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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with mixed feelings that I write this letter. We research our past and wonder how we got to our place in life; however, we also deal with the present. We have lost cherished CLF family members in 2015 which keeps us all grounded in the present, still with hope for the future. Our organization and its members are all true friends.

At our January, 2016 board meeting, we reviewed our 2015 minutes which reminded us of all of the services provided by the Friends and volunteers, including financial support, website, programs, newsletter, equipment, house sitting, publicity which supported the Houston Public Library system, and the soon-to-be-televised Genealogy Roadshow, and of course, the acquisition of new publications and many books. We next look forward to our Saturday, February 13 General Meeting to hear Sue Kaufman's State of the Library+presentation.

Lastly, I will tell you about my last surviving uncle's (b.24 Dec) January birthday party which I turned into an opportunity to have a branch ancestry review to correct and add to our family tree. I printed out this Kingsbury branch of the family, and they were happy to see and correct information. There were three named Debra, Deborah and Debrah. I met the youngest baby and the oldest grandmother who is 94, still driving and with her full faculties, a wealth of great historical information. There were many memorable family stories. We did, belatedly, celebrate my uncle's Christmas Eve birth and ate birthday cake. They were all invited to a tour of Clayton Library.

Happy New Year, and thank you for utilizing and celebrating Houston's Clayton Library as a world-class genealogy resource.

Les Fullerton,
President, Clayton Library Friends

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Clayton Library Friends, Inc.

Statement of Activities

October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

Revenue

Unrestricted Contributions	\$ 2,015
Temporarily Restricted Contributions	4,825
Membership Dues	715
Total Revenue	\$ 7,555

Expenditures

Current Programs	\$ 4,513
Administrative & General	3,635
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,148

Net Operating Revenue \$ - 593

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2015

ASSETS

Bank Account	\$ 207,794
Fixed Assets	32,691
Other Assets	
(Investments, of which \$826,907 is the	
Permanent Endowment Fund)	1,096,184

Total Assets \$1,336,669

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Total Liabilities	\$ 591
Equity	\$ 1,336,078

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$1,336,669

Resa Nichols Hennings, Treasurer

Clayton Library Friends is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization . IRS Code 501(c)(3) . whose purpose is to enrich the resources and facilities of the Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research, a Special Collections branch of the Houston Public Library.

Welcome New and **Returning Members**

Clayton Library Friends would like to extend a warm welcome to these nineteen new and returning members who have joined CLF since our last newsletter.

Thomas F Brandino, Roy & Karen Christoffel, Amy Foltz, Deborah Hall, Kathy Havelsen, Joan Lowe, Malcolm McCorquodale, Dewey & Bonnie Meeks, Robert G Moore, Kathy Sue Mott, Christian & Ellen Ragon, Marsha Sachs, Sam & Carolyn Treynor, Gregory & Marilyn Weaver.

We're glad that you've discovered (or re-discovered) Clayton Library Friends and hope that you'll also join our group of volunteers that provides support to the Clayton Library in so many ways.

Special Donations

Recent donations to Clayton Library Friends were made **In Honor Of:**

**Mary Baker,
Trevia Wooster Beverly,
Lisa Pennington Furlow,
Janie Schexnayder.**

In Memory Of:

**Margaret Jane Goode,
Joseph Harris Huggins,
Lou Lazaric,
Norma Jean Patterson,
Rosemary Keller Sanders,
Laurence Shaner,
Frank & Caroline Timko,
JoAnn Whitehead,
Sarah Uzzi.**

Donations made to the CLF Angel Program are acknowledged in the *Angel* report on page 5 of this newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar -- And Join Us

Saturday, February 13, 2016, 10:15 am – 12:00 noon
Carriage House Meeting Room at the Clayton Library Center

Clayton Library Friends of Houston, Texas, invites everyone to their Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 13, 2016 for a *State of the Clayton Library* presentation by Sue Kaufman, Clayton Library Manager. Registration begins at 10:15 am (coffee provided). A short business meeting and the program will begin promptly at 10:30 am. Members and visitors alike are welcome to the free presentation.

The State of the Clayton Library



Speaker: Sue Kaufman

Sue Kaufman is the Manager of the Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research, a Special Collections unit of the Houston Public Library. She has worked as a genealogy librarian for over twenty years. Six of those years were spent at the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana . a library holding the largest genealogy collection in a public library in the nation. Her career began as a genealogy librarian in Peoria, Illinois at the Peoria Public Library. Sue's expertise is in genealogical historical reference, collection development, and educational outreach. She is a speaker at local, state, and national conferences, and Past-President of the Texas State Genealogical Society.

On Saturday, Sue will discuss the state of our Clayton Library. She will present an overview of activities and events that occurred during the past year . and expectations and dreams for the future. Be prepared for some exciting new ideas to help make the library more welcoming.

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Also, mark your calendar for our future meetings –

The second Saturday of May, August, and November in the Clayton Carriage House.

May 14 – Joseph Pergler speaking on Billion Graves (how to use it effectively and how to be a contributor).

August 13 – Kathleen Shanahan Maca speaking on Galveston cemeteries. She is the author of the book, *Galveston's Broadway Cemeteries (Images of America)*.

November 12 – to be announced.

Manager's Message



Hello Clayton Library Friends!

It's another year to discover new information about your family tree! And of course, the Clayton Library is a fantastic place to make those discoveries. We invite you to visit us, so we can help you on that road. The first 2016 meeting of the Clayton Library Friends, 13 February, is my annual %State of the Library+ presentation. This overview of the past year of reference customer service, materials acquisitions and processing, volunteers, digitization, and more is all about showing what an impact the Clayton Library Friends have on the library. Through your time, effort, and membership the Library operates as one of the top five genealogy research collections.

In the past year, in addition to the reference materials purchased with funds provided by the CLF acquisition budget, two new microfilm scanners and a photo scanner were purchased. This new technology is for an old fashioned research format . microfilm and printed photos. Often, because not everything has been digitized, microfilm is a unique source that might not be found in other formats. Printed photos also are almost a thing of the past, yet most of us have collections of them. We invite you to discover what microfilm sources we have on the second floor of the main building by searching the Clayton microprint collection from the Houston Public Library Genealogy Research page. Visit the Houston Public Library at www.houstonlibrary.org and follow through these links: Research > Genealogy > Clayton Microprint Collection. For the photos stop by and use our new, purchased with CLF funds, photo scanner. Scan to a flash drive . don't forget to bring yours!

Thank you all for supporting library activities. We look forward to seeing you at the library . and helping you with your discoveries!

Sue Kaufman
Manager, Clayton Library

Learn about the happenings and special presentations at Clayton Library by subscribing to the FREE Clayton Library electronic newsletters . *Clayton Town Crier*, and *Clayton Extra*. To sign up for these genealogy newsletters, visit www.houstonlibrary.org > Learn & Explore > Readers Link > Newsletters for All Interests > second paragraph %sign up for +

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Library Hours:

Tuesday. 10 am . 6 pm
Wednesday – 10 am -- 8 pm
Thursday. 10 am . 6 pm
Friday . 10 am . 5 pm
Saturday -- 10 am . 5 pm
(Closed on Sunday and Monday)



BE AN ANGEL

2016 periodical subscriptions still needed for Clayton Library

You can earn your wings+by donating for one or more of the following periodicals requested by Clayton Library. Non-specific donations are always welcome. All donations to the Angel Program will be acknowledged in the CLF newsletter, unless otherwise requested. Memorial donations will be acknowledged upon request (please include acknowledgement information with your donation).

Please contact: Liz Hicks, 746 Edgebrook Dr., Houston, TX 77034-2030, phone: (713) 944-1118, or e-mail: erootrot@usa.net for questions. Checks should be made payable to Clayton Library Friends, and mailed to: P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078.

Donations needed for:

Annals of Wyoming (Wyoming State Hist Soc) **\$45**
Argyll Colony Plus (NC Scottish Heritage Soc) **\$30**
Carolina Herald and Newsletter (South Carolina) **\$8**
Clarke County Historical and Genealogical Society Quarterly (Clarke County, Alabama) **\$30**
Der Blumenbaum (German Genealogy) **\$30**
Families (Ontario Genealogical Soc-Canada) **\$100**
Flint Genealogical Society Quarterly (Michigan) **\$20**
Genie (ARK-LA-TEX) Genealogical Assn. **\$20**
Greenville County Genealogical Society Journal (South Carolina) **\$21**
Idaho Genealogical Society Quarterly **\$35**

Indiana Genealogist (Indiana Genealogical Soc) **\$30**
Internet Genealogy **\$32.95**
Irish Roots **\$37**
Kin Hunters (Sandusky Co., Ohio) **\$17**
Journal of the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society **\$45**
Leaves and Branches (Navarro County, Texas) **\$15**
Maine Genealogist (Maine Genealogical Soc) **\$25**
Rodziny (Polish Genealogical Soc of America) **\$30**
South Dakota Genealogical Society Quarterly **\$23**
Topeka Genealogical Society Quarterly and News & Views (Kansas) **\$55**

Those who have earned their "wings" since the last newsletter:

Emile A. Bussemey. 3 year renewal of *Connecticut Ancestry* (Connecticut Ancestry Society) and *Connecticut Maple Leaf* (French Canadian Genealogical Society of Connecticut).

Tom Coughlin. Renewal of *MASSOG* and *Past Times* (Massachusetts Society of Genealogists) in memory of his grandfather, Dennis J. Loneran.

Betty H. Dunquez. Renewal of the *Chronicles of Oklahoma* (Oklahoma Historical Soc) and the St. Louis Genealogical Society *Quarterly*, in memory of Raymond "Ray" Dunquez.

Ruby Vigneaux Dusek. Renewal of *Ceske Stopy* (Texas Czech Genealogical Society) and *Le Raconteur* (Le Comite des Archives de la Louisiane).

Glenda K. Hayes. Renewal of *Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy and History*; *Old Newberry* (Newberry County, SC); *Tap Roots* (East Alabama Genealogical Society).

Ronnie Janecka. Renewal of the *Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly* in memory of John F. Gisch, 24th Alabama Infantry, and Civil War Rock Island Prison survivor.

Mary Parent. Renewal of the *Family Tree Magazine* (United Kingdom), and the *Arkansas Family Historian* (Arkansas Genealogical Society).

Barbara Jean Richards. *Vermont Genealogy* (Genealogical Society of VT) in memory of Elizabeth B. Richards.

Betty Monk Ryman. *Journal* (German-Texan Heritage Society) in memory of Pierce Merrick Brower.

Jo Ann Williams. *Ceske Stopy* (Texas Czech Genealogical Society) and *Lifelines* (Northern NY-Canadian-American Genealogical Society).

Thank you Angels for your support of Clayton Library!

Computer Compatibility Issues --

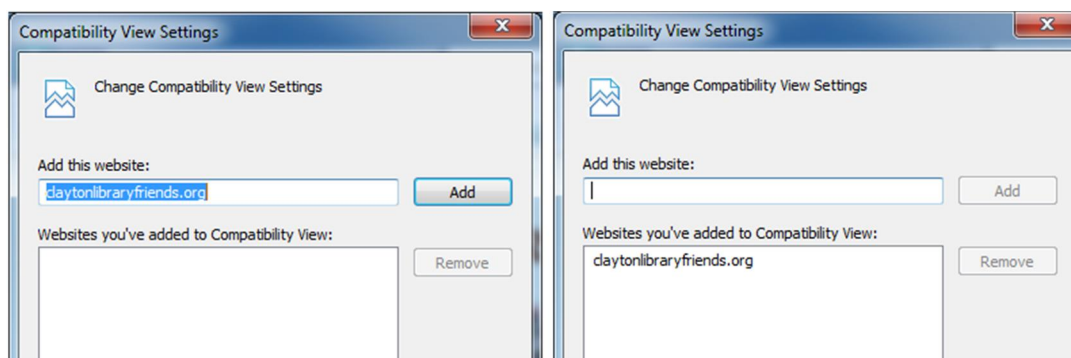
By Fidel Ramirez . CLF Director, Social Media and Technology

With the release of Internet Explorer 11 (IE 11) you may have experienced problems moving around our Clayton Library Friends website. Most noticeably, the menus are not popping up when you move your mouse over the menu bar. This is due to the new web browser expecting only new website technologies. And while we are working diligently to upgrade our website to these new technologies, our current website is still accessible with a few adjustments. To make our website compatible, simply add our website address to the browser's **Compatibility View Settings** as shown below.

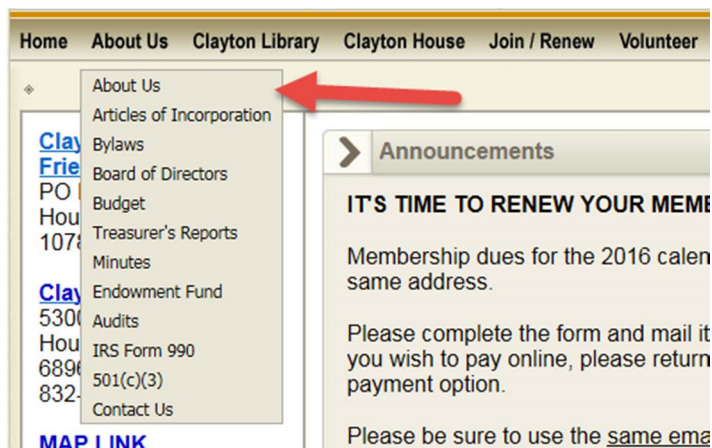
Step 1: Click on the tools icon (the cog wheel icon) and select **Compatibility View settings** from the drop-down menu.



Step 2: Type claytonlibraryfriends.org in the text box below **Add this website:** and click on the **Add** button. Click **Close** and refresh your page to use the new settings.



Step 3: The menus will now appear when you place your mouse over them.



Allen Brothers Bronze Statues Exhibit --

Statues of Houston Founders Showcased at Clayton Library



On Monday afternoon, October 26th in the Clayton Library, Mayor Annise Parker, many members of the Allen family, members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Clayton Library Friends Board members, Clayton Library Friends members, and Clayton Library staff were on hand to view the Allen Brothers statues exhibit which had opened at Clayton Library on Tuesday, August 25th.

The exhibit was sponsored by the Oran M Roberts Chapter 440, United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), which created the exhibit featuring the life-size bronze statues of Augustus Chapman Allen and John Kirby Allen, the co-founders of Houston. The UDC chapter had the statues cast and are heading up the fundraising effort. Our CLF President, Les Fullerton, was one of the major donors for the fabrication of the statues. THANKS LES!!!

On December 4th, the statues were permanently installed in the space originally reserved for them in 1939 -- on the east terrace of the Houston City Hall entrance on the existing limestone pedestals.



L to R (seated) Randy Pace, Sue Yerby, Pat Metcalfe, Elani Hantel;
(standing) Loren Martin, Les Fullerton, Fidel Ramirez
(all CLF Board members)

What's New at FamilySearch –

By Sue Yerby . CLF Director, Programs

Have you checked FamilySearch lately? They have several new things that may help to push forward your research.

First of all, are you aware that they update their data base of records every week? That is not just a few thousand new records that were not there last week, we are talking about several MILLION new records every week. Many of these new records are a product of the volunteer Indexers that FamilySearch has working on records collected from the entire world.

Some of the records that are put up every week have not been indexed yet, but are available for browsing. That means if you are searching for an ancestor in Poland between 1870 and 1900, the collection may be there and you just need to employ your old microfilm skills of looking one page at a time for your target. Of course, unless you know the right words to look for, other than your ancestor's name, you will need to read Polish, German, or Russian, depending on the time frame and who occupied that part of Poland. (The FamilySearch Wiki should be able to help you with this information.)

You can also visit the Learning Center on FamilySearch to find out how to research those foreign records. The online classes are listed by skill level . beginning, advanced, or intermediate; format . audio, video, and interactive slides; also by subject language - currently at fourteen languages. There is also a subject listing as well as place listing. New classes are also added weekly. This week's new ones are: Reading Swedish Birth and Christening Records, Scotland Census Records, and Scotland Church Records. These mini-classes can run anywhere from five minutes to an hour and a half. You can even pause during the class to answer the telephone. (Can you do that at a seminar, can ya?).

Now to remind you about the kicker for this article, everything I've just explained is free for anyone to use from your home computer -- right now or at 2:00 am when you are STUCK on that one loose ancestor.

Remember, lots of new records are added every week at www.FamilySearch.org

A Very Welcome Change in Library Procedure –

New books acquired for the Clayton Library are now being cataloged at Clayton. This means that we should no longer have the long delays in getting new library acquisitions on the shelves. Long-time CLF members will recall that the delays of the past have been a long-standing complaint. A number of new books have already been ordered in 2016, and soon after they arrive, we look forward to seeing them available for library patrons to use. An enormous THANK YOU to everyone involved in streamlining the process of cataloging the new books for Clayton Library!

In Memoriam

Once again we have lost several of our long-time Clayton Library Friends supporters.

Michael "Mike" Paul Hantel, husband of our CLF Board member Elani Hantel, passed away unexpectedly on December 20, 2015.

Elizabeth "Betty" Eastman McClenny, died on January 2, 2016 at the age of 94. She was an active member of a number of genealogical lineage groups including NSDAR and the Houston Genealogical Forum.

Rev. William Munden Putman, died October 20th in Pearland at the age of 90. Bill was an avid genealogy researcher, and used his skillful preaching talents to intrigue new genealogists with the value of knowing one's ancestry.



Genealogy Roadshow in Houston --

The Genealogy Roadshow (GR) came to the beautiful historic Julia Ideson Library building in downtown Houston on Sunday, November 22, 2015. The Julia Ideson Library is not only a very large, historic building which can accommodate the huge crowds, but it is also a wonderful historic library.



The Ideson Library houses the Houston Metropolitan Research Center of Texas and Houston Archives. It was also where Houston's genealogy collection had its origins before moving to the Clayton Library. A huge crowd of over 700 people came to the event to share their stories and mysteries with the producers of GR. A few, who were pre-selected, were lucky enough to be involved in a live taping about their stories. Others came to visit with over 30 vendors who might answer questions about their ancestors and suggest research avenues.

Thanks to Houston Public Library, Houston Metropolitan Research Center, Clayton Library,

and Clayton Library Friends, who were also vendors, for making the day such a great success!!!! A host of volunteers from Clayton Library Friends (CLF) and Clayton Library were on hand also to assist the producers of GR with guiding visitors and answering questions.

The Genealogy Roadshow filmed at the Julia Ideson Library on Sunday and also filmed at the Clayton House on Saturday. David Johnson, Production Producer, and Ashley Truman, Event Coordinator for GR, were truly grateful for the volunteers and library staff who helped during their event which showcased stories of area genealogists. They also were happy that the vendors were there to greet and talk with visitors as the goal was also for local organizations to promote themselves and to assist and encourage area persons to pursue their family history quests. It was a wonderful opportunity for Clayton Library, Clayton Library Friends, and others to receive national recognition and appreciation for what they do to promote genealogy and to help genealogists solve those burning mysteries!!!



Clayton Library Friends wants to thank the producers of GR for selecting Houston for their terrific show. It was fun working with their GR team, who were so friendly and professional as well as appreciative of the efforts of CLF and staff of the Clayton Library. CLF will anxiously await the broadcast of the show to see our fellow genealogists on the program which will be broadcast on PBS Channel 8 in May, 2016. CLF will let you know when the broadcast will be televised. Watch for more news on our website and Facebook page.

Beginning in August 2014, Randy Pace, Public Relations Director, CLF, initiated a campaign to bring the Genealogy Roadshow to Houston. He thanks Sandy Wilbourn and Tammy Frey who helped in so many ways with that effort. Also helping to get the word out were Pat Metcalfe, editor of the CLF newsletter, as well as Ruby Dusek and Fidel Ramirez who kept the CLF website updated!!

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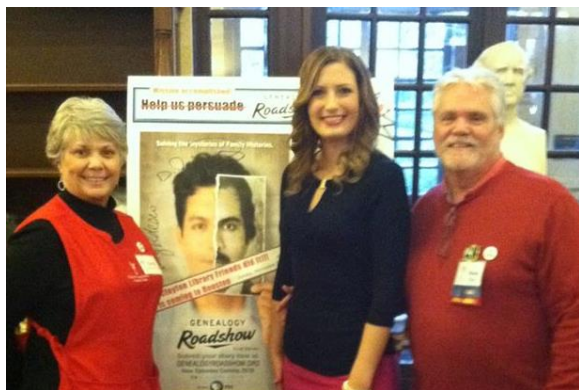
Genealogy Roadshow in Houston — continued from page 9

Randy Pace also coordinated volunteer efforts the day of the GR event and thanks all of the volunteers who got up so very early to arrive on time and to brave the cold to volunteer for the event. All of the volunteers also had to find parking with many challenges, including road closings, festivals, and fun runs. The library staff of Julia Ideson Library, as well as Clayton Library, agreed to wear their library red shirts to help visitors find them for assistance, so it was decided that all the other volunteers would wear red for the same reason. The volunteers looked terrific in the CLF "red" cobbler aprons with the CLF logo which helped visitors as well as the GR team to identify them to seek help. Thanks to the following volunteers who were so helpful and dedicated: Karen Cambias, Lynda Collins, Kathleen Dickerson, Leslie Douthwaite, Linda Elliott, Martha Ewell, Cheryl Pace Frame, Jane Gehring, Kristin Hancock, Karen Hays, Resa Hennings, Bob McNeil, Janice McNeil, David and Susan Moyer, Randy Pace, Roberta Price, Barbara Richards, Mary Anthony Startz, Diana Steinman, Bernd and Liz Strassner, Sharon Sutton, Daphne Trevino, and Sue Yerby.

CLF is so grateful and also wants to thank the dedicated and knowledgeable library staff who helped, including: Sue Kaufman, Steven Bychowski, Clint Drake, Mel Hayes, Joy Oria, Julia Ramirez, Rebecca Grimes, Rodney Sam, Frank Smith, and Irene Walters. Thanks especially to CLF Board member Elani Hantel for the idea of the aprons and for making the name tags. Randy Pace wants to thank Karen Hays, Sharon Sutton, Bernd Strassner, Cheryl Pace Frame, and David Moyer who worked outside and at the doors in the early morning hours where it was very cold. David Moyer even went up and down the lines talking to waiting visitors, and had the great idea of taking their pictures with a GR sign. CLF and Houston Public Library wanted their visit to be memorable as well as exciting, and we think that was accomplished with the help of the volunteers!!!

Also, Randy Pace thanks Sue Kaufman, Frank Smith, and Steven Bychowski who also braved the cold in the early hours to help the volunteers to find parking and their places. Sue Kaufman also transported the lion's share of the materials and exhibit information from Clayton Library to the event. She and her helpful staff also were at the exhibit tables, along with CLF volunteers, answering questions and guiding folks in their pursuit of their elusive ancestors. CLF handed visitors a beautiful, blue tote bag on which was printed the CLF logo. Thanks also to Mignonne Anderson and Jennifer Sessa and their team with Julia Ideson Library for hosting the event and for their help. Randy says, "It was so much fun working with all of the volunteers and getting to know them and a great day for genealogy in Houston!!!" For those volunteers who signed up to help but could not be there due to emergencies or obligations, CLF understands but also wants to thank you for offering to volunteer. CLF will let you know about future opportunities for your assistance.

Randy Pace visited with David Johnson, Production Producer of GR during the event, and asked why he had chosen Houston for this program. David said, "We chose Houston because we had received the largest number of stories and mysteries, second only to the number of those submitted by St. Louis genealogists!!!"



Later David Johnson sent an email: "On behalf of everyone here at *Genealogy Roadshow*, we would like to say thank you to the Clayton Library and Clayton Library Friends for helping make our Houston Roadshow event a success! Thank you to all of the volunteers who made it possible for me to be in multiple places at the same time. The day would not have run as smoothly as it did without them.

We know that working with a television production in an open environment can be challenging and we are incredibly grateful for the patience and positivity you and your volunteers extended to us on Sunday.

Genealogy Roadshow can only be as strong as the partners we work with, so it is with the utmost gratitude that we thank you again. Working with each of you and hearing your stories was a privilege, and we hope that our show brings you even more opportunities to share those stories with the rest of the country."

2015 Contributions and Donations

Clayton Library Friends wishes to acknowledge and express its appreciation to the following individuals and organizations who, during the calendar year of 2015, have generously contributed cash and/or gifts-in-kind for our ongoing goal of enriching the resources and facilities of Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research.

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Donor (\$50 - \$99) \$2,263. 'Donor' total

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Great Day Houston --



(L to R) Deborah Duncan, Adrienne Cain, Steven Bychowski, Cheryl Pace Frame, Randy Pace, Sue Kaufman, Clint Drake, Barbara Richards, Joy Oria, Irene Walters, Mel Hayes, Sue Yerby, Kristen Hancock.

Randy Pace, CLF Director of Publicity and Public Relations, thanks the volunteers who came to the *Great Day Houston* television program, Channel 11 KHOU, on Friday, November 20th and appeared in the audience to show support for the Genealogy Roadshow publicity effort. Deborah Duncan, the hostess of *Great Day Houston*, interviewed the stars of Genealogy Roadshow, including Joshua Taylor, Mary Tedesco and Kenyatta Berry. Sue Kaufman was interviewed on camera and promoted our Houston gem, Clayton Library. It was so much fun. Some of the volunteers had a chance appearance on camera as the camera scanned the audience and also during the times that Deborah Duncan sat with the audience. Some of the attendees also won door prizes which was also very exciting.

Randy Pace visited later with the producer of Great Day Houston, Erin O'Keefe, regarding the promotion of CLF and Clayton Library on their show at future times. He sent Erin additional info about CLF and Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research, as well as photos of the library buildings for the *Great Day Houston* website. As a result, several public service announcements about the two organizations began running on December 30, 2015!!!!

Membership Report –

Your membership is very important! If you have not paid your membership dues for 2016, you will be getting a reminder in the mail within the next week . with a 2016 Membership form and a return envelope. A number of our members have already paid their dues for this year. I am only sending the letters to the 2015 members who have not renewed for 2016. If you do not get a letter and think there is an error, please contact me and I can check the records . plpm@ix.netcom.com

Using the dues and donations of our members in 2015 we were able to do a number of things for the library. Of course we purchased books and reference materials to increase the library holdings. In addition, we purchased two ScanPro3000 machines (microfilm readers that will save images to your flash-drive). One machine is in the copy-room on the second floor of the main library building, and the other machine is at the Clayton House for use with the borrowed LDS microfilm. These machines are a great improvement over the Zytron machines that we have had for a number of years. The new machines are much more user-friendly, and the library patrons using them are very complimentary! For those of you who learned to use the Zytron machines, we still have one at each of the above-mentioned locations.

So that a greater percentage of your dues and donations helps the library, we are encouraging everyone with internet access to receive their newsletter by e-mail only. The on-line issue is in color, the mailed copy is black/white. We continue to work on reducing the number of hard-copies that we need to print. Although we now print these on the CLF office printer, it still involves the cost of paper, toner, and first-class postage.

Pat Metcalfe, Membership Chair

Thank You 2015 Volunteers!

The Clayton Library Friends continued its strong support of the library in 2015 by volunteering time, talent, and treasure toward a variety of library projects. CLF board members provided support for acquisitions, programming, publications, and publicity, which greatly enhanced both the research collection and the research experience. Volunteers also worked side-by-side with staff members as Clayton House desk assistants, digitization team members, shelving assistants, indexers and transcribers, and microprint desk assistants. As we begin a new year, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge all those who volunteered their time in 2015 (volunteers are listed below in alphabetical order - I apologize if I missed anyone):

Virginia Blalock, Sharline Boykin, Gay Carter, Louisa Collett, Lynda Collins, Kathryn Coughlin, Tom Coughlin, Norma Davenport, Brian Davis, Kathleen Dickerson, John Dorroh, Lesley Douthwaite, Ruby Dusek, Cathy Fitch, Tammy Frey, Les Fullerton, Susan Garwood, Susie Gay, Sammie Graves, Kristin Hancock, Elani Hantel, Glenda Hayes, Resa Hennings, Robert Hickey, Liz Hicks, Dave Hoskisson, Deanna Hoskisson, James Lenoir, Michael Lindee, Marjorie Lowe, Loren Martin, Mary Martin, Pat Metcalfe, Sterling Mullins, Randy Pace, Pat Phillips, Jane Porter, Steve Price, Armando Ramirez, Fidel Ramirez, Barbara Richards, Elsa Schmieder, Janice Shultz, Lana Sullivan, Marilyn Weaver, Sandy Wilbourn, Sue Yerby, and Joyce Zongrone

There are still others who volunteer their time anonymously. To all of you: THANK YOU!

Steven Bychowski,
Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator

And, volunteers have FUN too!

‘A Winter Wonderland’ luncheon and games

The Clayton Library staff under the leadership of Steven Bychowski, the Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator, invited the volunteers to a luncheon and games at the library. On Monday, January 20th, about thirty of us attended -- ate, played games, and had a wonderful time making new friends and talking to old ones. It was a great opportunity to have some time to get acquainted with the people that we often see only a short time as we replace them on a volunteer shift.

