

Republic of Texas History Center Team Report December 2015

Despite the Holiday period, the RTHC Team was quite busy throughout December. Two full team meetings were held on December 7 and 14 at DRT Headquarters. The Chair, Pat Horridge, along with Beverly Locklin and John Ellen Becker made several visits to the San Marcos Street rental property to oversee clean up and rental of the 812 house and associated backyard cleaning and parking at the 814 house. As of December 29, the 812 house will be rented again to a young couple and all three houses will be occupied. The duplex and storage building are ready for demolition.

Plans were finalized for the January 1, 2016 kick-off for the *RTHC's Flag Pole Contest/Chapter Challenge*. The contest provides for small, medium, and large Chapters to compete with similar size Chapters. The winners of each category size will have the opportunity for their Chapter to be named on one of the three Flag Poles at the Center; United States Flag, Texas State flag and DRT flag. A drawing will be held from among the three eligible Chapters at the May 2017 DRT Convention. A new picture of the RTHC with flag poles is on view at DRT Headquarters. The flyer for the Challenge and guidelines (2 pages) are located at the DRT members' web page drinfo.org/members/ under The Republic of Texas History Center Section.

The team continued work on identifying DRT's Ancestor Pavers that were purchased in the *Trail of Ancestor's Paver* campaign. The new effort will encourage those DRT members whose ancestors do not have a paver to purchase one. A listing of DRT ancestors and the DRT members who purchased them is being developed and will be posted on the members' web page as soon as completed; hopefully in January.

The Chair met with Terry Mitchell on December 15 regarding his plans to rent part of the San Marcos Street property. He reports that he expects his condominium construction to begin during the February/March 2016 period. He will send his workers to the San Marcos Street property to determine how they will arrange for parking surface materials and a gate entrance with a safety step-down area onto the Embassy Drive parking lot. Arrangements and costs associated with demolition and parking surfacing will be provided by Mr. Mitchell.

The Chair met with Amy Price on December 29 at the DRT Headquarters Building to explore Ms. Price's interest in assisting DRT in fundraising efforts for the The Republic of Texas History Center. Ms. Price was recommended to the Team via the President General by Mr. Tim Conger, Bravarro Public Relations.

The Chair has invited Mr. Eric Miller, Lym-Miller Architecture, to report on the possibility of reserved parking on San Marcos Street and East 9th Street along with his recommendations on building out a first phase (i.e., Daughter's Business Office) of the RTHC. That meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2016 at DRT Headquarters.

A Peaceful and Happy New Year to DRT's Board of Management, staff and members.