



# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*By Marty Humphrey*

We all have wanted rain, and we got it! My only question is why did it have to rain (or threaten rain) for the Oakwood Tour? Fortunately the only time we had to make adjustments was for Friday night's Twilight Tour and all we did was bring it all inside the Chapel. Everyone seemed to enjoy the program just as much and only two reservations went unattended. The rest of the weekend was good (and dry) but attendance was down a bit, probably due to the clouds; however, it was still the third best attended event since we started. I want to thank all our volunteers who staffed the tables and our reenactors and tour guides. We couldn't do it without you!!

The City Council accepted the Task Force's recommendation and will move forward on the process to get the State and Local Historic District designations for the Stockyards and will begin work on the form-based code based on the standards and guidelines recommended by the Task Force. All this is great news. Thanks to those who spoke at Council and to those who sent in their support for the designation. It did help.

On November 14<sup>th</sup> the North Fort Worth Historical Society will be hosting the unveiling of the Belt Railroad Historical Marker. Thanks to Dan Lamb and Sue Ann Hayley we were able to get the marker and have it placed in the Stockyards. Everyone is invited to attend, 9:00 am at the east end of East Exchange, with refreshments afterward in the museum. Please come and show your support.

We will be having our Christmas Party this year on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Los Vaqueros Restaurant at 2629 N. Main. Parking is plentiful...and free! Teresa will be sending out more information nearer to that date.

Thank you for your support of the Society and of the Stockyards Museum. We still are challenged by funding, but we have remained open another year and our wonderful members and sponsors have gotten us this far. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers...and maybe put in a good word to Santa for us. ~Marty



*Happy Thanksgiving!*



Membership Newsletter November 2015

**Be sure to attend the NFWHS meeting**

**November 12 at 7pm.**

Our special guest is Michael J. Bennett and Samantha Hunt-Garbarino.

Mr. Bennett is Chief Executive Officer of Bennett-Benner Partners and is they are the architects that will be heading up the Horse and Mule Barn redevelopment project.



The meeting will be in the Livestock Exchange Building.

**Welcome New Members!**

The NFWHS welcomes several new members.

**Brenda Helmer ~ Lori Loftis ~ Bryan Barrett**

**Jeff Hatley ~ Linda Hatley ~ John Hunter ~ Trish Hunter**

**Martha Humphries ~ Danelle Touns ~ Nancy Cothrum**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**The NFWHS Annual Christmas Party is on**

**December 10th at 7pm at Los Vaqueros.**

Bring a gift for the White Elephant Gift Exchange (if you want to participate)

You pay for your meal when you arrive.

It will be served buffet style.

**Los Vaqueros is located at 2629 N. Main St. in the Stockyards.**



### Scenes from the Saints and Sinners Tour 2015

The 2015 Oakwood Saints and Sinners Tour was a success in spite of the threat of rain.  
Photos by Karen Gomez, Shelli Bird and Dan Murray.



### NFWHS News by Teresa Burleson



Congratulations to long time member of the NFWHS, Billy Oxsheer. Billy's great grandfather, Fountain Goodlet Oxsheer was inducted into the Texas Trail of Fame and his star is located near The Cattleman's Steakhouse.

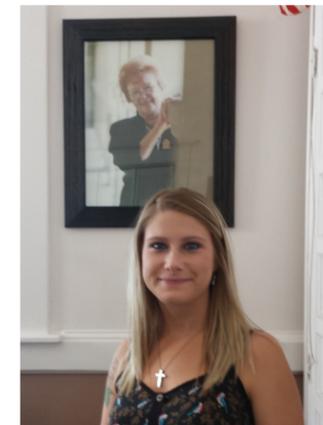
F. G. Oxsheer, (1849–1931). cattleman, was one of the early settlers on the Texas High Plains and among the first to introduce windmills, thus pointing the way for settlement of the entire region. By the 1890s he owned 30,000 cattle and controlled a ranching empire of 1.25 million acres. Oxsheer invested heavily in feeder cattle during WWI. Prices collapsed at the end of the war, and he lost nearly everything he owned. Nevertheless was well on the way to building yet another ranching network when the Great Depression hit. Oxsheer died on September 28, 1931, in Fort Worth, his hometown since 1894.



F.G. Oxsheer is the subject of the book, *The Forgotten Cattle King* by Benton R. White.

**The NFWHS would like to borrow a free standing, electric fireplace for a few days.**  
If you have one you would consider loaning, please call Teresa at the museum, 817-625-5082 or email at [nfwhs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nfwhs@sbcglobal.net).

### You Never Know Who Might Stop By!



We had a surprise visit last month from the grand daughter of Sue and Charlie McCafferty, Meagan McCafferty. It was a perfect opportunity to take a picture of Meagan in front of the photo of her grandmother Sue.

Thanks for stopping by Meagan and we hope you will come back soon!

**Thank you to each and every volunteer that helped make the Oakwood Saints and Sinners Tour a success!**

**From those in the back ground that were selling tickets, working the water and book tables, preparing lunch, crowd control, gate keepers, etc., to those in the limelight that portrayed the characters.**

**It couldn't have been done without you!**