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Incoming President's Message by Gloria LaVonne Wright Russell

As I write this incoming message, at Kay Kopycinski's invitation, I first want to thank the membership for their confidence in electing me to serve as President of the Houston Genealogical Forum during 2007-2008 for a most important year. Our upcoming **50th year** is a milestone to be accentuated throughout the year. I enjoyed my past Presidential terms of 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 and felt that we accomplished much in advancing our society, especially by being able to disseminate information quickly to everyone through the HGF website – www.hgftx.org.

I would like to introduce the incoming Board of Directors for the 2007-2008 year. Marilyn Maniscalco Henley – First Vice President (Program Chair); Bettie Moor Marshall – Second Vice President (Membership Chair); Vivian Morgan – Recording Secretary (Vivian also serves as our media library chair); Gwen Pryor – Corresponding Secretary; Beverly Hooven Vaughan – Treasurer; Carolyn Ivy Shimek – Archivist; Joyce Parnell Frost – Director; and Alexander Scott – Director. Alexander (known to most of us as “Sandy”) will additionally undertake responsibilities as Editor-in-Chief of *The Genealogical Record* since Kay's family commitments do not allow her to continue.

My incoming 2007-2008 Board and Committees will have a lot of work to do this year in preparing a new schedule of programs, mini-seminars, bus trips, as well as all the behind-the-scenes planning for our 50th year celebration activities which will be held at the May 2008 annual meeting.

You will not want to miss a single meeting this upcoming year.

Because the Houston Genealogical Forum has a history of success based on all the efforts of its volunteers, please seriously consider being an important part this year by serving on a committee, of your choice, to help support HGF activities. There is no better way to learn about the Forum than to serve on a committee and become an integral part in making it a successful year. It is also a great training platform for moving to and serving as an HGF officer.

I can say personally that my 12+ years of service to the Forum, in many different positions, has allowed me insight to all phases of activities that I could not have obtained in any other way.

We always welcome suggestions for new activities, so feel free to contact me with your ideas and they will be handled appropriately. Often times, you, as members, are our best source for information on HGF members who are ill, so be sure to let us know if you have information on a member who could use a card to cheer them up or any other pertinent information regarding our members.

In closing, I want to thank Kay Kopycinski, 2006-2007 President, and the 2006-2007 Board for a successful year brought about by their diligent efforts. Additionally, I want to compliment Kay and thank her for her work as editor of the *The Genealogical Record*. Enjoy the summer!

Gloria

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