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Dear GTHS Members:

You are cordially invited to attend the 32nd Annual Meeting of the German-Texan Heritage Society, to be held in Dallas this year. The dates are Friday, October 7th through Sunday, October 9th. The headquarters location is the Sheraton Grand DFW Hotel, 4440 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, Texas 75063, Tel.: 972-929-8400.

As you may already know, Dallas and the surrounding counties are home to many German speakers and the area is very supportive of the Society. If you are not familiar with this area and the role of Germans in our history, then this meeting will give you the opportunity to learn more. We have scheduled a genealogy session of German-Texan significance along with speakers on interesting topics. The high point will be Saturday night at the Pioneer Ball given by the Texas German Day Council.

In 1963, the Texas German Day Council resolved that an annual celebration will be held on or about the 6th of October, German American Day. Each year the Council honors a person or group who promotes Texas-German heritage, and this year they are honoring the German-Texan Heritage Society.

We hope you will not only attend the meeting, but consider volunteering:

- Work a shift at the registration desk or GTHS gift shop
- Provide an item or two for our silent auction
- Sponsor or underwrite events with your donations

If any of the above is of interest to you, please contact Jean Warneke, Executive Director at execdirector@germantexans.org, or at the numbers listed above.

The next few pages include everything you will need to register; any updates will be posted on our website www.germantexans.org. You will also find in this packet a page about submitting a nomination for the *Ehrenstern* Award, which is our way of honoring one of our own who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in support of our organization and its mission.

Since Dallas is a popular destination, we urge you to move forward now with making your meeting registration and hotel reservation plans.

Sincerely,

Christina Gilliland

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Chair, 32nd Annual Meeting of the German Texan Heritage Society

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