



DALLAS COUNTY PIONEER ASSOCIATION

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FALL 2015



**RESERVATION REQUIRED
IF YOU INTEND TO EAT DINNER.**

**Quarterly Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2015
The Point, Center for Arts and Education
Campus of C. C. Young
4847 W. Lawther Dr.
Room Opens at 5:30 Dinner at 6 PM
Meeting Begins At 7 PM**

Dinner \$15.00 per person

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call by the Tuesday before the meeting.**

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

“A City Transformed: Dallas and World War II”

Presented by Adam E. Smith and Keegan Chetwynd, Commemorative Air Force



Born and raised in the UK, Adam obtained a Bachelor's degree in Modern History from the University of Leeds, England and a Master's degree in Museum Studies from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland.

He worked in World War I, farming and coal mining museums, before being appointed in 1995 to lead the National Museum of Flight, located on a historic World War II airfield near Edinburgh. During Smith's tenure the Museum saw a five-fold increase in attendance. The museum was the recipient of the 2000 Scottish Thistle Award, the country's highest accolade for excellence in tourism. In the same year Adam was honored as a "Young Achiever" by the Queen of England.

Adam crossed the Atlantic in 2001 to run the EAA AirVenture Museum, a world-class facility in Oshkosh, WI that houses over two hundred historic aircraft. Over the next decade, he revitalized aging galleries with a series of family-friendly interactive exhibits and special events. He also led the national Young Eagles program that has given a free introductory airplane ride to over 1.8 million youth aged 8 to 17, and from 2005 to 2012 was responsible for programming EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, the world's largest air show with over 700,000 annual attendees.

Smith joined the Commemorative Air Force as Executive Vice President in January 2014. His job is to lead the relocation of CAF's national headquarters from Midland, TX to Dallas Executive Airport. This will include the design and construction of a major new museum attraction that is anticipated to draw several hundred thousand visitors per year, along with a lively program of events and air shows. Smith is a keen instrument rated pilot, and is married to a professional pilot.



Akins 60th Anniversary



In 1951 Malta Evans of Olney had a "coke date" with Sammy Akins from Jacksboro her first month at N.T.S.C. (now U.N.T.) Four years later after both had graduated they were married on Mother's Day, 1955. Sam was in the Army and soon spent a year in Korea. Upon returning and locating in Irving he spent 40 years in metroplex banking, 25 years as a Sr. Officer at Dallas Federal Savings. Malta had a 27 year career at Irving High School. Their daughters (Malynn Harris, Melissa Rossa, and Marihelen Wieberg) and families honored them with a reception at their church, White's Chapel Methodist in Southlake on May 2, 2015. Sam is a member of DCPA.

St. Paul Sanitarium



The Sisters of Charity hospital St. Paul's Sanitarium was opened in a small cottage on Hall Street in 1896 then moved to the new 110 bed hospital in 1898, the large H. A. Overbeck-designed building on Bryan Street. The imposing building and annex (and whatever other structures were contained in the complex) were demolished in 1968.

In 1917 a bronze tablet of beautiful design, marking the Mary Elizabeth Raney Davis ward for children was installed. The donor was a former resident of Dallas.



Cemetery News

I had hoped that I would have a list from the City by now of the cemeteries that are affected by the HB 1622 that eliminates the Storm Water Run Off fee on certain cemeteries. After several e-mails between me and the City Manager and various staff members, the list of 26 names that I received was full of duplicates, unknown sites, and names that did not mean anything to me. The person that first contacted me is out of town being trained???

Perhaps by our meeting date I can deliver some logical information.

Since there seems to be several pioneer cemeteries that are being claimed by people who do not have anyone buried in these sites court cases are being filed. Deeds do not seem to mean anything to these greedy entrepreneurs. A Texas Historical Marker is no protection - as the Commission does not enforce the law! I have written the THC for a copy of the Guide about Texas Cemetery Law (they say they have). David Vilbig is discussing this problem with the Dallas District Attorney. Perhaps by our meeting date this information from the THC will be available.

The current owners of Crozier Tech, the first high school built in Dallas, are making plans to rehab the building for apartments and offices. If you will remember there was an attempt to demolish the building and it was saved by a strong alumni organization and by being noted as a City Landmark!

The Marketplace Building in the West End has been under used for several years, but the current owner says he now has his financing in order and intends to rehab the site! Parking has been a problem in this area, but he intends to address that, too.

The new headstones for W. C. C. Akard and a son Porter Akard that are buried in the Pioneer Cemetery in downtown Dallas will be completed in September. The great grandson John Akard who lives in Houston is responsible for these. We as members of DCPA should participate in the dedication of these stones and If you would like to be included just let me know so that I can inform you of the time and plans for the ceremony.

Submitted by Frances James



Proposed Changes to the By Laws

A complete set of the current bylaws is located on the DCPA web site.

The following changes have been proposed and approved by the Executive Board.

Article V Section 2 states the election of officers shall be held at the December meeting, with term of office extending from January 1, to December 31 following.

The change to read the election of officers shall be held at the December meeting in odd numbered years and the term of office shall be for two years, from January 1 of the even numbered year until December 31 of the odd numbered year.

Article V – Dues

The change to add Article IV Section 6 After two years of nonpayment of dues the member's name shall be removed from the directory and mailing list.

The bylaws will be updated in December 2015 to reflect the above proposed changes.

Next Meeting for 2015

December 10, 2015 - Homes on the Dallas Frontier by Dr. Evelyn Montgomery, Dallas Heritage Village, Director of Collections, Exhibits and Preservation

Officer Nominating Committee

Sally Jacoby Veazey will chair the nominating committee. The slate of officers to serve in office from January 2016 to December 31, 2017 will be presented and approved at the December meeting. If you are interested in serving in an officer position, please contact Sally.

17th Annual Legacies Dallas History Conference

"Breaking the Mold"

Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Hall of State, Fair Park

Speakers and Topics

Susanne Starling, "Armed Dallas Mob Raids Corporate Headquarters: The Hedgcoxe War of the Peters Colony Rebellion"

Evelyn Montgomery, "It Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time: Planning in Dallas"

John Slate and Willis Winters, "Racial Desegregation of Dallas Parks"

J. Gordon Melton, "Swimming in Other Streams: Alternative Currents in Dallas's Religious Tradition"

Special Feature: "Conversation with a History Maker: Anita Martinez"

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NEWSLETTER



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The Dallas County Pioneer Association is dedicated to preserving the history of Dallas County and those who settled here before 1880. Any person who is interested may apply for membership regardless of when they, or their ancestors, came to Dallas County. Contact any officer for an application.

Membership Dues

\$20	Per Year	\$200	Life Membership
\$30	Couple	\$300	Couple Life Membership

The Association meets quarterly for dinner and a program at 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each March, June, September, and December. The meeting room opens at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship and dining. The program starts promptly at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

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REMINDER DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2015 DUES