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SAN ANTONIO-CASI

CHILI APPRECIATION SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL WAS ORGANIZED IN 1964 INTO CHAPTERS BY GEORGE HADDAWAY OF DALLAS, THE PUBLISHER OF FLIGHT MAGAZINE AND JIM FULLER OF HURST, TEXAS. THEY WERE A BUNCH OF HACK WRITERS AND HUNGRY NEWSMEN. THE GOAL OF THE CLUB WAS TO PROMOTE GOOD CHILI IN "CAFES" AROUND THE WORLD AND WITHOUT BEANS. CHAPTERS WERE ACTIVE IN DALLAS; WASHINGTON; SIAGON, VIET NAM; MADRID, SPAIN; MEXICO CITY; LONDON, ENGLAND; GENEVA AND LOS ANGELES. WHEN THESE "CHILI LOVING" ZEALOTS WOULD MEET IN SOME PART OF THE WORLD FOR A CHILI DINNER, THEY PERFORMED A CEREMONY WHICH LOOKED LIKE A GROUP OF RELIGIOUS FANATICS. IT INVOLVED THE CRACKER CRUMB-LING. EACH MEMBER WOULD SURROUND A TABLE AND WITH OUTSTRECHED HANDS WITH SALT CRACKERS, SQUEEZE SO THE CRUMBS WOULD FALL TOWARD A HOT CHILI BOWL, WHILE MUTTERING IN GIBBER SOUNDS. WITH THE CEREMONY OVER THEY WERE READY FOR THE MEAL.

IN 1971 THE FIRST CHILI POD WAS ORGANIZED FOR "CHILI COOKS" IN HOUSTON, TEXAS. THEY WOULD CHARTER UNDER THE NAME CASI INTO PODS. FRED MC MURRAY OF HOUSTON THOUGHT THE OFFICERS SHOULD HAVE TITLES SO HE GAVE THE CEO THE NAME OF "GREAT PEPPER" HIS ASSISSANT "PEPPER POPPER" AND THE THIRD OFFICER WOULD BE "CHILI SCRIBE". OTHER OFFICERS WERE ADDED LATER.

FOR THE NEWER SAN ANTONIO CHILI COOKS, IT EASY TO IMAGINE THAT SAP-CASI HAS ALWAYS BEEN AROUND BUT THIS IS NOT THE CASE. IN THE EARLY 1970S. RADIO STATIONS, LODGES AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS AROUND

THE SAN ANTONIO WERE HOLDING CHILI COOK-OFFS ON A REGULAR BASIS SO THERE WAS NO REAL PURPOSE FOR THE AREA TO HAVE A CHILI POD. O. HENRY SAID "CHILI CON CARNE" WAS DISCOVERED IN SAN ANTONIO IN 1820. . THE TEXAS CATTLE DRIVERS WHO DROVE CATTLE TO MARKET IN KANSAS FROM 1860 TO 1880 WERE SERVED A CHILI STEW WHICH LATER BECAME CHILI. IN 1893 DURING THE CHICAGO WORLDS FAIR, THE "CHILI QUEENS" OF SAN ANTONIO SET UP A CHILI STAND MAKING SAN ANTONIO KNOWN FOR CHILI CON CARNE. OH, BUT EGO AND SHOWMANSHIP RECONED THAT SAN ANTONIO SHOULD BE THE SECOND CITY TO HAVE A CHILI POD. IN 1974 THE FRAMEWORK WAS HATCHED FOR SAP-CASI MEMBERSHIP BY SOME CHILI PEOPLE INCLUDING BOB (YELLOW DOG) MARSH, A MASTER SHOWMAN. BOB MARSH WAS MADE THE GREAT PEPPER, CRASH STEWART WAS MADE PEPPER POPPER AND SHORTY FRY WAS TO BE THE CHILI PETINE. ON MAY 12, 1975 A MEETING FOR THE POD WAS HELD AT THE JERSEY LILLY ROOM OF PEARL BREWING COMPANY. AT THIS MEETING SAP-CASI WAS INITATED INTO THE CASI ORGANIZATION BY CHILI HEADS. ON OCTOBER 18, 1975 A COOK-OFF WAS HELD AT LA VILLITA IN SAN ANTONIO WHICH SOME CALL OUR FIRST COOK-OFF ALTHOUGH THE HOUSTON POD HELPED RUN IT. THIS COOK-OFF WAS KNOWN AS "TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS". IT RAN FROM 11:00 AM UNTIL MIDNIGHT AND IT WAS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ST ANTHONY'S SPECIAL SCHOOL. SO ON MARCH 20, 1999 WHEN WE HAVE OUR ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF, IT WILL HAVE BEEN TWENTY FIVE YEARS SINCE FRAMEWORK FOR THE POD. WE ARE CALLING IT OUR "SILVER ANNIVERSARY" COOK-OFF. ATTACHED IS A LIST OF OFFICERS WHO HAVE SERVED AND MADE THIS SECOND POD GREAT.

JOE SMITH, SAP-CASI POD
JANURARY 6, 1999

SAP-CASI

CONCEIVED 1974 BORN 1975

BELOW ARE THE OFFICERS WHO WERE IMPORTANT IN MAKING SAN ANTONIO
SAP-CASI GREAT DURING THE TWENTY FIVE YEARS SINCE CONCEPTION.

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76-77	ROBERT MARSH	MIKE MC GLOTHLM
77-78	MIKE MC GLOTHLM	TOM PIKE
78-79	MIKE MC GLOTHLM	TOM PIKE
79-80	TOM PIKE	HERMAN CELLMER
80-81	HERMAN CELLMER	IRENE DUFFIELD
81-82	HERMAN CELLMER	IRENE DUFFIELD
82-83	TOM PIKE	FRANK METZ
83-84	PAT IRVINE	FRANK METZ
84-85	JACK EMSWEILER	DAVID TURNER
85-86	FRANK METZ	DAVID TURNER
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87-88	MEL BURTON	IRENE DUFFIELD
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89-90	IRENE DUFFIELD	GEORGE JOWERS
90-91	IRENE DUFFIELD	GEORGE JOWERS
91-92	GEORGE JOWERS	DAVID TURNER
92-93	GEORGE JOWERS	DAVID TURNER
93-94	DAVID TURNER	LARRY HECHLER
94-95	DAVID TURNER	LARRY HECHLER
95-96	LARRY HECHLER	JOYCE JOWERS
96-97	JOYCE JOWERS	ED PETSCHULT
97-98	JOYCE JOWERS	DAVID RICHARDSON
98-99	DAVID RICHARDSON	ROBERT SCHRADER JANET CIELENCKI

OUR 25 TH ANNIVERSARY CHILI COOK-OFF WILL OCCUR MARCH 20, 1999

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