



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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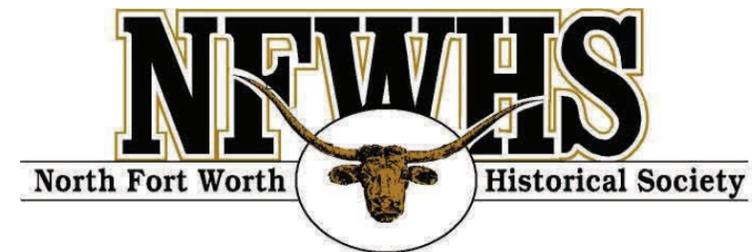
A new year, a new slate. Many of us are looking to the new year to redo things from the past or to begin healthier and life-affirming lifestyles. Perhaps reconnecting with family and friends, finding a new job (or retiring from one), getting in a better financial state, and many other thoughts for starting over or improving what we already do.

This past year brought challenges and surprises to the Society. We were challenged by the changes that were, and are, taking place in the Stockyards and our continuing financial struggles. We gained new friends and members, but we lost some very special friends who may be gone forever from our sight but never from our hearts. As mentioned, there were changes in the Stockyards, many of our long-time visual memories are gone and we wait to see what will rise in their place.

Teresa Burleson continues to do a great job with the displays in the Museum. Teresa, with the help of Ed Brown, has introduced many to the history of the Stockyards with special group tours. Our re-enactor members have directed many of the tourists they meet on the street our way and our wonderful volunteers have made those from far away feel welcome in the museum...and Devon Dawson even breaks out in a song or two at times. Your Board continues to take their appointment seriously and work hard to do what is best for the Society.

At the Christmas Party, a new award was introduced, the "Charlie and Sue McCafferty Heritage Award." This award covers 40 years of the Society...yes 40 years...and names the people who played a major, continuing role in its origin and in working to keep it going whether through their time, talents or financial assistance. The names listed on the award are: Amos and Libby Ross, Bill and Aliene Pokluda, Keith and Judy Bridwell, Gene and Pat Allen, Winston and Mary Sparks, Gerlind Capling, Jim Lane, Quentin McGown, Chris Farkas, Dale and Becky Marshall, Horace and Loquita Craig, Duane and Sue Ann Hayley, Sarah Biles, Don and Carol Newton, and Bill and Mitzi Davis. There is space for others and as we move ahead, hopefully more people will be added to the plaque which hangs in the Museum. The Society's Cow Chip Award went to John Pugh this year for his time volunteering in the museum and always being there to help and support the Society at parades, the Oakwood Tour, and other events.

As we start 2017, please keep the Society in your thoughts and prayers. We still face difficult financial times, plus we will be negotiating and signing a new lease this year. Melissa Hunter has worked hard writing and sending out grant requests, but so far we haven't been successful with that approach. This year's Oakwood Saints and Sinners Tour was the most attended tour we have ever experienced in the 11 years we have been presenting it. Our donations increased this year, along with annual corporate memberships, but we don't know if they will be returning for 2017. And with that thought, remember to renew your membership in January and invite friends and family to join the Society. We have survived for 40 years, and in that time we have sponsored numerous historical markers, introduced thousands to the history of the Stockyards and North Fort Worth, fought to preserve buildings such as the Coliseum, and been activists in the preservation of the true culture of the Stockyards. The Society didn't do that, our members did. Come join us and be a part of an exciting and historic future. —*Marty*



Membership Newsletter January 2017

There will NOT be a Meeting in January!
We will resume the meetings on February 9, 2017



Stockyards Museum 2017 Calendar

Be sure you get your 2017 Stockyards Calendar in the Stockyards Museum.

Historic photos and interesting tidbits of history.

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Special Visitors to the Stockyards Museum

On December 9th, Loretta Hudson brought a group of employees from XTO Energy to visit the Stockyards Museum. After lunch at Risky's Steakhouse they were given a tour of the Stockyards and the Stockyards Museum by Teresa Burleson, Museum Director. One of the visitors claimed, "I've lived in Fort Worth for years and never knew all this great history!" They were a great group and really enjoyed it. Thank you Loretta!



CHRISTMAS PARTY AND 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



The Society lost another long time friend and member. Dan Padgett passed away peacefully at his home on December 10, 2016. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the Padgett family.

We also send our condolences to the family of Judge Steve King for the loss of his dear mother, Chloe, who passed away on December 11, 2016.

Mitzi Bridwell Duke would like to say "Thank You" on behalf of the Bridwell family, to all those that donated money to the North Fort Worth Historical Society and Stockyards Museum on behalf of her father, Keith Bridwell. The Society is honored to have received many donations in memory of Keith.

Cow Chip Award

The 2016 Cow Chip Award went to John Pugh. John is always ready to help out in any way he can. If you say "Volunteer", John says, "I'll do it!"

Thank you John!



The New Charlie and Sue McCafferty Heritage Award

The board of the NFWHS has implemented a new award called the Charlie and Sue McCafferty Heritage Award. It is a stationary award that will remain in the Museum. It lists the people who played a major role to establish and perpetuate the historical society through their time, talents or financial assistance over the last 40 years. Right now there are 15 names on the award and others will be added in the years to come.

It is a way to honor those that help make the Society a success.

