



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Tom Wiederhold

Has anyone seen our President? There was a man at Oakwood for the Saints and Sinners Tour that looked a lot like him, but he said his name was George Gause. Hopefully, we will see our President soon...

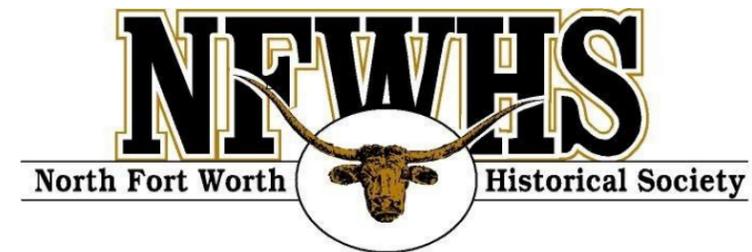
Well, speaking of the Saints and Sinners Tour, it has come and gone for another year and the preliminary numbers look good. We had the threat of rain, but it didn't keep the majority of visitors away...in fact on Saturday night we made it through the Twilight Tour and it didn't start the downpour until everyone was in the chapel and we had the portable lights and generator out of the weather. I really want to thank our presenters and our wonderful volunteers who kept everything organized and running. Thanks to Sarah Biles for all her hard work, Sue Ann Hayley for all the treats and Denise Marin for organizing the volunteers and working the tables with them (and getting Fern Marin out there to help too). Although I didn't get up to the tables much, I did see Jimmy and Diane Carter, Pat Simpson along with granddaughter Morgan Harding, Betty Shankle, John Pugh Sr. and John Pugh Jr., and this year we had help from Sarah's daughter and son-in-law, Leanna and Gabe Schooley. Tex Dugan and Tara, James and Sandy Madewell along with Buttermilk Junction and many others, were out there entertaining the visitors. We have already started planning for next year, so please be sure and let Sarah or I know if you wish to participate for 2014.

A recent study came out stating that volunteering may improve your mental health and help you live longer. Researchers analyzed data from 40 published papers and found evidence that volunteers had a 20% lower risk of death than non-volunteers. In addition, volunteers have lower levels of depression, increased life satisfaction and enhanced well-being. It went on to say the common reasons people give for volunteering include giving something back to their community or supporting and organization or charity that has supported them. People also volunteer to gain work experience or to widen their social circle. I really want to see each of you around for a very long time and happy...so, volunteer!!

We are getting into the holidays and our annual Christmas Party has been planned for December 12th at Cattleman's Restaurant and we will have more details later. Also, to give all of us a chance to get over the holidays, we will not be having a January monthly meeting.

Several of our Board Members need volunteers for the new committees we have started. Just a few include Debi Carl over the membership committee (getting new members, putting together a new directory, etc), Loretta Hudson over the fundraising committee (finding ways like grants, raffles, etc to raise funds), and Debbie Clarke over the special events committee (includes quarterly field trips, getting our reenactors out in the public view to promote the Society, and getting our name out there). If you are interested in helping any of these new committees, please let either the Chair or Teresa know. All are great opportunities to help and with some you don't even have to leave home!!

See you on the 14th, *Marty Humphrey*



Membership Newsletter November 2013

The November Meeting will be on the 14th at 7pm.



Some of the long-time residents of the Oakwood Cemetery will pay us a visit and share some details of their long-past lives.

Meeting will be held in the Livestock Exchange Building.

Also, the winning ticket for the Fort Worth commemorative rifle will be drawn. If you haven't purchased your raffle tickets yet this will be your last chance to do so.



EXTRA CREDIT!

Allison Esparza, social studies and science teacher at Timberview Middle School in the Keller ISD, has for the last 2 years offered extra credit to her students who attended the Oakwood Saints and Sinners Cemetery Tour. We would like to express our appreciation to her for allowing our program to be part of her curriculum and for offering another perspective in teaching Fort Worth history. Maybe other classes will follow suit next year.

Ms. Esparza, the North Fort Worth Historical Society gives you a Gold Star!





The NFWHS extends a Texas size
THANK YOU!
 to everyone that volunteered and helped with the
 2013 Oakwood Saints and Sinners Cemetery Tour.



It was a great success and could not have been done without you!



NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



A great big **THANK YOU** goes out to Dan Lamb for researching and putting together the information that was needed to apply for a historical marker for the Fort Worth Belt Railway. He has submitted it and now we wait to hear the results

Thoughts and prayers go out to **Diane Carter** who had surgery on both feet on November 1. We hope she has a speedy recovery!

Don't forget that our meeting next month on the 12th, will be the Christmas Party at Cattleman's Steak House. The fun and fellowship are free but you pay for your own meal and drinks. There will also be a Gift Exchange so bring a gift under \$20 if you want to participate.

HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The Museum Gift Shop Has Unique and Festive Christmas Gift Ideas

And remember, as a member you get 15% off your purchase.

This is just a few of the items available.

Come see us!



Stockyards Ornament



Childrens Book



Exchange Building Ornament



Texas Ornament

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH – JIMMY AND DIANE CARTER

Jimmy and Diane Carter have been volunteering in the museum longer than anyone can remember. Diane has been a NFWHS member for about 30 years and when she and Jimmy married we snagged him too. They enjoy meeting the people that visit the museum and are always ready to share the rich history of the Stockyards and North Fort Worth.

Thank you to the Carters for their faithful service and to all of the volunteers that make the Stockyards Museum possible.

