



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Tom Wiederhold & Marty Humphrey



We are quickly reaching the end of 2013, and it is a time for reflection of the past year and planning for the new year. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and that is exactly what it is—a time to give thanks. Sometimes with the holidays things get overwhelming and we don't realize all the good things and people in our lives, so during those times take a moment and think of three things you are grateful for in your life, hopefully it will make you stop and smile.

The Society has its Christmas Party coming up quickly on December 12th. It will be at Cattlemen's again this year and I sure hope to see you there. Once again, we will have a White Elephant gift exchange. If you wish to participate bring a gift costing no more than \$20. Our President might be making an appearance in case you have forgotten what he looks like. Also, we will be foregoing the January meeting in 2014 to take time to relax from the holidays and get ready for another great year for the Society and museum.

I want to take this time to thank each of you for your friendship and your support this past year. I have been doing both the President and the First Vice President's job for a few months and I appreciate your assistance and most of all your patience. We have a wonderful group of members and each of you is truly important to me and to the Society. As we look to the new year, help us to make the Society and the museum even better. We have a wonderful opportunity to share the Society, the Stockyards and North Side with both the citizens and visitors through our museum; we just need to find a way to get them in there! We need them to keep us going and they need us to keep the Stockyards alive...surely there is a way to benefit both.

As we pause for Christmas and Hanukah, remember our service members and veterans for the sacrifices they made and continue to make for our freedom. Also, take a moment to tell someone the difference they have made in your life—that simple gift will be rewarding to both of you. - *Marty*



Merry Christmas Y'all!



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Don't be a Scrooge!

Come to the
Annual NFWHS Christmas Party!



On December 12th at Cattlemen's
Steakhouse at 7pm.

We will have a
White Elephant Gift Exchange so if
you want to participate bring a
wrapped gift.

The Fun and Fellowship is free but
you pay for your meal and drinks.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

James and Sandy Madewell are the volunteers in the Museum on every other Wednesday. They are reenactors for the Civil War and Old West era. They enjoy sharing the rich and colorful history of the Stockyards with the visitors in the museum. James is retired from the Air Force and Sandy is a retired school teacher. They are a great asset to the museum and the NFWHS as are ALL of our volunteers.

Thank You!

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."



Glimpses of the Past...

In 1926 you could buy a Baby Ruth candy bar for five cents! But five cents was a lot more money back then. Remember the simpler times?



NFWHS News by Teresa Burlison



We send our heartfelt condolences to Bob Condon and family. Dorothy Condon passed away Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013. Dorothy and Bob would have celebrated their 60th anniversary in December. Dorothy taught first grade and kindergarten for the Fort Worth Independent School District for 20 years. She was very active in her church and community and will be missed.

Congratulations to Keith Bridwell!

On November 30, the North Texas Beard Alliance held a competition that was sponsored by Rahr Brewery in Fort Worth. Keith was the winner of the "Angry Goatee" award and he also won, "Best of Show."

Keith is shown here holding his awards.

Who knew all that facial hair would come in handy some day?

Photo by Debi Carl



Rifle Raffle Winner!

Congratulations to Sam Serur of Fort Worth for winning the raffle. He is pictured here holding the commemorative Fort Worth rifle, Mossberg 30/30 lever action, that was raffled as a fund raiser for the NFWHS. "I never win anything," he said, "So, when Keith Bridwell asked me to buy the ticket I told him I never win anything but I'll buy one and consider it a donation." Sam picked the rifle up on Monday, November 25th. He was delayed a week in picking it up because he was working out of town. At the time Sam bought the ticket he worked at The Maverick so he has a lot of friends in the Stockyards. When he picked it up he was so excited that he went around the Stockyards showing the rifle to everyone he knows.

Thank you to Sam, and all those that bought a ticket, for your support of the Stockyards Museum and North Fort Worth Historical Society.

