



The Whistle Stop

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Valentine Tea 2017



**Rick Stopfer, Kathy Howard, Anne Pfaff,
Betty Fulbright and Rose Cannaday**

Beautiful music could be heard from the music room as musician extraordinaire Dr. Clay Gilbert played throughout the afternoon at the 2017 Vintage Valentine Tea in the Heritage House. Built in 1912, the Schulze family used a Valentine theme for the housewarming party in 1914. A large number of guests turned out for the 2017 traditional party on the beautiful winter day of February 12th. Tea sandwiches and a variety of sweets covered the dining room table. Past Presidents and other special members served

punch and tea. Co-chairs of the event were Rose Cannaday and Betty Fulbright. Carol Susat provided the lovely flowers throughout the house, including the mammoth centerpiece on the tea table. Diane Mannon coordinated the assistance in the kitchen. Woody Schober led the singing of "Let Me Call you Sweetheart."

After thanking the many volunteers, Heritage Society President Rick Stopfer spoke about the impressive service two of our lifetime members have given to both the Society and the Irving community. A large round of applause confirmed the crowd's approval of the 2017 Heritage Society Sweethearts, Anne Pfaff and Kathy Howard.



Dr. Gilbert at the piano

ART WORK DISPLAY AND SALE

Beautiful needlepoint and other handwork by Thelma Coleman and her sister Tilla Lindsey will be part of the 2D Art Exhibit – “Irving” from March 26 – May 6 at the Jaycee Center for the Arts, 1975 Puritan. Many items are framed and ready to be a special feature in your home. Proceeds will benefit the Irving Heritage Society. For more information, contact Mary at 972-252-3838.

HERITAGE HOUSE EXHIBITS:

Thanks to Marty Evans for providing an exhibit of Braniff Airways memorabilia during the Heritage House tours in November. Past President Eleanor Corry Bell provided a display of Santa Claus figures from around the world in December during the tours.

GIFTS TO THE HERITAGE SOCIETY:

Durwin Fontenette donated a painting of Harvey’s Barbeque by Dana Duvall Morgan. It will be displayed when possible along with the Heritage Society’s Walter Harvey wood carvings.

The family of **Thelma Coleman** donated a large number of handwork pieces by Thelma and her sister Tilla Lindsey. These will be displayed at the Jaycee Center for the Arts and made available for purchase. Thelma lived to be nearly 104 years old and was active in the community, including the historic tours put on by the Heritage Festival. One of Thelma’s beautiful pieces was taken into space by an American astronaut in 1998 to represent the First Presbyterian Church in Irving. It is now in the City of Irving’s archives.

TRIVIA CONTEST CONTINUES

For the last ten years, Irving residents have been tested on their knowledge of both our history and current events. The tradition continues as part of Celebrating Irving – the City and the Man. Once again, four-person teams will vie for glory and bragging rights, as well as a nifty trophy.

If you belong to an organization that could use some street cred, register your team by calling Mary by April 17. The initial rounds of the contest will be held on April 22 with the final rounds between the top four teams on April 29.

What does it take to win? A detailed knowledge of Irving history helps (what is the current name of the street that was originally called Iowa?) along with familiarity with current events (the name of the IISD superintendent) and the city’s web page (can aerosol cans be put in blue recycling bags?).

Admittedly the questions get a bit more obscure as the contest progresses, and may even include some on Washington Irving – the library has a detailed biography if you care to brush up. If you would like to contribute questions, email them (with answers) to irvingheritagesociety@yahoo.com.

It’s all great fun. So get your team together and challenge the perennial winner, the Irving Convention & Visitor’s Bureau.

NEWEST MEMBERS:

Gretchen Brosch
Kenny and Deneice Chavez
Jeff Gardner
Sally Grantvedt
Sally North
Linda and Charles Shotwell
Tom Smith
Tom and Susan Wright

MEMORIALS RECEIVED FOR:

Jack Huffman
Irma Janicek
Troy Kelley
Don King
Dorothy Leibensberger
Art Rubeck
Glyn Stopfer
Regina Story
Sue Garrett Threadgill
Ben Thomas
Jim Widener
Richard Young

DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM:

Patty Caperton
Dee Dee Ingram
Dorothy Leibensberger
Rosemary Robbins
John and Judy Samuels
Barbara Scott

LOSS OF MEMBERS:

Cheri Clodfelter
Jack Huffman
Donald King
Dorothy Leibensberger
Mary Regina Story
Sue Garrett Threadgill
Richard Young

MEMORIALS RECEIVED FROM:

Jan Hart and Joe Putnam
Mary Higbie
Bonnie Kelley
Alice Schrade
Pamela Slaughter
Barbara Terrill
Helen Widener

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Mary Higbie
Brad Woods

YEARBOOKS:

2016-2017 yearbooks are now available. Pick up your copy at the Heritage House on the first Sunday of the month from 3-5 p.m., at any Heritage Society program or at the Mustang Museum, 5221 N. O'Connor, Suite 110, Wed-Sat, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Or contact Mary at 972-252-3838.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, **March 19**, 2 p.m. South Irving Library, 601 Schulze, Heritage Society General Meeting with David Martinez, of the Texas Historical Foundation

Monday, **April 3**, 7 p.m. National Scouting Museum, 1329 W. Walnut Hill Lane, Kickoff of Celebrating Irving – the City & the Man

Monday, **April 17**, last day to register for a trivia contest team, contact Mary at 972-252-3838

Friday, **April 28**, 5 p.m., Main Street – Annual Heritage Society Fish Fry and Cake Auction

Sunday, **May 7**, 2 p.m. Irving Heritage House, 303 South O’Connor, Heritage Society General Meeting & Ice Cream Social



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Gerald Farris and Nancy Buschel have agreed to fill the terms of Dwayne Crane and Beth Bowman who were unable to continue serving.

HERITAGE SOCIETY SPONSORS EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAM

The January program, a showing of the video “80 Acres of Dreams: Irving’s Early Years,” brought a standing room only audience to the South Irving Library. The film was introduced by former Irving Community Television Network Executive Producer Paul Wahlstrom. A panel of Dan Matkin, Marvin Randle, and Martha Watson also shared memories of growing up in Irving. Also in attendance was the film’s narrator Cliff Samuelson, and Becky Pullum and Susan Everett, wives of the film’s producers Jim Pullum and John Everett.



Rick Stopfer, Martha Jo Watson, Dan Matkin, & Marvin Randle

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