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President's Message



Marj Lowe

As my tenure in office comes to a close, I must thank all of the wonderful HGF board members and ex officio members. They have worked so faithfully to fulfill our mission to enhance our members' genealogical experience. Special appreciation goes to immediate past president Ginny Douglas, who attended meetings, answered questions and gave wise advice when asked.

For each of the past two years, we have offered two free all-day seminars and one paid seminar that served as a fundraiser. Added to these offerings, we sponsored Marje Harris' Beginning Genealogy Classes at Clayton Library for the first time. This allowed the participants to spend the afternoons researching and applying what they had learned, which added to their genealogical skills.

The Membership Committee deserves great credit for growing our numbers to more than 200 people. We averaged between 60 to 70 attendees, with an almost standing-room only audience for Diahan Southard's DNA program in October.

The Web Committee improved the usability of the website and made the information there more accessible. Rebecca "Rae" Bryant scanned many back issues of *The Genealogical Record*. This added another wonderful resource for local information in addition to the Houston City Directories and Bible Transcriptions posted in recent years.

HGF ends this year in a solid financial status. We stayed within our budget and are passing on a solid reserve of funds to the new board. Treasurer Sharron Newhouse reported a financial review was done for 2015 and the books are in order for a 2016 review.

HGF members donated delicious snacks to be enjoyed before and during the meetings. Many thanks to the faithful Refreshments Committee of Mary Frances Townsend, Gay Dowdy and Judy Stromsted, and the volunteers of the month who chaired the effort on a rotating basis.

Members can look forward to a great new year with President Rae Bryant, 1st Vice President Alan Leeds, 2nd Vice President Gay Dowdy, Corresponding Secretary Marilyn Perry, Historian Mary Frances Townsend, and Directors Monica Anderson and Becky Childers in charge. Not to mention Webmaster Walter Steets, Publicity Chair Dana Leeds and *Record* Editor Jen Sansbury, who represent us to the membership and general public alike as very creative, hard-working media professionals.

So, volunteers, get behind this board and ask, "What I can do to help?" It will make you proud!

With fondest regards,

Marjorie Johnson Lowe

Upcoming Events

Meetings are held at Bayland Community Center at 6400 Bissonnet St. in Houston on the first Saturday of each month from September through May, unless otherwise indicated. See www.hgftx.org for the exact schedule. The length of the programs may vary. Doors open at 9 a.m. Join us for refreshments. General meetings start at 10 a.m.

	Date	Speaker	Topic
2017	September 9	Lisa Toth Salinas	Catholic research
	October 7	Devon Noel Lee	Clearing the Genealogy Clutter: Tips to Stay Organized and Share Stories
	November 4 (all-day free seminar)	Annette Burke Lyttle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Social History and Why Should a Genealogist Care? • A Path to Your Next Research Steps: Using Timelines to Organize, Analyze, and Evaluate Evidence • Reconstructing a Life: Chasing Uncle William through the Wilds of Cyberspace
	December 2	Frank Smith	My Autosomal Results are In, Now What?
2018	January 6	Faye Stallings	Southern research
	February 3	TBA	TBA
	March 3	TBA	TBA
	April 7	TBA	TBA
	April 21 (all-day paid seminar)	Lisa Louise Cooke	TBA
	May 5	TBA	TBA

Note: The Texas State Genealogical Society's 2017 Family History Conference will be October 20-22 at the Omni Houston Westside in Houston. Visit www.txsgs.org for more information.

Welcome New Members

The Houston Genealogical Forum would like to extend a warm welcome to new and returning members who have joined over the past year. We're glad you've discovered (or re-discovered) HGF, and hope you'll get involved by volunteering on a committee.

Norma Acker	Jackie Huckabay	Marilyn Perry
Katherine Aubin	Janice Hall	Allen Peterson
Arnold Burkholder	Arthur Henley	Jen Sansbury
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Monica Dávila	David McCollough	
Amy Foltz	Margaret McCollough	
Gerolyn George	Cynthia Mills	

In Memoriam

Eddie Wayne Bader (1929-2016)

Mary M. Muegge (1939-2016)

Richard Graham Musgrove (1923-2016)

Virginia Simms Toney (1927-2016)

The Official Logo of HGF



The official logo of the Houston Genealogical Forum was drawn by Mr. Herman J. Guillot, president of the Forum in 1977.

Circle: In genealogical and inheritance charts, a female. Represents the search for our maternal ancestors.

Square: In genealogical and inheritance charts, a male. Represents the search for our paternal ancestors.

Hourglass: Represents both genealogic time and the time involved in searching for one's ancestors.

Heraldic Shield: Represents the physical recording of our family history or genealogy.

Colors: Black represents the unknown or yet to be discovered. White represents the known or discovered.

The HGF Purpose

The purpose of this organization is educational;

- To provide for the instruction and training of individuals in improving and developing their capabilities and by instructing the public on genealogical and historical subjects useful to these individuals and beneficial to the community.
- To conduct genealogical discussions and lectures for the furtherance of genealogy through public education.
- To create, foster and maintain interest among citizens of Harris County, Texas, in the genealogy and local history of Harris County, the genealogy of the founders of this Republic, and such genealogy as may be of interest to the members.
- To collect and preserve information relating to those pioneers who settled Harris County and to the early history of Houston and Harris County, Texas.
- To preserve church, cemetery and land records, testamentary documents, diaries and manuscripts and other source materials wherein are chronicled the achievements of those who laid in the wilderness the foundation of this great Republic.
- To copy and index all such records and to catalog them so as to make this information more readily available to present and future generations.
- To collect and make available to the members of this organization and others, through the Houston Public Library, the published records of other states, whence came the early pioneers.
- To exchange ideas and collaborate in devising efficient methods of genealogical and historical research.
- To maintain a close relationship with the Houston Public Library and all kindred organizations where located.

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