

PAULOS MATHAI, M.D.



Fair Parkers were shocked, stunned and grieved as we learned Saturday evening, January 22nd, that Paul Mathai had been killed in a plane crash that morning.

Paul and another doctor were headed to Brownwood for a day of hunting. They arrived in the Brownwood area before 7:00 a.m. At 6:50 a.m. on approach, maneuvering to land to the north in twilight conditions, Paul encountered some power lines. They quickly became

entangled in his landing gear and possibly his propeller. The plane went pretty much straight in at that point, the avgas on board contributing to both a big explosion and a post crash fire. Paul and Dr. Brinker were killed instantly.

Paul was an enthusiastic participant in life and had many interests, whether it be flying, Rotary, his family, his beehives, or his work as a physician. He loved them all. He had just returned earlier this month from taking his entire family back to his native India.

Paul came to us at Fair Park because of his wish to wear a Rotary pin with wings – the IFFR (Flying Rotarians) pin. The late PDG Vactor Stanford was helping the late “Dub” Carter sell his beloved straight 36 Beech Bonanza to Paul when Paul noticed those wings on Vac’s lapel and expressed his interest. Vac was quick to pick up that interest and proposed him as a member of Fair Park.

Paul is survived by his wife, Nirmala, and their daughters. A memorial service will be held this Saturday, January 29th at St. Rita’s Roman Catholic Church, 12521 Inwood Road in Dallas (near Jesuit Prep School). I’ve heard both 10:30 and 11:00 as being start times: consult the paper or e-mails. There will be a Wake on Friday night the 28th, time and place to be announced.

The picture above was taken on January 6th at our regular meeting.

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LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, Abrams and LaVista
in Dallas.
JANUARY 27, 2005

Willis Cecil Winters AIA

FAIR PARK ARCHITECTURE RESTORATION

Willis Winters has practiced architecture in Dallas for 24 years. He is an Assistant Director with the Dallas Park and Recreation Department, where he directs planning and capital development for one of the largest park systems in the nation, including the ongoing restoration of the National Historic Landmark architecture at Fair Park. Under Mr. Winters’ direction, Fair Park has been recognized with thirteen local, state and national preservation awards

Mr. Winters is active in both the American Institute of Architects and Preservation Dallas. He has been recognized by Dallas AIA with its two highest awards, Young Architect of the Year and the President’s Medal. He served as Vice President of Dallas AIA in 1994 and has served on the Board of Directors of the Dallas Architectural Foundation. He has also chaired the AIA Twenty-Five Year Award Committee since 1997. Mr. Winters has written extensively for *Texas Architect* magazine since 1988 and currently serves as a Contributing Editor for that publication. Mr. Winters has also won numerous awards for his drawing, photography and design. In 1992, he photographed “The See-Through Years” for Rice University Press, named Architecture Book of the Year by the *New York Times*.

Mr. Winters has served on the Board of Directors of Preservation Dallas and has been a panelist and lecturer for numerous tours sponsored by that organization, as well as additional tours sponsored by Dallas AIA. Since 1995, he has lectured on Dallas residential architecture at the nationally acclaimed realtor seminar sponsored by Preservation Dallas. Mr. Winters has been recognized by both Preservation Dallas and Preservation Texas with their highest awards for public service.

Mr. Winters is a member of the Society of Architectural Historians and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He was the principal writer for the *AIA Guide to Dallas Architecture*, published in 1999 by McGraw Hill. He is currently working on *The Buildings of Texas*, to be published next year by the Society of Architectural Historians and Oxford University Press.

Recently, Mr. Winters has directed the Park Department’s nationally acclaimed Long Range Development Plan, which resulted in the successful passage of a \$100 million bond program in 2003 – the largest in the city’s history. In 2003, he completed ambitious master plans for Fair Park and downtown parks.

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CHARTER / SWEETHEART BANQUET

We began signing up last Thursday to commit to attending our next evening fellowship event, our annual Charter Banquet. Since our charter anniversary is the day before Valentine’s Day, we also use the theme of Sweetheart Banquet.

This year, we are planning on the evening of Thursday, February 10th. The details have not yet been finalized. Usual time is gathering at 6:30 and the meal starting about 7:00. PP Sandy Landers is heading the planning for this event. If you have any suggestions, Sandy will be glad to hear from you.

In keeping with the Sweetheart theme, we have always invited the widows (which now includes one widower) and sometimes other family members of our deceased members to attend. Once the details are confirmed, we’ll be issuing our invitations to them.



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VISITORS

Visitors last week (January 20th) included the following Rotarians: From Park Cities: **David Baxter, Sam Montgomery, Bart Noble** and **Orville Salmon**. From Preston Center: **Bud Bush**.

Fair Parkers always love to host visitors, so come back soon and often, and bring your friends!

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY IS THIS
 SATURDAY, JANUARY 29TH



If you cannot think of anything to be thankful for, you have a poor memory.

Quoted in Fullokachi, Bulletin of Rotary Club of Idabel, Oklahoma

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WILSON PETERS JANUARY 23
 STEPHEN POTTOORE FEBRUARY 1
 PETRA GEARA FEBRUARY 2

Wilson Peters celebrated his first birthday as a grandpa last Sunday, January 23rd. He left last week before we could tune up and serenade him. Let's tune up this week and sing him a hearty birthday anthem!

Also, we need to celebrate the birthdays coming up this next week of Stephen Pottoore (February 1) and Petra Geara (February 2). Let's tune up for Stephen and Petra.



*WEDDED
 BLISS
 February 2
 Leola & Leola Woods*

This coming Wednesday, "Woody" Woods and Leola will be celebrating their wedding anniversary. Let's get an early start this week and serenade Woody with the anniversary anthem.

Woody, we hope you and Leola have many more happy anniversaries.

SALVATION ARMY CONTRIBUTION



With both Colonel Orville Salmon and our own Captain Brett Meredith present at our meeting last week (January 20th), President Jim Yarbrough took the opportunity to present our club's contribution for the Christmas season 2004 to The Salvation Army.

Park Cities Rotarian (and former Fair Parker some 40 years ago) Col. Orville Salmon, center is shown accepting the check from President Jim, as Fair Park's own Capt. Brett Meredith watches.

**WE INDUCT A NEW MEMBER
 JEFF BROWN**



PDG Milton Kessel had the privilege of inducting a new member last Thursday. He himself had proposed Jeff Brown, manager of the Target Store on Northwest Highway between Skillman and Abrams.

Milton and PP Sandy Landers had met Jeff last summer as they planned the annual school supply outing. Jeff not only helped them to get the most "bang for our bucks," when they shopped at Target, but also was able to help support our efforts through Target's commitment to charitable community support. That really s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d out our dollars.

The picture was taken right after Milton had clipped the new member red nametag onto Jeff. We'll have some more information about Jeff in a future Rotanews.

RAFFLE INTEGRITY



PP2 Tom Fox was running our weekly raffle last week, and had our brand new member,

Jeff Brown, pull the winning ticket. It just happened to be Tom's own ticket.

So, Tom took our full bag of marbles, and had PP Sandy Landers draw for the red marble. Chance smiled not on Tom, for Sandy drew a clear marble on his behalf. However, like we say, he did make friends.

There will be one less clear marble in the bag this week.

DESSERT OF THE MONTH

PP Al Lewis brought two of wife Cathy's dessert creations to Sandy Landers and David Caddell. They had been the successful bidders on the "dessert of the month" at our silent auction last year. After a suggestion that we pray that the desserts be multiplied, we decided it was just too many calories to multiply.

The cakes were beautiful to look at, and we're sure a delight to the palate.



DUES IS / ARE DUE!

Club dues for the second half of the Rotary year were due on January 1st. Regular dues are \$75 semiannually (that figures to \$150 per year) for regular active members. Checks should be made payable to: Rotary Club of Fair Park.

Treasurer J. J. Lowe reminds you to go ahead and take care of this. If you need a statement or bill to get this paid, please let him know. Mail the check or bring to our next meeting. If you are mailing, our remittance address is:

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