

By-Laws Changes Approved

The eight proposed changes to the bylaws circulated in the December mailing were all passed by more than the necessary two-thirds margin required. As publicized, the vote was taken at the February 24, Thyme Restaurant “Spotlight Event.”

The most significant change approved was an initiation of a new category of CTPA membership, that of “Friend.” This category is for individuals who wish to support the goals of the CTPA, but who do not seek employment in the tourism field. The new directory lists seven Friends—a few retired Certified Tour Guides, spouses of members, and a couple who were previously listed as Candidate Members.

Directories are DONE!

After another three-month “birthing process,” we are happy to report that the 2004 CTPA Directory and other items for the March meeting/ mailing are complete. The BIGGEST THANKS to all of you who paid on time and submitted the Membership Form with your check! You are the ones who make the job easy.

To those (too many) of you whose checks did not arrive on time—Thanks for \$10 late fee, but let’s try to do better next year!

As our numbers have grown over the years, dues collection and publishing the directory has become a TEAM PROJECT. Thanks to Treasurer, **Barb Read, CTG**, who keeps the financial records and sent the official notice that dues were late. A debt of gratitude is due to **Kathy Baba** and **Linda Fox** of the *Membership Retention Committee*, who make reminder calls to all the late-paying members. Thanks also to *Membership Committee* members **Courtney Ashley, CTG**, and **Jenifer Robertson, CTG**, who work throughout the year following up with individuals who attend a meeting or express an interest in joining the CTPA.

Secretary **Judy White, CTG**, helped too by contacting the venues that offer CTPA members complimentary admissions: **Associate Member Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum**, the Museum of Science & Industry, and the Sears

Tower Sky Deck. Good news—all three organizations agreed to extend their policies!

Rather than enclosing “freebie” details on flyers, we decided to put the information about these benefits *inside* the directory, so that they will be easier for you to find and read about. Members **Susan Baird, Nicole Cajigas** and **Courtney Ashley** are helping Judy follow-up on other potential special Member benefits. When things become firm, we will let you know the details.

The compilation of directory data is a time consuming process that is still not automated. Although I work as carefully as I can, I am a horrible typist and have trouble proofing what I input. As I work at weird hours and up until the last minute, finding anyone else to proof all the documents is impossible. Typos and breaks in style/form bother me greatly, but I can only do what I can do. **Let me apologize in advance for any errors.** *Donna Primas, CTG & Directory Editor*

CTPA Logo Approved for Member Use

At a recent CTPA board meeting, the board decided to make the electronic file of the CTPA logo available to members who may wish to place the logo on their business cards.

The board also agreed to make the CTPA logo available to Associate (or other category) Members who may wish to show the CTPA logo on their website. The board also wished to encourage that if the logo is placed on a website, a link to the CTPA website also be established. For a variety of reasons, at present, the board decided not to add any (reciprocating) company links to the CTPA website.

The board will establish guidelines for the CTPA logo use and make the CTPA logo available in the near future as long as no costs are incurred. That means the logo and guidelines will only be sent upon request via email.

Contributions Sought!

Help keep fellow CTPA members informed! Write an article or send information about upcoming events you think that the membership may find of interest!

Certification Test To Be Updated

The CTPA Certification Test was first given in 1995. Each year since that time, the Certification Test has been reviewed and updated prior to the test being given.

This year a written test “overhaul” is planned. After the test is re-keyed and sorted by question category (history, architecture, gangsters, museums, etc.), an analysis will be made. Then a team of Certified Tour Guides (CTGs) will make recommendations on how to improve the test. Bad questions will be thrown out and new questions will be written.

Any Certified Tour Guide may participate on this committee, which will meet several times in the spring (April through June). Several CTGs have already volunteered to help Committee Members **Ursula Jacobius** and **Donna Primas: Beverly Livingston, Jim Louis** and **Art Myren**.

If you too would like to help, please contact Donna Primas.

Newly Certified Tour Guides

We have FOUR new CTGS! **Michael Corcoran, Gail Gill, Jim Louis** and **Judy White** successfully completed the three-part certification test in January 2004. Please join me in congratulating them on their achievement.

Jean Baptiste Du Sable – Haitian?

Many of the Chicago history books are not very clear on Jean Baptiste Du Sable.

He lived 1745-1818 and mostly all agree that he was born in the city of Santo Domingo—after that, uncertainty. Some sites claim he was sent to France to be educated. In 1796 and 1799 a British general mentions Du Sable as being in the Chicago area.

In the records of the Du Sable house that was sold to French Trader Jean Lalime in 1800, it appears that Du Sable was quite rich—a wealth that would have taken (in that day) at least ten years to accumulate, if not more.

In the book "A Short History of Chicago" by Robert Cromie, on page 14 he cites author A.T. Andreas who in 1886 wrote a superb three-volume "History of Chicago." Andreas writes that before settling in Chicago, Du Sable lived among the Peorias with a friend named Glamorgan—also a Domingoan—and who was reputed to have been possessor of large Spanish land grants near St.

Louis. It was to the home of this friend he returned to die.

It is curious that in so many parts Jean Baptiste Du Sable is called Haitian. “Haiti” is derived from the native Indian (Taino) language meaning "Land of High Mountains." These native islanders also called the island, Cipango, and Quisqueya. In Columbus’s report to the Queen of Spain, he called the island "Las Indias." Then, when the Royal Court of Spain took possession of the island, they called it "La Hispaniola" from La Española.

French Pirates arrived on the island around 1642, and in 1697 Spain ceded a small part of Hispaniola to France. The French sector expanded quickly as they brought many slaves to work on the sugar plantations, taking advantage that Spain was busy with her new possessions in Mexico and Latin America. Around the time Du Sable was born in Santo Domingo that city would have had only about 7,000 inhabitants. By 1791, during the French Revolution, approx. 100,000 Europeans and nearly 500,000 black slaves lived in the western (French) part of the island. At that same time, the Spanish part had only about 125,000 inhabitants. In 1795, Spain ceded the colony of Santo Domingo to the French.

The French referred to the island LEspagnole or L'Isle d'Hayti or L'Isle de Sainte Domingue. But in 1745, when Jean Baptiste Du Sable was born, Spain still controlled the island, which would explain why some references state that he spoke Spanish in addition to French.

Why the freed slaves chose the name “Republic of Haiti” is not that strange. But what is strange, even now, is that if you were to look at a map of the present-day island, you can see the strong French influence. Nearly all Haitian towns have French names, with hardly a single Spanish or Taino word.

Since there are not many Dominicans in Chicago that could be a reason why no one ever challenges Haitians when they say that Du Sable was Haitian. I have been to Santo Domingo in the past 15 years and the city is still predominantly Spanish, and was even more so in 1745. But there were also French and Dutch in addition to the Spaniards at that time.

The Catholic Religious Orders never abandoned Santo Domingo nor did they abandon the Spanish language. I mention this because I always found it odd that most history books refer ...

Jean Baptiste Du Sable – Haitian? (continued)

...to Du Sable as the man from Santo Domingo. I find it strange that speaking French he used the Spanish name Santo Domingo, and according to the historian Andreas, Du Sable went in his last years to die with another Domingoan who was the possessor of large Spanish land grants in the area of St. Louis. In order to be the possessor of those grants, that friend would have had to speak good Spanish and also have many contacts with the Spanish elite in the New World, which would explain the connection to the city of Santo Domingo on the island of Hispaniola.

I mention this because Jean Baptiste Du Sable is documented to be in the region of Chicago in 1791 when the black slaves revolted against the French on the western part of the island (Hispaniola) during the French Revolution. Napoleon later sent soldiers to control the situation, but the Republic of Haiti was born January 1, 1804—the same year that John Kinzie bought the Du Sable home from the French fur trader Lalime. Meaning that Jean Baptiste Du Sable may in reality be French or Spanish. (The name Juan Bautista is very common also in Spanish.) It might also explain why Du Sable may have been educated in France as some books state.

Haiti occupied the eastern part of Hispaniola, the Spanish part, from 1822 until 1844. There is no mention in any of the history books that Jean Baptiste Du Sable ever went back to the island of Hispaniola. This would mean that he most likely never set foot in the Republic of Haiti and was already deceased during the Haitian occupation of the eastern (Spanish) part of Hispaniola.

I thought you might find all this interesting. The next time I am in Santo Domingo, I will try to get a description of the city in 1745 when Jean Baptiste Du Sable was born there.

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For succinct histories of Du Sable's life:

[http://library.thinkquest.org/10320/Du Sable.htm](http://library.thinkquest.org/10320/Du+Sable.htm)

OR

<http://esperstamps.org/h10.htm>

To read a loosely written fact-based play about his life:

<http://www.studioz.org/dusable/>

Educational Opportunities

As a professional organization focusing on education, we like to keep you in touch with ways to expand your knowledge. Those of you who provide an email address to the CTPA often get meeting reminders and late-breaking special news that arrives when we have no mailing scheduled.

Last month, one such notice was an emailed invitation to attend a lecture about Frank Lloyd Wright sponsored by the **Unity Temple Restoration Foundation** and given at the Oak Park Public Library.

This month **Linda Aurora Keller, CTG**, emailed to advise that the **Newberry Library** is sponsoring some interesting Chicago-themed classes and seminars. Next time you are on-line, take a look at their educational possibilities at: www.newberry.org

Esther Banike, CTG, emailed the dates of the popular **6th Annual Great Chicago Places and Spaces**, which includes guided tours of theaters, the Chicago River, Millennium Park, Grant Park, public art and neighborhoods as well as self-guided tours of building lobbies, hotel lobbies and landscape design. Mark your calendars for **May 22 and May 23. Price:** Free, but you must register in advance. Tours are first-come, first serve basis. For more info call the Chicago Architecture Foundation at 312/744-3315.

We Respect Your Privacy

More than one member has asked us NOT to include their email or street address in the directory. **If you have not provided an email address for publication in the directory, but DO wish to receive special notices, please let us know.**

It is interesting that in 2004 of the approx. 155 CTPA members, only about 20 do not provide an email address.

Upcoming Events / Meetings

- **Thursday, March 25 (9:00 a.m.) or Tuesday, March 30 (1:00 p.m.), members only** may attend a complimentary special preview of the Field Museum special exhibit, *Splendors of China's Forbidden City* that runs through September 12, 2004. RSVP to Donna Primas (630/717-9004 or primascopy@aol.com) at least two days prior to the event. For security reasons, if you do not RSVP, you may not be able to enter. Thanks to

Happy Spring!

Sharon Tucker, CTG and past-president for getting the ball rolling on this!

- **Saturday, April 17, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (approx.)**, is our *Annual Educational Seminar* focusing on *War & Chicago*. A tour of the Elks Memorial and speaker Arnie Bernstein, author of *The Hoofs and Guns of the Storm: Chicago's Civil War Connections*, will be part of the day's activities. See the enclosed flyer for further details.
- **Tuesday, June 15, 6:30 p.m.**, a general meeting at the Chicago Park District Fieldhouse. Topic TBA.
- **Tuesday, October 5, 6:30 p.m.**, a general meeting at the Chicago Park District Fieldhouse. Topic TBA.

Looking Forward: 2005

In December 2003, we let you know that Rotary International, headquartered in Evanston and considered the world's oldest and largest service organization, is celebrating its centennial in 2005. **Howard Silver, CTG**, and the Chief Financial Officer of **Associate Member Educational Tours**, is the Chair of the Rotary 2005 Tour Committee. He has solicited CTPA Associate Members to prepare proposals for this exciting convention, which will take place **June 19-22, 2005**, and is expected to draw upwards of 40,000 people.

Last month, **Associate Member Skyline Chicago Tour & Travel**, called to say that they are on the planning committee for the American Bus Association and will seek volunteers to work on diverse aspects of the convention to be held February 5-10, 2005, in Chicago. They said that they respected the professionalism of the CTPA members and that anyone who volunteers would be put to good use in important areas, not simply be used as "human arrows."

The CTPA membership will be sent more details about these events as it becomes available.

WFTGA Tourist Guide Convention: Australia in 2005

The 11th World Convention of Tourist Guide Associations, hosted by the World Federation of Tourist Guide Association and the Professional Tour Guide Association of Australia, will be held in Melbourne, Australia from January 30 to February 4, 2005. Find more details at: www.wftga.org.

Chicago Fact Book 2003

The Mayors Office of Planning and Development produced a 79-page booklet of Statistical abstracts and answers to frequently asked questions about the city. This publication is free for the asking, but only available at City Hall.



CTPA Officers and Committee Members

Back row: Judy White, Kathy Babb, Beverly Livingston, Sherry Meyer, Jenifer Robertson, Courtney Ashley,
Front Row: Donna Primas, Barb Read, Esther Banike
Not pictured: Ursula Jacobius, Judy Lammering

2004 = CTPA Officer Elections!

The CTPA has four elected officers and no term limits. The current officers' term will expire January 31, 2005. That means that elections need to take place in Fall 2004.

Judy Lammering, CTG, is the chairperson of the *Nominations Committee* of the CTPA. She is looking for a few good people to assist her with Nominations Committee duties this year. By tradition, if you wish to run for office, you may not be on the Nominations Committee, but any category of member serve on the committee. Judy has said it might be easier if the committee members lived in the geographic area near her (West Suburbs). Please call or email Judy if you would like to help: 630/965-8564 or jmlnot50@aol.com.

