



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Marty Humphrey

Happy New Year! Can you believe we are starting a brand new year and saying good-bye to another one? It is a time to look back over the past year and think about what worked and what didn't-our goals and our losses-and hopefully there were more good than bad. Time to breathe in, breathe out and move on.

The Museum has already started its slower time of the year and visitors and sales are less and fewer between, but then many businesses in the Stockyards are reporting slower sales this year. For 2017, we had our worst attendance for the month of December since we opened the museum in 1988! Let's hope this isn't a trend for 2018. This time of year is for planning by finding ways to improve our financial status and building by having a larger and stronger membership and visitors. Please keep the Society in your thoughts and prayers for the new year.

We ended the year with a fun, old-fashion Christmas Party here in the Live Stock Exchange Building. We had the beautiful voices of Devon and the Outlaw, plenty of delicious food, and great company...and we even got a new member who happens to have an office in the building and was still at work when the party started. The Charlie and Sue McCafferty Award which recognizes those who have continued to support us through the years added Don Jury and Hub Baker this year, and Dr. O.Z. and Brenda Helmer received the Cow Chip Award. Thanks to our wonderful members and all who made the Christmas Party possible.

If you didn't see the news, Oakwood Cemetery welcomed another special soul this month. The burial ceremony was for Oakwood's oldest and most distinguished new resident, a 1,100 year old Native American woman. If you didn't know, the Society had a small hand in her first hours of discovery back in March of 2016. When the construction crew first unearthed the bones in downtown Fort Worth, the Police Homicide Unit was contacted. The detective knew the bones and gravesite didn't fit the profile for a recent homicide and suspected an old forgotten cemetery at the location. He called the Museum looking for someone who might know about rumored old cemeteries. I provided him with some names to help him in his research. Over the year, the ME's office dated the bones and finally a few weeks ago the bones were given a traditional Native American burial with Eddie Sandoval officiating and about 30 people, including Jim, Janet, and Jake Lane in attendance. She now rests undisturbed overlooking where she had rested for centuries. May she rest in peace.

We ended the year with a visit from our good friend and supporter, Barry Corbin. We always enjoy seeing him and he was kind enough to autograph several of The Wall Street of the West DVDs while he was here. Thank you Barry!!

We won't be having a January meeting, so I hope to see you in February. May you and your family have a blessed 2018. ~*Marty*



Membership Newsletter January 2018

There will **NOT** be a NFWHS meeting in January!
Meetings will resume in February 2018.

See you soon!

Happy New Year!



Welcome New Members!

We welcome the members that joined in the last quarter of 2017.

Beth Fortenberry

Brandy Preston

Tui Snider

Beth Kauffman

Jeffrey Smith & Family

Kim Gilbreath

Nancy Grogan & CC Carney

Greg and Lisa Cobb

We look forward to getting to know you!

Glimpses of the Christmas Party 2017... We had a seriously good time!



NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



Pat Simpson, long time member, volunteer and friend, passed away on January 3rd. Pat was a 1957 graduate of North Side High School and grew up in the Stockyards area and it held a special place in her heart. She has been a member of the NFWHS and volunteered in the Stockyards Museum for many, many years. We send our heartfelt condolences to the family. Pat will be sorely missed by all that knew and loved her.

NFWHS Member, Lynda Brown, fell and broke her knee cap just before Christmas. She is scheduled to have surgery to repair it on January 3rd. Keep Lynda in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

If you paid your membership in the first 2 quarters of 2017, it is time to renew!



As a member of the North Fort Worth Historical Society, your support helps preserve an important part of the Stockyard's colorful history for future generations. Membership contributions support museum exhibitions, collections, conservation and research. In return, all members receive a 15 percent discount in the Museum Store, invitations to members-only events and access to the Museum's research library.

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