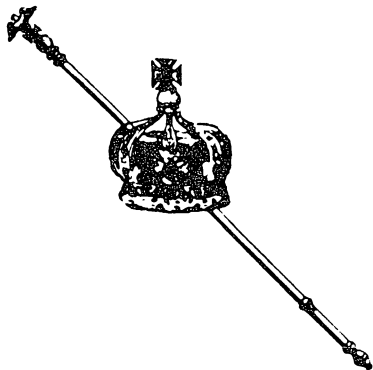




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June 12, 1989

Dr. Hector P. Garcia  
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Dear Dr. Garcia,

As per our conversation yesterday, regarding the history and organization of the Hi-Fairnessee Girls Club, I have enclosed this information in an effort that you may be able to communicate with the Office of the President of the United States.

I have mailed President Bush an invitation and request for a letter of congratulations, proclamation or resolution in honor of the girls club. If his office is unable to sent a representative to make the presentation perhaps you may be able to, in his behalf.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

*Johnny S. Alaniz*  
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# History and Organization of the **HI-FAIRNESSEE GIRLS' CLUB**

Fifty eight years ago, the Hi-Fairnessee Girls Club originated as a co-ed club. A year later, 1932, it became strictly a girls' club, headed by Mrs. Galvan.

The club's first task as an organization was to establish a goal — this goal or purpose is to honor the seniors and to sponsor activities during the Club year, thereby providing wholesome entertainment for the youth of Corpus Christi.

At this time, members of 1932, chose the name of Hi-Fairnessee which means "friendliest." Those girls of 1932 proved to be friendly and we, of 1989, strive to follow in their footsteps.

As a motto, those young ladies selected "Reach Your Goal," the colors, "Purple and Gold" and the musical composition, "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You."

Members may attend any of the local schools, whether parochial or public and must be Catholics. Membership is limited to three or two years, therefore a girl's senior year is her last year as a member.

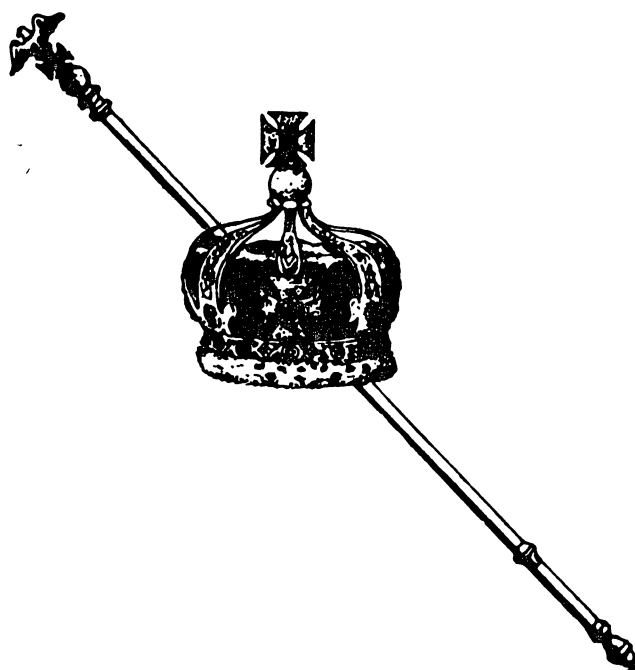
We the members of the 1989 Hi-Fairnessee Girls' Club, are truly indebted to our founders, for the wisdom and farsightness that they manifested in establishing the principles and ideals which the club so ardently strives to imitate.

HI-FAIRNESSEE GIRLS CLUB

COMMUNITY SERVICES BY THE HI-FAIPNESSEE  
GIRLS CLUB

1. HOSTED A BEACH PARTY FOR SISTER CITY EXCHANGE STUDENTS FROM JAPAN AND TAMPICO MEXICO. BETTER COMMUNITY RELATIONS WITH STUDENTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. AND THE UNITED STATES.
2. VOLUNTEER WORK ANSWERING PHONES AND WORKING FISH BOWL FOR MDA.
3. BAYFEST-TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM ( CANCELLED DUE TO HURRICANE GILBERT)
4. HELPED AT SHRINE CIRCUS WITH HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. HELPED WITH WHEELCHAIRS AND STAYED WITH THEM UNTIL THE CIRCUS WAS OVER.
5. MADE BEAUTIFUL HALLOWEEN BAGS FOR CHILDREN AT DRISCOLL CHILDREN'S ALL DECORATED DIFFERENT AND MADE ARRANGEMENT FOR HOSPITAL TO MAKE IT PLESANT FOR EVERYONE. ALL CHILDREN ENJOYED THIS VERY MUCH AND THE CLUB MEMBERS AND OFFICERS FELT MUCH BETTER ABOUT THEMSELVES AFTER DONATING THIS TIME TO THE LESS FORTUNATE.
6. DONATED FOOD BASQUETS TO NEEDY FAMILIES AT THANKSGIVING. FIVE LOW INCOME CATHOLIC CHURCHES PRIESTS RECOMMENDED FAMILIES THAT WERE NOT GOING TO AFFORD A THANKSGIVING DINNER SO WE DONATED FOOD BASQUETS INCLUDING TURKEY, JAMS, PIES, ROLLS, FRUIT, CAN GOODS ETC. MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO ENJOY A THANKSGIVING DINNER.
7. DELIVERD WARM BOOTIES TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS AT ALAMEDA OAKS NURSING HOME. THERE IS A LOT OF SENIOR CITIZENS WHO ARE VERY LONELY AND NEGLECTED SO WE BRIGHTEN THEIR DAY ESPECIALLY AT XMAS.
8. HELPED DECORATE BAYFRONT PLAZA FOR THE PADRES SAY NOPE TO DOPE.
9. ANSWERED PHONES AT CHANNEL 16 FOR LINDA RONDSTAT, PLEDGES FOR STATION
10. HELPED ALFREDO FLOWERS SELL FLOWERS ON THE CINCO DE MAYO FUND RAISER WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS BOYS CLUB. THIS EVENT WAS SPONSORED BY THE CORPUS CHRISTI POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.
11. EVERY MONTH THE CLUB ATTENDS MASS AND RECEIVE COMMUNION AT A DIFFERENT CATHOLIC CHURCH. IN MOST OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ARE RECOGNIZED, SINCE MOST OF THE YOUNG LADIES ARE MEMBERS AND DONATE THEIR PERSONAL TIME TO THEIR CHURCH.

# History of Hi-Fairnessee Girls' Club



By Annie Stevens Castro

## DEDICATION

To Mrs. Johnny Alaniz and Mrs. David Longoria who have given so much of their time and talent toward making our fiftieth reunion of all members and ex-members a success and a reality; this first issue of the History of the Hi-Fairnessee Girls' Club is gratefully dedicated.

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## HISTORY OF HI-FAIRNESSEE GIRLS' CLUB

Necessity and desire are the mother of all ideas which require time and work to be developed. The original co-ed Hi-Fairnessee Club was founded in January, 1930. It served as the foundation for the Hi-Fairnessee Girls' Club. Many controversies developed during the years but all were solved. The meaning of Hi-Fairnessee has been misconstrued. Hi-Fairnessee means exactly what it implies, fairness of the highest quality in any language.

There were three reasons for these teenagers to organize the Hi-Fairnessee Club. First was the economical reason. This can be clearly described by saying the depression was on. We decided if we combined our meager resources we would have a better time at a cheaper cost. The second reason was for the purpose of socializing with our own peers. Moral rules and mores were strict. (time 1929-1933) The third reason was humanitarian love. Every student was ready to extend a helping hand. We had the yearning to belong to something that would be our very own. A club served as an outlet for our enjoyment as well as our hopes and dreams. It was not only the thrill of graduation but we had in our mind success in our life ahead.

In order to give a true history of the club, I have to start in September, 1929 which was the beginning of the school year at the Corpus Christi Senior High School (now Roy Miller High School). We were all well known friends, and quite a few came all the way from elementary school. Nearly everyone knew each other well. We didn't have to make friends because we were all well acquainted with one another.

At the beginning of 1929 there wasn't a club, but some students would get together to talk and have fun. First we would get together on the school grounds; then we started meeting at the student's homes. At these meetings we would practice dancing. The girls would try to teach the boys. We enjoyed it so much that we all got an idea of having a Christmas dance. We had the dance which was free. We really celebrated Christmas in a big way. The dance was held at the W.O.W. Hall. (Woodsmen of the World). Aurelio Hernandez served as Santa Claus. He was great. I'll never forget, at the end of the dance there was Santa carrying the Christmas tree or part of it on his shoulders. It was a riot of a social event. The boys had a ball and the girls were very worried but everyone lived through it. The girls reprimanded the boys for being so rough. As I see it now, we were doing pre-club work.

We had such a good time that when Lupe Avalos came up with the idea of a club, we were ready for it. This was early in 1930. Everyone in our group got excited. The first

meeting was held at Natalia Rivera's home in the 1400 block of Comanche in Corpus Christi, Texas. The club became a reality and the officers were elected. Alfonso Cruz became the first president. He served from January, 1930 to January, 1931. He had a lot of patience. He put up with all these nagging students. During his tenure of office he showed good leadership and understanding. He worked hard to get the club going. At the time of this writing the club has been in existence for 53 years. I am sure he started something good.

Lupe Avalos, 1429 Howard, Corpus Christi, Texas, became secretary. She was a dedicated worker and kept a lot of data on the club. I, Annie Stevens, 1314 Leopard, Corpus Christi, Texas, became treasurer. My work was very limited as there was very little cash to handle. Aurelio Hernandez became sergeant-at-arms. We really wanted someone to keep order and he did a good job. He was understanding, yet direct in getting order.

The 1930 Hi-Fairnessee Club had as its charter members:

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| Lupe Avalos       | Lupe Cavazos   | Tomas Farias      |
| Beatrice Castillo | Natalia Rivera | Manuel Flores     |
| Bernice Corona    |                | Alfonso Cruz      |
| Mary Davila       |                | Arturo Falcon     |
| Lorenza Peralez   |                | Juan Rivera       |
| Zulema Phillips   |                | Aurelio Hernandez |
| Mary Gonzales     |                |                   |
| Beatrice Gonzales |                |                   |
| Enriqueta Mercado |                |                   |



Having formed the club, we held our weekly meetings at the members' homes. At one of the meetings the discussion for a name was brought up. All members were instructed to bring a name in the following meeting. We did and "Hi-Fairnessee" was selected. Research was done by Annie Stevens, Beatrice Gonzales, Lupe Avalos. We looked for the definition and found some in Latin, French and English and fundamentally all have the same meaning. It is exactly what the word implies in reference to our English literature--fairness. "Hi-Fairnessee", an old English word is plain fairness of the highest quality.

Some of the first functions we had were dance sessions which were held at the members' homes. The first big function was a benefit Mardi Gras dance held in February 1930 at the W.O.W. (Woodsmen of the World) hall. It had the movie star theme. Lupe Avalos and I worked very hard for this affair. We wanted for everyone to depict a favorite movie star. It turned out great and nearly all the members and many guests went in costumes. Lupe Avalos went as Scarlet O'Hara. She looked beautiful; just like a southern belle. I went as Mae West. My dress was Nile green with a lot of beading. I wore a lot of fake diamond jewelry and an eight foot Nile green feather boa which matched the dress. I got a lot of ribbing for the following year. Fanny Echevarria went as a little lady dressed in a black lace dress. Maybe she was representing "Arsenic and Old Lace". She got first prize.

The boys were just as rough as in the 1929 Christmas dance and the girls did not like it. The boys were asked to behave better or else we would have to do something about it.

With the exception of the 1930 Mardi Gras dance, we had more social functions than benefit functions. We did not have a graduation dance in May 1930 because the club did not have any of its members graduating.

It is now 1930 and the beginning of a new school year. Alfonso is still president. He was an outstanding leader as well as president. He stands out as he was the first president of the Hi-Fairnessee Club. He worked hard for any project that the club undertook. He had patience and perseverance which helped a lot for the survival of the club. He had understanding for everyone. As we know understanding is knowing of oneself, and it took that to get along with our own peers.

A lot of new students came to Corpus Christi Senior High School. As president Alfonso invited all of them to join our club. Some did join, others did not. Together the original members and the new members worked hard and we had a huge success. This was the beginning of benefit functions for the club.

In October, 1930 I had a Halloween party at my home. We had all the traditional decorations. We even had a six foot black witch standing in a corner of the large hall. The party held at 1314 Leopard was chaperoned by several adults. Henry Lozano, dressed as a clown was there. His costume ripped

from the back and my mother fixed him up. There were other small benefit functions which were held at private homes. In December we held a benefit Christmas dance at the Obreros Hall. We did pick up a little bit of funds.

Now we are in January, 1931. The boys are just as rough as ever and the girls decided to break up the club or expel the boys. The boys were expelled and I believe they were glad to get out. Being in the Hi-Fairnessee Club with the girls kept the boys restrained in many ways. They had to restrain themselves according to the mores of the time. They were ready to leave and be themselves among the boys. We parted in a friendly way and all of the boys continued to be paying guests at all our events. This was the end of the Hi-Fairnessee Club. All this happened in February, 1931, but it had been brewing for a long time.

The club was without a president for just a few days. At the very next meeting, held at Lupe Avalos or Angelica Rodriquez, Hortencia Zamudio was elected first president of the Hi-Fairnessee Girls' Club. Everything went smoothly and Hortencia Zamudio proved herself to be one of the best presidents and one of the hardest workers that a club could hope and wish to have. Other officers were: Vice-president-Angelica Rodriquez, Secretary-Zulema Phillips, Treasurer-Lupe Cavazos, Reporter-Elodina Murray. Hortencia served from February, 1931 to May, 1932.

The charter members for the Hi-Fairnessee Girls' Club are the following:

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| Annie Stevens      | Elodina Murray    |
| Lorenza Peralez    | Hortencia Zamudio |
| Beatrice Flores    | Zulema Phillips   |
| Angelica Rodriquez | Beatrice Gonzales |
| Angelita Mendez    | Mary Gonzales     |
| Lupe Cavazos       | Blanche Tellez    |
| Lupe Avalos        | Uranie Luna       |
| Ysidra Ramirez     | Mary Davila       |

The motto for the club was selected during Hortencia Zamudio's presidency. All the members were ready to accomplish something not only graduating, but to prepare ourselves for what lied ahead in our lives. "Reach your goal" was the motto selected in the spring of 1931. I was instrumental in putting it together. The explanation of this motto is simple--Work for your desires. Further explanation is: reach is work which serves as a means to attain the end or your goal. Goals are as different as people; therefore each one takes different roads to attain one's desires. Life is a bowl full of goals and while life goes on goals will never end; they will only change.

The music for the club was not selected until 1933 or 1932. I know we did not have it in 1931 but I am sure we had it for our graduation dance in 1933. The years 1932 and 1933 were rough, not only for the club but for the school

as a whole. Academics and economics were hard at the school. For these reasons we do not have annuals for the respective years. Instead, a small newspaper, "La Gaviota", was published. So, according to the few records that come to my mind, a few members, Blanche Medina, Hortencia Zamudio, Uranie Luna and others worked on the music for the club. "I Am Getting Sentimental Over You" or "Sentimental Journey" was chosen. Even though I was musically inclined, I did not have very much to do with the selection of the club's music. I thought the selection, "I Am Getting Sentimental Over You" or "Sentimental Journey", for the club's music was beautiful. It was appropriate and the tempo of the music went very well with our times. Up to this date - 1983 - the selection is considered a classic of its time.

The club had social and benefit functions at the Oberos, Cinderella and W.O.W. (Woodsmen of the World) Halls. In February, 1931 the club held its second Mardi Gras dance at the W.O.W. Hall. Each one chose his or her own costume--members as well as guests. Beatrice Flores went as the Queen of hearts. Her dress was covered with playing cards. Lupe Avalos went as a gypsy. I went as a baby with bottle of milk and all. I got first prize. During the spring and early summer the club had many small benefit gatherings. We would contribute a certain amount or pay a fee.

Along comes May 1931 and we had our first graduation dance. The honorees were Zulema Phillips and Mary Gonzales. They were members of the Hi-Fairnessee Girls' Club. The dance was held at the Obreros Hall.

September, 1931 was the beginning of a new school year and Hortencia Zamudio was still president. Hortencia had a benefit Halloween party at her home, to which I went as a Chinese boy. No one recognized me. They found out who it was very soon. Toward the end of the year (1931) all social events were benefit. Problems of different sources were popping out.

By January, 1932 the Hi-Fairnessee Girls' Club had all kinds of problems. Economical, teenage and academic problems plagued the club members. Business went on the best way we could handle it. Then came May, 1932 and it was graduation time. The festivities were planned and the dance, honoring the graduates, Beatrice Gonzales and Lupe Avalos was held at the Cinderella Hall.

In September, 1932 Blanche Medina was elected president. Her officers were, *Angelica R. Lopez, vice president -*  
*Thanie L. Steele, secretary, - Lupe C. Garza,*  
*treasurer - Clodina M. Flores reporter.*

Blanche showed very good leadership as a clubwoman since the beginning of her presidency. She had a good year as the club president considering all the problems that came before the club as well as the school. During her tenure of office we had more benefit functions than ever. She was a good fund

raising leader. She had a benefit party at her home as well as many of the other members. The club also had a dance and a style show at the W.O.W. (Woodsmen of the World) Hall. Jose Gallardo, Sr. played for the affair. Members as well as guests were judged on the clothes that they were wearing. One of our guests, Ernestina Lozano was wearing a white suit with fur on the cuffs. I was wearing the identical suit. She was escorted by Celso Guzman who was wearing a white suit. They looked like models out of the pages of the Cosmopolitan magazine. She got first prize.

January, 1933 was an interesting time. I had a lot of free time and so did Lupe. She was taking typing and English; I was taking English. The club's work was almost totally benefit functions. We raised funds and enjoyed ourselves. We had a picnic and the fee for members as well as guests was one dollar and you bring your own lunch. I thought that was very good business. For the dollar one would get and ice cold drink and the rest of the profit would go to the club. There were a lot of get-togethers which paid off monetarily.

With so much financial help that we had, the 1933 graduation dance was the best of the 30's. It was held at the Plaza Deck, which was one of the most prestigious halls in the city of Corpus Christi, Texas. It had the marine motif decor. All the girls were dressed in their white dresses with ruffles and lace. We worked hard and it paid off; it was certainly worth the effort we had put forth. At this dance

the graduate club members as well as some guests who were graduates were honored. The following were the honorees:

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| Lupe Avalos     | Alfonso Cruz      |
| Annie Stevens   | Phillip Casteneda |
| Lorenza Peralez | Aurelio Hernandez |
| Mary Davila     | Tomas Farias      |
| Ysidra Ramirez  | Arturo Falcon     |

For me 1933 was farewell to the Hi-Fairnessee Girls' Club. I was an active member from 1930 to 1933 but I feel as if I have been a member all the fifty-two years of the club's existence. Through the years there has been a place in my heart for the Hi-Fairnessee Girls' Club. I have kept in touch with the club by encouraging them to stay together and extending a helping hand-whenver needed. As a charter member and a founder of the club these are some of my accomplishments relative to the Hi-Fairnessee Girls' Club:

- 1949 --- Tea - 918 No. Carrizo Street, Corpus Christi, Texas
- 1949 --- Workshop on definitions, especially "Hi-Fairnessee" Sacred Heart Church, Corpus Christi, Texas
- 1950 --- Workshop on Parliamentary Sacred Heart Church, Corpus Christi, Texas  
At the time I was a member and secretary of the National Association of Parliamentarians.
- 1955 --- Introduced the Hi-Fairnessee graduates and members at the 25th Graduation Dance at the Corpus Christi Country Club on Up River Road.
- 1956 --- Speech on the importance of the English language and education. Knights of Columbus Hall Comanche Street, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- 1962 --- Speech on the English language in combination with the Spanish language at a member's home.



- 1963 --- Luncheon for Charter Members - Hostess:  
Annie S. Castro  
1734 Third Street  
Corpus Christi, Texas
- 1971 --- 40th Anniversary - Luncheon for Charter Members  
and 1971 Hi-Fairnessee Girls' Club president,  
Ruth Stevens and Susan Palacios. It was held  
at the Holiday Inn on Shoreline, Corpus Christi, Texas  
Hostess: Annie S. Castro  
Love was the theme and Judge Armando Flores was  
the guest speaker.
- 1981 --- 50th Anniversary - Served on:
1. History Committee
  2. Advertising Committee
  3. Style Show Committee
  4. Proclamation Committee
  5. Reception Committee
  6. Radio Committee
  7. Chairwoman of dinner at "The Sizzler"  
Corpus Christi, Texas
  8. Named "Mrs. Hi-Fairnessee" of the half-century  
by the Charter Members of the Hi-Fairnessee

This short history was written with the best interest at heart for the Hi-Fairnessee Girls' Club. It may serve as a reference later on. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all members of the Hi-Fairnessee Club and Hi-Fairnessee Girls' Club. All of them are beautiful people in their own way.