



## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Tom Wiederhold

March either roars in like a Lion and leaves like a lamb, or it enters like a lamb and leaves like a Lion. I don't really know what the weather reporters said, kinda felt like a strong lamb. So what will the month bring?

Happy Saint Patricks Day to everyone! Go green... and recycle! Isn't it wonderful how everyone gets to enjoy all these various holidays that at one time were only celebrated by one particular group of folks? North Side should have lots of celebrations with all the various parts of the world represented!

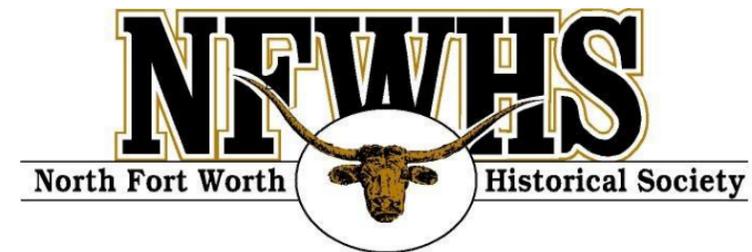
The raffle for the Fort Worth Heritage Rifle is well on its way and tickets should be ready soon. The draw date is in November at that meeting. I was asked, "Why wait so long to draw the winner?" Well, two reasons, one is taking advantage of the summer months, and the other is because I want the membership to sell double the number of tickets we had made. Then as we start to leave the summer months we will start a new raffle for another rifle, this one to be chosen soon. It will be either a Cowboy Tribute rifle or the Fort Worth Winchester Tribute Rifle that the Historical Society had made several years ago. And that is if it's still available. Be ready and start thinking of who you can sell tickets to!

In other NFWHS news, the board worked on a change to the By-Laws for the Society in recent months, with a great suggestion and some research by board member, Skip Humphrey. The Board has proposed some amendments regarding membership levels. These changes will be presented to the membership in this newsletter and at the March meeting for consideration of approval by a vote of the membership in April. What these changes involve is the levels of membership, the board added three (3) Corporate levels of membership to help boost our yearly income. Please pay close attention to the proposed changes and be ready to vote to accept them in April. You as a member must be present to vote on the changes at the April meeting. Once the membership has voted, and I am confident that the amendments will pass, then I will ask the membership to help us locate Corporate Memberships! The world has changed and we as an organization need to change what we are doing to fund our efforts. This is a great start.

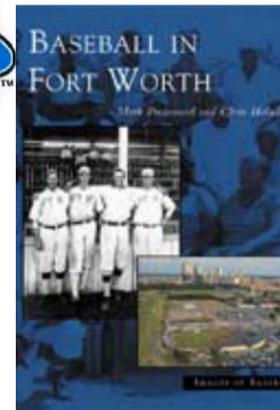
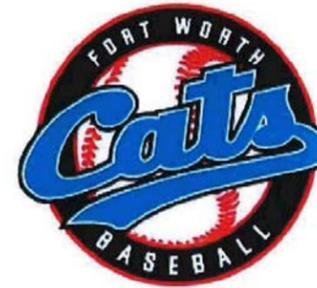
I also want to remind everyone that we are on Facebook, as "Stockyards Museum Fort Worth Texas" and we have over 1,000 people following what we post. Wouldn't it be great if we could get them to be dues paying members! Take a look at our page if you have not seen it, it's full of photos and fun facts.

In other areas, we have started working with the Military Museum of Fort Worth to have a display related to the military and its impact on the Stockyards! Two periods of our history had heavy military involvement, World War I and World War II. If you have any photos, news articles or items related to the military and the Stockyards, and would like to donate them, we would love to have them!

I'll close by reminding everyone of the March meeting, Baseball is in the air and you do not want to miss an evening of history as it relates to the "Cats" and North Side! See you there!



Membership Newsletter March 2013



### Don't Miss the Exciting March NFWHS Meeting!

Mark Presswood,  
the author of  
**Baseball in Fort Worth**  
and the historian for the  
Fort Worth Cats,  
is the guest speaker.

Meeting is March 14 at 7pm in the  
Livestock Exchange Building.

### *Glimpses of the Past*

LaGrave Field opened in 1926, replacing **Panther Park**, which had been opened in 1900 and was located on the "west side of North Main Street, a few blocks from" the eventual LaGrave Field. Panther Park, in turn, had replaced **Hayne's Park**, located "in the 'Prairie' area near downtown".

After winning consecutive Texas League championships during 1919–1925, the club owners decided to build a new ballpark which was named for the club's owner, Paul LaGrave. Early in the 1949 season, on May 15–16, the ballpark was attacked on several fronts, by a destructive fire and then rains and floods. The ballpark was rebuilt and rededicated in time for the 1950 season.

After baseball left the city in 1965, the site languished for years, but parts of it remained. When the site was rebuilt during 2001, the original dugouts were retained making LaGrave the only ballpark in America to house "four dugouts." The original location of home plate was also retained.



**NOTICE**

In an effort to encourage additional contribution to the Society, the NFWHS Board of Directors at their last meeting on February 18, 2013 voted to propose the following amendments to the Society's Constitution and By-laws, adding three corporate membership levels.

-----  
**Constitution**

*Article 5, Section 2 of the Society's By-laws currently reads as follows:*

Section 2 - Membership shall be of five categories as follows: Individual, Married Couple, Student, Honorary and Patron.

*The NFWHS Board of Directors propose Article 5, Section 2 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:*

Section 2 - Membership shall be of eight categories as follows: Individual, Married Couple, Student, Honorary, Patron, and three Corporate consisting of Commission Agent, Brand Inspector, Stockyards Cattle Baron.

-----  
**By-Laws**

*Article 1, Section 2 of the Society's By-laws currently reads as follows:*

Section 2 – the annual dues shall be in five categories as follows:

Individual	- \$ 25.00	per annum
Married Couple	- 35.00	“ “
Student (Grades 1 thru 12)	- 12.00	“ “
Patron	- 150.00	“ “
Honorary	- No dues	

\*Student and Honorary members will not have voting privileges.

*The NFWHS Board of Directors propose Article 1, Section 2 of the By-laws be amended to read as follows:*

Section 2 – the annual dues shall be in eight categories as follows:

Individual	- \$ 25.00	per annum
Married Couple	- 35.00	“ “
Student (Grades 1-12)*	- 12.00	“ “
Patron	- 150.00	“ “
Commission Agent (Corporate Member)*	- 1,000.00	per annum
Brand Inspector (Corporate Member)*	- 2,500.00	“ “
Stockyards Cattle Baron (Corporate Member)*	- 5,000.00	“ “
Honorary*	- No Dues	

\*Student, Honorary and Corporate Members will not have voting privileges.

*NFWHS News* by Teresa Burleson



As you drive down Main Street look up at the New Isis theaters marquee. Instead of **Opening Soon**, as it has said for years, it now says **Welcome to the Stockyards!**. Thanks to Ben Shrake, who got permission from the owners, purchased the letters and climbed the ladder to change it.

NFWHS member, Devon Dawson and her singing partner Jessie Robertson, will receive the New Horizons Wrangler Award for their outstanding work in Western music. They will receive the honor on April 20, for their CD, 'Where in the Dickens R U?'. The awards are given by the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. You may remember them from the 2011 Christmas party, they were singing Christmas songs.



**Hold on there pardner!**

**Have you paid your NFWHS 2013 dues yet?**

**DID YOU KNOW?** Ennis C. Helm was a North Fort Worth resident and graduate of North Fort Worth High (North Side High School) in 1921 and he was one of 4 photographers chosen to chronicle Admiral Richard E. Byrds expedition to the Antarctica. He was also a photographer for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Paramount News, Chicago Tribune and Fox Newsreel in Mexico during the Mexican-Escobar revolution.

This photo is of one of Admiral Byrd's Antarctic Expedition ships taken by Helm.

