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An especially interesting and informative program has been planned for the CLF meeting on Saturday morning, September 9, in the Clayton Home. The Reverend James Ramsey who has coordinated the CLF research of church records in the Houston area will be the speaker. He will tell what has been found about records the various denominations have and how to access them. At a later date these findings will be compiled for use at Clayton Library.

Members of the group working with Reverend Ramsey are Gladys Clark, Peggy Gregory, Bernice McBeth, Mary Jane Paez, and Margaret "Peg" Taylor. They deserve much credit for the time and effort they have expended.

During the business session at the September meeting **four people will be elected by the membership to serve on the Nominating Committee**. These four along with the member named by the Executive Board will present their report at the annual CLF meeting in November. The new officers when elected will assume office in January 1990. FOR COMPLETE GUIDELINES REGARDING THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, REFER TO THE BYLAWS, SECTION 6.3, PAGE 44, OF YOUR YEARBOOK. (*Nominees for the Nominating Committee should be contacted in advance to assure their willingness to serve.*)

All Clayton Friends who read the July issue of Houston Metropolitan Magazine were exceedingly pleased. On page 11 Douglas Milburn included in his column, "City Insights", a great article about Clayton Library. He called it Houston's Hidden Treasure. In addition to the article there was a lovely color picture of Maxine Alcorn with an array of valuable books. The arrangements for the interview Milburn had with our CLF President Ginny Toney were made by Trevia Beverly. THANK YOU, Trevia!

ILYNE OLSON, Editor

FROM GINNY TONEY — PRESIDENT

At the CLF Executive Board meeting held Saturday, August 12, it was voted to create a position to be named Consultant for Development. Lucia Greer was

appointed to fill that position. She will use her expertise to advise and guide CLF in their efforts to enrich Clayton Library.

The Board also voted to use \$700 from the remaining Houston Endowment Fund to buy software for the computers recently purchased for patrons and staff at the Library.

Margaret Whiteley was elected by the Board to serve on the Nominating Committee.

## FROM EVA CUNNINGHAM

—MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

Membership has reached 570! (See and clip the listing of new members and address changes on a later page of the newsletter.)

Continue to tell others—especially Clayton patrons—about our bargain rate for the remainder of 1989—JUST \$5 PER PERSON. If you are having a problem finding a gift for a friend—consider giving them a membership in CLF! Application forms are available in the snack room and on the counter of the Information Desk at Clayton.

### BI-MONTHLY MEETING

9:30 A.M. - SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 9  
OLD CLAYTON HOME

### LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW CLF BENEFIT

11 A.M. - THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 14  
VARGO'S - 2401 FONDREN

(\$25 - RESERVATION DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 9)

## FROM MILDRED TARCHIANI

— PROJECTS PLANNING COORDINATOR

BRAVO!!! to Clarence Smith for the beautiful ORGAN RECITAL he presented Sunday, June 25, at Faith Lutheran Church, 4600 Bellaire, for the benefit of Clayton Library Friends.

Counting anticipated matching corporate funds we expect to have raised almost \$1,000!. Although the weather was terrible, Clarence's rendition of the historical hymns and the narrations he wrote inspired us and lifted our spirits. We are grateful to the church for their generous hospitality and to the church members who came to this event not only to benefit CLF but to honor their much loved and respected organist.

THANKS to Ruby Dusek, who was in charge of this successful and enjoyable fund raiser, and to her committee for providing the delicious refreshments that followed the recital.

\*\*\*\*\*Remember that September 9 is the RESERVATION DEADLINE for the LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW, at Vargo's, 11 a.m., Thursday, September 14. Call Judith Trammell, Special Events Chairman, 774-5088, if you have questions.

## FROM PAT COCHRAN

— LIBRARY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS COORDINATOR

During June and July volunteer hours fell to 81. However, in this time Betty Stokes and Peggy Gregory made good contributions that will aid future volunteers. Peggy prepared a computer program for the Apple II for the Library's Family History Records, and Betty completed a computer program for the Zenith laptop (MSDOS) to use for the Fogle-West Funeral Home records. These files are in the old Clayton Home and volunteers willing to help with the input of this data should contact or recontact Pat Cochran, 721-1898.

The table-top boxes with paper slips are proving to be a much needed contribution by CLF. To those who provide paper (and surplus pencils), we say "thank you".

The SLIDE PRESENTATION ABOUT CLAYTON LIBRARY which Harry and Avis Brister put together has been revised to show the work of CLF and the service volunteers. If you know of organizations that would like the Bristers to present this program at a meeting, call them (681-6456).

## FROM JOHN KIRTLEY — GRANTS COORDINATOR

The Grants Committee is happy to report that our fund raising campaign is under way.

I want to acknowledge the super support and efforts of committee members Leah Auricchio, Lucia Greer, and Margaret Whiteley. (Bob McAdams has resigned due to business demands.) In addition to the work done by our committee members, we are indebted to Eva Cunningham who built the data base, typed and formatted the material to go into our foundation package. She and Margaret Whiteley did a great job producing the letters and material.

We are offering the opportunity to support Clayton Library to 123 Houston area and Texas foundations. CLF is fortunate to have 19 volunteer solicitors from the Friends membership. They are making calls on 65 of these foundations. Our dedicated volunteers are Leah Auricchio, Dr. R. J. Blackwell, Trevia Beverly, R. C. Burklin, E. W. Coleman, Norman Crook, Eva Cunningham, Lucia Greer, T. E. Hargus, John E. Lords, Henry H. Meredith, Quentin Naumann, Ilyne Olson, A. E. Perthuis, Clarence Smith, Mildred Tarchiani, Bill and Ginny Toney, and Margaret Whiteley. I will contact as many of the remaining foundations as time permits. Those I am unable to see in person will be contacted by mail. We plan to keep detailed records of the replies and results of this campaign to form a data base for solicitations in future years. I sincerely appreciate the help and efforts of all who contributed to getting this effort under way. If I have overlooked anyone please forgive me.

## FROM T. NORMAN CROOK — BYLAWS COORDINATOR

The amendments to the Bylaws printed in the last newsletter were approved by the membership at the July meeting. Please mark these changes in the Bylaws section of your yearbook.

## FROM MARY ANN PHILLIPS — HISTORIAN

A beautiful book has been added to the Historian's records. It will serve as a register for the names of all donors to the Clayton Library Friends Endowment Fund. The name of the donor will be listed, date of gift, and the name of the person(s) being honored or memorialized. This will be a permanent record for the Friends to have to appreciate gifts given to the Endowment Fund.

## FROM HENRY H. MEREDITH, JR.

— GIFTS, DONATIONS, AND MEMORIALS COORDINATOR

Thanks to the following contributors for their gifts given since the last newsletter:

Joan Boecker, Anne Boyd, Patrick F. Cochran, Earl W. Coleman, Alice M. Hahn, John and Doris Kirtley, Beverly R. Matz, Lydia Mills, Margaret Mottley,

Carol J. Oborn, Phil Richey, Odile Roberts, Beverly Schorre, Susan D. Tallman, Ora C. Walker, Margaret Whiteley, and Narcissus B. Witmer.

Clemence V. Whiteley gave a gift with matching funds from Exxon to be used for Clayton's Memorial Book Fund.

Thanks, too, to those who made anonymous cash contributions at the June 25 Organ Recital.

### FROM MARGARET WHITELEY

- ENDOWMENTS COORDINATOR

As of August 15 our Endowment Fund reached \$2,470. Contributors to the fund, since the last newsletter, are John D. and Doris Kirtley and Quentin and Joyce Naumann, and the following who gave memorial and honorarium gifts:

#### Memorials

Wilbur Gould  
by Col. M. P. and Peggy Gregory  
Gwendolyn Boyett White  
by J. C. White and Ada Gwen Kunz  
Wiley Ade and Cora (Whiteley) Hamilton  
by Lawrence A. Hamilton

#### Honorarium

Col. M. P. and Peggy Gregory  
by Eva Cunningham

### FROM MAXINE ALCORN

-MANAGER, CLAYTON LIBRARY

"Are you tired of juggling change for the OCE photocopier machines?"

Magnetic cards are now available at Clayton Library for use in the OCE photocopier machines ONLY. They are available in denominations of \$10, \$15, \$20, and \$50. A card may be purchased for \$1 plus the amount.

If the magnetic strip on your card is damaged in any way, the remaining amount cannot be read by the "reader card". Therefore, there can be no refunds if you lose or bend your card or if it cannot be read by the machine because of damage. When all the money on the card has been expended and if the card is still usable the same card may be encoded with any amount you choose without incurring the \$1 card fee. If the card cannot be reused there will be a \$1 fee for a new card.

You may pay by check or cash at the Information Desk. If there are no cards available one will be encoded and you may pick it up within two days or so at the Information Desk. Every effort will be made so that you can pick it up the next day, but no promises

can be made.

Be sure to put your signature on the front of the card.

FROM CLIFTON H. TAYLOR - TREASURER

### \*SHORT FORM BALANCE SHEET, JULY 31, 1989

#### ASSETS

CASH ON HAND	\$ 8,202.87
USPO BULK MAIL FUND	257.66

TOTAL ASSETS	\$8,460.53
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#### EQUITY

CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$ 1,085.05
UNEXPENDED SURPLUS	
PRIOR YEAR	2,544.64
SURPLUS THIS YEAR	4,830.84

TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 8,460.53
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\*The complete Treasurer's report will be available at the September 9 general meeting.

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