

# THE TEXAS ROOM DISPATCH

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## **Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Meeting**

The Julia Ideson Building, Houston Public Library, first-floor auditorium,  
500 McKinney Avenue

**6:00 – 7:00 Reception  
7:00 Program**

### **PROGRAM**

Randall Riepe, Former President and Current Treasurer  
of the College Park Cemetery Association,  
will speak on the topic  
“Restoring College Park Cemetery”

### **ELECTION OF FTxR BOARD MEMBERS Nominating Committee Slate for the 2017 FTxR Board**

President: Dorothy Knox Houghton (new two-year term)\*  
Vice President: Susan Teich (one year remaining)  
Secretary: Charles Maynard (new two-year term)\*  
Treasurer: Frank Jones (new two-year term)\*  
Director: Carol Haddock (one year remaining)  
Director: Jeff Lindemann (new two-year term)\*  
Director: Nancy Burch (one year remaining)  
Director: Catherine McCulley (new two-year term)\*  
Director: Tony Cavender: (new two-year term)\*  
Director: Randy McKinney II (new two year term)\*  
Director: George Werner (one year to complete the  
term of Linda Fosseen)\*

**\*Candidates for election to the Board**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE 2015 JULIA IDESON AWARD**

to Jim Bailey and Kim Lykins  
for their documentary  
"Post Oak Boulevard: A Texas Legacy"

Free parking, with validation at the meeting, is available in the garage under  
the Jones Building accessed from Lamar Avenue. Parking is also available in the Smith Garage  
located at 1100 Smith Street next to Pappas restaurant. The garage entrance is on Smith

Street. A flat parking fee of \$5.00 is charged after 5:00 p.m.

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,

Your board has voted to purchase for the HMRC an ST600 Overhead Book Scan Center which will revolutionize the staff's and library patrons' ability to copy fragile archival materials. This digital microform viewer/ printer/ scanner system sits on a desk top and creates color images that can be printed, saved to a thumb drive, saved to the web, or emailed. It can copy books, magazines, newspapers, photographs and documents in six different color modes.

A particularly important part of the technology is the image flattening feature which removes the curvature of the pages of an open book. This makes it possible to copy fragile, bound materials without harming them. The auto-crop, de-skewing, and rotation features allow precision in focusing on a portion of a printed page or a photograph. It has an auto page-turn detection sensor and timed interval scanning capability. This new technology opens the possibility for much broader use of the HMRC's archival resources.

As our membership renewal period approaches, I urge you to remember that your annual dues to the Friends of the Texas Room have made our gift of the Overhead Book Scan Center possible. It is one of many needed items which were not available to the HMRC through the library's annual budget but which we have been able to supply over the years. Please renew your membership for 2017 and help us to continue making a difference.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Knox Houghton

## **MINUTES OF THE April 25th, 2016, GENERAL MEETING**

The meeting was called to order by President Houghton at 7:00 P. M.

The Minutes of the General Meeting on Monday, April 25, 2016 were passed as circulated.

Board member Nancy Burch introduced the speaker, Andy Smith, Ship Manager of the *Battleship Texas*. Mr. Smith gave a fascinating talk on the history of the battleship which is the only remaining World War I era dreadnought battleship and the only remaining capital ship to have served in both world wars. *Battleship Texas* was launched May 18, 1912, and commissioned March 12, 1914. Among her many firsts are the facts that she was the first U.S. battleship to become a permanent museum ship, and she was the first battleship declared to be a U.S. National Historic Landmark.

The program ended at 7:50 p.m., and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Knox Houghton  
for Charles Maynard, Secretary

## **NEWS FROM THE TEXAS ROOM**

By Laney McAdow, HMRC Manager

The Texas Room, Julia Ideson Building



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

Hispanic Heritage Month extended from September 15<sup>th</sup> - October 15<sup>th</sup> this year. HMRC, as in past years, celebrated this observance through programs, exhibits, tours, and displays that honor the contributions of the Houston's Hispanic community. This year we decided to tie Hispanic Heritage Month activities with the upcoming election in November and to Citizenship Month which is recognized during this same month.

To this effort, we chose to recognize the civil rights struggles and civic engagement activities of the Hispanic community in Houston, specifically regarding the Latino vote.

In addition to tours and outreach focused on the history and culture of the Hispanic Community and featuring aspects of HMRC's Hispanic Collections, we have developed several exhibits at several library locations. The exhibits uniquely align Hispanic Heritage with voting and Citizenship Month, show how all of these elements are interrelated, and demonstrate why these are so important.

*From Voter Drives to Viva Kennedy  
The Latino Vote in Houston, 1930s - 1960s*

The power of the Latino vote today has its roots in Hispanic civic engagement of the pre-World War II era. In 1935 the Latin American Club of Houston held voter drives aiming to reach 10,000 qualified Hispanic voters. Over the next 25 years, despite a \$1.50 poll tax which was declared unconstitutional by 1966, Houston organizations such as the League of United Latin American Citizens Council 60 (LULAC), the Civic Action Committee (CAC) and the Political Association of Spanish Speaking Organizations (PASSO)

would educate many Latino Houstonians on the power of their voice and their vote. By the 1960 presidential election, Latino voters would come out in unprecedented numbers to influence politics on the national stage electing John F. Kennedy to the United States Presidency. His visit to Houston three years later would officially acknowledge Latinos as an important voting bloc. This limited selection of archival materials pays tribute to the long history of Latino civic engagement in Houston and hopes to inspire a new generation of Houstonians.

These exhibits are on display at the Central Library as well as Carnegie, Flores, and Park Place neighborhood libraries. There is also a small companion exhibit in the City Hall rotunda.



**EXHIBIT**

We Serve Humanity:  
Stories of Hope and Commitment  
AUGUST 27, 2016 - NOVEMBER 12, 2016



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**WE SERVE HUMANITY**  
STORIES OF HOPE AND COMMITMENT  
AUGUST 27, 2016 - NOVEMBER 12, 2016  
JULIA IDESON BUILDING | 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR EXHIBIT HALL  
550 MCKINNEY ST., 77002 | 832-393-1313

The Houston Metropolitan Research Center salutes its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary by honoring a gallery of individuals who dedicated their lives to making the world a better place for future generations.

These courageous Houstonians spanned the 20<sup>th</sup> century in diverse fields such as business, medicine, civil rights, social justice, the arts, journalism, environmentalism, education, and government service. The personal and social challenges they encountered and took on had a lasting impact on the city of Houston, the state, nation and even the world. Their challenges resonate today as we face variations on many of the same issues.

This exhibition tells the stories of these incredible individuals through photographs, documents, audio-visual media and ephemera. Individuals featured include: Edward Mandell House, Benjamin and Annie Belle Covington, Annette Finnigan, Leopold Meyer, Christa V. Adair, Alfonso Vazquez, Emma Ferdinand Trichelle, Joseph M. Heiser, Jr., Felix and Jamie Tijerina, William Clayton and the Houston Public Library's very own Julia Ideson.

This exhibition is generously supported by  
City of Houston  
Houston Public Library  
Houston Metropolitan Research Center

Exhibit is free and open to the public. Exhibit dates are subject to change.

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## **WHAT IS CITIZENSHIP MONTH?**

**Mission:** Citizenship Month, an annual volunteer driven initiative of the City of Houston's Office of International Communities, serves to bring cultural, civic, and educational awareness to all people who call Houston home.

The City of Houston's Citizenship Month initiative encourages civic engagement and commemorates the spirit of citizenship that helps make Houston the nation's most diversified community. It is a month of celebrating the vibrant mix of native Houstonians, transplants from other cities and states, immigrants, refugees, foreign students, and international resident workers and an opportunity to take pride in our great city.

<http://citizenshipmonth.org/>

Our current exhibit, *We Serve Humanity: Stories of Hope and Commitment* (on display through mid-November), was designed with Citizenship Month in mind. The exhibit features citizens of the Houston community who are represented in our collections, and reflects the personal and social challenges they encountered and took on that had a lasting impact on the city of Houston, the state, nation and even the world. Their challenges resonate today as we face variations on many of the same issues. This exhibition tells the stories of these incredible individuals through photographs, documents, audio-visual media and ephemera. The exhibit recognizes the accomplishments of these individuals who dedicated their lives to making the world a better place—an ambition that perfectly embodies the meaning and purpose behind Houston's Citizenship Month.

### **Programs and Events**

**November 5th, December 3rd, & January 7th, 11:00 a.m.**

#### **Julia Ideson Building Tour**

Join us on the first Saturday of every month for a tour of the historic Julia Ideson Building. Formerly Houston Public Library's "Central" Branch, the Julia Ideson Building is a beautiful Spanish Renaissance Revival (Plateresque)-style building in the heart of downtown. Learn about the history and use of the building, the renovations and additions, as well as the significance of its art and architecture. Free one-hour tours of the Ideson Building begin at 11:00 a.m. at the reception desk in the lobby. Tours are available on a first come basis and are limited to twenty people. If you would like to schedule a tour for a group of ten or more, please contact 832-393-1662.

**October 15<sup>th</sup>, November 19, & December 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.**

### **Texas Room Orientation**

On the third Saturday of every month, Houston Metropolitan Research Center (HMRC) will offer a Texas Room orientation. In our monthly orientation, patrons can learn about the variety of resources available through the Texas Room and the types of collections and materials available through HMRC. Find out how to get started with your research and ways to get the most out of your research. No reservations required. Please allow time for signing in and checking personal items.

### **August 27<sup>th</sup> – November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Exhibit:** *We Serve Humanity: Stories of Hope and Commitment*

Julia Ideson Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor exhibit gallery

550 McKinney, Houston 77002

The Houston Metropolitan Research Center salutes its 40th anniversary with a gallery of individuals who strived to make the world a better place for future generations. These diverse stories, told through photographs, documents, audio-visual media and ephemera, include the fields of business, medicine, civil rights, social justice, the arts, journalism, environmentalism, education and government service. Spanning the twentieth century, they resonate into the twenty-first as we face variations on many of the same issues today.

### **November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Program:** In recognition of Citizenship Month, HMRC and HPL will be hosting a Closing Day lecture series to accompany the exhibition, *We Serve Humanity: Stories of Hope and Commitment*. Historians will address aspects and themes of the exhibition:

- 10:15 a.m. -11:00 a.m., Barbara Humphreys “The Intrepid Miss Ideson”
- 11:15 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Thomas Kreneck: “Felix Tijerina, Alfonso Vazquez and the Mexican-American Collections at HMRC.” A screening of the film *Forgotten Minds*, the thirteen-minute promotional piece for Felix Tijerina’s Little School of the 400, will accompany the lecture.
- 1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m., Bartee Haile: “Edward Mandell House: The Colonel Behind the Curtain”
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Betty Chapman: “Breaking Down Barriers: Houston Women and the Road to Equality”

## **2016 Membership Benefits**

### **Photograph Reproductions**

Each 2016 member of the Friends of the Texas Room is allowed up to five photographic 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)

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

### **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 Laney McAdow ([Laney.McAdow@houstontx.gov](mailto:Laney.McAdow@houstontx.gov)) to discuss further.

### **Texas Room Hours**

The Texas Room hours are:

Monday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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.

## **FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM POLICIES**

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.

### ***2016 Board of Directors:***

President: Dorothy Knox Houghton

Vice-President: Susan Teich

Secretary: Charles Maynard

Treasurer: Frank Jones

Directors: Nancy Burch, Kathleen Colt, Linda Fosseen, Carol Haddock, Catherine McCulley, and Jeff Lindemann

## **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 [lindemann@SBCglobal.net](mailto:lindemann@SBCglobal.net) or sent to his home address:

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

**FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS ROOM**  
**2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
Membership Year: 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FIRST PERSON:**

**SECOND PERSON (if different)**

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

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

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

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

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

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