



The Whistle Stop

A Publication of the Irving Heritage Society

October 2021



Irving Heritage Society General Meeting

Thursday, October 7th at 7pm

Irving Archives and Museum

801 West Irving Blvd.

Program - "ICTN Celebrates 40!"



Join us as we celebrate the 40 years of success by the Irving Community Television Network. Following a brief business meeting, a panel of past and present ICTN staff will take us down memory lane and share the many stories behind the scenes as they brought Irving home to the viewers.

We are excited to host this program about the award-winning ICTN and the people who made it happen! A conversation with Cathy Whiteman, Patty Caperton and Paul Wahlstrom is included.

To help with the planning of the evening, an RSVP would be appreciated. Also, as this is a general meeting of the Heritage Society, if you would like to receive the various documents such as the agenda, minutes, and treasurer's report, please request them here:

irvingheritagesociety@yahoo.com

The evening will be open to the public and held at the Irving Archives and Museum, 801 West Irving Blvd. at 7pm.

For additional information:

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or 972-252-3838

In the interest of the safety of all attendees and in accordance with CDC guidelines, masks are highly recommended at the Heritage Society event on October 7. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.



***A Message from President
Carol Huntley Little***

Are you ready for fall? I am looking forward to cooler weather and the brilliance of the trees changing colors.

Moreover, I am looking forward to continuing the legacy of the Irving Heritage Society (IHS) with great programming and membership engagement. Together, we can build upon the success of the past leadership.

I am honored to serve as your President of the IHS for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. A great Board of Directors is in place and they are off and running with outstanding plans and programs. I invite you to engage with me, to see and share my vision, goals and hope for the future of this great organization. I am excited for the days ahead and I ask that you join me with patience as we pivot back and forth with virtual and in person meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic. Staying healthy, physically and mentally, is our top priority.

Our October 1, 2021 virtual Board Meeting will feature Ms. Juanita H. Nañez, Chair, Dallas County Historical Commission. One of the goals of the Commission is to have members attend meetings and events of local Heritage Societies. She will bring brief greetings from the Commission and update us on their projects.

Hope to see all of you at the October 7, 2021 in person General Board Meeting at the Irving Archives and Museum to celebrate ICTN's 40th Anniversary and their many accomplishments over the years.

Please peruse this edition of the Whistle Stop for a list of your Board of Directors and more highlights of past and upcoming events and programs.

Stay safe and we will see you soon.

Carol Huntley Little



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Were you born/married in 1978?



1978 - What was happening in your world in 1978?

The Irving Heritage Society was launched at a Valentine Tea in 1978. We wondered what was happening in your world that same year. Were you born in 1978 or perhaps married? Let us know at the email link below for we would like to recognize your special event.

Here are some interesting things we also found out about 1978:

- **Grease** was the word - and the hottest movie in the world.
- Garfield the cat made his debut in newspaper comic strips.
- The premier of **Dallas** introduced the world to the Ewings and Southfork Ranch.
- Cabbage Patch Dolls were on every little girls' Christmas list.
- The disco trend started in 1977 with the release of **Saturday Night Fever**, and the Bee Gees were still hot with songs like "Stayin' Alive," "Night Fever" and "How Deep is Your Love."

How much things cost in 1978?

- Average Cost of new house \$54,800.00
- Average Income per year \$17,000.00
- Average Monthly Rent \$260.00
- Cost of a gallon of Gas 63 cents
- 1 LB of Bacon \$1.20

- Dozen Eggs 48 Cents
- Radio Shack Tandy TRS80 Computer \$399.00
- 8 Track Player \$169.00
- Land O Lakes Butter Lb \$1.33
- New York Strip Steaks Lb \$2.39

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VINTAGE PLAYING CARDS

Decks of playing cards with vintage photos continue to be for sale for \$10 at the Irving Archives and Museum gift shop, Big State Fountain, The Monkey Junkie, and Baylor Scott and White Gift Shop. Porch drop deliveries in Irving are available for two or more decks by calling 972-252-3838. Proceeds benefit the Irving Archives and Museum.

FUN FACTS ABOUT IRVING!

Courtesy of Kevin Kendro, Archivist

DFW Airport opened to commercial air traffic in January 1974 helping to transform Irving into an international business and transportation hub.

Otis Brown and his son Lynn Brown were the only father and son duo to serve as mayors of Irving. Otis Brown was Irving's first mayor elected in 1914. Lynn Brown served three terms as Irving's mayor from 1959-1967.

Irving has had three city hall buildings. The first was built in 1932; the second in 1956; and the current building dedicated in 1976.

The recently torn down Plymouth Park Shopping Center opened its first phase in 1955.

Sixth Street was once known as Kit – Lone Star Road because it led from Irving to the community of Kit and the Lone Star gas pipeline ran along the road's route.

The residents of Irving formed a volunteer fire department in 1921. The city hired its first fire fighter in 1953. The city hired its first full-time employee, a City Secretary whose primary job was to collect taxes, in 1939.

Welcome new members: Windy Scurlock, Marianne Lauda, Sharon and Willie DeBerry

Loss of Members: Raleigh Mae Stevenson, Dr. Don Oberlin, Dona Woertendyke, Edgar William Seay, Jr., Margaret “Margie” Baker Cruse, William B. Connell, Harm Schreur, Nancy Crump Spicer, and Doug Gregory

Memorials received for: Betty Murray Ratteree, Dr. Don Oberlin, John Michael Brown, Martha McMurray, Edgar William Seay, Jr., Dr. Clay W. Gilbert, Clinton Howard, David Schober, Joel Blackwell, Jr., Jim Meler, Velma Edwin, George Story, Margie Cruse, Diane Ewing, William B. Connell, Nancy Crump Spicer, and Harm Schreur

Honorariums received: Lee Mosty, Mary Higbie

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS! Welcome i Fratelli, Big State and Magnolia Chiropractic!



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