

## CLUB ARCHIVES

Here is a list that was typed up in 1996-97 by Club History chairman Tom Wier. Following is the list with underlined comments as to which of them were in the records turned over to Betty Whitbeck.

1. A summary of the period from 1964 through December 1974; prepared in 1975 by Alien Heidbreder (10 page - in 1974-75 file)
2. Another summary prepared for 1964 through June 1978 by Walt Wicker (13 pages); it can be found in the 1977-78 file. "District 5890 office has incomplete records on "our amazing feats" and this only for the late 80's-early 90's. I (Tom Weir?) have acquired their entire file, which needs to be copied and returned. It is mostly in the form of our annual reports to them. It's a start." Never received
4. Blastoff for most of the last 8-10 year on hand. "Making a Difference" articles now used by the Red Badge program also on file. Rosters of Boze Fellows and Paul Harris Fellows are on hand. Have a good many of the Blastoffs (see listing under each club-year folder. Have a good supply of "Make a Difference. Never received rosters of Boze or Paul Harris Fellows
5. The related stories of RNASA Foundation, our World Health Foundation and our Space Center Rotary Foundation should be available in some form for the asking. Only information I received was Rotary Basic Library for 1987.
6. There are reported to be several boxes of information stored by two previous recent chairmen of the Club History committee. I hope to get the material shortly so that we will know what we don't have to look for. Don't know if received or not
7. There are undoubtedly formal records as well as assorted memorabilia in the hands of club members and officers. We need to acquire to copy as much of this as can reasonably be done. Don't believe this was ever done.
8. Our club photographers for the Blastoff have assembled a wealth of interesting material that was not published there for lack of space Have lots of pictures—no way of knowing who they are.

### Plans for Achieving Goals. From 1996-97 History Committee

- a. We have the list of all club presidents since startup.  
Limit the pursuit to the period since the last historical summary
  - b. Divide the work load into 2-year period assignments
  - c. Contact selected presidents for records and for the  
names of other officers and directors, particularly the club secretary and the Shrimporee (and other fund raiser) chairmen. Ask the presidents for comments on the main events of their year.
  - d. Contact the club secretaries. The goal of the collection effort is construction of a complete file of Board Minutes and actions
  - e. Contact the Shrimporee and other chairmen for all records available
  - f. Pick up whatever membership rosters are available
2. Evaluate the success of the collection. Decide on any effort, action needed
  3. Appeal to the club membership for the specifics of what records are missing and for memorabilia that add color to our history and fun to the search
  4. Regroup to decide on a plan for summarizing the basic information we have gathered into a condensed history. As a minimum, organize the cataloging and storage of the material so that it can be accessed as needed.
  5. Establish a procedure for annual additions of current records.

### Your 1997-98 historian's comments on maintaining archives The main problems I have discovered:

1. There is no system that requires the same types of memorabilia to be maintained every year, such as copies of Blastoff, membership rolls, the Club Assembly, and a list of the major accomplishments of the year. These are such valuable sources when tracing the club's history, and judging from Blastoff's weekly listing of speaker's topics, provide a good source for what was happening in the world, the country, the Clear Lake area, and in Rotary.

2. DATE EVERYTHING AND WRITE LEGIBLY

Identify all dates relating to Rotary as the club year 1996-97 rather than just 1997; obviously, if only 1996 is used there's no way to know if it refers to 1996-97 or 1997-98.

3. The Club should keep complete files of "The Rotarian" and the District 589 publication; these would be good sources for statistics on number of clubs and members, and dates of international and district conferences. I called Rotary International, and they do not keep old files of the Rotarians!!! For instance, the May 1966 copy of the "Rotarian," page 19, the only one I have, says in a footnote on page 19 that there was an article in the October, 1961 "Rotarian," entitled "Club in Countdown Country." I'd love to know what that article is about, three years before Space Center Rotary came into existence.