one member per professional classification. As noted in the provision above, this change marked a departure from the organization's earlier structure.

“ Each active member shall be an adult male person of good character and good business or professional reputation... ”

Article V Section 2, Rotary International Constitution 1960

“ Active membership shall consist of but one man from each classification of business or profession. ”

Article V Section 4, Rotary International Constitution 1960



A LOOK INTO OUR PRESIDENTIAL LEGACY



2025 – 2026: Arlina Larson	1991 – 1992: Byron Lewis	1957 – 1958: T. Lawrence White
2024 – 2025: Manuel Cantú	1990 – 1991: F.J. Brewerton	1956 – 1957: Charles Fortson
2023 – 2024: Danny Torres	1989 – 1990: Carey Paul	1955 – 1956: Conway Wharton
2022 – 2023: Michael L. Tamez	1988 – 1989: Steve Reynolds	1954 – 1955: Frank Brackney
2021 – 2022: Caleb Reynolds	1987 – 1988: Bill Carlson	1953 – 1954: Don Ross
2020 – 2021: Rebecca Morrison	1986 – 1987: Ward Skinner	1952 – 1953: John A. Murray
2019 – 2020: Tim Smith	1985 – 1986: Al Medina	1951 – 1952: Harry Skinner
2018 – 2019: Marco Perez	1984 – 1985: Doug Martin	1950 – 1951: Henry Warren
2017 – 2018: Diane McLarty	1983 – 1984: Bill Platzer	1949 – 1950: Alfred Laughin
2016 – 2017: Frances Dicus	1982 – 1983: Bill Koen	1948 – 1949: C.E. Koen
2015 – 2016: Jane Cross	1981 – 1982: Larry Hunter	1947 – 1948: Herndon Aderhold, Sr.
2014 – 2015: Fred Perez IV	1980 – 1981: Skipper Smith	1946 – 1947: J.C. Hall
2013 – 2014: Amando Chapa	1979 – 1980: Mike Villarreal	1945 – 1946: Carl Van Way
2012 – 2013: Sabrina Walker-Hernandez	1978 – 1979: Phillip Bailey	1944 – 1945: James Keeble
2011 – 2012: Ricardo Torres	1977 – 1978: Don Naiser	1943 – 1944: Ohland Morton
2010 – 2011: Michael Sanchez	1976 – 1977: Preston Henrichson	1942 – 1943: Victor Bobo
2009 – 2010: Mark Magee	1975 – 1976: Bob Oaks	1941 – 1942: A.M. Tarbutton
2008 – 2009: Elias Longoria	1974 – 1975: Riley Peveto	1940 – 1941: S.W. Patrick
2007 – 2008: Marti Brewerton	1973 – 1974: L. Nathan Winters	1939 – 1940: Jim Courtney
2006 – 2007: Mark Peña	1972 – 1973: Paul Hetrick	1938 – 1939: H.A. Hodges
2005 – 2006: David Fridle	1971 – 1972: Luther Jasper	1937 – 1938: Fred Hagedorn
2004 – 2005: Ella de la Rosa	1970 – 1971: Fritz Hagedorn	1936 – 1937: A.W. Taylor
2003 – 2004: Don Cárdenas	1969 – 1970: W.C. Reynolds	1935 – 1936: A.A. Aldrich
2002 – 2003: Buddy Brown	1968 – 1969: Paul Voigt	1934 – 1935: Jack Trolinger
2001 – 2002: Michael Minor	1967 – 1968: Elmer Grounds	1933 – 1934: E.M. Smith
2000 – 2001: Mike McCann	1966 – 1967: Joe May	1932 – 1933: Douglas Mackenzie
1999 – 2000: David Sturges	1965 – 1966: Herndon Aderhold	1931 – 1932: A.C. Statham
1998 – 1999: Suzanne Scott	1964 – 1965: Joe Osment	1930 – 1931: Merle Edwards
1997 – 1998: Ron Risica	1963 – 1964: Charles Queen	1929 – 1930: J.W. Kirkpatrick
1996 – 1997: J.P. English	1962 – 1963: A. H. Karcher	1928 – 1929: George Brown
1995 – 1996: Judy Vinson	1961 – 1962: Tom Aderhold	1927 – 1928: R.E. Porterfield
1994 – 1995: Nario Cantú	1960 – 1961: E.D. Anderson	1926 – 1927: Ed A. Brown
1993 – 1994: Lloyd Davis	1959 – 1960: Harry Roberts	1924 – 1926: W.R. Montgomery
1992 – 1993: F.J. Brewerton	1958 – 1959: C.R. Fitzpatrick	