



THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Marty Humphrey

Texas weather has sure been fickle, one day it is steaming hot and the next day it is cool. It's all about change. That's kind of like what is going on right now in the Society, we will be replacing our long-time President and on top of that, numerous changes will be happening in the Stockyard area. Ever wish things could stay the same? Well, if it did we'd all be bored fairly quick. All the things that we once thought were too much change, too radical---cell phones, computers, microwaves, etc---have all ended up making our lives different, but in the long run better and easier. Just think where medical technology would be if we didn't have computers.

Sometimes when we start getting a little overwhelmed, we need to stop and think about all that we have to be grateful for: family, friends, pets, being loved or needed, freedom, health, an income, the list is endless. An attitude of gratitude is proven to boost emotional well-being and it can help us to better deal with all the changes and challenges each day.

So today, let's stop and smell the roses, look at the beauty around us, and embrace change and challenge. As they say, what does not kill us makes us stronger.

Naturally, I vote for strong. ~ *Marty*

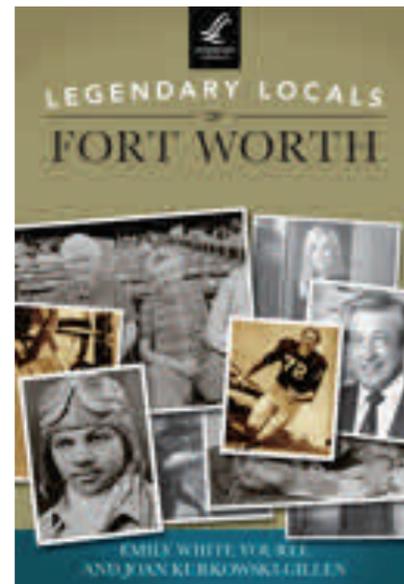
Complimentary Letter from Tarleton State University

On June 14, 2014, a letter was written to the North Fort Worth Historical Society, expressing sincere thanks to the society and its volunteers. The reason for the gracious letter was a tour that Marty Humphrey arranged for a group of fifteen police commanders from the United Arab Emirates that were completing an orientation class on American Policing.

Marty explained to, Dr. James J. Vardalis, Department Head, Criminal Justice, that no trip to Fort Worth would be complete without a visit to the Stockyards. The tour of the Museum was given by Pat Simpson and Keith Bridwell and it was followed up with a tour of the Stockyards led by Keith and Marty. Dr. Vardalis said, "It was a perfect conclusion to our training program."



Membership Newsletter 2014



The NFWHS Members Meeting is August 14th at 7pm.
Come and visit with authors of the new book,
Legendary Locals of Fort Worth,

Emily White Youree

And

Joan Kurkowski-Gillen.

There will be a book signing after the presentation.

Elections for Board of Directors will take place at the August Meeting.

***Meeting Will Be Inside The Livestock Exchange Building.**

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH — DEVON DAWSON

Our volunteer of the month is Devon Dawson. Devon began volunteering every other Wednesday last April but has been a NFWHS member, along with her husband Chuck, for over a decade. Those who attended the meeting in July will recognize her as the one that sang the special song to Tom and has sang for us at Christmas parties. Its not unusual for a visitor in the museum to recognize her as "Miss Devon" the singer and yodeler. She has even entertained some of the children that have visited the museum. There is much to say about her award winning career in Western Music but most important to us is her career as a volunteer in the Stockyards Museum. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule Devon!



And thank you to ALL of our volunteers!

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

Glimpses of the Past...



Theo's Saddle & Sirloin Inn (also known as Theo's Café)

The building that housed Theo's Saddle & Sirloin Inn, built in the 1920's, was a small saloon with a hotel upstairs. The Ward Hotel had 17 rooms and a common restroom, 1 bathroom for use for all rooms to share.

Theo Yordanoff, a native of Skopje, Yugoslavia, who ran the small saloon, cooked and served food, is remembered for introducing "Calf Fries" to the menu at Theo's Saddle & Sirloin Inn in the Stockyards. Yordanoff would get the calf testicles free of charge from the Swift and Armour packing houses and stuff them into sandwiches for .15 cents. The menu item was considered a cheap and nourishing meal for the men that worked in the packing plants and the Stockyards.

Theo married a Polish woman by the name of Josephine and she added more items to the menu such as Kapusta soup. Risky's Steakhouse is now located where Theo's was. Calf Fries and Kapusta Soup are still on the menu.

NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



Get well wishes go out to Judy Bridwell. Judy has been under the weather and was hospitalized for a short time. Keith has reported that she is doing better. Keep Judy and Keith in your thoughts and prayers.



The Palace Theater Light Bulb will be 106 Years Old on September 21st, 2014. The bulb in the Fire Station in Livermore, CA is still burning too and it is 7 years older than the Palace Theater Bulb. Watch for more information regarding the Light Bulbs birthday celebration!

The Stockyards Museum is now a Blue Star Museum.

As a Blue Star Museum, Stockyards Museum is part of a national appreciation program for military families as a way to say "thank you." Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment of the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums across the United States. The program runs through Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 1, 2014).



This free admission program is available to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active duty U.S. military - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, as well as members of the National Guard and Reserve, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps - and up to five family members.

Stockyards Museum ranked #27 of 97 attractions in Fort Worth!

According to TripAdvisor, the Stockyards Museum ranked #27 of 97 attractions in Fort Worth! There were several good reviews posted on the website too. One visitor commented, "It may be small but it is packed with interesting artifacts and information on old Stockyards and the cattle industry. There are a few quirky things such as the chair made entirely out of horns and the Bad Luck Wedding Dress - doom and gloom came to any bride that wore it. Nowadays it is on display in this museum. There are interesting old photographs and the volunteer staff are very friendly and helpful. It is only \$2 to get in. Nice little shop as well. The best part of Stockyards District for me."

To see the reviews go to www.tripadvisor.com.

Congratulations to Melissa Hunter on her recent retirement!

Her retirement is also a good thing for the museum because Melissa and Paul have come by to help at least once a week. Thank you Paul and Melissa!

Good News!

An 1890's baby grand piano, made by the Henry Miller Co. in Boston, was donated to the NFWHS by R.J. Marcuse, of Marcuse and Sons on N. Main. The piano was donated so that it could be sold to raise funds. A photo of the piano was posted on the Museums Facebook page and a friend told a friend about the beautiful piano. The end result is, Mr. Charles Holley of Corpus Christi, TX purchased the piano last week. Mr. Holley also joined the NFWHS. Thank you Mr. Charles Holley!

