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HRC Update, FY 2016

It was a very productive 2016 at the Historical Resources Center. With the addition of Tacey Rosolowski, PhD, and Heritage Services initiatives, we’ve been able to reach out to several new clients and use clips and quotes from the oral history interviews in new and innovative ways. With new clients, products, and services, the HRC will be seen as the go-to place for content about MD Anderson's history and legacy.

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Recent Collaborations
Tacey and Javier met with colleagues from Institutional Advancement and Medical Graphics and Photography to discuss adapting the oral history collection’s coding scheme for the digital library. The aim is to use the coding scheme to describe images with pre-assigned terms. This should enable everyone to search for images from various departments by subject, topics, and descriptors.

We also sat down with representatives from Rice University’s Humanities Research Center to discuss becoming a host site for their Medical Humanities Practica program. If approved, the HRC will host students who will learn about the oral history program, process interviews, and discover the value of oral history and cultural heritage. We are really excited about this opportunity to collaborate with a storied institution such as Rice, further our educational mission, and make more of our oral history interviews accessible to a wider audience.

Happy Birthday, Uncle Mon.

Our namesake turned 143 on July 29th.

Did you know...
that you can enjoy roses and other gardens at MD Anderson because of Tom Jean Moore? She was a volunteer who planted the first gardens in MD Anderson in the late 1970’s. She planted roses and the Rose Garden is now dedicated to her.

Remembering...
Tom Jean Moore

Karen Harrison, Assistant Director of Volunteer Services (1990 -1996) remembers her in this clip. Click here.

So does Charles LeMaistre, MD, MD Anderson’s second president in this clip. Click here.

Archives in action!

Jose Javier Garza, MSIS provides archival support for projects across the institution that can benefit from archival resources such as images, videos, and documents.

I provided the Development Office historical images from the earliest years of the institution such as images of the original Baker Estate, Monroe Dunaway Anderson, and downtown Houston for their new exhibition, "Faces of Philanthropy."

The Communications Office is working on “Then and Now,” an online exhibit that will compare historical and current images of institution and explore its transformation. The exhibit is expected to launch just before the 75th anniversary. I was
able to work with the designer to search for and digitize historical images of MD Anderson buildings, employees, and equipment.

Employee Notes interviewed me for an article about the artifacts in the archives and showcased historical items such as the MD Anderson branded ash tray and the Liberty Bell replica. The article included an invitation to employees to donate items of their own. Read the article here.

Heritage Services at Work

Tacey A. Rosolowski, PhD provides audio clips from the oral history collection to support MD Anderson Projects. She also conduct interviews on request and can serve as a consultant to any Department that wishes to start a project involving interviews.

I took quotations from many collection interviews for the Development Office’s “Faces of Philanthropy” exhibition. The organizers will use the quotations in wall text and they also hope to be able to include audio clips for a multi-media experience.

Human Resources needed content for the New Employee Companion and Manager’s Companion websites, so I provided audio clips on MD Anderson history and various leadership topics. Click here for the link.

Faculty Development needed material for their Education Week presentations. I searched the collection and provided quotations to provide show MD Anderson’s rich history of training and education; the shuttle monitors also screened quotations on education.

Latest Interviews

- Janis Apted Yadiny, MLS, who came to MD Anderson...
in 1999 and who has served as Associate Vice President of Faculty and Academic Development since 2008. Ms. Yadiny discusses her broad perspective on providing support to faculty and talks about how leadership development has evolved at MD Anderson.

- Artist and product designer Angela Cheves started with MD Anderson in 1986 to work as a Special Projects Coordinator with the Children’s Art Project [CAP]. When she retired in 2015, she was serving as Associate Director of Marketing. In two interview sessions, Ms. Cheves talks about the Children’s Art Project and the role she had in expanding and marketing the line of products based on artwork by pediatric cancer patients. She helped develop over 2500 products.

- Rebecca Kaul, MBA came to MD Anderson in July of 2015 to serve as Chief Innovation Officer. In two sessions she corrects misconceptions about what “innovation” means and discusses why MD Anderson’s evolution as a cutting edge healthcare institution relies on strategic innovation.

**In Progress or Scheduled Interviews**

- **Lorenzo Cohen, PhD**: Head of Integrative Medicine
- **Mary Catherine Bussey Boice “Katie” McGready**: Hired by Dr. Ernst Bertner in 1943 as the fourth employee of MD Anderson to fill the position of Medical Librarian.
- **Peggy Tinkey, DVM**: Chair, Department of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery
- **Gordon Mills, PhD**: Chair of Systems Biology, Co-Director of the Institute for Personalized Cancer Therapy, Head of the Kleberg Center for Molecular Markers, and Co-Director of the Women’s Cancer Moonshot

**New artifact!**
The Historical Resources Center received a new artifact. Please give your best guess on what it is.