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Bill Dozier Remembered

By Susan Sander



Twenty-one years ago, I had no idea the role Bill Dozier would play in my life or how intertwined our paths would become. In 1986, he became my boss at the Kerrville Daily Times where he was the owner and publisher. I was a staff photographer. When I had an idea for a Father's Day photo-story he encouraged it – even when I wanted to include a photo of Bill and his daughter, Caroline, who followed her father's footsteps in the newspaper trade.

Recently, while looking through a box of old RNC photos, I found many with Bill in them. It's true: a picture is worth a thousand words. Each one brings back a story, and another chapter in the history of Riverside. During the spring of 1987 while on assignment for the paper, I first saw the Whitfield Scott property abloom with wildflowers. With some trepidation I broached him with my wild idea for preserving that property as a nature center. He didn't tell me how to do it, but he did humor me with several front page stories that outlined the

proposal and tentative steps. When the idea of the nature center grew enough to warrant formal organization in 1989, Bill and Eleanor Dozier were among the first charter life members. His participation provided tremendous moral support, and his connections gave the project legitimacy. He brought in other community leaders who took on various roles on the board, and even helped hammer out the by-laws and non-profit paperwork.

For several years, Bill served as board president and treasurer, and continued his support of RNC. At our first annual meeting held on the property in 1992—a group gathered outside in the shade of a pecan tree, sitting in lawn chairs on the slab of an old garage that had been demolished. There Bill outlined the goals and gave the financial report. At the annual meeting in 1993, a photo captured Bill painting the old farm house that served as our headquarters. In the above photo, Bill along with L.D. Brinkman and James Avery marked the halfway-point in RNC's capital campaign to complete the purchase of the property. On Earth Day, 1994, Bill was there to celebrate the dedication of the newly planted arboretum. At the 1995 annual meeting, Bill helped burn the mortgage note—another major landmark! He wasn't one for being out in front, but if he was working in the background, you could be sure he was doing something good for the community! Thank you, Bill!

**COME SEE
WHAT'S NEW
in the RNC
Gift Shop!**

We've been building up our inventory for Earth Day, so come early to buy the many new items that include:

Dinosaur Globes, magnifying glasses, compasses, birdhouses, bird feeders, postcards, note cards, posters, toys, candy, hand-sewn vests and aprons, RNC tee-shirts and caps with our logo, placemats, napkins, coasters, wine stoppers, candle holders, dolls, decorative plates, beautiful NEW jewelry, interesting BOOKS, hand carved wood walking sticks and animals and MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!!

**SOME-
THING
ELSE
NEW:**



**We NOW have a
fax machine num-
ber! 257-7844**

Meet Two More of the New RNC Board Members



Jack R. Millikan is one of our new board members. He spent his early years in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He attended Oklahoma Christian University and The University of Oklahoma where he received a BS in Electrical Engineering and an MBA in Finance.

Jack's 13 years in the U.S. Navy included 9 years as a Midshipman and Navy Aviator and 4 years as a pilot. He was an Airborne Electronic Reconnaissance Commander with a crew of 23 flying in the Western Pacific, including Sea of Japan, China Sea, Tonkin Gulf, Aleutian Islands of Alaska and Pacific Ocean.

His work experience has included marketing,

planning, and refining coordination and finance for Gulf Oil. He worked for Chevron in the Marketing Division and at Chevron Headquarters in Special Projects, Operations, Transportation and Purchasing. He retired from Chevron in 1999.

Jack and Karen moved to Kerrville in 2004. However, Jack has lived in Pensacola, Florida; Corpus Christi, Texas; Atsugi, Japan; Washington DC; Philadelphia, PA; Port Arthur/Beaumont, Texas; Houston, Texas; Walnut Creek/Concord, Calif.

Jack's activities over the years have kept him busy and involved. Some of these include teaching bible class, Chairman of the Board of Eastern European Mission, Board Member for Center for Church Growth, member of Kerr County Cactus & Succulent Society, member of Riverside Nature Center and he is enrolled in Texas Master Naturalist training. He enjoys golf, tennis, travel and landscaping. Welcome, Jack!

Linda has been asked to join the RNC as one of our new board members. The invitation surprised and flattered Linda, who accepted the responsibility and is looking forward to adding her skills to further our goals.

Linda was raised in Ohio and Pennsylvania, moving to Texas in 1982. She lived in Coppell until the owners of the Wildgoose Store in Ingram convinced her that the Hill County was more her style than the big city, and she discovered that they were right.

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**...new Board Member,
Linda Karst Stone**
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**Welcome, New
Members To RNC!!**

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Linda is a self-employed artist. As a high school student she was introduced to scrimshaw, the old nautical whaler's art of etching on ivory and bone. She attended the University of Toledo and the Toledo Museum of Art, focusing on anatomy, figure drawing and design. Scrimshaw is still her main interest, where she applies her talent to ancient and antique ivory pieces. Linda exhibits at select custom knife shows and enjoys her collaborations with knife makers and collectors worldwide.

In 2000, Linda married local contractor Mark Stone who has been building here since 1982. They now combine their talents to bring life back to old buildings here in Kerrville. Their restored train depot, "Rails", won an award in 2004 for the best renovation project in the state of Texas. Kerr County Abstract and the Peterson Place, both on Earl Garrett, are among their completed restorations. Linda is the team's landscape designer on all of these projects and she hopes to keep her hands dirty with us at the Riverside Nature Center, too.

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Important Upcoming Events

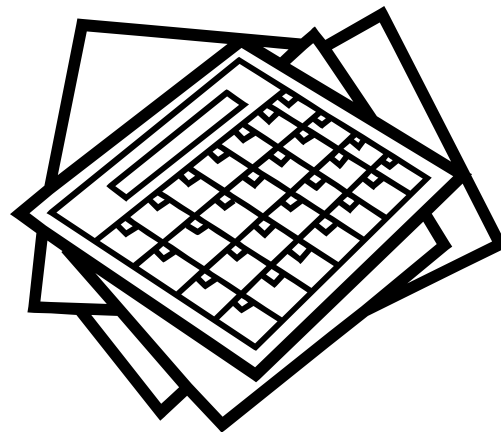
****Sat., May 12th Book Review of
*Water from Stone*** (The story of the
Bamberger Ranch. Sponsored by Golden
Eagle Landscaping in celebration of 25 Years)

****Sat., Apr 21st Earth Day
Celebration & Native Plant Sale**

****Sat., Sept 15 SEED** (Some Enchanted
Evening Dinner)

****Sat., Oct. 13 Down By the Riverside
Festival & Native Plant Sale**

****Sat., Oct. 20 Rendezvous By the
River** (A Celebration of Archeology)



Mark your calendars for May 5!!! The Texas Hill Country Chapter of the Society of American Foresters are conducting a **workshop** on **TREE MANAGEMENT!** Topics will include: Identification & management of oak wilt; Tree Selection; Planting and Avoiding Construction Damage; Pruning Young & Mature Trees (with demonstration)! The workshop runs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the RNC Visitor Center meeting room. The cost: \$30 per person.

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