



The Whistle Stop

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

JEARLENE MILLER



Greetings! I am pleased to serve as President of the Irving Heritage Society during 2020 – 2021. We will work diligently to build on what the previous administrations have done to further the mission of the Society. Due to the pandemic, we are having to reimagine the ways

in which we do things. We are pleased that the board of directors has embraced the Zoom platform, which allows us to virtually take care of business. Zoom enabled us to have our installation of officers, meet monthly, and conduct our board orientation.

We appreciate your patience as we all adjust to new ways of doing things while sheltered-in-place. Look for invitations for future membership engagement. If we are not able to have our Valentines Tea at the Heritage House, you just might receive an invitation to a virtual Valentines Tea!

Among my goals this year are: (1) growing our membership base, (2) developing a speakers' bureau to "Tell the Irving Heritage Society Story," (3) update our website, and (4) develop a virtual tour of the Heritage House and Mary's Play House. We solicit the membership's suggestions and support in achieving these goals as well as other suggestions you have for staying connected during this unprecedented time.

I am enjoying working with the dedicated officers and directors, committee chairs, and liaisons and I appreciate their support. We welcome our new additions to the board who have hit the ground running. Stay Safe!

MAY GENERAL MEETING:

The general meeting held via Zoom on May 17 was a first for Irving Heritage Society. The business meeting included a look back at the many activities of last year by President Linda Wood Shotwell. An election of the board was held with Jearlene Miller selected as the incoming President. Irving Community Television Network Producer and Anchor, Cathy Whiteman, conducted the installation. Our normal ice cream social was not able to be held but it was good to be able to "see" the faces of our members during this unique meeting.

CURRENT BOARD AND OFFICERS 2020-2021:

Jearlene Miller – President

Carol Huntley Little - President Elect

Nikisha McDaniel - First Vice President (Membership)

Judy Pierson - Second Vice President (Programs)

Diane Mannon - Third Vice President (Projects)

Pam Engman - Recording Secretary

Susan Fairless - Corresponding Secretary

Anne Pfaff - Treasurer

Kathrine Pennington - Historian

Linda Wood Shotwell - Parliamentarian

Directors 2020-2023:

Paige Hillis, Eric King, Susan Motley, Eileen Parks, and Mark McKee. Shirley Smith – unexpired term 2018-2021 term; T. J. Friedel – unexpired term 2019-2022.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Heritage House/Mary's Playhouse tours:

Cancelled until further notice.

At this time, we do not anticipate any Heritage Society activities until the first of the year except for board meetings, currently via Zoom. While we had hoped to hold a fall fish fry in conjunction with a special event at the Irving Archives and Museum, due to current COVID-19 conditions, the fish fry has been rescheduled until next spring.

We will continue to assess the situation and make any future adjustments when necessary. It is our sincere hope that all of you are staying well during this challenging time in history.

FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, SEND A NOTE TO IRVINGHERITAGESOCIETY@YAHOO.COM OR CALL 972-252-3838. WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

VINTAGE PLAYING CARDS:

The decks of vintage playing cards are filled with photos and history of early Irving. Sponsored by various community members, each card depicts a historical photo and fact as well as a dedication. Decks are available for \$10 at Big State Fountain Grill in downtown Irving, Baylor Scott and White Hospital gift shop, and the Irving Archives and Museum gift shop. Or you may call Mary at 972-252-3838 for a porch drop order of two decks or more within Irving. All proceeds go to benefit the Irving Archives and Museum.

(See a sample of images used to the right)

IRVING ARCHIVES AND MUSEUM (IAM):

The new museum located at 801 West Irving Blvd., opened on February 16 and closed on March 13 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is anticipated that it will re-open early October, following proper procedures for visitors and staff. Watch for details soon.

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY:

The Irving Heritage Society will be participating in the annual North Texas Giving Day on September 17th from **6am – midnight**. Early donations begin on **September 1**. Visit:

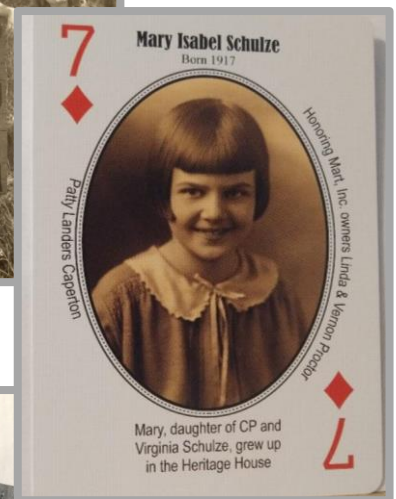
www.northtexasgivingday.org/irvingheritagesociety
Your support is greatly appreciated as we create virtual tours of the Heritage House and Mary's Playhouse for our community.



Welcome to Irving



Children in the library



YEARBOOKS/DIRECTORYS:

This year's yearbook/directory is nearly complete! Members will be able to receive their copy in a variety of ways: 1) Pick up at Pat Cook's Clothes Quarters at 142 South Main Street, 2) an electronic copy can be sent to you, or 3) contact Mary at irvingheritagesociety@yahoo.com or 972-252-3838 and a copy will be dropped off to members living in Irving. Out-of-town members can receive their copy via US mail.

This year cell phones and emails will be added to the directory lists for those who would like to include them. As a reminder, our membership list is not to be used for commercial, charitable, political or any purposes other than for the convenience of membership.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS:

Meet Dr. Nikisha T. McDaniel, Vice President - Membership



Dr. Nikisha T. McDaniel is a chiropractor and owner of Magnolia Chiropractic, located in the heart of the Heritage District. Dr. McDaniel has served the Irving community for more than 17 years. With a passion and commitment to helping others achieve

optimal health and improving their lives, she has treated thousands of patients including professional and Olympic athletes, college athletes, moms, dads, kids, infants, and grandparents! Her patients range in age from 1 day old to 102 and all ages in between! Magnolia Chiropractic has been voted Best Chiropractor in Irving 6 years running!

Dr. Nikisha T. McDaniel (Cont.)

Dr. McDaniel is a wife and a mother of two amazing children, Kylie and Kaden. She is a proud citizen of Irving for over 20 years and is an active participant in local events and activities. Dr. McDaniel is a board member in the Irving Heritage Society and currently holds the position of Vice President of Membership.



The year 2020 marks the **100th Anniversary** of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. The passage marked the largest expansion of democracy in the history of our country. Suffragists fought for the right to vote in every corner of the country and one of these was Martha Goodwin Turnstall of Texas.

JUST IN FROM IAM:

The Irving Archives and Museum is expected to open later this fall. When it does open you will want to be sure to plan to visit the museum and this special exhibit. The IAM would like to include a few local aprons and stories, so please consider sharing. Should you need any additional information, and for a copy of the interview form, please give us a call. ***Irving Heritage Society: 972-252-3838***

Apron Strings: Ties to the Past traveling exhibition coming soon! Featuring fifty-one aprons from the early 1900s through the present, this exhibition chronicles changing attitudes toward women and domestic work. Calling for your entries!

What special memories do you have about an apron? Send your pictures and stories to IAMinfo@cityofirving.org by September 15th to be included in the ***exhibition Apron Strings: Ties to the Past.***

DEATH OF MEMBERS: Joan Attaway, Eleanor Louise Rusnak, Ada Frances “Pete” Fernandez, John Boyle, Jan Maxwell Killen, and Velma Edwin.

MEMORIALS: Dorothy Henry, Martha Watson, Vernon Proctor, Ramiro Ramos, Dennis Brewer, Joan Attaway, Betty Murray Ratteree, Tally Parker, Eleanor Rusnak, David Schober, Richard Huff, Bill Campbell, John Bailey, Pete Fernandez, Velma White, John Boyle, Jan Maxwell Killen, and Velma Edwin.

HONORARIUM: Mary Higbie

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS!



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