

William P. Hobby

Personal

Born: January 19, 1932, Houston, Texas
Wife: Diana Poteat Stallings
Children: Laura (Mrs. John) Beckworth, Paul Hobby,
Andrew Hobby, Kate (Mrs. Steve) Gibson

Education

St. Albans School, Washington, D.C., 1949
Rice University, BA in American History, 1953

Military Service

U.S. Navy, 1953-1957, served to Lieutenant (jg), USNR.

Business History

Chairman, Hobby Communications, 1983-present
President, Executive Editor, *The Houston Post*, 1965-1983

Public Service

Lieutenant Governor, Texas, 1973-1991
Commissioner, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, 1993-1995
Commissioner, Education Commission of the States, 1991-1994
Co-Chair, Texans for Tier One PAC, 2009

Higher Education Service

Current:

Radoslav Tsanoff Professor, Rice University, 1989-present

Past:

Chancellor, University of Houston System, 1995-1997
Sid Richardson Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas, 1990-1997
Trustee, St. Edward's University, 1990-1995
Governor, Rice University, 1989-1993
Regent, University of Houston, 1965-1969
Chairman, Texas Commission on a Representative Student Body, 1998
Member, Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 2000
Member, Visiting Committee, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard
University, 1995-2001
Member, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Formula Advisory Committee
1996-2002
Member, Institute for Social Research, National Advisory Council, 1999-2005

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Honorary Degrees

Doctor of Laws, University of Houston, 1997
Doctor of Laws, Austin College, 1989
Doctor of Humanities in Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, 1986
Doctor of Humane Letters, St. Edward's University, 1986

Awards

President Emeritus, Texas Senate
Santa Rita Award, University of Texas System Board of Regents, 1985
Distinguished Alumnus, Rice University, 1985
President's Medallion, University of Houston, 2009

Professional Associations

Fellow, National Academy of Public Administration, 1991-present
President, Philosophical Society of Texas, 1986
Member, American Newspaper Publishers Association, 1960-1983
Member, American Society of Newspaper Editors, 1960-1972
President, Texas Daily Newspaper Association, 1971
Chair, National Conference of Lieutenant Governors, 1976-1977

Directorships

The Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, 1998-present
Center for Public Policy Priorities, 2003-present
Southwest Airlines, 1990-2007
Columbine-JDS, 1995-1997

Book

How Things Really Work: Lessons from a Life in Politics (with Saralee Tiede),
Dolph Briscoe Center for American History (2010).