

Gary Hellings
South Central District Advisor

Gary was born on April 14, 1944 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and graduated from Germantown High School in 1960. He attended Temple University at night studying architecture design and construction engineering; while working full time as a cabinetmaker/carpenter at the small father and son business - WT Hellings Company. He joined the Army reserves in 1963 with one year active and five years reserve. Gary's father passed away in 1969 and he took over the family business as the only employee with his mother and younger brother depending on his support. By the mid-seventies the small business grew to a corporation and by the mid-eighties grossed over six million dollars per year.

By the mid-nineties, Gary's key employees offered to buy him out while a key client of Gary's offered him a development job in the Caribbean. With a very cold Pennsylvania winter, he took the deal and eventually ended up on the west coast of Puerto Rico. He served as President to three successful corporations over a 48 year career. Gary and his wife Audrey retired to Texas last year joining family there and their 2004 Thunderbird.

Now, how can Gary (and his main supporter wife Audrey) help grow the club? They are both go-getter's and have been in leadership positions most of their lives. They love meeting people and talking about things like the club! They have always been diligent and enthusiastic, and he is looking forward to this opportunity on the International Thunderbird Club board.