

SOUND BITES from TOHA Board of Directors

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Keeping Current: Association News

TOHA ANNUAL MEETING, 2:30 p.m., March 6, 2003 Juarez AF, El Paso Convention Center, El Paso, Texas

Please join TOHA in joint session with the Texas State Historical Association annual meeting in early March. Tai Kreidler has planned a session appropriate to the meeting site on the Texas-Mexico border. Troy Solis, Sul Ross State University, will preside for the program, which is titled **The Oral Tradition & The Borderlands Experience**. Dr. Yolanda Romero, North Lake College, will present, "The Irving, Texas, Oral History Centennial Project." Kristine Navarro, University of Texas at El Paso, will speak on "Tracing the Thread of History: The Institute of Oral History at the University of Texas at El Paso." Bennie Joe Gallego, Sul Ross State University, will present "Hispanic History and Hispanic Pioneers of 'El Barrio'—Alpine, Texas, 1882-1910." For program details and registration information, visit <http://www.tsha.utexas.edu> or contact TSHA, 512-471-1525. The convention hotel is the historic Camino Real Hotel, 915-534-3000.

Nominations sought for Board of Directors, 2003-2005

In May, current TOHA members will receive a ballot to elect seven directors who will serve for two years. If you would like to nominate yourself or a friend for the board, please contact Lois Myers at 254-710-6285 or send a message to lois_myers@baylor.edu. TOHA seeks to portray in its board a variety of oral history applications as well as the geographic scope of the state. Directors serve a term of two years and may serve up to three consecutive terms. The board meets twice yearly and elects from its membership a president and vice president, who each serve one year in office. We look forward to hearing from you!

Membership Renewals Underway

Now is the time to renew your membership in TOHA. Annual dues are still \$10 for individuals and \$25 for institutions. For \$30, an individual becomes a sponsoring member and helps support the TOHA journal, *Sound Historian*. Institutions become sponsoring members for \$100. TOHA also welcomes life members, at \$500. To keep your membership current, send your dues to TOHA, PO Box 97271, Waco TX 76798-7271.

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Keeping in Touch: Member News

The **Palacios Area Historical Association**, in Matagorda County, has supported TOHA through an institutional membership since 1988. At its recent annual meeting, the association videotaped a presentation by Martha Gerhardt Kubecka on farm life. The Kubeckas and their twelve sons are active in farming and 4-H work in the Palacios area.

Story Circle Network has on its 2003 calendar several memoir/personal history workshops, including a weekend LifeLines retreat at Mo Ranch, near Kerrville; six Saturday sessions in the Austin area; a weekend Writing From Life workshop, in Austin; and Be Our Guest programs offering various approaches to oral/written personal stories. In fall 2003, Story Circle's first memoir collection, *With Courage and Common Sense*, will be published by University of Texas Press. The memoir includes over a hundred stories created in the Older Women's Legacy (OWL) Circle workshops. For more information on OWL workshops and a manual on writing, reading, and/or oral telling of personal histories, visit <http://www.owlcircle.com>. Also, looking ahead, Story Circle Network announces its second national conference, to be held in Austin on February 6-8, 2004. Details about Story Circle Network workshops and the conference are available at <http://www.storycircle.org>.

Susie Kelly Flatau, of Austin, reports that last September she conducted a session on writing memoir and life stories at the West Texas Book and Author Festival, at which she was also a featured author. In October, she teamed up with Jo Ann Glanz to offer a yearlong series of life story workshops for women under the title, Women Writing & Dining—Life Stories and Herb Dishes. The first workshop was "Rosemary for Remembrances." February's workshop is "Life Stories and Lavender Desserts." In November, Susie spoke at Sam Houston State University's Young Author's Conference on gathering, recording, and writing women's memoirs. Also in November, she delivered a talk on memoir and life story for the Houston Baylor University Women's Association. In December, Susie was one of four readers at the release of a new collection of life stories written by Austin-area residents who are over fifty years of age. Proceeds from the book, *The Noble Generation*, published by Austin Barnes & Noble stores, benefit literacy.

Paula S. Yost is vice president of the Association of Personal Historians and on the board of Story Circle Network. She announces the recent publication of *The Scribe on Flat Creek*, a two-volume history of a Cass County merchant and the surrounding area through the Civil War years, and *A Country Cowboy*, a personal history based on interviews with a ninety-year-old Douglasville cowboy whose father founded the first auction barn in Texas. Forthcoming in 2003 will be Paula's work based on oral interviews with more than two hundred Tyler-area veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm.

Scott White organized and now directs an oral history project for the **National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame** (NCMHF) in Fort Worth. The project goal is to establish a unique archive of oral histories with women of the West, particularly focusing on Hall of Fame inductees. The NCMHF library will serve as the repository for the collection, which will be open for scholarly research. In the first stage of the project, Dr. White collected interviews from almost all of the living Hall of Fame honorees. Currently, he is beginning the second stage of the project, which is to interview other prominent Western women and relatives of deceased Hall of Fame honorees.

It's Your Turn

- Tell us about you and your work so that we can share it with TOHA members.
- Nominate yourself or other people doing oral history well for our awards.
- Write an article about your work for Sound Historian.
- Visit TOHA's Web site at <http://www3.baylor.edu/TOHA> for criteria for TOHA awards, for information on upcoming meetings, for instructions on submitting journal articles, and for links to oral history sites around the world.