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Hello, I am Mary El-Beheri, the chairperson, for the 30<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the GTHS on October 9-10, in Round Rock. I was at the first meeting, as were many of you, and I am looking forward to seeing the "original" faces of the GTHS and to meeting many new faces.

We have planned a wonderful program for you. First, we will have four Genealogy sessions on Friday afternoon from 1 PM to 5 PM. Liz Hicks, the GTHS Genealogy editor, has lined up a first class workshop. Check it out on the enclosed schedule!

On Friday evening from 7-10 PM, we will have a wonderful buffet, where we can meet 12 authors at the "Meet the German-Texan Authors" session. They will bring their books - read from them, autograph them, and sell them! An interesting way to find out about new books to add to your collection- or to get as Christmas presents.

On Saturday, we have some interesting speakers talking about a multitude of topics. Two east coast German-Texans from MA and PA, who will tell you about their search for family history. A firefighter and a retired designer will tell us about the importance of cemeteries in our searching,

During the break after each session, we will be entertained by student groups, i.e., folk dancers, chorus, polka band, classical ensemble and maybe a skit and a puppet show.

Saturday night we will go to Walburg for a German buffet dinner and a German movie (with subtitles).

The hotel is wonderful. I stayed there a few weeks ago just to check it out. The meeting facilities are exceptional. The cost of the rooms is reasonable for a 4-star facility. And we get a free breakfast. I will be staying there Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights; hope to see you in the SPA!!!

Each year we honor a member with the Ehrenstern Award for his/her dedication to furthering the goals of the Society. We invite you to participate by nominating a deserving person. Please find a nomination form with guidelines on our new website under Annual Meeting or contact Connie Krause at (830) 625-3075 or [m.krause@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:m.krause@mail.utexas.edu). Deadline to submit is August 15.

If you have any questions about anything, contact me at:  
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Looking forward to seeing you in Round Rock.