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## HDSCLF Field Trip—June 4, 2015 Bishop's Palace and Moody Mansion Galveston, TX



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Back Row: Lavern Fair, James Fair, Lee Morgan, Jim Dermon, Gary Pretzsch, Tom Langham, Mike Clifton, Danny Hensley, Kathy Smith, William Lambert

On a lovely day with no rain, 20 senior citizens headed to Galveston. Our first stop was to the Bishop's Palace also known as Gresham's Castle. The house was built from 1887 to 1892 for Colonel Walter Gresham and his wife Josephine, with whom he had nine children. An attorney and entrepreneur, Gresham came to Galveston from Virginia following his service in the Civil War. He was a founder of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad, eventually working to bring about the merger of the Santa Fe with the Atchison and Topeka Railroad. He

also served in the Texas Legislature. The interior spaces are grand with exotic materials such as a pair of Sienna marble columns flanking the entrance hall. The first floor rooms have fourteen foot ceilings that are coved and coffered. An octagonal mahogany stairwell is forty feet tall with stained glass on five sides. The stair is lit by a large octagonal skylight. A massive fireplace in the front parlor is made of Santo Domingo mahogany.

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## HDSCLF Field Trip Wednesday July 1, 2015

Brookwood Community  
Brookshire, TX

**Cost: \$5.00**

Luncheon at the Café  
On your Own

### Contact Person:

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or  
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**Please meet at 9:00 AM**

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church  
9920 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX

**Bus leaves at 9:30 AM**

### Cont.—Galveston Field Trip

The house includes abundant stained glass, wood carvings, and decorative plaster ceilings and walls. It was very interesting going through each room on the first and second floors. The third floor was not accessible, but had 3 bedrooms, parlor, and studio there.

We stopped at Rainforest Café for lunch. After that, we headed to Moody Mansion where this 28,000 square-foot, four story structure was completed in 1895. It was bought by W. L. Moody, Jr. in 1900. There are 20 rooms which depicts the home life of a powerful Texas family. The Moody Family established one of the great American financial empires based on cotton as it grew to include banking, ranching, insurance and hotels. Then, we headed back home after a wonderful day.

Written by Nancy Morris

## Long Trip with Oklahoma City Friends

by Judy Lorenz



On May 26 I flew to Okla. City to spend nights with my old school roommate friend until our group left for a bus trip to New York. (See the group in front of Bus.) We saw the Statue of Liberty with Museum inside, Ellis Island/Nat'l Museum of Immigration (I found my German grandmother's name on National Monument but can't find my grandfather's name), and the Liberty Bell. We put our bare feet in very cold Atlantic Ocean next to the Atlantic City Boardwalk, saw Longaberger, Hershey's, Status of Rocky, Carlo's Bake Shop ("Cake Boss" show on TV), St. Louis Arch, 4 long tunnels thru Mountains. The Sphere Status between

Twin TWC bldgs. was damaged by tragic of Sept 11, is now stand at Battery Park. We also saw William Penn Church with very old cemetery, Castle Clinton Nat'l Monument, Rockefeller Center, and many more! During bus ride, we played lot of fun games every day. I won the toe nail paint contest, and also won two drawing ticket prizes. Lot of others won prizes too. I enjoyed this trip so much! I flew back home on June 8...then felt much worn out for few days! They want me and Bubba to come with them for the cruise trip next year.



Nancy stands behind the beautiful staircase which was graced by a wall of stained glass



Our tour guide was friendly, quite knowledgeable and commanded our attention throughout the tour. She has a deaf daughter who lives near Dallas.

### Highlight Field Trip

Left :  
Bishop's Palace

Right:  
Moody Mansion



Moody: Our tour began in a small antique car museum that had 3 cars. They were as new as the day they were constructed.



Snack Time at The Strand



# Flag Day Social Party

June 10th



Many thanks to **Nancy Morris** for the party and to her wonderful helpers.



## A Brief History of Flag Day

Flag Day is celebrated in America on June 14, commemorating the day the first flag resolution was passed.

On June 14, 1777, less than one year after Betsy Ross had received the order from General Washington to make the first flag, the Second Continental Congress passed a flag resolution stating:

Resolved, That the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation.

The first national observance of Flag Day was on June 14, 1877; 100 years after the flag resolution was adopted by the Continental Congress.

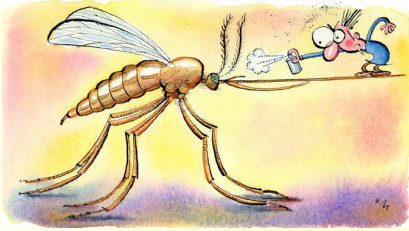
In the late 19th century, schoolteachers all over the United States began conducting patriotic ceremonies commemorating Flag Day as a way to teach children about history. One such schoolteacher, Bernard J. Cigrand, is often referred to as

the "Father of Flag Day." He lobbied Congress for many years for Flag Day to be officially observed.

Other patriotic groups, including the Colonial Dames and the Sons of the American Revolution, also spent years trying to convince Congress to make Flag Day official. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation stating that June 14 shall be National Flag Day, and in 1949, it was made official by an Act of Congress.

On June 14, 1891, the Betsy Ross House began publicly celebrating Flag Day, and has been celebrating Flag Day every year since 1911. Since 2008, the Betsy Ross House has revived the patriotic zeal of the earliest celebrations with Flag Fest – an all day, old-fashioned, family fun street fair with games, live entertainment, a patriotic pet contest, shopping and more, celebrated on the Saturday before Flag Day.

<http://news.yahoo.com/brief-history-flag-day100203961.html>



## Yikes! Mosquitos!

### 6 Ways to Prevent Mosquito Bites

We, Texans, had many awful rainy days last May. We had floods all over Texas, especially in Houston and Austin areas.

A lot of water means **MOSQUITOS** are coming!!! I found a good advice from ABC13 internet on how to prevent mosquito bites.

Here it is....

A glorious summer day is an invitation to be outside for hours on end-but constant swatting, slapping, and scratching from a mosquito attack can ruin even the best days-not to mention mosquitoes can also carry dangerous diseases like West Nile Virus.

Studies have shown certain factors make some people more prone to bites than others, including being pregnant, having an elevated body temperature, or having Type O blood, but just about everyone suffers a bite now and then.

If you're convinced that you just have sweeter blood than everyone else, follow these simple rules to keep mosquitoes from bugging you.

#### Choose chemical-free repellents

The easiest way to banish bugs is with repellent, but you don't want to douse yourself with DEET every day, do you?

Safer alternatives include oil of lemon eucalyptus, a major mosquito enemy. Try the brand "Repel," which uses the fragrant oil to ward off bites.

#### Time your outings

Stay indoors during dusk and dawn-that's when many breeds of mosquito are at their peak biting time. You can see the sunrise just fine from your window.

#### Toss the kiddie pool

Mosquitoes love to breed in standing water, so make sure to clean out the pool often. And watch your back (and front, and sides) near any ponds or lakes.

#### Wear white

Dark colors attract the bugs like no other-supposedly because they look like the dark fur of animals they normally prey on. Wear light, bright colors to make yourself less attractive to feeders.

#### Avoid flowery perfumes

Sure, it's nice to smell like a rosebush, but at the price of dozens of bites? Mosquitoes love nectar from flowers almost as much as they do humans, so stick with a less floral fragrance for the summer.

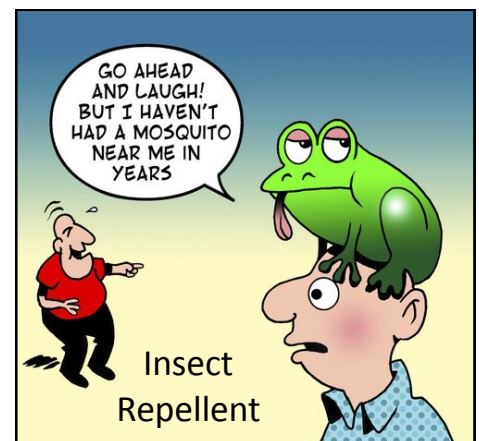
#### Steer clear of beer

Mosquitoes have been shown to prefer beer drinkers over those who drink water. It's not confirmed if the extra biting also happens with other alcohols-but just to be safe, keep the bottles indoors.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/Wellness/ways-prevent-mosquito-bites/story?id=24332882>



On a late afternoon last month, I watched my 10-year old grandson play in a baseball game. A few seats from me, the people complained about mosquitoes. Earlier, I was mowing my lawn and I happened to have a sheet of Downy in my pocket to prevent mosquitoes. I gave it to one lady and miraculously, no more mosquitoes bothering her. Because I didn't have the Downy with me, the darn pesky bugs came to me. Then she tore the sheet in half and gave it to me. It worked! We can't believe it and said, "WOW!" I got the information from the internet hint.



Gertie Sessions



**Happy June Birthday!**  
Margie Graham



**Happy  
July Anniversary**

12 Glenn & Janet Simpson  
2008

**Happy  
July Birthday!**

- 2 William E Koch, Sr
- 6 William Lambert
- 7 Dameria Autry
- 9 Audrey Leger
- 9 James Spaulding
- 10 Lynwood Davis
- 12 Thelma Jo Hays
- 16 Troy Graham
- 22 Fung Hahn
- 26 Nancy Morris
- 31 Roger Spivey



**Happy June Anniversary!**  
Troy and Margie Graham                      Mickey and Dinah McKenzie

July 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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Send some news, an announcement (newborn baby, birthday, anniversary, obituary), and color photos to me before or on 15th day of each month. Thanks!

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Jim Dermon  
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# Community Events

**Wednesday, July 1**  
**HDSCFL Field Trip**  
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**Friday, July 4**  
**ASL Social**  
 Bubba Gump Shrimp Co Restaurant  
 at Boardwalk  
 601 2nd Street  
 Kemah, TX 77565  
 9 am to Dark

**Wednesday, July 8**  
**HDSCFL Picnic/Social**  
 Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church  
 9920 Long Point  
 Houston, TX 77055  
 9:00 am—2:00 pm

**Friday, July 10**  
**Deaf/ASL Social—Ft. Bend**  
 Chick-fil-A  
 20010 Southwest Freeway  
 Sugar Land, TX 77479  
 5:00 pm—9:00 pm

**Friday, July 17**  
**Baybrook Mall Silent Dinner**  
 Baybrook Mall—Food Court  
 500 Baybrook Mall  
 Friendswood, TX 77546  
 6:30 pm—9:00 pm



**HDSCFL  
 Social at  
 Woodhaven**

**Lunch  
 \$5.00**



**July 8, 2015  
 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
 4th of July Picnic**  
 Please contact Jan Dermon  
 what food to bring.

## HDSCFL Field Trip—San Marco, TX—Tentative August 4, 2015

- Dick's Classic Garage Car Museum
- Gristmill River Restaurant or Cantina Del Rio  
 Lunch on Your Own
- La Vista Independent Living Community

**Cost: \$8.00**

**Please meet at 8:00 AM**

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church  
 9920 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX

**Bus leaves at 8:30 AM**

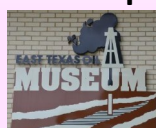


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## HDSCFL Field Trip—Lufkin, TX—Tentative September 11, 2015



- Texas Forestry Museum
- Museum of East Texas
- Atkinson Candy Company  
 Lunch on Your Own

**Please meet at 8:00 AM**

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church  
 9920 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX

**Bus leaves at 8:30 AM**

**Cost: \$6.00**

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# Annual Field Trip—October 7 & 8, 2015



### Kingsville, TX

- King Ranch Tour
- BBQ Lunch
- Museum & King Ranch Saddle Shop
- Dinner on Your Own
- One Night Hotel



### Corpus Christi, TX

- USS Lexington Museum
- Selena Museum
- Selena Grave
- Lunch on Your Own

### Cost of Tours and Hotel:

- \$100.00 Per Person, Double Occupancy
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