

FOR MAR. 11, 2002
Rotary Meeting

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WHO IS CHARLES HENERY HARTMAN (JUNE 10, 1923 – APRIL 22, 2001)

CHARLES HENERY HARTMAN WAS BORN JUNE 10th, 1923 IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA. HE MET VIRGINIA LOUISE SHOUSE (JENNIE LOU) WHILE ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL IN SAPULTA, OKLAHOMA. HE WAS 17 AND SHE WAS 15 YEARS OLD. SHE WAS HIS FIRST GIRLFRIEND AND THREE YEARS LATER WHILE HE WAS IN THE ARMY THEY GOT MARRIED. JENNIE SAYS THAT TOGETHER THEY WON THE WAR. CHARLES JOINED THE U. S. ARMY AIR FORCE IN 1942. HE WAS A PILOT ON A B-24 BOMBER IN THE PACIFIC THEATER HAVING FLOWN MORE THAN FORTY MISSIONS. HE PILOTTED THE FIRST RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT OVER NAGASAKI, JAPAN FOLLOWING THE DROPPING OF THE BOMB. HE WAS DISCHARGED IN 1947.

CHARLES AND JENNIE LOU HAD TWO SONS; CHARLES RICHARD RESIDING WITH HIS FAMILY IN EL PASO, TEXAS AND ROGER RESIDING WITH HIS FAMILY IN SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA. THEY HAVE FOUR GRAND CHILDREN AND ONE GREAT GRANDSON.

ON LEAVING THE SERVICE HE WENT TO WORK FOR J.C. PENNY FOR TWENTY YEARS. HE THEN OPENED AND OPERATED A DEPARTMENT STORE IN PASADENA. WANTING TO LIVE IN THE CLEAR LAKE AREA, HE LATER OPENED A MENS CLOTHING STORE IN CLEAR LAKE CITY.. AS JENNIE LOU PUT IT "HE FINALLY GOT TIRED OF THE RAG BUSINESS " AND DECIDED TO GET HIS REAL ESTATE LICENSE AND BECOME A COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE BROKER – WHICH HE TRULY ENJOYED.

JENNY LOU SAID THAT CHARLES NEVER HAD A HOBBY AND SO ROTARY ACTIVITIES BECAME HIS HOBBY. HE HELD ALMOST EVERY OFFICE IN THIS CLUB. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF SPACE CENTER ROTARY IN 1984-1985.

1. HE WAS CO-FOUNDER OF RNASA AND OF WORLD HEALTH FOUNDATION.
2. ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE SCR ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION.
3. ACTIVE MOTIVATOR OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE.
4. ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST COMMITTEE.
5. SPENT ONE YEAR AS SCR REPRESENTATIVE HELPING THE SEABROOK ROTARY CLUB, WHICH WE SPONSORED, TO GET STARTED, GET ORGANIZED AND GET MOVING..
6. HE WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN ROTARY DISTRICT ACTIVITIES AND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES.
7. CHARLES HARTMAN WAS THAT KIND OF MAN WHO WAS LOVED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM.