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Now that every one has returned from spring break after spending time with their families, we are reminded of how enriching time away from work can be. This issue features some inexpensive ideas for spending time with your family in and around Dallas County and shows that making wonderful memories doesn't have to mean spending a lot of money. Along with the suggestions listed, think about nearby State parks, which can be researched on-line. Day trips or weekends are great ways to get away from the city and the stress of work and daily life. So I want to encourage all employees to take time this summer and get creative incorporating existing family interests into your activities and exploring North Texas to establish new ones.

Gary Fitzsimmons, District Clerk

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE PLANNING SIX FLAGS PICNIC

One nearby resource of family fun is Six Flags in Arlington, where the Benevolence committee would like to plan our 2010 District Clerk Picnic. The committee is in the process of determining how many people would be interested in attending a picnic held at Six Flags on Saturday, July 17.

The cost of each ticket is \$35.50, which includes admission, parking, and a two-hour all-you-can-eat BBQ luncheon that will be held in a pavilion at the park. Family and friends are welcomed to attend.

Please email Troylandria "Bo" Jackson at Troylandria.jackson@dallascounty.org to inform her if you would be interested in attending a picnic at Six Flags.

Congratulations and thank you to Dorothy Lankford for 25 years of service upon her retirement from her final post as Civil/Tax Supervisor.



**"Really great people make you feel that you too can become great."
-- Mark Twain**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

Jessie Washington 1/03
 Danitra Wilkerson 1/04
 Chloris Lark 1/05
 Chad Hamill 1/05
 Sylvia Medrano 1/05
 Ashley Thomas 1/07
 Richard Guy 1/10
 Pedro Colegio 1/10
 Paula Burch 1/11
 Harold Denney 1/12
 Jeannette Webb 1/12
 Carolyn Williams 1/13
 Shelia Bailey-Wilson 1/21
 Jeremy Cooke 1/24
 Christopher Brown 1/24
 George Vent 1/28
 Dianna Davis-Forney 1/28
 Angela Shill 1/30

February

Sumetra Rayson 2/01
 Springe McKinley 2/09
 Leanne Lauver 2/14
 Barbie Murphy 2/14
 Lisa Henderson 2/14
 Patricia Arreguin 2/15
 Francell Johnson 2/18
 Kindell Coffman 2/18
 Dianne Coffey 2/22
 Gale Tobias 2/24
 Sharonda Davis 2/27
 Kristy Serrano 2/27
 Sylvia Natareno 2/27
 Mary Macdonald 2/28
 Brittny Owens 2/28

March

Rita Flores 3/01
 Manolito Norman 3/03
 Treva Parker-Ayodele 3/05
 Preston Scott Jr 3/07
 Mindy Fowlkes 3/07
 Diane Kay Baldwin 3/10
 Cynthia Bailey 3/10
 Linda Schaffer 3/11
 Anne Erwin 3/11
 Lizeth Garcia 3/12
 Erica Wilson 3/16
 Sandra Gray 3/17
 Alice Greer 3/20
 Jacqueline Mathis 3/21
 Peggy Burt 3/21
 Rebecca Beard 3/22
 Rebecca Beard 3/22
 Damon Hiley 3/23
 Oscar Tovar 3/27
 Lela Robinson 3/28
 Amy Nolan 3/29
 Teresa Jones 3/29
 Ana McDaniel 3/31

Happy Anniversary!

Thanks to these deputies for their service to the District Clerks Office

5 years

Adam Bourgeois
 Edmundo Rojano
 Tanya Jones
 Krystal Hills
 Diana Williams
 Latonya Reese
 Carlos Jimenez

10 years

Jessica Esparza-Ramirez
 Francell Johnson
 Verlinda Flowers
 Tanya Varnado
 Celestine Brown
 Sara Whitt

15 years

Danitra Wilkerson

25 Years of Service!

A special thanks to Melinda and Dianne for their 25 years of service



Melinda Thomas



Dianne Coffey

Get Out and Enjoy Dallas

North Texas Offers Many Ideas for *Staycations

Families who want to get out and enjoy springtime but are along looking for economical ways to entertain family members of all ages, have hundreds of opportunities in Dallas County



For example, along with the nation's largest and best collection of architectural Art Deco jewels, Fair Park, with its numerous museums covering many interests, offers an exceptional variety of entertainment, all in one location near Downtown Dallas. The Science Place is nationally renowned for its hands-on exhibits that draw children into the fascinating world of dinosaurs, the human body, outer space and much more. Admission is charged at some museums, but quite a few are free!

And getting to your destination can be half the fun. The historic M-Line Streetcar meets the modern new M-Line Trolley Bus to create the M-Line service. Ride the streetcar down McKinney Avenue connecting to the Trolley Bus to St. Paul and Ross, within walking distance of the Dallas Museum of Art, which has world-class visiting exhibits as well as an outstanding permanent collection. Ride down Main Street to the famous West End to have lunch, shop, or just browse. Whatever your interests you have - art, galleries, shopping, dining -- maybe the M-Line can get you there for free!

Outdoors, with numerous facilities for hiking, biking, walking or running, Dallas offers happy trails for you. *The Dallas Parks & Recreation Department* maintains a number of bike/hike trails such as the 9.33 mile trail at White Rock Lake, 8300 Garland Rd, which connects with the 7.3 mile trail at White Rock Creek Park. Katy Trail, a beautifully landscaped facility for joggers and bikers, offers miles of beauty in Uptown along Turtle Creek.



Also don't forget to visit dallascounty.org -> Human Resources -> What's New -> Employee Discounts, for GREAT employee discounts on events such as: Dallas Stars, Dallas Mavericks and Bodies-The Exhibition.

Visit our blog at DallasDistrictClerk.blogspot.com for more ideas!

***Staycation:** is a neologism, or newly created word, for a period of time in which an individual or family stays at home and relaxes at home or takes day trips from their home to area attractions.

Quarterly Featured Recipe

APRICOT NUT BREAD

INGREDIENTS:

1 1/2 cup Sugar
2 teaspoon Baking powder
1/2 teaspoon Salt
1/4 teaspoon Baking Soda
1/2 cup Sugar
1/2 cup dried apricots, chopped
1/2 cup Chopped walnuts or pecans
1 tablespoon Grated orange rind
1 Egg
3/4 cup Milk
1/4 cup Salad oil

DIRECTIONS:

Combine flour, baking powder, salt, and soda. Mix in sugar, apricots, and nuts. Add orange rind, egg, milk, and salad oil; stir until blended. Pour into a greased 8 1/2 x 4 1/2 loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until bread tests done. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pan and cool on wire rack.

Yield: 1 loaf

Submitted by Sandra K Moresco



Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share? If so, email it to Brittney.Owens@dallascounty.org