



Remembering the Saints that Came Before Us in Greenville

By Rick Billingslea

If you have been a Rotary member for a week, a month, a decade, or forever, you are important to me and the world. We all know names like Paul Harris and Arch Klumph. Even Senator Diane Feinstein and Mike Berg are great Rotarians. But your club was started by someone and managed by someone else who recruited someone else. This is our Legacy - the chain of membership from the beginning till today and into tomorrow. We are Rotarians because we care and we care about Rotarians.

It is incredible how many things have changed in the last couple of years. There once was a time when members were subject to strict attendance requirements. We have members who have had perfect attendance for 30, 40 and 50 years. One such member was my good friend Bill Jackson.

Unfortunately, Bill passed away last year. Because of all the covid issues, closings, shutdowns, virtual meetings, and social distancing, Bill did not have his name submitted to district leadership in time to recognize him at our district conference. We want to make sure that we don't make that mistake again and overlook any Rotarian who has contributed to our district. It is the ultimate gift your club can do in service to one who lived a life of service above self.

So, please help us honor those Saints who came before us and submit active Rotarians who have passed from this world so we can recognize them at the memorial service this spring in Greenville.

Please submit names, high-resolution pictures, and a brief tribute to the ladies at the district office and Rick Billingslea. Email them to admin@rotarydistrict6910.org and edabc1@gmail.com.