



CYPRESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Notes From the President's Desk

by Terri Sigmund

As the 2012 year comes to a close this will be my last President's message. 2012 was a great year for CHS. We have many things to be thankful for. First and foremost are our volunteers, for without them there would be no Cypress Historical Society. If you helped with an event, volunteered at Cypress Top or the library; baked, set up or tore down, cleaned up, decorated, cooked, had a display, shared your music, manned a booth, brought your tractor or car, donated pictures, items or money; if you bought a calendar or a membership, you are the reason CHS is a success. Thank you for your support.

Thanks to Commissioner Radack who supports us in our effort to continue to bring the history of Cypress to the people. Thanks to the County staffers who built our building, and were as excited about it as we are. Thanks to the park staff, especially Linda, for helping us out. Thanks to the Board of Directors, for the work they do all year long to make CHS a success. Thank you Darline and Jane who, in my opinion, are the cornerstone of CHS and the rocks I go to when I need support. We are so blessed to have you and your vast historic knowledge, kindness and patience. Lastly thanks to my husband Jim and my family. They are tried and true and always have my back. When I need help they always step up.

Thanks to all for a great year!



CHS Joins the Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce!

by Karen McGilvery

On Tuesday, November 27, the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting with the Cypress Historical Society at our building in Cypress Top Historic Park. Chamber President, Leslie Martone and other Chamber staff joined the Cypress Historical Society to celebrate the Society's membership in the Chamber. Gene Zaboroski and Karen McGilvery held the giant golden scissors for the cutting. Photos were taken and should appear in local publications soon. In addition to the Chamber officials and CHS members, representatives from local businesses also attended the event. After the ribbon cutting, refreshments were served and attendees were able to tour our building and learn more about CHS. A shortened tour of Juergen's Store, Juergen's Hall, the house, and the service station was also given. Those attending seemed very interested in the Society and hopefully will become involved with our efforts to collect, preserve, and promote Cypress history. Thank you to all our wonderful members who brought refreshments and/or came to help with this event. It was a great chance for us to make more of the Cypress community aware of who we are, what we do, and where we are located.

Merry Christmas Y'All!

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**The Office will be closed Dec 21st
through January 1st. See you on the 2nd!**

ANOTHER FIRST FOR CHS!

By Jane Ledbetter

A major goal of the Cypress Historical Society is to make the rich, colorful history of the Cypress area known to the current residents of Cypress and to the public in general. On November 19 and 20, we had the unique opportunity to share our history with over 170 students from Fiest Elementary School in the Cy-Fair School District.

These students began learning local history in the second grade, followed this year with an enriching field trip to Cypress Top Historic Park. CHS docents conducted informational and fun sessions in the museum buildings as well as in the new Depot Building. The students learned about shopping in an old country store, telephone party lines, "home-made music" on accordions, dancing the two-step, and much more. The students finished off their morning with sack lunches in the park before getting back on the buses for their return to Fiest Elementary School.

The docent cadre pictured here all had a part in the program:



Cypress Historical Society members had an opportunity to share the history of Cypress Top Park with the 3rd Graders from Fiest Elementary . . . all 170 of them!



Our CHS Docents for the Cypress Top Park tours: (L to R) Becky Martin, Patsy Fuchs, Darline Roth, Jane Ledbetter, Erline Schoenfeldt, Karen McGilvery, Joyce Kleb, LeVern Smith, JoAnn Hirsch, Annie Hagler. Also helping out were Donna McCarty and Linda Martin-Rust.

Cy-Fair Council for the Social Studies *by Terri Sigmund*

In September, CHS hosted the Cy-Fair Council for the Social Studies, a non-profit group dedicated to the improvement of the study and teaching of social studies through an exchange of ideas and methods. The group of teachers from all over the Cy-Fair district held their monthly meeting in the CHS depot building, followed by a presentation from Jim Sigmund on the early history of the Cypress area. Following the presentation the Hall and Store were opened up for them to tour. We have made plans to bring history to life with the teachers and students of Cypress Ranch in the spring. We look forward to a long relationship with the CFISD teachers and students!



Cy-Fair Council for the Social Studies President, Tori Parsons, with Jane Ledbetter, and Linda Martin Rust from Harris County Precinct 3.



The CHS presentation was followed by a question and answer discussion. Between the CHS members and the Social Studies Council members, we had a wealth of history knowledge in the room!



Welcome to your New 2013 CHS Board of Directors!

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Donna McCarty, Darline Roth, and Karen McGilvery tell the children how the old General Stores carried "a little bit of everything"!



Lydia Jordy talks about the antique squeeze box, then played a tune on her accordion.



What better place than the Juergen's Dance Hall to learn a few new dance steps!



The children listen as Joyce Kleb tells stories about growing up in Cypress in the Juergen house.

**2013 Annual
Membership Renewal
notices will be mailed
in January.
Please watch your
mail for them!**

THANK YOU TO OUR BENEFACTORS!

Donors to our Building Fund in the last 3 months include:

**Thelma Dopslauf
Margaret Kitmann
Annie Hagler
Sandra Davis
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Fred & Suzanne Stockton**

DECORATING CYPRESS TOP PARK

By Darline Roth

It is always a big job to get Cypress Top Park decorated for Christmas, especially since it all has to be completed in just one day. This year the work was accomplished by our regular park volunteers with help from Jung and Ching Yeh, and Marion Fenimore. Gudrun Sundquist decorated the store front with her Christmas art work. Our CHS building Christmas tree was donated and decorated by Donna (Roth) Hamilton.



Elroy Hirsch and Marvin Weiman hang garland on the fence of the Juergen House to give it some Holiday charm!

GENEALOGY CORNER

By Darline Roth

The people of the area continue to be generous to CHS with their contributions:

- Lottie Weiman has loaned us her 1968 St. John Lutheran Church Directory and her 1968 and 1945 Cy-Fair School yearbooks.
- Marvin Weiman donated a Continental-Pacific Railroad stepstool used to board trains. He also donated two egg crates (circa 1900) from his family treasures.
- Joe Sebek and Dorothy McNulty shared two pictures of the Hot Well Hotel (circa 1900). One of these pictures is in our 2013 calendar.
- Trevia Beverly donated books: "Courthouse Research," "Map Guide to German Paris Registers" (2), "At Rest, A Historical Directory of Harris County, Texas Cemeteries (1822-2001)" and "Suffer the Children."
- Family genealogy and pictures were shared by Ken Schultz.
- Henry Steinhagen sent copies of maps from the Texas General Land Office Archives in Austin, TX.

Our thanks to all of you!

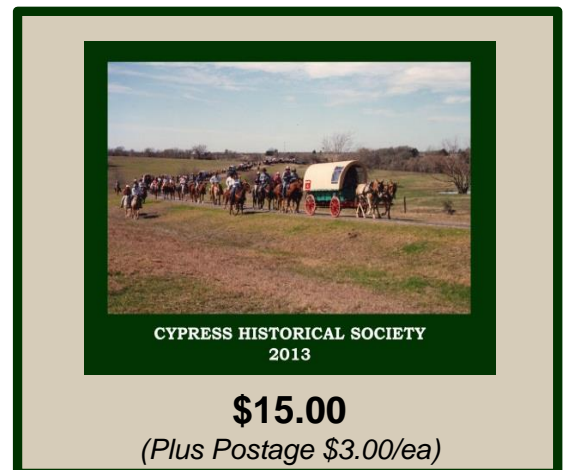


Our own CHS Christmas tree, donated and decorated by Donna Roth Hamilton.

2013 CHS CALENDARS!

By Terri Sigmund

2013 Calendars are here and they are GREAT. For the low price of \$15.00 you can get the fourth annual calendar. Once again the pictures are so great. They are sure to bring back many memories! Previous years calendars are still available too. The cost for them is \$10.00. You can stop by the office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9-4 to pick yours up, or mail a check with additional \$3.00 postage to the PO Box and we will send it out to you. They make great Christmas gifts!



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