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JAILHOUSE NEWS

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Dear Friends,

We had a really great Annual Meeting at the Ray House on August 9. Board members were elected, we had a live auction and new book signing. Read all about it!

New Committees Formed.

Check out these committees and see if you would like to help. If so, call Frank at 325-247-4137.

1. Membership Committee. We need some aggressive members on this committee to recruit new members and help design a new member packet. To date, Kim Webb and Ovetra Hartman are "it". Think on it and HELP! We also need people to call on members in arrears with their dues.



2. Fundraising Committee. Ron Anderson, Binky Morgan, Becky and Patrick Clark and Patty Pfister are on this committee. Read what they have planned for October below! Very cool!

3. Bylaws Committee. Our bylaws are so lousy that we can't even decide what terms are up for election each year. The bylaws need fixing, big time. Dave and Inell Franks and Ned Woodell are tasked to bravely tread these waters. They could use some help. Please.

4. Building Committee. This very important committee is tasked to oversee the restoration of the Red Top. The committee currently consists of Martha Rowlett, Carl Shannon, Price Taylor, Earl Theiss and Hobby Halliburton. If you have any expertise in construction or MEP, you might want to help.

The Building Committee has already met and reviewed the status of the poor jail. They agreed that the City of Llano needs to backhoe the ground to improve the grade. They also decided to maintain an architect to help with the restoration. The committee agreed that we all need to be on the same page with respect to the restoration. Earl Theiss is the chair.

5TH ANNUAL MEETING A HIT!

Around 50 people attended the event at the Ray House on August 9. Many thanks to Cooper's BarBQ for donating the delicious meat, Ben E. Keith for the beer keg and Inman's Kitchen for the tea. The extra BarBQ left over went to Meals on Wheels. Everyone brought a variety of great side dishes. No one went home hungry!

New officers were elected. Notably, Inell Franks and Ovetra Hartman traded places as treasurer and board member at-large, respectively.

The Fundraising Committee worked especially hard coming up with donated items for the live auction. Muchas gracias to Ron Anderson for an excellent job as emcee and auctioneer. Thanks to Ron, we raised over \$700 in the auction. Donors included Gene Hall (Century Ranch Lodging), Phunky Phoenix, Milagro Massage, Juan Burrito, Mimosa Salon, Precision Detail, Bonnie Woodell, Kenny Hare (Llano Historical Ghost Society), Charles Wendt, and Sapphire (Sheri Zoch). Many, many thanks to all who contributed and those who bought.

We recruited some important new members and many renewed their memberships. Mayor Mike Virdell sent his regrets that he was out of town, but City Manager Brenton Lewis and wife was present. Thanks again to all who came. Shows you care!

Thanks to Frank and Kim for the invitations and Sarah for sending out Thank-you notes.

First Edition of the Red Top Jail Oral History Project book assembled.

Also presented at the meeting was the first and second draft of the book of jailer's oral histories recorded by Llano High School students. This was the result of a grant from Preserve America to furnish LHS students with tools to interview friends and family of former jailers to record their stories. The drafts were assembled by Sheri Zoch and the stories date back to the first jailer, Berry Hickman Russell.

Several of the people interviewed were on hand to sign the original 10 copies of the books at our meeting. Notably, 5 people from former jailer Sid Smith's family came from Austin to attend the event, in addition to Hudson Long (who lived at the jail as a child). Also, members from jailers James Frank Kendrick (Gene Hall) and Ruby and Grant McPherson (Jeanelle McPherson) were present. Books sold for \$35.

Carol Leeder will research the info in the library and verify dates. The book will then be published. We'll let you know when they come out!

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT FROM THE "FRIENDS OF THE LLANO RED TOP JAIL" BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (phone nos. 325 area code)

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APPLICATION FORM

FRIENDS OF THE LLANO RED TOP JAIL

The Friends of the Llano Red Top Jail is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the Llano Red Top Jail. Members are encouraged to assist in the restoration projects and attend an annual meeting to elect directors and discuss projects.

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

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Could you help us with: (circle one or more)

Work parties (cleaning/painting/demolition) Fundraising

Historical research Newsletter Events Marketing

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Personal: Individual (\$20) Family (\$35)

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Adopt-A-Pier (\$1200) (Your name on a permanent plaque)

Please print out this form, enclose a check made out to the Friends of the Llano Red Top Jail and return to Kim Webb PO Box 5613, Valley Spring, TX 76885. THANK YOU.