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NEW MEETING VENUE

The Houston Civil War Round Table is pleased to announce our **new meeting venue** for the 2021-2022 campaign. Beginning with our September 16th meeting, we will be gathering at **Rudi Lechner's Restaurant** on S. Gessner Road. Rudi's, although well-known for their German food, also offers other choices of cuisines. Our members will be able to select from four different entrees offered by Rudi's.

At this time, we are investigating the possibility of conducting these meetings via Zoom as well. We will keep you informed if and when we are able to arrange this.

There will be no increase in your membership dues for this campaign. Also, there will be no "entry fee" for dues-paid members who attend our meetings. Anyone attending a meeting for the first time is welcome to do so, but will be required to pay membership dues in order to continue attending.

PRESIDENT'S PRESS

By Gene Boisaubin

This is an extremely exciting time to be interested in the American Civil War. Not only is it the single most important event in our country's history after the founding, but having some understanding of what happened in America before, during and after the war is required if one is going to have any understanding of what is happening in our country today at virtually all levels. I am delighted and honored to be the new President of the HCWRT and first want to express my thanks and appreciation to Mike Harrington for his expert and committed leadership as the retiring President, although all of us will continue to seek his counsel.



A successful Round Table has three important components: a scheduled educational program, a venue for members to meet and share that education, and a strong membership program. Thanks to Gary Chandler and others, we have an outstanding program for the 2021-2022 campaign with both varied and exciting topics and top-notch historians to present them. That program is outlined within this newsletter and will start in September. With the permanent closure of the HESS Club last year, we needed to find a new venue for our meetings and we have found one with Rudi Lechner's on Gessner Road. We believe that Rudi's is an excellent replacement. Although its specialty is German food, it provides other selections. Rudi's is centrally located with plentiful parking and an event room that can hold up to 40 people for our presentations. Unlike the HESS Club, we do not have to plan meals ahead of time, but rather members will order food and drink individually when they arrive and will manage their own tab which allows greater latitude for everyone.

I encourage every current member to simply turn to page 3 of the newsletter and fill out the membership application/renewal form and submit it with our modest dues, which will not be increased for the coming campaign.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Scott Wilkey

Hello HCWRT members! The Membership Committee hopes you are having a tremendous summer so far. No doubt, you are probably also feeling giddy at the prospect of finally returning to “in-person” meetings with the HCWRT. We are excited to soon be embarking on the 2021-2022 campaign as a part of “Boisaubin’s Brigade” (a big welcome to our newly elected president, Gene Boisaubin!)

By this point in your reading of this month’s newsletter, you’ve no doubt seen the exciting changes to our venue and our speaker’s list. Your Membership Committee has also been busy this year, as we start reaching out to our friends (you) and look to expand our outreach and visibility throughout the local and national Civil War history community. Additionally, the members of the Membership Committee are excited to welcome Michael Clennan as Vice Chair! Mike’s friendly enthusiasm will be a tremendous asset to our efforts in attracting new members, and in ensuring our current HCWRT members continue receiving high-quality programs.

As a reminder, (if you haven’t done so already) it’s time to send in your membership dues to Treasurer Barry Brueggeman as soon as possible. The ONLY reason we are able to bring such high-quality historians before you month after month, year after year, is because of the dues you generously pay as HCWRT members. Better yet, forward a copy of our newsletter to a friend and encourage them to join us. After all, “word of mouth” is our most powerful recruitment tool.

The Membership Committee and I are looking forward to seeing you all again soon. We welcome the opportunity to meet again face-to-face once again!

2021-22 SPEAKERS SCHEDULE

By Gary Chandler (Programs Committee & Past Programs Chair)

What a great lineup of excellent speakers and varied topics we have coming up, beginning September 16th with **Andrew Lang**.

Prof. Lang will return to Texas, where he earned his M.A. (UNT) and Ph.D. (Rice), and will speak on “In the Wake of War” – post-war Reconstruction and the experiences of military occupation of the South.

Rice Prof. **Caleb McDaniel** will speak on the topic of his 2020 Pulitzer Prize-winning book “Sweet Taste of Liberty” – the true story of Henrietta Wood, enslaved in Texas and other states, her journey to freedom, and restitution.

William MacKinnon will talk about a setting and events really westward – the “Utah War” before the Civil War and the experiences of future Union and Confederate leaders in Utah.

Texan **Jeffrey Hunt**, Curator of the Texas Military Forces Museum in Austin, will speak on an Eastern Theater topic in his excellent book series on Meade and Lee after Gettysburg, this topic being “Meade and Lee at Bristoe Station.”

We welcome back to HCWRT **Stephen M. (Sam) Hood**, who will speak on his book “Patriots Twice” about the total body of work of ex-Confederates who built America in prominent roles before and after the war.

National Park Service Historian **James Ogden** (Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Moccasin Bend), who with Ed Bearss led our tour of Chickamauga and Chattanooga in 2006, will talk on “Opening the Cracker Line and the Battle of Wauhatchie.”

Prof. **Timothy B. Smith**, historian and prolific author specializing on the Civil War in the Western Theater, will speak on his book, “The Real Horse Soldiers” regarding Grierson’s epic raid through Mississippi.

HCWRT welcomes back Prof. **Lorien Foote** of Texas A&M, whose presentation will be on “Affairs of Honor in the Armies” focusing on codes of conduct and honor, cultural norms, and behaviors, both Union and Confederate.

We will hold open our May meeting date for the HCWRT **2022 Vandiver Award**.

As we went to press, we received notification that there will be a memorial service for **Ed Bearss** on Saturday, October 9th in Manassas, Virginia. For additional information, you may email Marsha Franty at mfranty@hotmail.com.



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
- Existing Member - Address / Information Update Only

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2021 – 2022 SPEAKERS CAMPAIGN

Sept. 16, 2021	Andrew Lang: <i>“In the Wake of War”</i>
Oct. 21, 2021	Caleb McDaniel: <i>“Sweet Taste of Liberty”</i>
Nov. 18, 2021	William MacKinnon: <i>“Before Fort Sumter: The Utah War Experiences of Union and Confederate Leaders”</i>
Dec. 16, 2021	Jeffrey Hunt: <i>“Meade and Lee at Bristoe Station”</i> (Note: <u>3rd</u> Thursday of December, not 2nd)
Jan. 20, 2022	Stephen M. (Sam) Hood: <i>“Patriots Twice”</i>
Feb. 17, 2022	James Ogden: <i>“Opening the Cracker Line and the Battle of Wauhatchie”</i>
Mar. 17, 2022	Timothy B. Smith: <i>“The Real Horse Soldiers”</i>
Apr. 21, 2022	Lorien Foote: <i>“Affairs of Honor in the Armies”</i>
May 19, 2022	TBD: <i>Holding for 2022 Vandiver Award Recipient</i>

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