



NOVEMBER 1987 - NEWSLETTER

Clayton Library Friends will hold their last meeting of 1987 10 A.M., Wednesday November 4, 1987. The main order of business will be the election of officers for the coming year. There will be a board meeting at 9 A.M., preceding the regular meeting.

A large number of enthusiastic members attended the September meeting and viewed the excellent slide presentation which has been assembled by Avis and Harry Brister. During the groundbreaking ceremonies more pictures were taken which will be added to "A Dream of the Past - A Reality of Today." The Bristers have shown their slides several times and other presentations are being scheduled.

We hope everyone saw the September 24 Houston Chronicle which featured an excellent story by Betty Ewing about Clayton Library. The article and pictures helped acquaint thousands of Chronicle readers with what the headline proclaimed was one of the best genealogical libraries in the United States... and we agree! Mention was also made of CLF and how to join the organization. Ann Reed, CLF Publicity Chairman, deserves lots of thanks for arranging this for us.

For those of you who were unable to attend the festive groundbreaking ceremonies we are including an account of the event written by Maxine Alcorn. She asks that her personal thanks be given to everyone in CLF who contributed to making it a most memorable occasion. Special thanks are extended to the following....BARBARA YORK who was the Chairman....MILDRED TARCHIANI, JOYCE and QUENTIN NAUMANN, BEVERLY KENNERLY, and ODILE ROBERTS who addressed the invitations....DENIS FLUKER, VERNA FLOYD, and JUDY BARNETT who provided the attractive table decorations....MARY ULMER who loaned her lovely tablecloth....CLARENCE SMITH who did the outdoor decorationsBARBARA YORK who brought the napkins....VERNA FLOYD, the capable Hospitality Chairman, and those who helped her....GINNY TONEY, ILYNE OLSON, JOYCE NAUMANN, BARBARA YORK, and MAXINE ALCORN....and especially to EVERYONE WHO BROUGHT THE DELICIOUS COOKIES!!!!

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CLAYTON LIBRARY GROUNDBREAKING

The weather was as beautiful as the day was special on October 6, 1987 for the official groundbreaking for the new addition to Clayton Library. The sun was bright and warm, and a nice breeze had the Clayton Library Friends' balloons bobbing noticeably for the celebration.

"Clayton Library Groundbreaking" - Continued

At 2:30 P.M., Councilman George Greanias, acting as emcee, introduced Mayor Kathryn Whitmire, who expressed her pleasure at participating in the event even as she noted wryly that we might be a little late - since it looked as if some groundbreaking had already taken place. Katherine T. Mize, Library Board Director, made a few remarks about the popularity of Clayton as a genealogical research resource, and its important contribution to the international aspect of this city.

Mr. Greanias also made some very astute comments about the widespread use, importance, and influence of Clayton, and the marvelous job done by the library staff. He then introduced Mr. W. W. Vann, who was attending the ceremonies as the representative of the Clayton family. Introductions of the Library Board, the architects, the contractor, and the Clayton Library Friends Board were also made. Of particular interest to us were the introductions of Central Chief Ruby Weaver and Clayton Library Manager Maxine Alcorn and Clayton Library Friends' vice president Barbara York (in the absence of president John Kirtley.)

Mayor Whitmire, Mr. Greanias, Mrs. Mize, Barbara York, and Library Director, David Henington then took up shovels, beautifully decorated with red, white, and blue ribbon and officially "broke the ground" for the new building site. As the construction crew went back to work the celebrants adjourned to the Guest House for refreshments provided by the Clayton Library Friends.

Our next red-letter day will be the day the new library opens, hopefully sometime in the fall of 1988. Some of us just can't wait.

By Maxine Alcorn

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The I.R.S. has approved Tax Exemption for CLF. Your donations to CLF are now tax deductible. We hope you will consider a gift to CLF in the near future.

Charter membership cards are enclosed. An envelope and coupon is included for payment of 1988 dues.

The effort of all our members in fund-raising and getting new members is deeply appreciated - keep up the good work!

SEE YOU AT THE NOVEMBER 4 MEETING!

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