

Texas Folklore Society



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Hopefully, this will be the last time you see a June Newsletter that looks like this one. I'm working on redesigning the look of the newsletters, but they will still include all the usual information. This one has a review of the Minutes from the meeting in Lubbock, the Financial Report, member news and recognition, a CALL FOR PAPERS, and, as always, the SECOND NOTICE for this year's *Dues*.

TFS Essentials

Thanks go out to Local Arranger **Kenneth Davis** for setting up a great meeting for 2008 waaaaay out there in West Texas. I also want to thank President **Cynthia Savage** for running a smooth show (and handling some extra issues behind the scenes), as well as Vice-President L. Patrick Hughes—he truly provided us with an interesting and diverse program. We had 165 people who registered and attended (filling 71 hotel rooms, with 140 adults and 2 kids at the banquet). We heard the Celtic Music Association at the Thursday night Hoot, and Johnny Faa performed at the banquet on Friday night, when we inducted our newest Fellow: **Lou Rodenberger**.

Janet Simonds, our office secretary and Treasurer, has put the latest pictures from the 2008 meeting on the web site. You'll find some good links to other sites there, as well as news and other important information. If you'd like us to post something on the site (or if you have comments or suggestions), please contact **Janet**.

NOTICE: This is a second notice for 2008 dues. The first notice goes out in the January Newsletter, but quite a few still have not paid. ***This second notice is only for those who have not yet paid their dues.*** **Janet** will remove inactive members if dues are not received by the end of August, so don't delay! If you don't know if your dues are current, please call or email the office.

Death Lore: Texas Rituals, Superstitions, and Legends of the Hereafter is currently in the hands of the UNT Press. If you pay your dues, you will receive a copy this fall. **CALL FOR PAPERS**: The next book is wide open as far as a topic. I'm planning a "100 Years of..." volume, so it can include anything. Think about what the TFS means to you, or to education, or to the state of Texas. If you have any idea for a paper, I'll consider it. We accept papers via email now, so send your submissions to us at tfs@sfasu.edu. We'll also take them the old-fashioned way, in hard copy through the U.S. postal system. However you do it, please consider contributing to the next book.

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TFS Folks

Lou Rodenberger became one of the initial three Fellows of the West Texas Historical Association. **Jack Duncan** spoke about his family's experiences during the Depression era at the 12th Cotton & Rural History Conference on April 19th in Greenville, Texas. **Sylvia Mahoney** was the featured speaker at the Guy Caldwell Western Heritage Lecture at Hardin-Simmons in Abilene on February 8th. She spoke about her book, *College Rodeo: From Show to Sport*. **Charles Chupp** has two new publications: *Waggin' Tales: Seventy-Seven Years of Dogs* and *Coffee at La Don's: Chronicles from The Naughts of the Brown Table*.

Keep thinking of **Kent Biffle**, who continues to recover from his illness, which occurred just before our meeting in March. We have a few deaths to announce, including members **Laverne Clark**, **Margaret McLean**, and, of course, **Paul Patterson**. We received \$680 in contributions in memory of **Paul**, and **Ann Tilley**, his niece, wishes to thank everyone in the TFS family for their kindness and generosity. Also, Joseph T. McCullen, longtime Texas Tech professor and contributor to the TFS, died on January 7, 2008.

TFS Events

Janet and I will be hosting the 2009 meeting in Nacogdoches. This is a big one, folks. It's our 100th anniversary, and we're planning to make it a special meeting. Come early, and stay long. We're planning additional activities on Saturday after the meeting is over, as well as tours of local attractions for early arrivers on Thursday.

CALL FOR PAPERS (#2): Send paper ideas for the meeting to Program Chair **Lucy Fischer West** as soon as possible, and no later than the end of October. Her contact information is: 2308 N. Florence, El Paso, TX 79902, lfwest@zianet.com, 915-544-4128. If you call, please do so in the evening. Lucy prefers to receive papers in hard copy; she'll also take them in a Word file, but she works on an aging Mac "on its last legs," so no electronic photos or pdf files.

Bill Neal has invited us to Abilene in 2010, and we officially accepted the invitation at this year's meeting.

Kay Arnold will be representing the TFS at the Texas Book Festival, November 1st and 2nd this year. Last year's event (the first we attended as an organization) was a success. **R. G.** and **Ouida Dean**, **Elaine Davenport**, and **Fred Greene** helped **Kay** man the table, and they distributed around two hundred brochures. Let her know if you can make the trip to Austin to help out this year: karnold78@yahoo.com.

Jean Schnitz is overseeing the Society's participation in the Texas Heritage Living History Day in Kerrville (September 26th and 27th). Our members will be discussing Texas music, so let **Jean** know if you're interested participating. I'm sure she'll also be at the Texas Folklife Festival, June 13th-15th in San Antonio. Make the trip, experience all the cultures that make up our great state. You'll enjoy it.

TFS Business

The 92nd Meeting of the Texas Folklore Society met in Lubbock at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza March 20-22, 2008, with **Cynthia Savage** presiding. The Board met briefly on Thursday evening to discuss revisions to our by-laws. We continued that discussion at the Board Luncheon on Friday; we also heard reports on the Texas Book Festival, the Texas Heritage Music Foundation's "Living History Day," and other reports on membership and the day-to-day operations of the Society.

Treasurer **Janet Simonds** presented the Minutes of the previous meeting, which were approved, along with the Financial Report:

Balance as of January 1, 2007	\$208,899.56
Revenue	
Dues	\$9,419.00
Lifetime	\$500.00
Royalties	\$1,314.31
Permission to Reprint	\$180.00
Contributions	\$0.00
Incidental Income (rebates, etc.)	\$350.00
Interest	
Investments	\$4,921.11
Bookbinding Fund	\$5.05
Dividends from Money Market	\$2,373.41
Matured Securities	\$85,000.00
<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$104,062.88</u>
Expenditures	
Publications	
<i>Folklore: In All of Us</i> (publishing cost)	\$10,505.78
<i>Folklore in Motion</i> (shipping cost)	\$801.01
Listings (Web and Librarians HB)	\$112.00
Meeting	\$1,463.00
Festivals	\$375.00
Office	\$4,383.11
Purchase Investment	\$70,280.95
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$87,920.85</u>
Net Increase in Assets	\$14,142.13
<u>BALANCE AS OF 12/31/07</u>	<u>\$223,041.69</u>

President **L. Patrick Hughes** has appointed **Kay Arnold** to chair a committee charged with thinking of innovative ways to increase membership. Share your ideas with **Kay** at karnold78@yahoo.com or by snail mail at 2705 Ware Road, Austin, TX 78741. Let's attract new members and keep the Texas Folklore Society going strong for another 100 years.

Jean Schnitz, Mary Margaret Campbell, and Linda Wolfe served as this year's Nominating Committee, making these recommendations for the 2008-2009 Board:

President: **L. Patrick Hughes**; Vice-President: **Lucy Fischer West**;
 Secretary-Editor: **Kenneth L. Untiedt**; Treasurer: **Janet Simonds**;
 Counselor: **Tom Crum**;
 Directors: **Jerry Hunt** ('09), **David LaRo** ('10), **Mary Margaret Campbell** ('10),
Elizabeth Duncan ('11), and **Kay Arnold** ('11);
 Councilors: **Karen Haile** ('09), **Meredith Abarca** ('10), **Carol Hanson** ('10),
Charles Williams ('11), and **Greg Smith** ('11);
 Ex Officio: **Cynthia Savage, Ron Chrisman, Fran Vick, and F. E. Abernethy.**

Tom Crum presented the following resolution, which was accepted:

WHEREAS, the 92nd Annual Meeting of the Texas Folklore Society, held at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza in Lubbock, Texas, the 20th through the 22nd of March, 2008, has provided the members in attendance with many interesting and entertaining sessions;

AND WHEREAS, many hours of planning and work by numerous Society members, the chairpersons and presenters at each session, and the staff of the Holiday Inn Park Plaza have contributed to the success of this meeting;

AND WHEREAS, the Texas Folklore Society has lost one of its most distinguished and faithful members, former President of the Society Paul Patterson, who for many years provided leadership, friendship, fellowship, and entertainment to its members;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the members in attendance at this 92nd Annual Meeting of the Texas Folklore Society express their appreciation to the following:

Paul Patterson for his many years of service to the Texas Folklore Society and the literature and humor of Texas; Local Arranger Kenneth Davis, with the help Bob and Betty Carr, and Sara McKee; the Lubbock Convention and Visitors' Bureau, the Baker Company, American State Bank, the Wells Fargo Bank, the Celtic Music Association, and the staff of the Holiday Inn Park Plaza; City of Lubbock Representative Leslie Matthews; President Cynthia Savage, and Vice-President and Program Chair L. Patrick Hughes; all of the members that chaired sessions and those that presented papers; and the Officers, Directors, and Councilors who serve the Society.

Everything discussed by the Board was approved by the general membership.

You see that a window sticker has been enclosed—along with a second dues notice, if you haven't paid yet. Place the sticker on your back window to show your affiliation with the TFS. More stickers are available for \$5 each. If you'd like an extra (or two or three) for additional vehicles, or to give to friends, send in a check with a brief note and request your additional stickers. You may want to email first, just to make sure we haven't run out. We will consider printing a second batch if there is enough demand.

Have a great year, and I'll see you next Easter in the Oldest Town in Texas!