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#### From the President



Howdy,

Make sure to put the March 3 at 6:30 p.m meeting on your calendar at Highland Oaks Church. <u>Harry Hall</u> will be the speaker. He is the author of several books and a very colorful speaker. You will enjoy him!

We are beginning this year with something new to help grow our membership called "Bring a Guest;" if you bring a new guest to our meeting, you and your guest will enjoy the meal with our complements. All we ask is that you call and make reservations for you and your guest.

If you have not done so, please remember to pay your 2022 dues and 2021 dues if you did not pay them. Send them to DCPA at P O Box 12496 Dallas TX 75225. \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a couple per year.

"May God be with us till we meet again", Jim Griffin, President

#### From the Vice President



Unfortunately Mike is out recovering from a bout with Covid. Please pray for him and his family as they recover from the affects of this virus.

Mike did secure our speaker for this meeting and I look forward to seeing him when he recovers.

Mike Judd Vice President

Please join us for Our Next Meeting on March 3
Highland Oaks Church of Christ
10805 Walnut Hill Lane
(Between Jupiter and Plano) Dallas 75238

Call and make your breakfast reservations 972-260-9334.

# **OUR MARCH SPEAKER - Harry Hall**



Did you ever drive through Dallas, view a favorite building and wonder, "What's the story behind that structure?" or, "I wonder what it was like 100 years ago?" or, "What secrets are those walls hiding?"

Local author Harry Hall wrote, <u>This Used To Be Dallas</u>, which profiles 90 buildings/areas that helped bring Dallas into the 21st century. Some stories go back to the 19th century, and a few got lost in the growth of a major US city. But all left a legacy.

Harry's journey took him to find the one-time home of one of history's greatest female athletes; a quiet family park that more than 100 years ago, entertained thousands; and a popular recreation area once housed German POW's.

At our March 3, 2022 quarterly DCPA meeting, Harry will share with us a handful of stories selected from his work, why they matter, and the process he took to select them, from the obscure, to the glamorous, to the heroic. <u>This Used To Be</u> <u>Dallas</u> can be purchased online or at our meeting. Harry is a long-time resident of the Metroplex, having graduated from Irving MacArthur High School, where he ran track and cross-country.

A graduate of UT-Arlington, Harry has 25 years teaching public speaking. He's an active member of Toastmasters International, the Dallas Press Club, DFW Writers Workshop, and the National Speakers Association. He's completed the Boston Marathon twice and loses all battles with any technology.

He lives in Grand Prairie with his wife Susie, their college-age son Zane, and Zane's best friend, Scamp (Pooch) Hall.

Please come join us for exciting tales of Dallas' past on March 3rd.

## Book Auction for the next meeting!

#### Here are the books we will auction next:

John G. Tower - Consequences

History of Texas - Volume three

A light in the Prairie - Temple Emanu-El of Dallas 1872-1997

Daughters of Dallas - Signed copy by author Vivian Anderson Castleberry

Addison Texas - a Pictorial History

The Book of Dallas



# On our Website

If you haven't been to our website lately please take a look, there are articles about the <u>Pioneers of Dallas County</u>, <u>Pictures of Dallas' Past</u>, stories about churches and biographies of some of the people who built and lived here in Dallas' beginnings.

## http://dallaspioneer.org/

If you have changed your mailing address, e-mail or phone numbers, please let Sheryl Curlee know by sending a note to DCPA1875@gmail.com

If you haven't already paid your dues or you would like to make a donation please make your payments to:

Dallas County Pioneer Association PO Box 12496 Dallas, TX 75225

## **Membership**

Welcome new members Diane Harju and Tim & Louisa Herfel!

Our own Patti Granville was awarded the Golden Deeds Award by the Noon Exchange Club of Garland for her service



to the community. Congratulations to her on receiving this distinguished award.

If you have friends or neighbors who are interested in history please invite them to a meeting, so they can also join us to enjoy the speakers and learn about the history of Dallas. Remember when you bring a first time guest, you and your guest enjoy a complementary meal on us!

Gwyneva Winters Membership Chairperson

## **Cemetery Report**

by Kathy Ann Reid

## **Beeman Cemetery Restoration**

We would like to thank Wally Daniels, Rick Loan and their team <u>Dee Brown, Inc.</u> who spent three days restoring the integrity of the headstones.



#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CEMETERY EVENTS**

(All those who are interested are invited. Emails with details to follow.)

Wesley Cockrell Cemetery clean up and socializing is set for Saturday, March 12, 2022. Exciting news is that at least one descendant of Wesley Cockrell will be joining us. He has interesting stories to share and will be the best worker there.

W. W. Glover Cemetery clean up, gardening, and socializing is set for Saturday, April 2, 2022. The beautiful and plentiful white Heritage Irises should be in bloom. These were planted more than 100 years ago by pioneers. The biggest documented Post Oak in Dallas County will be proudly present and presiding over us.

**Pioneer Picnic at W. W. Glover Cemetery** will be the first Saturday in May which is May 7, 2022. This is the biggest pioneer, history and nature lovers reunion in Dallas and surrounding counties! Warren Ferris Cemetery and Oakland Cemetery volunteers are invited to join us when their workday ends.

Western Heights Cemetery caretaker, Deborah Carpenter, works often, but does not have set days to work. She reported that recently, she filled up a large bag with litter and a pile of clothes was on the sidewalk by the street. As she was leaving, a party of four came in to look (probably for Clyde's grave). She faithfully cuts brush with a hand saw and hauls it off in her little pick-up truck. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me and I will put you in touch with Ms. Carpenter.

Warren Ferris Cemetery friends work on the first Saturday of every month from 9am - 12pm during the winter months, November through April, and 8am - 11am through the summer months, May – Sept. Our members, Susanne Starling and Julie Fineman, were instrumental in transforming the formerly neglected cemetery into the sterling example of excellence it is today.

Oakland Cemetery friends work nearly every Saturday during the whole year to clear and mow the approximately 60 acres that were neglected. Our member, Monica Newbury, makes frequent Facebook announcements of volunteer opportunities and other interesting items.

Please like the DCPA on Facebook, join in the conversations and share interesting posts with friends!

## And if you need a quick history fix...



Over the years, Joppa/Joppee has been spelled numerous ways including Joppa,

Joppee, Joppie and Joppy. This article is intended to be an overview of the history of the community. We will use the name Joppee for convenience, since this is how the name has usually been pronounced. Joppee is one of the older Freedman communities in Dallas County dating back to the 1860s and 1870s. The community was settled by freed slaves, at least some of whom may have come from the nearby Miller plantation and it still exists today. more...

#### The Town of Sachse



William Sachse (1820-1899) was born in Herford, North Rhine-Westphalia, Prussia (Germany) on December 16. 1820 to Henry Sachse and Mary Kemps Sachse. When he was twenty years old he emigrated from Germany to America, arriving in New York in August, 1840. Sachse is known to have lived for a while in Missouri. In late 1844 he left on a wagon train, arriving in Lamar County, Texas on January 15, 1845. In the spring of 1845 he married Elizabeth McCullough Straly (1817-1852) and the couple moved further west to Peters Colony on May 23 1845. Their property was acquired by means of a land grant of 640 from

the Peters Colony and was located in what would later be near the border of Collin and Dallas counties. William and Elizabeth had 4 children together, only one of whom, a son named James Alfred Sachse, lived to adulthood. Elizabeth died in 1853 not long after the death of their last daughter Susan Adaline. <u>more...</u>

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