Past District Governor Dr. Jack Smith Staggs
September 16, 1925 - December 17, 2017

Jack Smith Staggs was born in Malvern, Arkansas on September 16, 1925 and died December 17, 2017 in Huntsville, Texas. He is survived by sister Mary Guyer of Weirsdale, Florida; nieces Lindel Fletcher and Joan Reed; nephews Douglas Johnson and Harry Staggs. He was preceded in death by his parents Nettie and Emory Staggs; his wife of 64 years, Kathleen; sisters Vera Gross and Ima Miller; brothers Madison, James, Raymond, and Nathaniel; nephews Frank Guyer and Bobby Jack Gross.

Jack graduated from Malvern High School as valedictorian of his class, completed the Navy V – 12 Program at the University Oklahoma and Officer Training School at Harvard University prior to serving as Supply Disbursing Officer at the Roi-Namur Air Base in the Marshall Islands in World War II.

He received his B.S. Degree from Central Arkansas University, his M. A. Degree from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University and his Ed.D. Degree from the University of Houston. For more than fifty years, Dr. Staggs was a professional educator serving as teacher, counselor or administrator at both junior college and university levels. The assignment he enjoyed most was teacher; to him nothing was more rewarding than interacting with a room filled with students. Regardless of his assignment, he always managed to teach one or more classes.

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A Memorial Service for Dr. Jack Staggs is scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 2 pm at First United Methodist Church.
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Jack and Kathleen moved to Texas in 1949 when the position of school counselor received first legal recognition with the signing of the Gilmer-Aikin Bill that year. Jack had been trained as a counselor at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. He was invited to come to Texas and served as school counselor in various schools in South Texas.

While employed by the Corpus Christi Independent School District he was asked to develop a counseling program for Del Mar College, which he directed for three and a half years. Following an address to the Texas Personnel and Guidance Association in San Antonio in October, 1959 Dr. Elliot Bowers invited him to visit Sam Houston State Teachers College where he did and joined the faculty in January 1960.

At Sam Houston he served as Director of the Department of Education and Psychology, Coordinator of Graduate Programs in Education and/or Professor for 33 years. During these years, he also coordinated seminars for gifted students from area high schools, secured a Phi Delta Kappa Chapter for graduate students, and served on many committees of the University. He established endowed awards to honor the doctoral students submitting the best dissertation in Educational Leadership and in Counseling each calendar year. The Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling dedicated the Jack S. Staggs Counseling clinic in his honor in 2004.

Dr. Staggs served as President of Region VI School Board Association, President of the Board of Trustees of Huntsville Independent School District, served on the Huntsville Arts Commission, the Cultural Activities Board, the Huntsville Education Foundation Board, and various committees for the First United Methodist Church.

In Rotary he served as President of the Huntsville Rotary Club, as Governor of Rotary District 5910, as a delegate to the Council on Legislation in New Delhi, India, led a Group Study Exchange Team to England, a Youth Exchange Group to Germany, and attended eleven International meetings. He received the Service Above Self Award from Rotary International in 1998, the first awarded to a Rotarian in District 5910.

Dr. Staggs was a very private person who avoided publicity of all kinds whenever possible. He was interested in the biological and physical aspects of nature; he enjoyed reading and visited most countries of the world. He spent part of most evenings reading and listening to classical music. He was interested in the biological and physical aspects of nature; he enjoyed reading and visiting most countries of the world. He spent part of most evenings reading and listening to classical music. He enjoyed reading and listening to classical music. He enjoyed helping other both young and old; he looked for the best in others and gave the best he had. Some called him Mr. Education, others called him Mr. Counseling, and some of the children in our church called him Mr. Bowtie. In honor of this, please wear your favorite bowtie to his memorial service.

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. A Memorial Service is scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 2 pm at First United Methodist Church with the Reverend Daniel Irving officiating. His ashes will be buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Spartanburg, South Carolina. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church at 1016 Sam Houston Avenue, Huntsville, Texas 77320 and the Huntsville Education Foundation at 441 FM 2821 East Huntsville, Texas 77320/c/o Shannon Duncan.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com, Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville, 936-291-7360. Published in Houston Chronicle on Dec. 31, 2017.
Rotary Family Christmas
Thank you Debbie and Gary Hood for hosting!

2018 Rotary District 5910 Conference
Palestine, TX April 27-29

Huntsville Rotary Club Committee List 2017-2018

Fall Fundraisers Assignments as of August 2017
**Fair on the Square – Sausage. Sat. 10/7**

Mac Woodward  
Maria McIver  
Ivo Nelson  
Jennifer Davis  
Brent Sherrod  
Bill Daugette  
Marcus Gillespie  
Karen Hewitt  
Phil Palmer

Don Johnson  
Dalene Zender  
John Hendricks  
Walter Bennett  
Natalie Mimms  
Jack Olsta  
Simeon Hinton  
John Sanders

**Polio Day - Fair on the Square Sat. 10/7**

Darren Williams – Chair  
Marcus Gillespie

David Thompson  
Roberto Fernandez

*Rotaractors*

**Pancake Breakfast and Family Fun October 21, 2017**

Mac Woodward  
Ivo Nelson  
Marcus Gillespie

Don Johnson  
Scott Francis  
John Sanders

**SPRING FUNDRAISERS**

**Wine Tasting Event - Friday, February 23, 2018**

Karen Hewitt – Chair  
Ivo Nelson  
Jennifer Davis  
Terri Coleman  
Marjolein Lemmon  
Maria McIver  
Simeon Hinton

Dalene Zender  
John Hendricks  
Debbie Charbonneau  
Dana Nicolay  
Roberto Fernandez  
Nancy Gaertner

**Trivia Night - Late April or Early May 2018**

John Hendricks – Chair  
Shannon Brown  
Darren Williams  
Aron Kulhavy  
Marjolein Lemmon

Don Johnson  
Jennifer Davis  
Lydia Montgomery  
Jane Monday  
Nancy Gaertner

**FALL SERVICE PROJECTS**

**Safety Town**

Marcus Gillespie – Chair  
Jack Olsta  
Natalie Mimms  
Paul Davidhizar  
David Thompson  
Roberto Fernandez  
Buddy Aber

David Standlee  
Aron Kulhavy  
Ivo Nelson  
Jennifer Davis  
John Hendricks  
Nelson Amaya

**Swaddling Blanket Committee - Two events – Oct. 25, 2017 & April 11, 2018**

Natalie Mimms – Chair  
Karen Hewitt

Li-Jen Shannon  
David Standlee
RYLA Program Committee – Fall preparation for event in January
Paul Davidhizar
David Standlee
Nelson Amaya
Simeon Hinton
Todd Armstrong
David Thompson - Co-chair
Roberto Fernandez - Chair

SPEAKING PROJECTS

SPRING SERVICE PROJECTS

Tree Planting Event - Saturday, Feb 3, 2018
Marcus Gillespie – Chair
Natalie Mimms
Mac Woodward
Jennifer Davis
Marjolein Lemmon
Brent Sherrod
Roberto Fernandez
Vicki Sides
Don Burrow
Dalene Zender
Kevin Edney
David Standlee
Darren Williams

Back to Nature Day at the State Park - Saturday April 21, 2018
Viki Sides
Scott Francis
Maria McIver
Michelle Spencer
Marcus Gillespie - Chair
Natalie Mimms
Ivo Nelson

Scholarship Committee - Late Spring
Jane Monday
Bill Green – Chair
Jack Olsta
Don Johnson
Ivo Nelson
Jennifer Davis
Nelson Amaya
George Miles
Carol Smith
Bill Daugette
Maria McIver
Darlene Zender
J. Turner

4-Way Test Essay Competition – Late Spring
Bill Daugette
Karen Hewitt
Jennifer Davis

SERVICE PROJECTS AND CLUB SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Early Act First Night – All academic year
J. Turner
Maria McIver
Marcus Gillespie (Chair)
Karen Hewitt
Ivo Nelson
Dalene Zender
Jennifer Davis
Lydia Montgomery

Supplies for Housing Insecure Students – throughout the year
Jane Monday – Chair
Jennifer Davis
Marjolein Lemmon
Bill Green
Simeon Henton

Good Shepherd Mission – throughout the year
Marcus Gillespie – Chair
Ivo Nelson
Roberto Fernandez
Natalie Mimms
Karen Hewitt

Rotary Youth Exchange Committee – throughout the year
Glen Mattingly – Chair
Marcus Gillespie
Howell Wright
Roberto Fernandez
Carol Mattingly – Co-Chair
John Hendricks
Nelson Amaya

Guest Speaker Committee – throughout the year
Don Johnson
Debbie Charbonneau
Maria McIver - Chair

Share Your Rotary Story – 11 times by 11 individuals/one each month
Darren Williams
Rhonda Ellisor
Lydia Montgomery
Joe Agins
### Social Events Committee – throughout the year
- Debbie Charbonneau
- Ivo Nelson
- Marjolein Lemmon
- John Hendricks
- Nelson Amaya
- Terri Coleman
- Jennifer Davis
- Rhonda Ellisor
- Darren Williams

### Red Badge Committee – throughout the year
- Carol Mattingly – Chair
- Marjolein Lemmon
- John Hendricks
- Glen Mattingly - Chair
- Rhonda Ellisor

### Public awareness/Public relations Committee – throughout the year
- Debbie Charbonneau
- Rhonda Ellisor - Chair

### Membership Committee – throughout the year
- Don Johnson – Chair
- Jennifer Davis
- Debbie Charbonneau