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Resolutions for 2007

By Gretchen King, Newsletter Editor

It is a new year and new officers have been elected. Dues are due, again. Single member dues are \$18.00 and family dues are \$22.00. Please bring your money to the meeting or mail it to the Irving Genealogy Society.

Did you make any New Years' Resolutions for 2007? I did, I made two. The first one was to bring at least one new member to the Genealogical Society. If we all did this our society would double in size. Joe Sissom and the board need all of us to help make our society a good one. We offer helpful programs to make all phases of genealogical research easier. Lets all do our part to make our society successful.

My second resolution was to revisit some of the genealogical web sites and see what was new or changed. The first one I visited was Ancestry.com. I was pleased and surprised to see the additional data bases they had added. I found some of my Canadian ancestors and updated several family group sheets. This is quite an accomplishment as I had thought I had hit a brick wall. I also found I could find information on living people. I needed a phone number of a friend in California I had lost track of, and low and behold, Ancestry had the information. I have visited several other web sites and been very successful. If you are not a member of Ancestry, the

library has access on their computers or you can do it from your own house by using you library card.

Joe and the new board had some good ideas for the New Year. Let's all help them to make 2007 a successful and prosperous year for genealogists.

Mark your Calendars

January 14 -- Meeting 7 p.m. at the Library. Our speaker will be Steve Orthwein. Steve, a past member of our society, will speak on his version of "Arm Chair Genealogy." Steve was fortunate enough to be able to sit at his computer and find a great deal of his family tree on line. He will share this experience with us.

Mary Archer, our Library Liason, has hinted that an "all nighter" research night at the Library is in the works for January or February. This is something to look forward to, but you have to be a member to attend. This is another reason to pay your dues promptly.

Have you heard a good speaker that you think our society might like to hear? Please let Jeanne Mantooth know and she might be able to get the speaker for us.

Books, Books, Books!

The society has bought a number of books for the library. They are too numerous to list. Look for these books in the genealogy section soon. We thank all of you who listed the books or the areas that you are researching to help us choose the books that would be of interest to the society members.

Grace Lynch sent the name of a book to purchase in memory of her late husband Charles. Mary K. Weber picked out a book in memory of her son, David Kendal (Ken) Cox. which was also purchased. One book was purchased in memory of Shorty Henderson. We also purchased three books as a thank you to Shirley Apley, past speaker for the society. Shirley is a librarian at the Fort Worth Library and always donates her speaker fees to purchase books. We look forward to seeing al these books on the shelves.

Do You Have Some Time to Volunteer!!!

The Society is looking for some people to fill the jobs on the board. Richard Monroe has volunteered to help with the Publicity. We need a Membership Chairman, Hospitality Chairman, Project Chairman, Parliamentarian, and other jobs that make the society run like clock work. Can you give a few hours a week to help? Please contact Joe Sissom.