



# THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*By Tom Wiederhold*

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2012 ! I hope everyone is ready for some change and some work. The board and I have many areas we want to work on, both within the museum and in the Stockyards. We hope that we can count of many of you to get involved with us.

As we leave 2011 behind we must reflect on those who are no longer with us. The Society lost many good friends and we lost family. Please remember them and their families as we move through the year. Also keep in mind those who have been ill or injured this past year. If anyone needs help we know the Society membership will do what they can.

For those who missed it, we had a wonderful time at the Christmas party. There was not a seat left, the food was great and the conversation deafening at times. Many gifts were exchanged and some were quite entertaining. Thanks to everyone who came! We hope Skip will send some pictures so we can post them on Facebook!

As I look forward to what we will do in 2012, I would like to know who would be up for a tour of the BNSF Rail Road Museum in North Fort Worth. They have many wonderful documents and Pictures on display. We have been offered a chance to tour the complex, Groups are limited to 25 so let's see how many would be interested in going. Let Teresa know. I am also going to try and schedule another trip to Oklahoma City and the Museums there. I have two in mind, both require some walking so if you are able let's get a list going for that. I hope to make the Society more active beyond the walls of Thursday evening meetings. Speaking of meetings, Marty and I will present the January meeting attendees with some photos of the Armour building. We will discuss what we saw as we went through the building and then have a short discussion on the future of "The Hill".

Hope to see all of you there. - Tom

## Glimpses of the Past

The 2012 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, runs from January 14 to February 4.

Take a look back to the 1908 Stock Show held in the Fort Worth Stockyards.



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Start the New Year right and don't miss the Meeting on January 12 at 7pm in the Livestock Exchange Building.

### Take a Virtual Tour of the Armour Meat Packing Plant.

Tom Wiederhold and Marty Humphrey were invited to historically record the plant with photographs before the building is demolished. They are giving a guided tour with photos they took while in the plant last November.



**How many of you have traveled the world?** Met people of different cultures, languages or experiences? Well, an easy and inexpensive way to do just that is to volunteer at the Stockyards Museum. On a recent week, the volunteers working at the museum talked with visitors from Ballygoween N. Ireland; Hefei, China; St. Arnaud, Australia; Birmingham, England and Santa Cruz, Bolivia...and that's not to mention the foreigners from New York. Where else can you be praised for representing the U.S. and Texas so honorably by the State Department as Teresa, Keith, and Pat were recently?

It is true that our society has gotten a lot more frantic, but what a great way to stop, meet new people and help the Society at the same time. One day a week, a month, or several times a year is all it takes. In pioneer days, neighbors got together to raise a barn, let's get together to raise the recognition of the NFWHS and Stockyards Museum. Whether you're 15, 55, or 95, come join the fun by volunteering at the museum.

# Scenes from the Christmas Party 2011

There was standing room only! Lots of friends, singing, gifts and fun!



# NFWHS News by Teresa Burlison



Robert Baker, a member and museum volunteer, was hospitalized 2 weeks ago, at Baylor-All Saints (downtown), due to complications with an outpatient surgery. He has had 2 emergency surgeries and is currently on dialysis every 3 days. On December 27th he was moved from ICU, to room 13 on the 8th floor.

At the writing of this newsletter there was no indication as to when he will go home. He has spent Christmas and now New Years in the hospital. Please keep Robert, and his wife Lonna, in your thoughts and prayers.

A visit, a card or flowers would brighten his day!



Robert is pictured here at the 2011 Oakwood Cemetery Tour with his hearse.



Congratulations to Allyson Baumeister, of Sanford, Baumeister and Frazier, for the firm's winning one of the Best Workplaces for Women awards given out recently by the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce. She was also named CPA of the Year 2011 by the Fort Worth Chapter of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Allyson is a long time member and a friend to NFWHS. Her office was once located in the Livestock Exchange Building.

The NFWHS has recently acquired the cast iron signs that once hung on the giant crane that was used in the Armour plant.

The signs have the name of the manufacturer of the crane, Whiting Foundry Equipment Co., Chicago, ILL, USA

We would like to thank Chesapeake Energy for preserving the signs.



A special Thank You to those who helped put up the Christmas decorations. (You know who you are.) We received several nice comments on how festive the hall looked.

We are very thankful for all of our volunteers. We couldn't operate without you!

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer contact Teresa at the museum.

