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Monthly AGS Meeting Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Program: **Historic Hotels of Texas: A Traveler's Guide**
Presented by: **Liz Carmack**

Highland Park Baptist Church
5208 Balcones Drive, Austin, Texas

***** 6:15 P.M.** – Doors Open

***** 6:30 P.M.** – Serving Begins

***** Special time*****

An AGS Holiday Celebration of Giving:

... AGS to our Members

...Members to the Community

...Members to AGS

AGS treats will include

an interesting program on Historic Hotels in and around Austin and book signing;
an assortment of meats, sweets, cheeses, nuts, and fruits; and
prizes and recognition of special 2008 AGS members.



Members giving to the Community: Please bring two canned goods for the Austin Food Bank. Times are hard for many people and this is our chance to help. If you will bring two items of food to the social, the Capital Area Food Bank will gladly receive and distribute them. Especially needed items include canned meat, peanut butter, granola bars, dried beans and rice, oatmeal, canned green beans, corn, carrots, potatoes, Lite fruit, macaroni & cheese.

Members giving to AGS: Have you noticed an AGS member who has "gone the extra mile" in 2008? Some have highly visible roles, but many are working behind the scenes, quietly and diligently. We want to find ALL who have contributed significantly to AGS this year, and you are the best judge of who those folks are. Nominate someone for a "**GOLD STAR**" by sending an email to Barbara Inns at bagns@sbcglobal.net with the name of your nominee and the reason behind your nomination. Or call Barbara at (512) 340-9932.



Begin your holiday season with AGS!



Since moving to Austin in 1988, **Liz Carmack** has worked as a professional communicator for a state representative, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, KLRU-TV, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). During her 11 years at the TCEQ, she helped scientists, engineers, and policy makers communicate complicated scientific and environmental issues to the public through publications and websites.

Liz began her professional communications career as a reporter and editor at Oklahoma's third-largest daily newspaper, and later earned a master's degree in mass communication at the University of Leicester in Leicester, England. Her graduate studies were sponsored by a Rotary International Scholarship.

Liz moonlighted as a freelance writer and webmaster before leaving the TCEQ to research and write *Historic Hotels of Texas: A Traveler's Guide* (<http://www.historictexashotels.com/>) and start her own business. Her travel writing extends to the web; she serves as the Austin City Expert for the international travel website, www.homeandabroad.com. She is a member of the Writers' League of Texas, Freelance Austin, and the Association for Women in Communications. She will be selling and signing her books.

AGS BUSINESS

Recap from the Board of Directors' Meeting

The Board of Directors met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2008, prior to the general meeting. Topics of discussion included the Treasurer's Report, dues for the remainder of 2008, AGS' participation in Roots, Boots & Brisket; plans for the 2009 Annual Seminar; plans for the December holiday social.

The following actions were taken: (1) The Board agreed to pay for the postage to ship four 1930s and 1940s era yearbooks from Texas A&M University to the Allen County Public Library. These yearbooks were purchased by Robert Sage and donated to the library.



Newly elected members to the Board of Directors

At the October meeting, the following six people were elected by the general membership as new members on the Board of Directors: Inez EPPRIGHT, Sharon FOLEY, Cindy FOREMAN, Sara GREDLER, Janis TRAYLER, and Kay BOYD.

Newly elected officers for 2009

President	Cindy Foreman
1 st Vice President	Kay Boyd
2 nd Vice President	Sharon Foley
Secretary	Inez Eppright
Treasurer	Teri Flack

Membership

(submitted by Barbara INNIS)

The 2009 membership renewal forms are now available. If you did not pick yours up at the October meeting, you should have received a green flyer in your mailbox by now. Be sure to read over the list of programs and special events for 2009. We think the Program Committee did an outstanding job selecting a wide variety of topics to help everyone with their research. Your renewal information and payment need to be received by January so that you will continue to receive these special newsletters and the *Quarterly*. Other membership benefits are having your surnames posted on the AGS website and receiving the Membership Directory.



Attendance at October 28th meeting: 73

New members in October: Steven L. BONNELL; Maria D. Acosta BARRON; Lynn COOKSEY, and Michael MAHONEY

Visitors at the October meeting: Doris Walker GAYLE, Billie REISFIELD, and George Traver

A word of thanks to our October Volunteers:

Greeters - Andrea BURKHART and Sheila SARGENT

Refreshments – Glenda BLACK, Lynn LeCROPANE, Carroll PATTERSON & Connie PERDUE

Extra hands and smiling faces – Jean MAROSTICA, Shirley ROBERTS, and Bob TIEMAN

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY ADDITIONS/CHANGES

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APOLOGY

AGS has a very special and valued category of membership called LIFE MEMBER. Fifteen members' names appear on the 2008 roster in the AGS Membership Directory. One of those members is Martha Valliant McLAIN. Unfortunately, her name and personal information were inadvertently omitted from the full membership section of the directory when it was printed in March 2008. We offer her our sincere apology and are belatedly including Marti's information at this time:

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HOLIDAY WISHES

As Chairpersons of Membership and Hospitality, we want to extend best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season to all AGS members! Very special thanks go to our wonderful committee volunteers in 2008, all of whom are worthy of Gold Stars in our book. Join us at the DECEMBER 2nd HOLIDAY SOCIAL when AGS recognizes all who have "gone beyond the call of duty this year." Happy Holidays, Barbara Innis & Sharon Tieman

Bits & Pieces

The new Board of Directors will meet on Saturday, December 13th to set goals and activities for 2009. If you have a suggestion or concern you would like the Board to address, please do not hesitate to contact one of the board members. Our goal is to serve the membership of the Society and we welcome your comments.



Thanks to Charles Locklin for sending the following website address with a slew of OLD penny postcards from all over the United States. I found one for Talpa, Texas, that looks like it fits the time my great, great grandfather was postmaster there!

<http://www.usgwarchives.org/special/ppcs/ppcs.html>



We are looking for someone who can sew, embroider, or paint the AGS logo and name on a table cloth that we can use at our meetings, seminars, conferences, etc. Please contact Kay Boyd if you can help us with this project. Mkdb1405@aol.com or 836-7484



We collected \$242.29 at the October meeting for the renovations at the Texas Governor's Mansion. For those who did not get to attend the October meeting and who are interested in making a contribution to this effort, a jar will be available to collect your donation at the December Social. AGS will match the total contribution up to \$500. Checks should be made payable to the Texas Governor's Mansion Renovation Project in order to receive a charitable receipt for a tax deduction on your 2008 taxes.

AGS Annual Seminar

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, May 2nd, 2009. You will not want to miss our annual seminar as we present Pamela & Rick Sayre who will speak on four helpful topics that we are confident will add a new dimension to your research. And next year, we have a new location in central Austin.

Look for this spot in future newsletters for additional information.



Financial Reports for October

Austin Genealogical Society	
Profit & Loss	
January 1 - October 31, 2008	
INCOME	
2008 Research Trip -- Ft. Wayne	10,625.00
Annual Seminar Receipts	3,898.00
Bus Trips - Dallas	2,340.00
Classes (incl LTL)	375.00
Contributions Rec'd	260.00
Envelope Collections	67.68
Membership Dues Rec'd	3,935.00
Misc Income	1,207.48
Sales - Earned Revenues	423.00
Total Income	23,131.16
Cost of Goods Sold	344.49
Total COGS	344.49
GROSS PROFIT	22,786.67
EXPENSE	
Cemetery project	55.41
Charitable Donations	500.00
Education	4,560.28
Membership Costs	625.29
Operating Expenses	
Bank Fees	32.09
Equip. (Purch/Rent and Maint)	70.84
Miscellaneous Expenses	291.57
Permits & Licenses	175.00
Postage and Delivery	592.89
Printing and Copying	2,247.28
Rent - Meeting Rooms	635.00
Society Memberships	25.00
Supplies and Materials	76.08
Total Operating Expenses	4,145.75
Research Trip Expenses	13,541.15
TOTAL EXPENSE	23,427.88
Net Ordinary Income	(641.21)
Other Income - Interest Earned	212.02
NET INCOME	(429.19)

Austin Genealogical Society	
Balance Sheet	
As of October 31, 2008	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Public Employees Credit Union	10,183.12
Wells Fargo	6,527.69
Total Checking/Savings	16,710.81
Other Current Assets	359.01
TOTAL ASSETS	17,069.82
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Sales Tax Payable	9.08
Total Liabilities	9.08
EQUITY	
Retained Earnings	17,489.93
Net Income	(429.19)
Total Equity	17,060.74
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	17,069.82

Notes from the Newsletter Editor:

Well, guys and gals, that's a wrap for 2008. It's been challenging and fun being your newsletter editor this year. I look forward to helping you keep up-to-date on the activities of the Society in 2009.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, we wish you all have a safe and happy holiday season and the hope that 2009 brings you many days of successful research and at least the total destruction of at least one brick wall!

Until next year, Happy Trackin',
Janis Trayler, Editor

2008 Board of Directors

The members of the Board of Directors for the Austin Genealogical Society for 2008 are:

Term ending 2008:	Term Ending 2009:
Kay Boyd	Teri Flack
Inez Eppright	Tommy Ingram
Cindy Foreman	Barbara Innis
Sharon Foley	Elizabeth Johnston
Connie Perdue	Robert Sage
Janis Trayler	Randy Whited

2008 Officers

President	Tommy Ingram
1 st Vice President	Kay Boyd
2 nd Vice President	Cindy Foreman
Recording Secretary	Inez Eppright
Treasurer	Teri Flack

*We are here to serve the members of the Society.
If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please
share those with us.*

INSIDE:

News about coming AGS events:

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