



## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*By Marty Humphrey*

October was one big whirlwind!! We enjoyed great joy with induction into the Trail of Fame and we presented the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Oakwood Saints and Sinners Tour. We also suffered great sadness with the loss of a dear friend and member. This month proved to be an emotional time for our Society, and I am deeply appreciative of the strength and dedication of our members and our Board.

For years the Society has struggled with funding issues and lack of recognition, and at some points we didn't know if we would make another year. Through it all, the Society, and more importantly its members, has persevered. This month we were honored to be nominated and inducted into the Texas Trail of Fame. Listening to the introduction on Saturday, I was humbled...all the hard work we have done, all the sacrifices we have made, all the dedication of our founders and early members, and the opposition we have endured, were read for all to hear...and it was so heart-warming and humbling. To the Trail of Fame Committee, thank you. To the person who nominated us, thank you. To the 40 years of dedicated members, thank you.

This past weekend was the Society's Oakwood Saints and Sinners Tour, and it was a record-breaking crowd! The weather was a bit warm, okay very warm, but it didn't slow down people coming out for the weekend. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped plan and promote the event, came out to help, and to the people who volunteered to portray the residents, each of you made it all happen. Who would know that history could be so fun!

And while we are on thank you's...thanks to Hickman Properties for the new sidewalk museum signs, they are amazing. Also, thanks to Majestic for the loan of the scale from one of the scale houses. Majestic also helped move our scale that John Pugh and I accepted from the McKinley Iron Works foundry. Come by the museum and check out the signs and the scales, and view our Trail of Fame award!

The end of the month we lost one of our long-time and deeply-loved members, Keith Bridwell. Keith was a man that drew attention wherever he went, not just for his mustache, but for his playful personality and the fact he never met a stranger. He volunteered in the museum, gave talks to groups for the Society, and would do whatever you asked...even before you thought of asking. He was also the familiar face at Oakwood Tour as a resident presenter or driving the crew all over the cemetery, and because of that we dedicated this year's Oakwood Tour to him...somehow I believe Keith was behind the record crowd, doing what he could to help out his friends and the Society. I know that Judy, Mitzi, Toby, and Rodney appreciate all the visits to the hospital and the messages of condolences, and we will keep them close in our hearts.



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### Attend the NFWHS Membership Meeting! November 10th at 7pm at the Stockyards Museum.

Some of the residents of the Oakwood Cemetery have lost their way after the Saints and Sinners Tour. Come find out what part they played in Fort Worth history.



### Christmas Party and 40th Anniversary!

December 8th at River Ranch

We will be combining the annual Christmas Party with a celebration of 40 years for the North Fort Worth Historical Society. The party will be held at River Ranch and there will be a cost of \$20 per person and includes supper. The doors open at 6:30 and the meal is at 7pm.

Seating is limited so prepaid reservations are required and will be taken from November 15th through December 6th so we can have a head count for food preparation.

Call the museum at 817-625-5082 with credit card info. Also, Valet Parking has been donated for our event and since the valets are donating their time please be sure to tip them.

We will be having the ever popular Gift Exchange so if you want to participate bring a wrapped gift (valued approximately \$20) and join in on the fun!

Vintage dress is welcome!

### Induction into the Texas Trail of Fame

On Saturday, October 30, 2016, the North Fort Worth Historical Society was honored and humbled to be inducted into the Texas Trail of Fame. (For more details see Marty's column.)



Top Left: Marty Humphrey accepting the induction.

Bottom Left: The bronze star placed in front of the Livestock Exchange Building.

Right Middle: The plaque given to the North Fort Worth Historical Society.

### NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



We are very saddened over the loss of our beloved member, volunteer and friend Keith Bridwell. Keith went to his heavenly home on October 18th. Our condolences go out to Judy and the family. Keith and Judy have been members, board members and volunteers for many, many years. Keith loved the Stockyards and volunteering in the museum and we loved him.



The Oakwood Cemetery Tour was a great success!!! We owe a debt of gratitude to all of the people that made this happen. On behalf of the NFWHS Board of Directors, a special THANK YOU to all of the volunteers that worked diligently during the tours to keep things running smoothly. We appreciate all you do!

Special Visitor! We had a special visitor on October 26th, 2016. Mr. Joe Abrahams stopped by the Stockyards Museum and he was celebrating his 100th birthday!!! Not only did he tour the Stockyards but he climbed up on one of the steers for a photo. Mr. Abrahams lives in New York but he was born in Texas. It was on his "Bucket List" to come back to Texas to visit.



### The Museum Has Made Some "Large Scale" Changes

Two scales have been added to the museum's artifacts.



Scale #1 was in McKinley Iron Works which was located 2.5 miles from the Stockyards. The foundry was torn down to make way for the Trinity River Vision.

Scale #2 was in the Swift & Co Packing Plant and is on loan from Stockyards Heritage.

