



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 1988

A Message from President Verna Floyd.....

At the November meeting the slate of officers for 1989 was presented by the nominating committee and duly elected. The new officers will assume office on January first. A decision was made not to have a formal installation. The previously announced board meeting for January 3 and the regular meeting for January 4 have been cancelled.

A Message from President-Elect Ginny Toney.....

The Clayton Library Friends 1989 regular meetings will be held on the second Saturday of the odd numbered months beginning JANUARY 14. The meeting place is to be the old Clayton Library building. Coffee and fellowship will be at 9:30, and the meeting will begin promptly at 10. This will be a business and 'brainstorming' session where everyone can share his ideas with the newly elected officers. Each board member will give his hopes for 1989. We need each of you to be there and help us plan for the new year. Since February is the month for hearts and love, I am suggesting that we show our love for CLF by having parties to raise some much needed money for our organization. If you are willing to hostess a party for us, large or small, please call me at 493-6993 or 467-4670 and come to the January meeting to hear more about the various party ideas which have been suggested. This should be fun and excitement for everyone in our group. On behalf of the new Board I want to thank the 1988 Board members for all their work and effort.

A Message from Maxine Alcorn.....

As this year ends, the Staff and I want to thank each and everyone of you for your help and support throughout 1988. Every aspect of your participation, donations, helping in the move, food and ideas were important. The Happy Birthday gifts were a great success. Thanks go to all who contributed and also to the Dedication Committee who thought of the idea.

From the Treasurer comes the following list of Happy Birthday contributors: Jane B. Barr, Joyce Pryor Beall, Mrs. Mary Stalnaker Bock, Lucy M. Brown, Ruth L. Czigán, Sally Fenly, M. Joyce Gidley, Bettye M. Green, Virgil E. Hamilton, Bobbie Hutchins, Mavis P. Kelsey, Phillis A. Shawcroft, Virginia L. Hickman, Ema D. Horton, Lella Jo Poch, J. Z. and Raquel Rowe, Mrs. Jesse T. Russell, Jr., Mariel Laughter, James V. Lusby, Nancy N. McAdams, Mrs. Floyd McNutt, Ira E. Malone, Lydia Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Naumann, Mrs. R. E. Pennington, Jr., Catherine C. Ponder, Sarah Finch, M. Rollins, Nana J. Sisk, Mrs. Lillian B. Tilley and Walter E. Taylor. Other donations were received from: Beverly M. Martin, Mrs. Joe Loe, Mrs. Effie Emmons, Robert Myrick, Elizabeth McClenny, Arthur Christensen, Earl Coleman, Virginia Lloyd and Bresmont Garden Club.

The money donated to Clayton Library Friends was spent on the following materials, some of which are still on order: 23 books, 185 rolls of census /soundex; and seven other rolls of film.

We look forward to working with all of you in the New Year.

WANT ADS

Job openings on circulation staff of Newsletter: Need volunteers to prepare for mailing during last week of even numbered months. Please call Louise F. Krohn, 721-3540, who is assistant to O.D. Center.

Volunteers needed to work at Clayton Library in January and February. Call Pat Cochran, 721-1898.

Recruitment is in progress for energetic, talented workers to serve for Ways and Means projects. Call Mildred Tarchiani, 531-5729.

A reminder--

Renewal membership dues for 1989 are now payable. The dues are \$10.00 per person. Make your check to Clayton Library Friends and mail with form below to:

CLIFTON H. TAYLOR, Treasurer CLF
2515 RIATA
HOUSTON, TX 77043

NAME: (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

(STREET ADDRESS)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

(WORK PHONE) (HOME PHONE)

List name(s) of any committee(s) you would like to serve on or volunteer service you can help with.

Vice President in charge of membership for the Harris County Genealogical Society. She is Recording Secretary of the Robert E. Lee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Clifton Hughes (Cliff) Taylor, nominee for Treasurer, was born in Port Arthur, TX and attended public schools in Austin, TX. He graduated from University of Houston with a BBA, major in Accounting. Cliff has held positions as manager of data processing departments and for the past 18 years has been employed as a Tax Examiner for the Texas Employment Commission.

He is a member of the S. A. R., S. C. V., and Former Texas Rangers Association. He has traced his family line to the Mayflower and to several Colonial families.

T. Norman (Norman) Crook, nominee for Director, is a native of Tom Green County, TX, as is his wife, the former Ruby Mae Keel. He attended Texas A & M University and holds degrees in Electrical Engineering and Geology. Upon graduation he went with Humble Oil and Refining Co. (now Exxon) in what was then it's Exploration Department. He held numerous technical and management positions in Exploration and Research. He rose to Manager of the Long Range Research Division of Exxon Production Research Company before retiring in 1986. He has been active in professional societies, having served as president of the international Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) and as chairman of the SEG Foundation trustees. He is an Honorary Member of the Geophysical Society of Houston, and is listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest.

Norman is descended on both his paternal and maternal sides from immigrants who came to Virginia from England and Germany in the 1600's and 1700's. His family migrated to Texas via the Southern States, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and Arkansas. He is a member of the National Genealogical Society, and the Houston Genealogical Forum.

John D. Kirtley, nominee for Director, grew up on a farm in Oklahoma. He served with the U. S. Army in the European Theater and attended the Army Intelligence School in Germany. He has just retired from a 38 year career in the railroad business in Houston, Ft. Worth, Oklahoma City, Kansas City, St. Paul, Chicago and back to Houston. He has two daughters and four grandchildren.

He has been researching his family genealogy for about five years, finding his progenitor came to Virginia in 1710 from the British Isles. He was active in organizing CLF, served as its first President, and was the key figure in procuring the grant from Houston Endowment, Inc. to Clayton Library in the amount of \$760,000.

Henry H. (Hank) Meredith, nominee for Director, was born in Cleburne, TX, entered Texas Tech and graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. After five years in business and teaching, he went with Humble Oil and Refining Co. (now Exxon) in their Production Department where he held various technical and supervisory positions over a span of 20 years. In 1964 he became Exxon Co. U.S.A.'s Coordinator, Environmental Conservation, in the Public Affairs Department. He was Chairman of South Texas Section of ASME, the Petroleum Division of ASME, the South Texas Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute, and Vice Chairman of their national Committee on Environmental Affairs. He served Texas Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Assn. as Chairman of their Conservation Committee, and the Air Pollution Control Assn. as Chairman of their Southwest Section. Hank retired from Exxon in 1978.

He is a fourth generation Texan. One great grandfather came to Texas from Arkansas in 1830. His maternal and paternal ancestors served in the Revolutionary War, and one of the two served in the War of 1812. Hank is a former President of the Houston Genealogical Forum.