



State Association of Texas Pioneers

January 2019 Newsletter

Dear Members of the State Association of Texas Pioneers,

We began our 2018-2019 year with our annual meeting at Grady's on June 3, 2018. We want to thank all of the officers, board, committee members, and Pioneers for their efforts in planning several events in the Summer and Fall of 2018. Our Fourth Vice President Irma Duran Rodriguez designed a wonderful tour of the Menger Hotel which was enjoyed by many of the Pioneers. She also planned a Bus/Wine tour inviting the Young Pioneers and all other members of the State Association of Texas Pioneers. On July 7th we had a wonderful tour of the Veranda in Castle Hills led by our Second Vice President Elizabeth Neely. Elizabeth's grandparents, Chester and Helen Slimp, built this estate home which was one of the first homes in Castle Hills. It probably was the CASTLE of Castle Hills! She told us stories about her visits to the house as a child and the interesting activities and hobbies of her grandparents. What a lucky little girl Elizabeth was to have spent so much time in this palatial home. It was a fascinating tour! After the meeting we had a belated 4th of July Celebration, our annual POT LUCK DINNER, held at the home of Bill and Virginia Van Cleave. This activity was well attended and members had the opportunity to bring potential members so they could meet current members and learn more about our organization. A trip to Fredericksburg was organized for the Young Pioneers on September the 8th. Our annual ice cream social was cancelled because of heavy rains, but we will reschedule this event, one of our favorites, when the weather improves in the Spring. A second membership meeting was held at the Alamo Heights La Fonda on October 21st to make plans for our Tricentennial event to be held on Sunday, November 4, 2018.

With our expenses increasing, another important topic of discussion at this meeting was the raising of dues for the coming year. Please read the dues notice in this newsletter and note the different dues categories. A new option for dues is a category for couples. Couples will pay \$40 instead of \$25 per person. Similar to the new regulations of the Fiesta Commission, non-members will have to pay a nominal fee to attend any of our organization's social events. Of course, attendance at our Patriotic Ball requires a paid ticket for all attendees.

Our third annual "MEET YOUR ANCESTOR" event was held at the downtown San Antonio Public Library planned by our First Vice President Diane Baird. This was our official Tricentennial event as partners of the Tricentennial. Our thanks to Diane and her committee for a well organized event which was enjoyed by all participants and guests. Diane's newsletter article will have more details of this special day.

We celebrated the Christmas season with our two traditional holiday events. Our annual River Barge Tour was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. It was a perfect evening to see the beautiful lights, to hear the carolers, and enjoy celebrating the season with our fellow Pioneer members. After the Barge Ride, members met at Augie's on Broadway for some delicious barbeque. Our Third Vice President Araceli Davis opened her beautiful home for our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16, 2018. Members brought delicious side dishes to serve with our ham and turkey. Everyone attending was impressed with all the genealogy information displayed in her den. Araceli singlehandedly researched to have a Historical Marker placed at her ranch in South Texas. Thank you, Araceli, for opening your home to us for our annual Christmas party.

The Pioneer Board will elect members to the Nominating Committee immediately prior to the Lady Chairman Announcement party. If you would like to serve on this committee or are interested in serving as an Officer or a Board Member for 2019-2021 please contact me by email, albertv3@swbell.net or by phone at 210-340-4150. You are needed to help us honor the legacy of our Texas.

We look forward to the Honorary Lady Chairman Announcement Party on February 24, 2019 and the events of Fiesta San Antonio 2019. Our Fiesta Commissioner, Karen Rogers, has worked all year making plans and preparing for the 100th Anniversary of our Patriotic Ball. Thank you, Karen. The First Patriotic Ball was held in 1919 honoring San Antonio's Military Personnel. The State Association of Texas Pioneers was founded in 1921. We are descendants of early Texas pioneers, many in San Antonio; we have a lot of history to share and much to celebrate.

Virginia Van Cleave
President, State Association of Texas Pioneers

2019 HONORARY LADY CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY & GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, February 24th, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Witte Museum, 3801 Broadway, Prassel Auditorium

RSVP to Araceli Davis

Email: iadavis2001@yahoo.com or telephone 210-492-2803

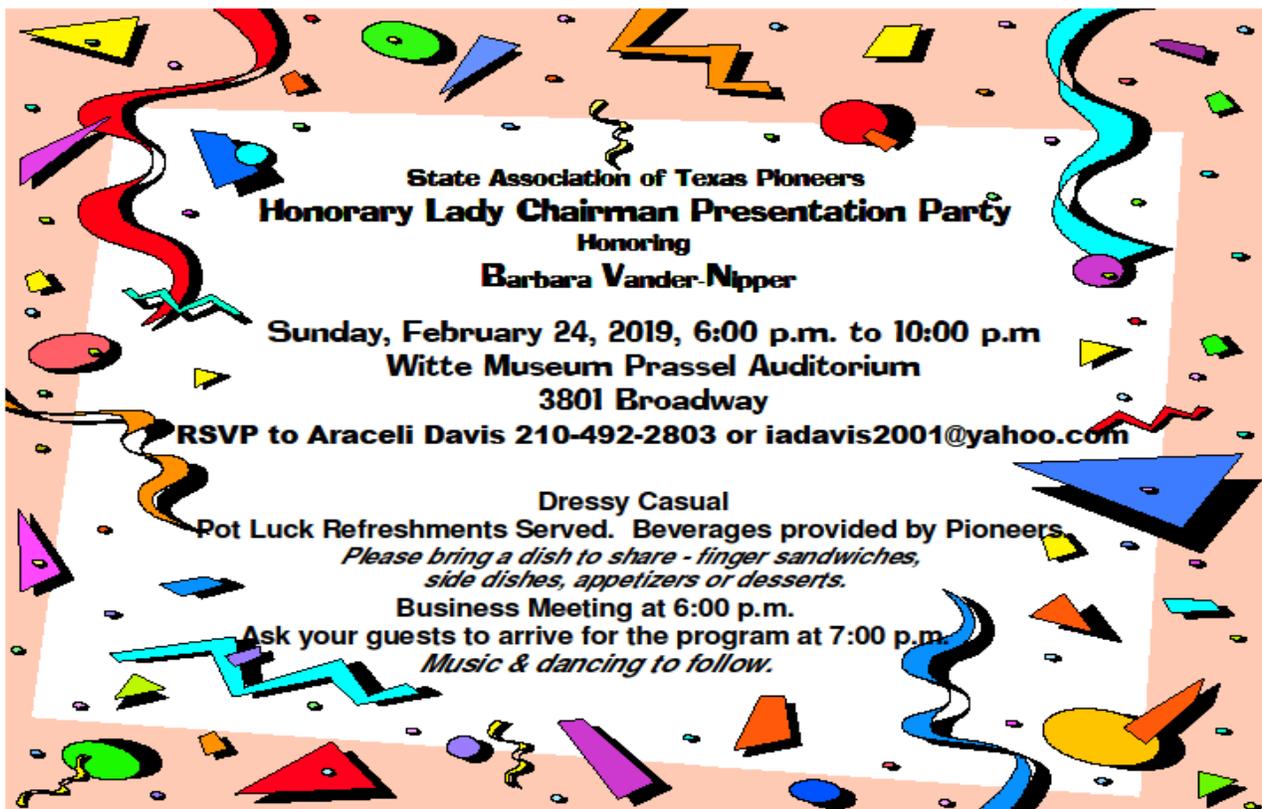
Please arrive at 6:00 p.m. We will have a short business meeting first, and ask your guests to arrive by 7:00 pm when the Honorary Lady Chairman will be introduced. Dancing will follow until 10:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share (finger sandwiches, side dishes, chips & dips, or a dessert).
The Pioneers will provide drinks.

Please bring a friend who might be interested in joining the Pioneers.

If you wish to have a printed or emailed invitation for your guests, contact info@texaspioneers.org

IMPORTANT NOTE: Parking is available in the Brackenridge Park Parking Garage on the first floor only as they expand the garage. Then entrance to the Prassel Auditorium is on Tuleta Drive.



1st VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (MEMBERSHIP)

The 2018 SA 300 Tricentennial Meet Your Ancestor was a great success! On November 4th, 2018 - a total of 15 member tables and several sister organizations came together to share their heritage in a unified event for the whole city to enjoy. The additional organizations participating in the event were; Canary Island Descendents Association, The San Antonio Library, Texana/Genealogy Department along with friends of the Texana, San Antonio Harp and Shamrock Society of Texas, and the Scottish Society of San Antonio. Congratulations to our door prize winners, Reuben Miller of Kyle, TX - a pair of tickets to the Pioneer Ball and Cindy Bustillo - winner of a 1 year SATP Membership.

Important to note for 2019 is the revised membership form for dues increase as follows:

Membership - \$40.00 (per couple) Pioneer/Associate Member, \$25.00 (per individual) Adult Pioneer/Associate, \$10.00 College Student Pioneer membership, \$5.00 Jr. Pioneers membership (0-18 years). The first time new member application fee of \$10.00 (per member) remains the same.

In order to maintain your membership **please renew TODAY with the form included in this newsletter.** In order to grow our organization we ask each and every one of you to continue to bring prospective new members to our events.

Diane D. Baird, 210-659-0225(h), [210-846-0225\(c\)](tel:210-846-0225), and by email dianedbaird@gmail.com

2nd VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (EDUCATION)

Our 2018 Scholarship winner was Holly Helmke. She is attending Texas Tech University. The Pioneers enjoyed a wonderful tour of Bradley Middle School with our Texas Pioneer Teacher of the Year, Mike Bailey. So much time and effort has been put toward keeping our Texas History Alive. The fundraiser for our annual scholarship is off to a great start. At the Christmas Party at Araceli's home, I donated a handmade vintage Texas wreath and there was spirited raffle ticket buying. Our Scholarship fund is growing. I also received several pledges from members for our scholarship fund. Another raffle item will be offered at the next general meeting. Please buy a ticket. If you have an item to donate for our scholarship fund, please email me at elizneely@gmail.com. Enclosed in this newsletter is a Scholarship Application. Please pass this along to 2019 graduating seniors to complete and return to me.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Neely



3rd VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (SOCIAL)

Happy New Year 2019! I want to thank all the members who attended the Texas Pioneers Christmas Party at my residence. There was plenty of food and drinks and the party was enjoyed by all. Approximately 40 members and friends attended. The Pioneers are looking forward to more socials in 2019.

Thank you,
Araceli Davis

4th VICE PRESIDENT REPORT (MARKETING)

2018 was a great year for new adventures! In addition to a growing presence online (facebook.com/texaspioneers or texaspioneers.org), we added quarterly excursions to mix history and fun! The Events are on the first weekend of March, June and September. We toured the Menger Hotel, the Hill Country Wineries, and visited the Nimitz Museum. Our first Young Pioneer social will be on Saturday, March 2. We will drive to the State Capitol and receive a tour of the building, then grab some BBQ on the way back at Black's in San Marcos. In June, we will do a twilight scavenger hunt to discover downtown SA! Make sure to check your emails, website and favorite Facebook page for updates.

Thank you,
Irma Duran

HISTORIAN REPORT

I am taking pictures for the Pioneer Scrapbook. Some of you might have pictures you would like to include in the book, you may send them to me, at 102 W. Rampart Dr., #P204, San Antonio, TX 78216. Looking forward to a fun filled 2019! As Texas Pioneers we are making history every day! Our scrapbook is a recording of this history.

If you would like to help (I need all of the help I can get) with the scrapbook or there is something you would like to add, let me know. Thank you in advance for your help.

Max Strozier,

Historian, email: maxstrozier@gmail.com

Fiesta Commission News

We have been fortunate to receive an annual grant from the Fiesta Commission that has historically supported our Patriotic & Historical Ball. Please help encourage them to continue this financial support by joining the Fiesta Commission! You can join online at <http://www.fiesta-sa.org/be-a-member>. There are several different Individual and Business Membership Levels, each with its own set of benefits. To renew membership choose "Member Login" or join for the first time at "Member Application" and enter your information in the blanks.

Be sure to put "State Association of Texas Pioneers" in the "Referred By/PMO Affiliations" box!

You can also download a membership application at the bottom of the page linked above and send it to this mailing address - Fiesta San Antonio Commission, Inc., 2611 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78215. If you can't download the form, please call Karen Rogers at 210-862-7258 and she will mail one to you.

Members of the Fiesta Commission receive a 15% discount at the Fiesta Store.

Join in the Fiesta Fun and get involved!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

100th Patriotic & Historical Ball

Saturday, April 20, 2019
La Villita Assembly Hall
401 Villita St.

Decorating at 1:00 p.m.
Ball from 7:00 to 11:00 pm

Pilgrimage to the Alamo

Monday, April 22, 2019
Beginning at Auditorium Circle
3:30 pm

Carriage Decorating

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Battle of Flowers Parade

Friday, April 26, 2019

Fiesta Flambeau Parade

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Join us in the 2019 Flambeau Parade! The benches in the carriage for the Fiesta Flambeau are available for Purchase to four lucky winners! Each bench, which seats up to 3 adults, is available for \$260.00 per bench (which covers the cost of parade entry and carriage rental). All Participants (and other willing volunteers) will gather earlier on parade day to decorate and then will help undecorated following the parade. Please make sure your plans can allow for the extended time frame. There is a high level of interest, so we hold a drawing to determine bench sponsors. The drawing will be held at the Honorary Lady Chairman Party on February 24, 2019. If you are unable to be present at the party, enter by emailing flambeau@texaspioneers.org or call Karen Rogers at 210-862-7258. Payment for winning the bench sponsors is due April 1, 2019.

STATE ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS PIONEERS
APPLICATION FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
2019-2020

APPLICANTS MUST BE GRADUATING SENIORS IN MAY, 2019
WHO RESIDE IN TEXAS AND THE CHILD OR GRANDCHILD OF A CURRENT MEMBER

NAME: _____
 LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL

NAME OF PARENTS:

ADDRESS: _____
 STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

HOME TELEPHONE #: _____ CELL#: _____

HIGH SCHOOL:

SCHOOL ADDRESS:

 STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

SCHOOL PHONE: _____

NAME OF PARENT/GRANDPARENT (CURRENT MEMBER) OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS PIONEERS:

NAME OF COLLEGE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: _____

WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND (MONTH & YEAR): _____ ?

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH YOUR COLLEGE EXPERIENCE:
_____ ?

LIST YOUR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL AND OUT OF SCHOOL:

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND A ONE PAGE ORIGINAL COMPOSITION DESCRIBING YOUR EARLIEST TEXAS ANCESTOR, TELLING WHY THEY CAME TO TEXAS AND WHAT THEY DID AFTER THEY ARRIVED. EMAIL THESE TO: ELIZABETH NEELEY AT elizneely@gmail.com. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN BEFORE MARCH 20, 2019**



You are invited to become a sponsor for the
100th Annual Patriotic and Historical Ball
Saturday, April 20, 2019
OFFICIAL FIESTA SAN ANTONIO COMMISSION EVENT
 presented by
The State Association of Texas Pioneers
 A 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Organization

Please consider supporting the Ball by sponsoring a table. Individual tickets are available at txaspioneers.ticketleap.com, but sponsoring a table will insure that you and your guests are seated together. There are three levels of sponsorship each for members of the Pioneers and non-members as described below. The sponsorship fee is tax deductible.

Some of our generous sponsors are unable to attend but have elected to sponsor a table and donate it back to the Pioneers to provide complimentary seating to our military guests and Fiesta dignitaries. If you would like to provide this wonderfully generous gift, please initial the blank at the beginning of this paragraph. **Please remember that if you do this, you may not invite other people to sit at this table.**

All Table Sponsor benefits include:

- All sponsors could be introduced as part of the program during the evening.
- Sponsor name could be listed in the invitation if sponsorship donation is received by 1/31/2019.
- Sponsor name could be listed in the program if sponsorship donation is received by 4/7/2019.

<u>Sponsorship Levels</u>	<u>Member Price</u>	<u>Non-Member Price</u>
Panhandle Table Sponsor – 10 Seats w/sandwich wrap tray	\$300.00	\$350.00
Rio Grande Premium Package – 10 Seats Front Row Table, 10 Pioneer Medals & sandwich wrap tray & chips	\$400.00	\$450.00
Lone Star Super Premium Package – 10 Seats Front Row Table, 10 Pioneer Medals, 20 Wine/Beer Drink Tickets & sandwich wrap tray & chips	\$520.00	\$570.00

Member price available only to dues-paid State Association of Texas Pioneers members in good standing.
Any unsold premium tables will be awarded to regular table sponsors by random drawing.

Please circle your sponsorship level above and include a check for that amount. Total Enclosed \$ _____

Sponsor Name _____
to be listed in program (PLEASE PRINT)

Contact Person _____

Contact Address _____

Contact Phone (____) _____

Contact E-mail _____

All members of the State Association of Texas Pioneers will be given the first opportunity to sponsor a table via this newsletter. Letters will be sent to the persons and organizations that have reserved a table in previous years to allow them the chance to sponsor a table(s).

Mail To: Texas Pioneers--- P.O. Box 6869---San Antonio, Texas 78209

2019 MEMBERSHIP IS DUE – MARCH 1, 2019

Dues year IS: January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year



Statement of 2019 Dues for the State Association of Texas Pioneers

Member Name(s)

Dues must be paid by March 1, 2019 to receive an invitation to the Patriotic & Historical Ball.

Important Note – 2019 Membership dues have increased as follows:

- \$40.00 per couple Pioneer/Associate membership
- \$25.00 per individual adult Pioneer/Associate membership
- \$10.00 College Student Pioneer membership (18-22 yrs)
- \$5.00 Jr. Pioneer membership (0 - 18 yrs)

<u>Adult Member Couple Dues \$40.00</u>	= TOTAL _____
<u>Adult Member Individual Dues \$25.00</u>	= TOTAL _____
<u>College Member Dues \$10.00 each</u>	= TOTAL _____
<u>Junior Member Dues \$5.00 each</u>	= TOTAL _____

Dues year: January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year
Total Dues Paid/enclosed _____

Membership Pins are also available for \$5.00 each.

Pioneer Membership pins _____ @ \$5.00 each = Total for Pins _____

Please return this form with dues payment to:

Texas Pioneers---- P.O. Box 6869----San Antonio, Texas 78209
