



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Tom Wiederhold

Hello everyone!

Well, this may well be the very last note from me as President. I am not sure where I will be by the end of the month. I want to express to you all what a joy it has been to be part of the NFWHS family for so long. I will not drop my membership as I have lots of friends and interests related to the Society.

I am saddened by the loss of one of our dearest and best friends, Bill Pokluda. Bill always met me with a smile and a positive comment. He will be sorely missed by us all. So many of our older members have passed on or had to step away due to health issues. Members like Bill and his wife, Aliene helped make us great.

As you all are aware there's a lot brewing in the Stockyards and not all will be beer. I was pleased to see the attendance at meetings that addressed proposed changes, and the show of support for what the Stockyards means to Fort Worth has been fantastic. We can hope that the City of Fort Worth and the developers are truly interested in preserving the Stockyards National Historic District, and to ensure that, we have to be watchful and willing to stand up and participate in this process at every opportunity.

With that I will leave you all with my profound gratitude for the years of support and trust. I have all the faith in the world in the new board and the new president and feel that a change is what is best for the Society.

Sincerely, Tom

And the winner is...

Ms. Alacia Lane of Grapevine won the \$2,000 Cabella's Gift Card raffle.

She is shown here with volunteer, Debra Clarke, receiving the gift card.

Thank you to all that bought and sold raffle tickets!



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Be sure to attend the NFWHS Meeting on July 10th at 7pm.



**Join us in wishing
Tom Wiederhold
a fond farewell.**

Tom and wife, Gwen, are moving to upstate New York in August. We will take this time to wish him well and thank him for his service to the Historical Society as President for the last 7 years.

**Bring your favorite sandwiches, snacks, finger foods or drinks
if you would like.**

Plates, cups and napkins will be provided by NFWHS.

See you there!

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

HANNAH WILLIAMS

Hannah Williams has been volunteering in the museum during the summer and while school was not in session for the last 5 years. We have watched her grow from a teenager to a beautiful young woman. Hannah loves the heritage of the Stockyards and enjoys sharing it with the visitors that come in the museum, which she does every Friday until she goes back to school.

She is a Sophomore at Tarleton State University and is pursuing a degree in Animal Science.

Thank you Hannah! And thank you to all of our volunteers!



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



A Letter from the Vice-President...

Marty Humphrey

As you may know, the City Council has agreed to pay Fort Worth Heritage Development LLC annual economic development program grants totaling \$26 million dollars and in return the developers will construct a mixed-use redevelopment and new development with a total investment at build-out of \$175 million.

The council proposed changing the existing zoning from heavy industrial to planned development/mixed use (PD/MU-2) with a site plan required for the development. The zoning will allow for residential uses in addition to things such as brewery/distillery/winery, circus, vehicle and furniture sales, outdoor sales kiosks and another 10 plan uses.

The Stockyards is listed on the National Register of Historic Places - so it is a National Register Historic District. For the most part, this is an honorary title. There are typically no design review requirements for National Register Properties. There are some exceptions, such as city owned properties. Changes to City owned National Register Properties must be submitted to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) for review and recommendations. The City must consider the THC's recommendations, but it does not have to follow them. Private property owners do not have to submit changes for review

At a public zoning meeting last week, a recommendation was made for a Form Based Zoning District which would add more restrictions on the mixed use zoning such as building location and orientation, building height, parking and driveways, architectural standards, landscaping, etc.

On July 9th at 10:00 am, the Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing on zoning change to PD/MU-2, site plan required, on July 15th at 7:00 pm, the City Council will conduct a public hearing on the zoning change and in August the City staff will start work with property owners to determine how to proceed with creating form-based code.

We invite all members to be involved with this process to keep the authenticity of the Stockyards. We also ask that you let your Board know what you consider "sacred" in the Stockyards, consider such things as the Scale House, the Swift steps on 23rd Street, the cattle pens, etc.. Please contact Teresa at (817) 625-5082 or email at nfwhs@sbcglobal.net and let her know what parts of the Stockyards we need to work to preserve or enhance.

Thank you for your continued support,

Marty Humphrey

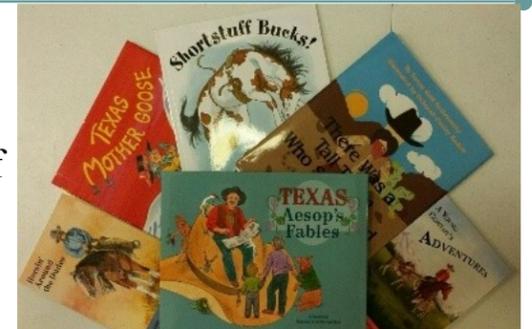
NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



Long time member, **William "Bill" Pokluda** went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 21, 2014. He will be remembered by all for his devotion to his family, his dedication to the North Fort Worth Historical Society and Rosen Heights Baptist Church, his loyalty and passion for the city of Fort Worth and his service to our country. Bill grew up on the "North Side" and graduated in 1940 from North Side High School. His kind heart, big warm smile and gentle soul will be missed and remembered by so many.

For Your Children's Summer Reading Pleasure!

The Stockyards Museum has a great assortment of Texas and Western themed children's books. Come see us!



For Sale: 1890 Amish Carriage

The photos below show the carriage being pulled in a parade 3 years ago and one of it being stored with the top detached. Wheels and upholstery are in good condition. It belongs to the NFWHS and it is not being used so we have decided to sell it. \$2,000.00.

Serious inquiries can contact us by email at nfwhs@sbcglobal.net or call the museum at 817-625-5082 between 10 and 5, Monday through Friday. Ask for Teresa.

