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Club Meetings

Sept 8, 1:00 PM at First United Methodist in Garland. This will be our annual pizza party and postcard sale. We will be in Garden room at the church. This is the large room where we have met before when we have a meal. Club will provide the pizza, paper plates, cups, plastic utensils and napkins. Bring food to go with the pizza like salads, desserts, drinks, etc. and some cards to sell if you have some you don't want for whatever reason.

October 6, 2:00 pm at FUMC. We will be in 103-105, our regular meeting room. Club member and 2nd VP Hal Ticknor will be bringing a program on the U.S. Space program including some trivia questions. Emphasis will be on the Apollo program. Note: This meeting is first weekend in Oct. due to the postcard show the next weekend.

Items of Interest

Death of Larry Schuessler – A long time club member, Larry passed away on Aug. 19. Carol Roark of our club, a friend and neighbor of his for more than 40 years, has written an article about Larry. His memorial service will be on August 31. Many thanks to Carol for the article which is on page 2 of this newsletter. Details of the memorial service are in the article.

Regional Show News & Calendar

Oct. 12 & 13 - Fall Greater Dallas Postcard & Paper show. Comfort Inn & Suites Plano East. 700 Central Parkway East. East of Hwy 75 behind Furr's buffet.

Oct. 20 & 21 – Wichita Postcard Show. All Saints Gym, 3313 Grand in Wichita. There is also a pre-show sale going on all week at the Wichita Inn. Dealers will be set up to sell in their hotel rooms.

For details on these shows, a schedule of other postcard shows, a monthly newsletter as well as other things of interest to postcard collectors, check out Jim Taylor's website at <http://www.courthousesquare.net/>.

Larry Schuessler

Larry Schuessler passed away on a muggy Sunday morning, August 19, 2018, following a short but devastating illness. He was sixty-eight years old. A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 31, 2018, in the Chapel, First Presbyterian Church, 1000 Penn St. Enter through the door marked “Chapel” at the north end of the campus, near the corner of Penn and Texas streets.

Larry was born on May 27, 1950, in the small West Texas town of O'Donnell, a place so small that it had only one restaurant – the local Dairy Queen. His parents farmed dryland cotton in Dawson County at a time when rain was scarce, so the family made fast tracks to Fort Worth in 1956. A consummate collector of postcards, photographs, panthers, and other items related to Fort Worth, Larry celebrated the town he'd moved to as a youngster with a fervor that few could match. Panther lamps lit his home, ceramic panthers crept along tables, and advertisements for panther-themed Fort Worth businesses lined the walls. He was justifiably called “Panther Larry” by some of his friends. Larry created a Christmas postcard every year featuring a montage of historic Fort Worth photographs drawn from his collection or ones that he had taken during his travels.

Larry's collecting interests grew after his retirement from the City of Fort Worth in 2008, when he was able to travel far and wide to collect Fort Worth postcards and photographs. It was OK with Larry to spend \$600 on airfare and hotels if he found one \$5 postcard that he didn't have. The adventure was part of the fun. Larry was willing to share his collection with anyone who needed illustrations for a book, talk, or article. He also enjoyed taking his beloved dog Babe to run in open spaces, playing cards and dining with friends, and improving the landscaping in his yard. Larry was a talented photographer, creating videos with music long before software was available that featured his trademark, slightly offbeat sense of humor. He was one of the world's kind and gentle souls, and he will be sorely missed.

Written by Carol Roark

