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Very Special Thanks to
Patsy Walker, Nancy Morris, Jan Dermon,
Jeanne Hilferty for making a
Very Special Thanksgiving Luncheon



On an extraordinary day, November 18th, 37 of us were able to get together for a Thanksgiving luncheon at Woodhaven. It was the first time we were happily meet each other since last March due to the pandemic. We were strictly following the CDC guidelines...masks, 6 feet apart, infrared thermometer and hand sanitizer. We had door prizes given to Judy Lorenz, Ellen Sias, Gertie Sessions, Denis Tucker, Troy Graham, and Thurman Amerson. All of us had a very nice fellowship.



**River Oaks & Post Oak
Christmas Lights/Galleria Decorations**

**Field Trip
Christmas Lights 2020
December 8th — 3:00 PM
Cost: \$10.00
Luncheon at Cleburne**

Meet at Woodhaven at 3:00 pm.
RSVP by December 2th for Head Count
Contact Jim Dermon
936-828-4013



**HDSCF's Tentative
Field Trips
January, February, March 2021**

- Milam County Railroad Museum/ Milam County Historical Museum
- 20th Century Technology Museum/Wharton County Museum
- Gator County Adventure Park/Edison Museum

HDSCLF's Field Trip News



Marion McCreary, Deborah Daniels, Margie Graham, Troy Graham, Nancy Morris, Jan Derman, Jim Derman, Lawrence Coleman, Cristina Rodriguez, Fung Hahn, Michael McKenzie, Christine Johnson, John Holland
Kneeling: Verandra Desai, Robert Bellard

On Saturday, November 21, 2020, 15 Seniors traveled by bus to Lone Star Flight Museum. It was a beautiful day to arrive there. The museum is an aerospace museum that displays more than 24 historically significant aircraft and many artifacts related to flight history.

The museum's collection is rare because most of the aircraft are flyable. We learned so much about the different airplanes used during WWII and the Vietnam wars. Even learned about President George Bush's Bomber plane that has his wife's name, Barbara on it. The Tour Guide explained how Bush had to eject from his pilot position when the plane was hit with bullets. The other 2 men who were with him could not eject, so they died in the crash. Bush was 19 years old when he flew on that bomber plane. Did a great job, too!

We also learned about the different planes flying different MPH. Even jets were included and were fast. Some of these planes in the museum are still flyable and are taking out to fly. During WWII, many planes were on a carrier ship that can hold up to 1,000 planes. There was an elevator to bring the planes down underneath. We learned so much about the wings – some were short, some were long, some made of wood, some made of metal, and some fold up or side-ways.

After this, we went to Hubcap Grill for lunch. They had delicious hamburgers and chicken sandwiches made with different kinds of ingredients! Really yummy!! Their fried sweet potatoes were out of this world. Yummy! Then, we arrived safely home earlier than expected due to Kemah Boardwalk being closed. But everyone had an enjoyable time.

Written by Nancy Morris



Brief Meeting before the Tour



Fung, Jim, Verandra



John and Christine Standing Next to 500 lbs Bomb!



One of two groups with Nancy Morris and Tour Guide.
Special Thanks to Nancy for interpreting for us.





Jim Dermon with his dog, Cookie



What do the colored flags in the ground mean?

At one time or another, you've probably noticed small flags of various colors placed in your yard or in the grass around town. Sometimes the grass is also marked with paint. What does this mean?

It means someone in the vicinity is planning to do some digging and they called Diggers' Hotline at 811 to mark the areas where utilities such as electricity, water, gas, phone or other lines are buried. If these lines are not marked and someone digs up a line, it could be detrimental.

But what do all the different colors mean? The American Public Works Association has color-coded all utilities so it's easy for those in the industry to immediately identify what utility is running where. Here's a key to the flags' colors:

RED – Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables

YELLOW – Gas, Oil, Steam Petroleum or Gaseous Materials

ORANGE – Communication, Cable TV, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit

BLUE – Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines

GREEN – Sewers and Drain Lines

PINK – Temporary Survey Markings

WHITE – Proposed Excavation

Remember to call Digger's Hotline at (414) 259-1181 or dial 811 before you dig. Having underground facilities properly located could save your life!

<https://www.cedarburglightandwater.org/what-do-colored-flags-ground-mean>



One afternoon, I sat on my chair in the backyard, enjoying the cool weather. I noticed the fence, which has a lot of knots. I was imagining... several sets of eyes staring at me. Whoa, there is an art image...a pelican or a seal. That was so interesting!

Jan Dermon



Cypress Knee Story.....by Carolyn Dill

During these corona times, we are on our own alone a lot more than normal, for a lot longer than usual. I try to go to new places to enjoy.

I heard of a new park that was supposed to have some special birds. I'm a bird watching addict, so I had to try. I didn't see much but it was a beautiful place with miles of trails. The sky was pure blue and the temperature was perfect! No bugs!

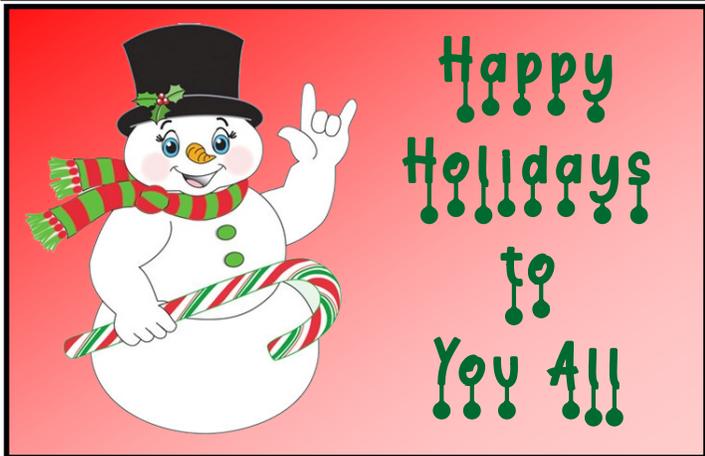


I decided to go to another park I had visited before, both were nearby along the same Cypress Creek. The second one always had a big swamp in the middle with huge cypress trees. I never knew how tall the cypress knees were until this visit! After all the flooding from especially Beta, the area became totally dry. I walked to the bottom of the swamp. No mud! Here I am with a cypress knee (a tree root) almost 5 feet tall.

The other picture is of me crouching down with shorter 4 foot knees behind me.

Where did you go to explore new places during these corona times? Send your story to Jan Dermon.

Do you have a story to tell? Please send your story to Jan Dermon



Renewals:

Thurman Amerson, Jerry Capell, Lawrence E Coleman Sr, Sherrian Fewell, Sidney Gillman, Rachelle Guidry, Donald Madisette, Bert/Evelyn Norman, Phyllis Smith

Donation In Memory of:

Brent Burns (Darlene Gentry)

Donation to Project Love Fund:

AmazonSmile Org Central

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Thank you again for your kindness.

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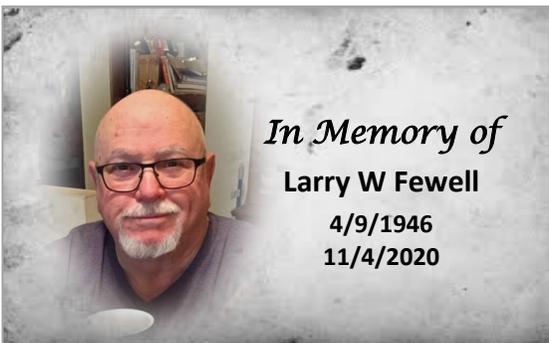
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In Memory of
Larry W Fewell
4/9/1946
11/4/2020



In Memory of
Joseph C Kennedy
4/23/1950
11/5/2020



In Memory of
Kevin J Collins
5/27/1948
11/14/2020



Looky, Looky, Looky
Two Deer in Our Neighborhood
on November 22nd Morning!!
But where is Santa Claus?
**Are you, Deer, too early for
Christmas Eve?**
Pictures Taken by Dermon



HDSCFLF ZOOM Social Meeting

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesdays—1:00-2:30 PM

December 9, 2020

January 13, 2021

February 10, 2021

Jim Dermon, host, will send the meeting ID# and passcode the day before. If you want to join, please contact Jim at 936.828.4013.