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Preservation Dallas Holiday Party
THIS Friday, December 7, 6 to 8 p.m.
The Wilson House - 2922 Swiss Avenue

Join us for refreshments and beverages to celebrate the holiday season and the 40th Anniversary of Preservation Dallas. Mark Doty will be signing his Lost Dallas book from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Gifts are available for purchase from our large selection of books and merchandise at a discount for members. The annual Holiday Party is a members only event. Please consider bringing a new member guest with you!

Please R.S.V.P. to Donovan Westover or call 214-821-3290.

Director’s Letter
By David Preziosi, Executive Director

This month Preservation Dallas is celebrating its 40th anniversary at our annual holiday party! You may have noticed the change in our logo to reflect our 40 years of working to preserve the historic buildings and neighborhoods in Dallas. Preservation Dallas began with a group of citizens concerned about the need to formally protect and preserve our city’s historic buildings. They founded the Historic Preservation League (later to become Preservation Dallas) as a volunteer-run organization. The new group laid out a program of work that continues to impact preservation efforts in Dallas today. It is amazing what has been accomplished in 40 years and the impact that the organization has had on preservation in Dallas, from individual buildings, to neighborhoods, and the city. Preservation is a daily battle and we must continually work to educate people about the value of historic preservation and how it helps the economic vitality of the city, helps the environment by saving waste from landfills and reusing the embodied energy in existing buildings, and contributes to a better place to live with a richer cultural fabric. Preservation Dallas will continue to educate and advocate for historic preservation into the future as we approach our next anniversary! To read about the history of the organization...
Welcome and thank you!

Preservation Updates

Braniff Operations and Maintenance Center - Love Field
By David Preziosi, Executive Director

The Dallas City Council on November 14th approved the demolition of the Braniff Operations and Maintenance Facility at Love Field in order to lease the 26 acres of the airport property to Randall Reed, the Ford dealer and Starbase Aviation CEO who hopes to fill the land with airplane hangars and a car dealership.

The building cannot be demolished until its historic significance and eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places is determined. The significance and eligibility is still under review at the Texas Historical Commission (THC), with a decision to be reached in early December. Representatives from THC, Preservation Dallas, City of Dallas Aviation Department, Federal Aviation Administration, and others toured the building the end of November to look at the impact of the alterations to the
original structure and to assess its historic integrity.

With the unprecedented growth of Braniff International Airways in the early 1950s Braniff decided to build a new facility for maintenance of its fleet and to be the home of its new computerized reservations center. The new center, completed in 1958, was designed by famed Los Angeles futurist architects William Pereira and Charles Luckman, who also designed the theme building at the Los Angeles international airport. The building was occupied by Braniff Airways until its bankruptcy in 1983. It was then operated by a division of Braniff called DalFort Aerospace. The company was eventually sold and the building has been empty since 1993.

An online petition has been started to save the building which can be accessed by clicking here.

### Upcoming Programs and Events for Preservation Dallas and Partners

#### Preservation Dallas Annual Holiday Party
Friday, December 7
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
The Wilson House | 2922 Swiss Avenue
RSVP by email or at 214.821.3290

#### Candlelight
Saturday December 8 and Saturday December 10
3:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Dallas Heritage Village | 1515 South Harwood St

Enjoy carriage rides along candlelit paths pulled by an antique tractor or Nip and Tuck or stroll through the village of historic buildings dressed in traditional holiday decorations from 1840 to 1910. There will also be traditional holiday activities and period games for kids of all ages. For more information click here.

#### 14th Annual Legacies Dallas History Conference: Transforming Dallas
Saturday, January 26
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Hall of State - Fair Park

This year the conference will focus on events that have transformed Dallas with speakers discussing the coming of the railroads to Dallas, the founding of Highland Park, the work of architect Howard Meyer, how Sam Bloom shaped the public response to integration, and a panel discussion with eyewitnesses of the assassination of President Kennedy. Registration information will be coming soon. For more information you can also call 214-413-3665.