

# THE TEXAS ROOM DISPATCH

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## Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Meeting

Julia Ideson Building Library Auditorium  
500 McKinney Avenue

6:00 – 6:45 Reception  
7:00 Program

### PROGRAM

“Security at the Port of Houston”  
by

Joan Neuhaus Schaan, Director of the Texas Security Forum

(Also on view is the Library’s current exhibit on the Port of Houston)

Followed by  
Election of FTxR Board Members

### Friends of the Texas Room Board Slate for 2015

President: Dorothy Knox Houghton (new term – 2 years)  
Vice President: Susan Teich (1 year remaining in term)  
Secretary: Charles Maynard (1 year remaining in term)  
Treasurer: Frank Jones (new term – 2 years)  
Director: Linda Fosseen (new term – 1 year) (Membership)  
Director: Nancy Burch (1 year remaining in term)  
Director: Kathleen Colt (1 year remaining in term)  
Director: Jeff Lindemann (new term – 2 years)  
Director: Catherine McCulley (new term – 2 years)

Free parking, with validation at the meeting, is available in the garage under the Jones Building accessed from Lamar Avenue. Free parking is also available on the nearby streets after 6:00 P.M.

All attendees need to enter the Julia Ideson Building from the main entrance across the plaza from the Central Library.

VISIT THE FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM WEBSITE!  
[www.friendsofthetexasroom.org](http://www.friendsofthetexasroom.org)

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## **THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

Dear Friends,

On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the opening reception for the Friends' historical exhibit, "Founding the Houston Public Library: Women's Clubs and Civic Activism at the Turn of the Twentieth Century," was a great success. We had a large crowd of people who enjoyed a leisurely afternoon perusing the exhibit, partaking of the refreshments, and visiting. Calanne and John Choate created the ambiance of an elegant tea circa 1900 with Calanne's grandmother's lace tablecloth, silver epergne filled with flowers and silver punch bowl and ladle. Silver trumpet vases filled with flowers decorated the side tables. Delicious refreshments were supplied by Calanne, Laurie Vander Ploeg, JoLee Haddock, Debbie Jones and others.

The Ladies' Reading Club allowed us to display on the tea table examples of the lovely Limoges china which they purchased circa 1903 to use at their meetings. It added greatly to the authenticity of the occasion.

The six glass display cases in which much of the exhibit is mounted are now fitted with custom made black plinths which greatly enhance the visibility and attractiveness of the exhibit. The need for these plinths came to our attention in the process of planning the exhibit, and we are delighted to have been able to make them our latest gift to the HMRC.

The exhibit will be up until November 1<sup>st</sup>, so if you haven't yet seen it, come early to the annual meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup>. At the same time you also can see the newest exhibit in the Ideson Building on the Port of Houston which is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

It is hard to believe that the holidays soon will be upon us. When you make your gift list, please remember the Friends of the Texas Room. Gift memberships in the Friends and donations in honor of or in memory of others are both greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting where we will learn about security at the Port of Houston.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Knox Houghton

### **MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014, GENERAL MEETING**

In place of the regularly scheduled general meeting, a tea was held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> in honor of The Ladies' Reading Club and The Women's Club, in conjunction with the opening of the exhibit, "Founding the Houston Public Library: Women's Clubs and Civic Activism at the Turn of the Twentieth Century."

The exhibit displayed photographs, drawings and other memorabilia relating to the founding of the Houston Public Library.

Calanne Choate and her committee were responsible for the beautiful decorations and sumptuous refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Dissen, Recording Secretary

### **NEWS FROM THE TEXAS ROOM**

By Liz Sargent, Manager, HMRC



McKinney Entrance to the Julia Ideson Building, Photo by Joel Draut

## **John J. Herrera and the Mexican-American Family and Photograph Collection: Digitized**

Last year HMRC received a Texas Cultures Online grant from the University of North Texas' Portal to Texas History. This grant digitized most of HMRC's John J. Herrera Collection and all of HMRC's Mexican-American Family and Photograph Collection. The digitized files were received back this fiscal year and HMRC is currently working on creating the image descriptions for each digitized file. The digitized material can be found at <http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/partners/HMRC/browse/>

## **2014 Membership Benefits**

### **Photograph Reproductions**

Each 2014 member of the Friends of the Texas Room is allowed up to five photograph reproductions at half-price this year. Image sizes available at half-price are:

5x7 print (\$12.50 normally costs \$6.25)

8x10 print (\$18.00 normally costs \$9.00)

11x14 print (\$25.00 normally costs \$12.50)

8x10 digital scan at 300 dpi (\$12.50 normally costs \$6.25).

Please note: Requests for the five half-price photograph reproductions need to be directed to me at [Elizabeth.Sargent@houstontx.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Sargent@houstontx.gov) for tracking purposes and to ensure the Photo Lab processes the payment correctly.

### **Research Lock-ins | Preservation Consultation Days**

HMRC staff will offer 2014 members of the Friends of the Texas Room:

2 research lock-ins offered on a Friday (Dates forthcoming for 2014)

2 preservation consultation days offered on a Friday (Dates forthcoming for 2014).

## **Volunteers**

HMRC can use volunteers who want to help going through archival collections box by box to determine what is in them. HMRC can also use volunteers who want to help create lesson plans incorporating primary sources from HMRC's collections.

HMRC is also still seeking talented individuals to serve as tour guides and volunteer educators to ensure that all visitors to the HMRC and Julia Ideson Building have an enriched experience. We are looking for docents who are:

*Passionate and Curious* about Texas and Houston history.

*Committed* to engaging the visitors to the Houston Metropolitan Research Center and the Julia Ideson Building in a rewarding and educational experience.

*Well-prepared* for diverse questions and expressions of interest regarding the history of the Julia Ideson Building and HMRC's various collections.

Duties will include but are not limited to:

Walking tours of the Julia Ideson Building and grounds

Orientations to the Texas Room, Reading Room, and/or Exhibit Hall

Instruction on history topics

Guided informational visits to exhibits and installations

If any of these opportunities interest you, please contact Liz Sargent at [elizabeth.sargent@houstontx.gov](mailto:elizabeth.sargent@houstontx.gov) to discuss further.

### **Texas Room Hours**

The Texas Room hours are:

Monday: 10:00 – 6:00

Tuesday: 10:00 – 6:00

Wednesday: 10:00 – 8:00

Thursday: 10:00 – 6:00

Saturday: 10:00 -5:00

Friday and Sunday: Closed

### **FTxR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

Quarterly issues of the *Texas Room Dispatch*.

Quarterly meetings featuring outstanding speakers on local history.

Preservation consultation sessions with HMRC staff members on preserving family documents and memorabilia. Sessions are conducted twice a year on Fridays when the Texas Room is normally closed.

Research Lock-Ins twice a year on a Friday. HMRC staff members will provide one-on-one research consultation to FTxR members.

Five copies per year of digital scans from the HMRC photograph collection for half price.

## **WHAT OUR FRIENDS ARE DOING**

Please contact Jeff Lindemann, editor of *The Texas Room Dispatch* (lindemann@SBCglobal.net), with information about your volunteer service at the HMRC and about projects you are working on that utilize HMRC resources.

## **POLICIES**

### **Policies of the Friends of the Texas Room**

Relating to The Houston Metropolitan Research Center which includes the Collections of the Archives and Manuscripts Department, the Texas and Local History Department, and the Special Collections Department of the Houston Public Library

#### **A. Contributions**

From time to time, the Friends of the Texas Room will purchase and contribute to the Houston Metropolitan Research Center of the Houston Public Library items that will enrich and enhance the above-named collections and ensure their preservation.

All such contributions will be purchased by the Friends directly and then given to the Library with specific stipulations as to how such contributions are to be used by the Library to enhance and ensure the preservation of the HMRC collections.

The Friends will give no money directly to the Library.

The Friends will not buy expendable supplies for the Library.

The Friends will not fund Library personnel.

#### **B. Relationship to Administration and Staff**

The Friends of the Texas Room is not to be involved in the administrative or employee actions of the Center, except that the Friends can question policies which, in its opinion, negatively impact the ability of the Center to provide service to the public.

## **CULTURAL MATCHING GIFTS**

Are you or your spouse working for or retired from a corporation which makes cultural matching grants or volunteer involvement awards if you give to or do volunteer work for a cultural institution?

Will your employer match your gifts to cultural institutions that qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code?

The Friends of the Texas Room has such a qualification. Send your corporation's cultural matching funds form with your check for membership in FTR. If you volunteer your time as an officer of FTR or in the Texas Room or HMRC, keep track of your hours and turn them in to your corporation so that the FTR may obtain a grant from your corporation's program. This is "found money" for FTR and can be used towards making a difference to the Texas Room and HMRC.

## **FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM: WHO WE ARE**

*Mission:* The Friends of the Texas Room seeks to support the collections of the Texas and Local History Department, the Archives and Manuscripts Department, and the Special Collections Department of the Houston Metropolitan Research Center of the Houston Public Library.

### ***Board of Directors:***

President: Dorothy Knox Houghton

Vice-President: Susan Teich

Secretary: Kathy Dissen

Treasurer: Frank Jones

Directors: Nancy Burch, Kathleen Colt, Cheri Fossler, Jeff Lindemann, and Charles Maynard

## **HOW TO CONTACT THE FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM**

Membership applications, dues, donations, and mail for Board Members should be sent to the following address:

Friends of the Texas Room  
P. O. Box 27827  
Houston, Texas 77227-7827

## **HOW TO CONTACT THE TEXAS ROOM DISPATCH**

Submissions and comments for *The Texas Room Dispatch* should be emailed to the editor Jeff Lindemann at [jeff.lindemann@hccs.edu](mailto:jeff.lindemann@hccs.edu) or sent to his home address:

Jeff Lindemann, Editor  
*The Texas Room Dispatch*  
3405 Roseland, Houston, Texas 77006

**FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM**  
**2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
Membership Year: 1/1/2014 – 12/31/2014

Mail with dues to:

P.O. BOX 27827 HOUSTON, TEXAS 77227-7827

Or apply and pay with PAYPAL online at: [www.friendsofthetexasroom.org](http://www.friendsofthetexasroom.org)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Check applicable: \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWING APPLICATION      \_\_\_\_\_ NEW APPLICATION

FIRST PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ SECOND PERSON AT SAME ADDRESS (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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*first name, middle, last name*

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*first name, middle, last name*

MAILING ADDRESS (include street or P.O.): \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP +4: \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE, FAX, EMAIL**

**FIRST PERSON:**

**SECOND PERSON (if different)**

HOME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (please check category)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Benefactor \$500

\_\_\_\_\_ Patron \$250

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor \$100

\_\_\_\_\_ Donor \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ Family \$30

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ Senior \$10

\_\_\_\_\_ Student \$10

**NOTE:** Friends of the Texas Room is a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization operating under IRS Code 501(c) (3). Membership and additional contributions over and above membership are tax deductible to the extent of the law. Is your gift eligible as a “matching gift” from an employer or other entity? If so, please give the name and include the appropriate form.

**Additional contribution:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (Membership plus contribution):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER INTERESTS:** Please check below to volunteer for FTR activities or library services:

\_\_\_ **COLLECTIONS VOLUNTEER:** Be trained and increase your own knowledge about research techniques.

\_\_\_ **NEWSLETTER:** Writing articles about materials in the collections or reporting on related activities.

\_\_\_ **MEMBERSHIP:** Maintain up-to-date membership list and send out renewal notices.

\_\_\_ **HOSPITALITY:** Meeting room preparations, greeting people, refreshments when needed, etc.

\_\_\_ **PROGRAMS:** Help develop programs or special seminars or workshops.

\_\_\_ **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Developing posters, displays, news releases, handouts, etc.

\_\_\_ **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

\_\_\_ **OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_