

## **SAM SCHREINER CHAPTER HISTORY**

*(Compiled from personal notes of Sam Schreiner and early official minutes of the Chapter)*

The Southwest Chapter of IARD was organized with the assistance of the Weidensall Chapter early in 1972. Sam Schreiner, retired executive of the Southwest Area Council of the YMCA's was elected a Regional Vice President of the Weidensall Chapter "to take the lead in organizing a Southwest Chapter of retirees".

The first invitational letter was sent out by Sam Schreiner on April 1, 1972. Y Retirees were called for a special meeting held on May 10, 1972 at North Park Inn, Dallas, Texas. "Forty Y Secretaries and wives attended the meeting". Paul Limbert, President of National IARD was present; Sam Schreiner presided. Schreiner was authorized to appoint a committee from the group "to explore future plans to organizing an IARD Chapter in the Southwest". Appointed to the special committee were William Bacon, Wendell Douglas, Paul Hayward, Gerald Furr, Ned Linegar, Harold Nichols, William Russell, Herb Rogers, Chairman, and Sam Schreiner, EX Officio.

This organizing committee met on December 1, 1972, at North Park Inn, Dallas, Texas, with Chairman Herb Rogers presiding. Plans were made for a consultation with National President, Paul Limbert, to be held on February 17, 1973. At this meeting, Paul Limbert presented requirement as specified in the National Constitution of IARD for organizing new chapters. Positive reports of a special interest survey from prospective members were "overwhelming".

The first total membership meeting of the Chapter was held April 6, 1973 at North Park Inn, Dallas, Texas. Sam Schreiner presided. The chapter constitution was adopted and the nominating committee report was received. The first slate of chapter officers was elected: President, Sam Schreiner; Vice President, Herb Rogers; Secretary, Etta Ward, and Treasurer, Howard Carter. Speakers at the first meeting included Rod Hibner, Southwest Regional Executive, and Ron Kinnamon, General Director, Miami, Florida.

The second full membership meeting was held November 25, 1973 at the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel in Houston, Texas. President Sam Schreiner presided. Speakers were Alvin Toffler, author of "Future Shock", Paul Limbert and Forrest Wharry.

The third full membership meeting was held March 23, 1974 at Lincoln Plaza Inn, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. President Sam Schreiner presided. Member dues were initiated, the purpose and scope of chapter activities was discussed and authorization was given for a Chapter newsletter. Frances Schreiner was elected first news editor.

Regular meetings of the Southwest Chapter continued to be held each six months in succeeding years.

On February 1, 1983, Sam Schreiner passed away. He had contributed continuous service to the Chapter until the time of his death. At the Fall meeting in 1983, the Southwest Chapter was re-named "The Sam Schreiner Chapter", in honor of his sustained contribution to the organization of the Chapter.