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General Orders

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SEPTEMBER 2016 MEETING Thursday, September 15, 2016

The HESS Club
5430 Westheimer Rd @ Westheimer Way
6:00 Cash Bar
6:45 Dinner & Meeting

E-Mail Reservation is Preferred;
at drzuckero@sbcglobal.net
or call Don Zuckero at (281) 479-1232
by 6 PM on Monday September 12, 2016
Dinner \$30; Lecture Only \$10

***** Reservations are Required *****
FOR BOTH DINNER and LECTURE ONLY

Summer Updates

Happy Summer! I am hoping that you have either escaped the Houston heat and humidity or are escaping from it by reading! The wonderful speakers we had during this past campaign offered us some exceptional books. I am in the middle of one of Carrie Janney's as I write this. Kudos to Past President Gary Chandler and his team for bringing outstanding speakers to our rostrum! We are looking forward to the speakers who will participate in the coming campaign, some new to us, some we are happy to welcome back.

Our officers and directors have found it necessary to increase dues for the 2016-17 campaign in order to bring our financial situation under control. Increased fees for dinner at the HESS Club and increasing costs for speaker expenses have put a stranglehold on our treasury. We regret having to do this (like many of you, I am on a fixed income), but for the survival of our organization it is prudent to do so. The revised dues amounts are listed in this

bulletin. The increase is small, and we hope it does not create a hardship for any member.

Another change made at the summer Board Meeting regards the meeting schedule. Social hour will be from 6:00-6:45 PM, with dinner service beginning at 6:45 PM. The business portion of the evening will begin at 7:30 PM, and the speaker at 7:45 PM.

Changes are coming to our website. There will be new interactive pages for those interested in our Round Table and for those ready to join or renew. More details to follow!

Emily Ryan, Membership Chairman, has developed a flyer to promote the HCWRT. This can be distributed through libraries and other organizations. Please contact her if you have suggestions for distribution of these flyers and with your ideas for promoting membership.

With the days flying by, please mark your calendars for Thursday, 15 September, for the inaugural meeting of the 2016-17 campaign. Due to other commitments, neither Barry Brueggeman nor I will be there. The meeting will be led by Vice President York and the reservations/payment table will be in the good hands of Don Zuckero.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support!

Marsha

Membership Committee News

Eight seasoned members (Brad York, Norm Lewis, Nate Jennings, Scott Wilkey, Emily George, Judy and Fred Duncan, and Emily Ryan, chair) have been busy this summer recruiting and putting out fliers to inform Houstonians about our Round Table and how lively and engaging an organization it is. In a city of 4 million souls and a limited advertising budget, this is no easy task. But with everyone's

help toward this recruiting effort by telling and asking all of your friends and business associates if they might have an interest in joining our ranks, we can make a big dent in the problem.

So far, our Round Table is a well-kept secret. We do not want it to remain that way. In fact, if we do not expand, we no longer will have the viable group that we are today. Please help us continue to prosper and grow!

Transitions from The Editor *By Philip Brown*

It is with sincere regrets that I, your Newsletter Editor, must inform you that I tendered my resignation to Marsha Franty over the summer. Having been recruited to the Round Table (RT) by long time member Neil Weaver, I assumed the post from the outgoing Editor, Karen Stone, in May of 2010. I served under President Duane Lewis for only one month, and then under the command of Presidents David Rains, John Barnes, Nate Jennings and Gary Chandler. I also worked with our old friend Robert York who served the Round Table for years maintaining the Membership Rolls. During my tenure David Rains took over the duties associated with maintaining the Membership Rolls and was also responsible for getting the Newsletter printed and mailed to those members who still receive the Newsletter by U.S. Mail.

When tendered, my resignation was effective immediately, but I have agreed to assist the incoming Co-Editors with the transition of duties and will gladly do so until my assistance is no longer required. Marsha Franty and Roland Bienvenu will be taking over as Newsletter Co-Editors for the upcoming campaign and I have been working closely with them to ensure continuity is maintained. The mail must go through!

Shortly after taking on the role of Newsletter Editor, I was asked and accepted the position of Webmaster for the RT's Website. I will continue to fill that role for the foreseeable future, and I am excited about being involved with making improvements to the RT's website with the goal of bringing it into the Twenty-First Century.

To that end, a new on-line form has been added to the Membership webpage that will allow those who are interested in joining the HCWRT, but have a question or two, the ability to fill out an on-line form

with their contact information and their questions. The information that they enter on the form will then be sent to the Membership Committee for follow-up, so their questions can be answered. Soon we will be adding another form to the website that will allow new recruits to fill out the Membership Application on-line. This new on-line form will help the RT streamline the application processing procedures, getting the new recruits involved with the RT as soon as possible. After being processed the data from the on-line application will be added to a new centralized "HCWRT Membership Database" with an automated process. This database is replacing the antiquated "HCWRT Membership EXCEL File", which has been in use for the last six years. This EXCEL file was adequate but also had flaws and was awkward to use easily. With the RT Membership Rolls stored in a central repository it opens up numerous future possibilities. Onward we march!

HCWRT FALL FRANKLIN TRIP Franklin Symposium, Oct. 20-23

As another tie-in with our Vandiver Award to Eric Jacobson for Franklin site preservation, our annual Fall Field Trip this year will be to Franklin, TN. We will attend the **"The Battle of Franklin and American Memory History Symposium" on October 20-22 (with an optional add-on tour on October 23)**. Through lectures, panel discussions, and tours of the battlefield and historic homes, the symposium will offer an in-depth look at the Civil War in 1864 and the long post-war years. Attendees will learn about the events leading up to the Battle of Franklin, the battle itself, and civilian perspectives. The long path to our modern times will also be covered. This symposium will allow guests to learn about these pivotal moments in American history in a unique way. **The Battle of Franklin Trust** is sponsor of the symposium. **Co-Coordinator** Barry Brueggeman and Emily Ryan are local contacts for the Franklin Trip. If interested or if you plan to attend, contact **Emily Ryan** at [713-781-1418](tel:713-781-1418) or TRN@aol.com. For travel information or to share your travel plans, contact **Barry Brueggeman** at [281-480-1130](tel:281-480-1130) or bqbrueg@aol.com. Individuals are responsible for making reservations and arrangements for symposium registration, transportation, and hotel accommodations (the Drury Franklin is the symposium hotel). **For more details, go to: <http://www.boft.org/events/symposium.htm>**

HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



The Houston Civil War Round Table is dedicated to the study of the civilian, military, and cultural aspects of United States history during the period of 1861 – 1865 and to the preservation of historical sites and artifacts. For additional copies of this form please go to www.HoustonCivilWar.com

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

(CHECK ONE BOX ONLY.)

- \$50 – Individual
 \$60 – Family
 \$25 – Student/Faculty or Out-of-Town

JOINING BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31

- \$25 – Individual - Joining in Jan – Mar
 \$25 – Family - Joining in Jan – Mar
 \$25 – Student/Faculty or Out-of-Town - Joining in Jan – Mar

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Email Address: _____

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Mail your completed application to: **Houston Civil War Round Table
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3706 Lonnie Wood Drive
Houston, TX 77059**

THE HOUSTON CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE 2016 - 2017 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN – THE HESS CLUB

- Sep. 15, 2016 Wayne Motts: *“Pickett’s Charge at Gettysburg: A Fresh Perspective”*
- Oct. 18, 2016 A. Wilson Greene: *“Civil War Petersburg”* (Note: This is a TUESDAY Night!)
- Nov. 17, 2016 Susannah J. Ural: *“Hood’s Boys”*
- Dec. 8, 2016 Donald S. Frazier:
“Blood on the Bayou: Vicksburg, Port Hudson, and the Trans-Mississippi”
- Jan. 19, 2017 Edwin C. Bearss: *“The Camden Expedition and Battle of Jenkin’s Ferry, AR”*
- Feb. 16, 2017 Edward H. Bonekemper III: *“The Myth of the Lost Cause”*
- Mar. 16, 2017 Brian Steel Wills: *“George Thomas at Nashville”*
- Apr. 20, 2017 Elizabeth R. Varon:
“Legacies of Appomattox: Lee’s Surrender in History and Memory”
- Mar. 16, 2017 To Be Determined - Holding for 2017 Vandiver Award recipient

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