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MEETING NOTICE

The November 15th, 2008 general meeting was scheduled to be held at the newly renovated Clayton Carriage House. While every effort was made to meet that schedule, the effects of Hurricane Ike on the material

suppliers and workmen have delayed completion. Therefore the CLF meeting will be held at the Jungman Library one final time. See you there.

The Renovation Project and Library Goals or What Are We Going to Do with Those Renovated Buildings?

That question comes up a lot at the Clayton Library. Our library customers, the library staff and the Houston Public Library system are all abuzz with the excitement of the renovation project. So, just what will be going on in the houses?

Main House: The Clayton family home will offer a multi-functional space including display areas, a partnership with Family History Library, and staff processing areas. Another planned space will be Will Clayton's library. This room will reflect Mr. Clayton's life and times. There will be period furniture and printed research materials that highlight Houston and United States history during the 20th century. This collection of material will be research only, and will not circulate.

Displays from the three units that make up Houston Public Library's Special Collections will also celebrate the life, times and history of Houston in

the 20th century. These displays will be rotating displays, meaning they will be changed out periodically. The three Special Collection units include Clayton Library, the Houston Metropolitan Research Center, and the Houston

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Clayton Library Friends Statement of Activities January - September 2008

Income

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Membership Contributions | 11,800.00 |
| Temporarily Restricted | 915,113.32 |
| Membership Dues | 14,535.00 |
| Non-Endowment Distributions | 8,450.58 |
| Portfolio Value Change | -38,213.16 |
| Other Income | 90.24 |

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| Total Income | \$ 911,775.98 |
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Expenses

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| Acquisition Spend | 40,707.56 |
| Public Relations Spend | 3,897.66 |
| Project Renovation Spend | 689,692.03 |
| Administrative Spend | 16,880.33 |
| Fundraising Spend | 50,214.23 |

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| Total Expenses | \$ 801,391.81 |
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Clayton Library Friends Statement of Financial Position As of October 1, 2008

ASSETS

Current Assets

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| Bank Accounts | 542,312.71 |
| Accounts Receivable | 342,269.00 |
| Other Current Assets | 528.47 |

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| Total Current Assets | \$ 885,110.18 |
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| Fixed Assets | 0.00 |
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| Other Assets | 855,883.00 |
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| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 1,740,993.18 |
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

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| Accounts Payable | 9,870.60 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 301,015.00 |

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| Total Liabilities | \$ 310,885.60 |
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| Equity | 1,430,107.58 |
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| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | \$ 1,740,993.18 |
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Danny Trudo

RENOVATION REPORT

African American Archives and Library at the Gregory School. The Gregory School currently is under renovation and is not open for research yet. The anticipated date of that unit opening is spring 2009.

Our partnership with the Family History Library will consist of becoming a microfilm affiliate rental site. You might be familiar with the rental program that exists at the LDS Stake Libraries. Later in the spring of 2009, we should have this program up and running. Until then, we do not have the ability to rent film from Salt Lake. We need to have the project in place first. I know all of you are excited about the rental program. We will make a big announcement when you are able to rent film at Clayton. Thank you for your patience in this instance.

The Carriage House: This will be the main educational programming space and has been the major focus of the renovation. This is where we will offer meeting room space for the genealogical and local communities, workshops, and the Clayton Library's very popular once a month mini-education sessions. If you have attended a meeting in the library's "sardine room" you know just how welcome a space the Carriage House is and how excited we are to get into it.

The Guesthouse: For the immediate future, the second floor will be the home of the Houston Public Library Foundation. We welcome the Foundation to the Clayton campus as they wait for their renovated permanent space downtown in the Julia Ideson Building. The first floor of the Guesthouse will be a meeting room space for the community and the Foundation, and one where the Clayton staff plans to have technology programming.

This renovation project would not have been accomplished without the Clayton Family and the Clayton Library Friends. It would not have happened without the continued belief and support of the Clayton Library Friends board and members. The amount of work put in by the CLF board members, hours of planning, going over issues, having meetings, and all things associated with a major renovation of an historical building is immeasurable. As manager of the facility I am very humbled and honored to be part of the project and to marshal the hopes and dreams of what the Clayton Library Campus can become within the local, state and national genealogical community.

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What about Ike and its impact on the renovation?

The Clayton Library, the Clayton family home and buildings received very little damage. On the first floor of the main library, water seeped into the building along the baseboard under the north side windows. We also had a few ceiling tiles that fell down with some leaking from the ceiling. On the second floor, again, there was water seepage along the baseboards and some ceiling tiles down. However, there were no books damaged, no windows broken, no large trees down, and no major property damage.

The Clayton family home, Carriage House, and Guesthouse all came through the storm without any structural damage at all. Because of the grading in the parking lot, there were some deep spots of water, but all

buildings remained structurally strong. In fact, the only thing I heard that really flew across the parking lot is one of the construction porta-potties! The renovation is still on schedule, and the Clayton Library Friends are planning on having their 15 November Annual Meeting in the Carriage House. That is very exciting.

Although the library was very lucky and received little damage, some of the staff at the library, our neighbors, and those in other areas in and around Houston were not so fortunate and have varying levels of damage and loss. Our hearts are with them in this time of reconstruction, cleaning, and just getting along without electricity. It was a storm to remember and one that we can share stories about in the future with our descendants.

Susan Kaufman

FROM OVERWHELMING JUNK TO A WRITTEN HISTORY

Kathryn Black Morrow, PhD

“Writing Your Family History – Beginning with the Boxes”



We think we know our relatives; then we sort through the pieces of their lives that have been stuffed in a box and find we know very little about them. We accumulate data and things related to them but don't really know them at all. Kathryn Black Morrow will show us how to take those pieces of information,

organize that box of overwhelming junk, and turn it

into a written narrative history.

She will give a 45 minute presentation, November 15th, at our general meeting, on how to organize those articles, letters, photos and mementos into a chronologic framework and use the information to write a family history. Kathryn is bringing one of her own recent projects to use as an example. What a way to breathe life and personality into the names and dates on our pedigree charts!

Kathryn is an historian and professional genealogist with 35 years of experience. She has done extensive on-site research at archives in Raleigh, North Carolina; Birmingham and Montgomery, Alabama; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Denver, Colorado; Salt Lake City, Utah; Dallas, Texas; and Clayton Genealogical library in Houston.

CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS' NEW DOCENT PROGRAM

Clayton Library Friends (CLF) is in the process of organizing a docent program to complement all future scheduled activities at Clayton Square. Job descriptions will include hosting scheduled events, providing narrated tours of the facilities upon request and other responsibilities to be later defined. CLF members who are interested in participation will be required to complete training, in January 2009. It is anticipated that the first

docent activity will be to participate in the Clayton Square Grand Opening Ceremonies tentatively planned for March 2009. CLF members should contact **Claudia Grafton** at claudiamg10@gmail.com to reserve a spot in the January 2009 training program and indicate future interest in contributing to this important extension of the Clayton Library Friends.

President's Message



The end is in sight.

The Clayton Library renovation has been going on so long that it is difficult for some to recall a time when we were not working on the renovation.

From the first discussions with the Clayton family, to the meetings with the architects, followed by discussions with contractors, the engagement of the fundraising advisors, the initial discussions with the City of Houston (COH), the selection of a general contractor, the amendment of the CLF bylaws, the negotiations with banks to lend CLF money, the fundraising process, the hard hat party, the negotiation of a contract with COH, the groundbreaking, the start of construction, the vandalism at the worksite, the unforeseen construction problems, and the negotiation of the furniture acquisition and programming for the renovated space; it seems as if the renovation has always been part of what we do. However, all of that is about to come to an end.

The renovation project is on schedule in spite of Ike's unexpected visit and the renovated Main House, Guest House, and Carriage House will be officially open to the public. The seemingly endless project will come to an end and CLF will go back to doing what it has always done; supporting the Clayton Library.

From the beginning this was a difficult project and there was no shortage of people who felt that this project was too daunting and would never be completed. The task was daunting and its success has required the tireless efforts of many people. However, as we near completion, it has become clear that much of the credit for the renovation's success belongs to the following individuals:

1. **Issa Dadoush** and **Wendy Heger** of the City of Houston
2. **Sheila Turner** and **Harriett Latimer**
3. **Charlie Gardes**
4. **Susan Garwood.**

Issa and Wendy have been the face of COH and they have been great supporters of the renovation

project. It is often said that the sign of a good marriage is that the marriage parties can talk candidly about, and resolve, difficult issues. While not all of our discussions would be described as pleasant, they have been constructive and we have always been able to resolve our differences. I think that is the sign of a good working relationship. It has been a pleasure to work with Issa and Wendy.

Sheila and Harriet guided us through the fundraising process (which is an interesting adventure that I think every person should experience at least once during his or her life). Their patience and perseverance has helped this project succeed.

Charlie Gardes loves genealogy and he loves the Clayton Library. He is our eyes and ears on the construction site. He watches that project like a hawk. COH also considers Charlie to be part pest and part bulldog. Nothing gets passed Charlie. If, when the dust settles on this project, it is not done exactly right, it will not be because Charlie Gardes did not try to have it done exactly right. The renovation would not be on schedule today were it not for the efforts of Charlie Gardes.

Susan Garwood is the Clayton family representative for the renovation. She has put as much time and energy into this project as anyone and I think that it is not an overstatement to say that this project would not have gotten off the ground without the efforts of Susan Garwood. In my personal view, we will never be able to thank Susan enough for all of her efforts on behalf of the Clayton Library.

This renovation project is like many things we do in life. At first it seems as if the project will never begin. Then, it seems as if there is no end in sight and that it will go on forever. And then, all of a sudden, it is done and we move on to the next thing. Now that the end is coming clearly into view and the renovation train is pulling into the station, I hope that you will remember, and take time to thank, those who have worked so long and hard to make this project the success that it is.

Nick Sorensen

THANK YOU FOR ENRICHING THE LIBRARY'S COLLECTION THROUGH ACQUISITIONS

As the exciting reopening of the Clayton home approaches, the Friends' capital campaign and our oversight of construction will draw to a close. Once again, CLF will focus our attention on providing superb research materials for the library. Acquisitions funded by the Friends over the years have helped the Clayton Library Center become one of the most prominent genealogical research libraries in the country.

From 1987 through the first half of 2008, more than \$2 million has been contributed by the Friends for acquisitions! The library's purchases from these donations are broad and deep: including the Cuban Papers (early official records of the Spanish government which provide valuable information about the very early Gulf Coast), city directories, state census records, Texas death records from 1903 to 1976, War of 1812 records, and the microfilming of fragile records in the Texas State Archives. We hope that the library's enhanced physical facilities and research tools will encourage many more users and many more acquisitions.

To all who have been among acquisitions donors over our 21 years, the CLF board again expresses its appreciation. To those who wish to give in the future, we thank you. As our finances and record keeping have become more complicated, we ask that you consider a general gift for acquisitions rather than a restricted gift. The library staff diligently strives to fill gaps in the Clayton's collection, and it stays abreast of papers, books, microfilm, etc. that have recently become available.

Currently, CLF is involved in the purchase of at least one volume for every county in the United States, of passenger lists documenting arrivals into the United States at a number of ports, in completion of the 1930 Soundex records, and to the completion of providing pension file microfilm on each Confederate state. Please join us in making the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research the most eminent in the nation. Please donate to the CLF general acquisitions fund.

Allyson Cook

FAMILY HISTORY DONATIONS

The following family histories have been donated to Clayton Library through the Clayton Library Friends. Once they have been processed, the books will be available at the Library. For information on purchasing a personal copy of any of these books, contact Karen Acker, tkacker@cebridge.net.

That Wadlington Family and Others by Donna Humphrey Metzger

The Early Dunagans of Surry County, North Carolina by Percy E. Dunagan, Jr., MD, PhD, MFA, Colonel US Army, Retired

The Mysterious James Hunt (1747-aft 1800), Pioneer of Bolton, Vermont 1794 and His Son Captain Roswell Hunt (1776-1842) of Bolton, Richmond, Jericho, and Waterbury, Vermont by Nadine J. Hunt and Mitchell J. Hunt

CONTINUING 2009 DIRECTORS



Karen Acker - Director 1



Charles Gardes - Director 2



Sam Lusk - Director 4

ROSTER OF NOMINEES

President - Alice Braud-Jones



Alice Braud-Jones is a native Texan and has served on the CLF Board since 2005. An avid genealogist,

Alice has carefully tracked and proven many of her ancestral lines back to the 15th and 16th centuries through careful study and personal on-site research at local, national and international repositories. She is a graduate of U of H, Samford University and the National Institute of Genealogical Research.

Alice holds memberships in many genealogical and lineage societies and served as; National Vice Chair, Genealogy, New Chapter Development; NSDAR; National and State Speakers Staffs; NSDAR State Vice Chair; President General's Projects, Sam Houston Chapter Vice Regent, NSDAR; 1st VP of the Bay Area Genealogical Society; and 2nd VP, Fort Virginia Point Chapter, UDC.

She has served on many boards throughout her 30-year professional career in human resources management. During her six year tenure on the Texas State Board of Examiners, she served as chairman of the applications committee and as vice chairman of the board. She served as president, vice president and treasurer of the Houston Area Health Care Coalition Board.

1st Vice President – Patricia Lindsay Phillips

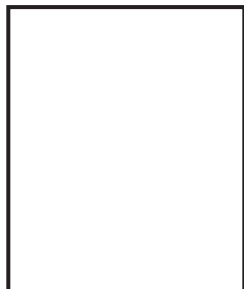


Pat Phillips is a native Houstonian with a long history of volunteerism. As a stay at home mom she was

involved with children's activities such as, field trips, sports, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and was an active member of the PTA. As a grandmother she became involved in her grandchildren's schools and extra curricular activities. She is currently serving as Precinct 189 Chairman and Election Judge.

When assisting the elderly Pat always enjoyed listening to their family history and their stories about life as they were growing up. Then, in the late 1990's, Pat attended an evening genealogy class and became interested in genealogical research. With her new interest came another volunteer opportunity, Clayton Library Friends.

Treasurer – to be announced



2nd Vice President – Karyl Van Dyne



Karyl Van Dyne is a Director of Development for Baylor College of Medicine, having joined the team in

December, 2007. She relocated to Houston from Champaign, Illinois where she was a Development Director for the College of Engineering at the University of Illinois. Karyl has six years of experience as a major gift officer. During her tenure at Illinois she also had the privilege to work with the advisory board and to plan and carry out several events.

Karyl's master's and bachelor's degrees are in education from Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri. She started her professional career as a teacher and taught in the public schools for eight years in the Midwest. Karyl was born and raised on a farm in southern Iowa and still has family in the Midwest.

Secretary – Norma Eriksen



Born in Texas, Norma was raised in Central America, where she

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attended primary grades. Norma graduated from The University of Texas and then worked as a Registered Medical Technologist. After thirty-four years she retired to devote more time to golf and genealogy. Norma has had a lifelong interest in genealogy and in 1975 she began researching her antecedents at the Clayton Library, LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake, and attending seminars. Norma led a research project of identifying Houston churches from Houston City Directories from 1886-1910 and in reading/transcribing obituaries from Houston newspapers from 1875-1910. She has been a volunteer at the Clayton Library for the past four years, including eight months of scheduling volunteers for the Clayton House.

Director 3 – Nick Sorensen



Nick joined the CLF board in 2005 by appointment of the CLF Board of Directors.

He served as a member of the Renovation Committee and was elected President of CLF in 2006. Nick is an attorney and has been in private practice for almost 20 years. he grew up in Las Vegas, attended college at Brigham Young University's Reuben Clark Law

School. His first year out of law school he was a judicial clerk for the Honorable Roger D. Foley, in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. Following his clerkship, Nick was associated with the law firm of Shannon & Ustick from 1988 until 1990, and then joined Johnson and Gibbs where he practiced until joining Porter and Hedges, L.L.P. in 1995.

Director 5 – Barbara Anne Sheffler

After fourteen years at Rice University's Fondren Library, Barbara Sheffler was recruited by the university's development



office to help with fundraising efforts by researching and writing profiles on major donors. Since 2003, she has been Director of Constituent Strategies for Baylor College of Medicine, a nationwide model for development offices. She is a board member of the Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement, Greater Houston Chapter and is a member of the American Society for Information Science and Technology as well as the Council of Advancement and Support of Education. Additionally, she serves as a board member of American Voices and the Metasoft

(Foundation Search) Client Advisory Board. Barbara is also an accomplished musician. A violinist for the Houston Ballet Orchestra and a professional mandolinist, she has performed with the Houston Grand Opera, Da Camera, Ebony Opera, and the Houston Symphony. She may be the only Clayton Library board member who has played with Smokey Robinson.

Director 6 – Kay Kopycinski

Kay Warren Kopycinski is a native



Texan and graduate of the University of Houston at Clear Lake. Her work history is varied,

including Montessori teacher, charter sail boat owner/operator, bookkeeper, oil royalty heirs researcher. She became interested in genealogy after receiving a family history, Farrar Memorabilia, written by a cousin and discovering that her mother's attic contained hundreds of letters, documents and photographs dated from the mid-1800's. She has attended both national conventions and local genealogy seminars. Kay was president of the Houston Genealogical Forum 2006-2007 and editor of the Houston Genealogical Record 2005-2007.

Angels Report

Liz Hicks

The Angel Program was created in 1994 to provide for periodicals the library does not have the funds to purchase. Please remember donations can be made in memory or honor of someone(s) and acknowledged in the *The Clayton Advocate Newsletter*. Upon request, a bookplate may be placed in the bound periodicals at the end of the year. Donations for binding are also welcome.

Thanks to generous donations from CLF members, ALL the 2008 "orphan" angel subscriptions have been renewed.

Susan Bischoff, donation for 3 yr. subscription to the *Indiana Genealogist* in honor of John R. Holmes.

Ruth Lewis, donation for *Carolina Herald & Newsletter* in honor of Colonial Dames XVIIC and Daughters of 1812.

Wally and Norma Davenport, renewal of the *Indiana Genealogist* for 2008.

Amber Wickwire, donation for *Foothills Inquirer* (Colorado), *Idaho Genealogical Society Journal*, *Kith 'N Kin* (Ohio), and *Ross County Genealogical Society Newsletter* (Ohio).

"Angels" are NOW needed for the following subscriptions:

Alabama Genealogical Society Magazine \$15.00

American-Canadian Genealogist (French Canadian, Franco-American, & Acadian Genealogy) \$50.00

Annals of Wyoming \$20.00

Argyll Colony Plus (NC Scottish Heritage) \$30.00

Arkansas Family Historian \$25.00

Bluegrass Roots (KY) \$25.00

Carolina Herald and Newsletter (SC) \$8.00

Chicago Genealogist \$20.00

Families (Ontario Genealogical Society-Canada) \$50.00

Family Tree Magazine & CD, monthly, (United Kingdom) \$120.00/yr.

Foothills Inquirer (Colorado) \$15.00

Genie (Ark-LA-TX Gen. Assn.) \$20.00

Georgia Settlers (multiple counties East Georgia) \$20.00

Goingsnake Messenger (Cherokees-Oklahoma) \$15.00

Greenville County Genealogical Society Journal (SC) \$21.00

Houston History (UH Center for Public History) \$25.00

Idaho Genealogical Society Journal \$19.00

Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly \$25.00

Internet Genealogy \$28.00

Kith 'n Kin (Sandusky, Ohio) \$10.00

Le Raconteur (Louisiana) \$15.00

Lifelines (Northern NY American-Canadian) \$30.00

MASSOG (Mass.) \$25.00

Maine Genealogist \$20.00

Marissa Historical & Genealogical Society (Illinois) \$20.00

Middle Tennessee Journal of Genealogy & History \$25.00

Mississippi River Routes (Vicksburg Gen. Society) \$25.00

Montgomery Gen. Society Quarterly (Alabama) \$20.00

Northeast Mississippi Historical & Genealogical Society Quarterly \$20.00

Ohio Records and Pioneer Families \$20.00

The Prairie Gleaner (West Central Missouri) \$15.00

Redbone Chronicles (Kentucky) \$15.00

Rodziny (Polish Gen. Society of America) \$20.00

Ross County Genealogical Society Newsletter (Ohio) \$15.00

St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly (Missouri) \$35.00

Tap Roots (East Alabama Gen. Soc.) \$25.00

The Times (Central North Carolina) \$20.00

Upper South Carolina Genealogy and History \$20.00

Vermont Genealogy \$25.00

Wisconsin State Genealogical Society Newsletter \$30.00

Please contact **Liz Hicks** at (713) 944-1118 or e-mail: erootrot@usa.net if you wish to earn your **WINGS**.

Make checks payable to

CLF, and mail to P.O. Box 271078, Houston, TX 77277-1078.

CLAYTON AND VOLUNTEER MESSAGE

Dear Volunteers and Supporters of the Clayton Library,

I hope that all of you are recovering and coping well with the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. As many of you know, Clayton was one of a handful of HPL locations to be back up and running in the first week following the storm. Assisting patrons with online FEMA applications, and working with volunteers from the Army Corps of Engineers "Blue Roof" Program at the library, has reminded me of the same generous spirit with which all of you have given of your time and talents in support of the Clayton library.

Exciting changes are coming to the Clayton Library in the months ahead! We are gearing up for the grand re-opening of the Clayton House, Guest House, and Carriage House in March 2009, after many months of dedication and committed effort on these projects by the Clayton Library Friends and others. Clayton Library is currently blessed with a solid core of volunteers in areas such as shelving and special

projects. Starting in January 2009, we will begin recruiting volunteers to help staff the Clayton House during normal hours of operation. This was a popular activity for our volunteers in the past, and we hope that the excitement of the newly renovated historical buildings and beautiful landscaping will inspire folks to come out to volunteer once again when the buildings are finally reopened. We are looking into other possibilities as well, including a docent-style program in which volunteers meet with visiting groups to share with them the history of the Clayton family and home, as well as opportunities for processing library materials in designated work areas of the Clayton House. For information about upcoming volunteer opportunities and more, contact me at steven.bychowski@cityofhouston.net.

Steven Bychowski
Clayton Library Volunteer Coordinator

CLF VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORT

The CLF Board Members wish to express their sincere appreciation to CLF Volunteers who have in this past year participated in shelving, surveying collections, mail-outs, labeling, formatting, and assisting the Clayton Library staff upon request. Active volunteers are invited to attend the Clayton Library Annual Lock-In, which is the staff's thoughtful expression of appreciation for your ongoing contributions to the library. The event is to be

held on October 31st (Halloween) and is sure to be a fun evening with good things to eat (tombstone cakes, etc.) and good times for all in attendance (free photocopies, great camaraderie, etc.) Volunteers should RSVP to Steven Bychowski at: steven.bychowski@cityofhouston.net

Sam Lusk
Clayton Library Friends Volunteer Coordinator

Special Thanks Goes To:

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Joy Cowen
John Coyle
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Cam Greenwood
Ed Greenwood
Liz Hicks
Bruce Krewinghans
Jean McLeod

Audrey Middlebrook
Pat Phillips
Judie Schroeder
Jan Schultz
Vanessa Smith
Vinona Wilkinson
Gary Willis
Robin Willis

John Dorroh
Cathy Fitch
David Lodge
Dan Pusch
Ginny Torey
Dick Warren
Charlene Wilson
Meler Langford



STARS ON OUR HORIZON

NOTED GENEALOGIST EMILY CROOM TO JOIN THE CLF NEWSLETTER STAFF

We are very pleased to welcome nationally acclaimed professional genealogist and author, **Emily Croom** to the CLF Newsletter staff. Emily is joining the staff as a regularly contributing author of genealogical research articles. Look for Emily's first contribution in our February 2009 Clayton Library Friends Advocate!

Angelina College Genealogy Conference Now Established as a Regional Event

Completing its 12th consecutive year, the Lufkin conference now registers attendance from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, and other states. A core staff supplemented by visiting faculty brings a 'mini-national' to the region each year.

Clayton Library director, **Susan D. Kaufman**, was one member of the Visiting Faculty at the 2008 Conference this past July. Susan brought timely topics of interest, evidenced by the attendance in each of her sessions. We were delighted to have Susan, who gave a great presentation with her session on "*Clayton Library: The Genealogy Gem of the Gulf Coast.*" We should expect new visitors!

Susan also gave three other lectures, equally well received: "*Convicts to the Colonies: Records for Research, PERSI: The Periodical Source Index - Are you using periodicals for your research?*" and "*Unusual Source Records for Genealogical Research.*"

In addition to Susan, three CLF members are part of the Conference's regular core staff. **Emily Croom**, best known for her "unpuzzling" and "sleuth" books, brought into plain sight some details we often miss. Emily says that often the record's "wow factor" is lost in our inexperience or in our rush to read on. In a second lecture, "*Seeing Is Not Always Believing,*" she helped us to

explore ways we often contaminate our family histories with untrue assumptions.

CLF board member, **Charlie Gardes**, made a really big hit with his "*Meet Me at the Raccoon Lodge: Researching in The International Order of Hoo-Hoo and Other Fraternal Organization Records.*" To quote Charlie, "Ralph Kramden was only one of millions of Americans who belonged to a fraternal organization since this country's inception." Charlie gave attendees the skill "to identify whether an ancestor belonged to one, which one, and what deep-dark-secrets those records may hold."

Trevia Wooster Beverly, who also serves as Program Chairman and Assistant Conference Coordinator, presented an all-day series entitled "*FDR's 'New Deal' Genealogy*" in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Works Progress Administration. President Franklin Roosevelt's goal was to provide relief, recovery, and reform (the 3 R's) to people, and add to the economy of the United States during the Great Depression. Agencies, such as the WPA, CCC, SS, and SEC created records having genealogical value.

Steps to Success is the theme for 2009, July 16-18. Watch for information or to be placed on a notification list, e-mail treviawbeverly@comcast.net.

Trevia Wooster Beverly

FORMER CLF PRESIDENT AND RENOWNED GENEALOGICAL AUTHORITY TREVIA WOOSTER-BEVERLY JOINS CLF WEBSITE TEAM

Respected researcher and instructor Trevia Wooster-Beverly has agreed to join the CLF Website Team by providing on-going website addresses of interest which will assist members in their online genealogical research. Watch for Trevia's upcoming research tips via the new and improved website starting on 2009.



SWAN SONGS - FAREWELLS

WALLY DAVENPORT

All good things must come to an end, and it is time for me to say thanks and "goodbye" to all of you who have supported me during the past two and a half terms (five years) as your Director. Our charter members wisely decided in the beginning that two terms was enough for anyone to spend on the Board. I was able to get an extra six months by serving out the term of one who had to resign to take care of her mother.

As a 27-year employee of Anderson Clayton & Company prior to its being acquired by the Quaker Oats Company in 1986, it has been an honor and privilege for

DIANE LAWSON

It has been a great experience to be involved in the CLF board for the past eighteen months. I have been impressed to see how a group such as the Friends can pull together and accomplish something as important and significant as the Clayton House renovation. I have certainly enjoyed my association with the other board members!

By the time you read this, I will be off to the next adventure, which has required me to resign my position as CLF board secretary a few months early. My husband has retired and we have accepted an assignment from our church to serve as missionaries in the South Pacific. Specifically we will be headquartered in Auckland, New Zealand for the next year and a half. Our responsibilities are to help train and supervise our church leaders in welfare principles, and coordinate humanitarian projects, disaster relief,

CLAUDIA M. GRAFTON

*Some trails are happy ones
Others are blue.
It's the way you ride the
trail that counts
Here's a happy one for you.
Happy trails to you,
until we meet again.
Happy trails to you,
keep smiling until then.*

*Who cares about the
clouds when we're
together?*

*Just sing a song and
bring the sunny
weather..*

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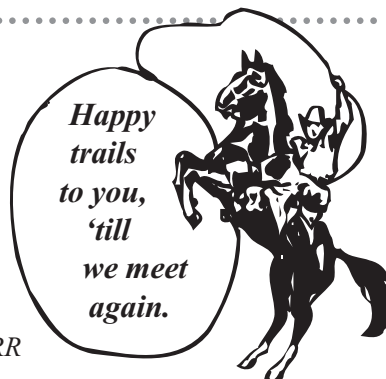
me to serve on the Clayton Library Friends Board of Directors. I have enjoyed writing the hundreds of thank you letters of acknowledgment for all gifts received by the Friends. I was glad to be able to be of assistance to Ruby Dusek with the financial statements. A special highlight in my life will be seeing the completion of the renovation of the Clayton Houses and attending the open house in the Spring of 2009 when all three buildings will be open, the landscape completed, and a new Board prepared to take us into the future.

Best wishes to all for continued success in the years ahead.

employment, and family service issues. Although we will be headquartered in Auckland, our responsibilities will be to all the islands of the South Pacific.

My husband was heavily involved in coordinating work groups from Houston providing relief efforts along the Gulf Coast following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. That experience will be invaluable in our new assignment. As citizens of the United States, we feel that we have been blessed in abundance, and are excited for the opportunity this assignment will afford us to be of service to others. We are looking forward to the opportunities of learning the customs and the challenges that these people face, and hope that our small effort will make a difference.

I only regret that I won't be there for the opening of the new Clayton Square facilities. Enjoy the fruits of your efforts!



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Houston Public Library
10:00 a.m.

Kathryn Black-Morrow, Professional Genealogist –
From Piles of Paper to Polished Prose – Writing a narrative history of your family and achieving organization of records and documents

Saturday – Feb. 7, 2009
LOCATION TO BE
ANNOUNCED

Jane Watkins Cohen, Ph.D., "*Robertson Colony in Texas' Settlement*" – Robertson Colony, with Nashville on the Brazos as capital in 1835, was the second largest colonization grant made by the Mexican government, adjoined by Austin's Colony on the southwestern boundary. Dr. Cohen will describe life in this early colony and the genealogy of the families who migrated to Robertson County to settle our great State of Texas.