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Summer Update

Looking back at Fiscal Year 2018, we have made a lot of advancements in the content the Historical Resources Center provides, the materials we collect, and the services we offer. From acquiring new digitization equipment to new interview products like the Burnout Collection, the HRC has done some exciting things to document MD Anderson’s past, present, and future.

In this newsletter, we'll provide highlights on what we have been working on, showcase some locations around the institution to visit and highlight some interesting moments from MD Anderson’s history.

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1. Research Data Management Project
I have recently completed a course offered by the National Library of Medicine on how libraries and archives can offer Research Data Management (RDM) services to the institution. RDM is any data collected in the course of a research study or patient treatment. Preserving it is fundamental to our mission of eliminating cancer, and the archives' mission of preserving the legacy of the institution. Hopefully, we will be offering a suite of services including education and guidance on how to best preserve our research history.

2. Digitization projects
For the past year, I have procured more digitization equipment for the archives. These will increase our ability to digitize our historical collections including manuscripts, newspapers, images, and videos. Hopefully, we will be able to add more items to our online archive to be viewed by patrons all over the world. While scanning the records from our first president, R. Lee Clark, MD, I discovered one of earliest versions of MD Anderson's organization chart.
1. I gave a lecture for UTMB’s series, the Samuel G. Dunn Lectureship in the Medical Humanities. The organizer wanted me to talk specifically about the Heritage Services and how we at the HRC use a “heritage management” approach to serve the institution. The talk was entitled, “Leadership, Burnout, and Other Dilemmas: One Case of How a Humanities Perspective Can Serve Institutions.” It attracted a broad audience. There was lively discussion with several requests for further information.

2. The “Beyond Resiliency Training” Burnout Collection continues to attract attention. I was invited to share information about the collection at a Town Hall and Resource Fair for basic science fellows held by Research Trainee Programs. Visit the collection here.

Please note that it is on the internet and publicly accessible. Please share this resource.

3. Based on the burnout project, I was asked to participate in the CREWS (Career, Resiliency, Engagement, Wellness, Sustainability) task force group that is addressing education about burnout in the institution.

A salute to our volunteers!

From the earliest days of MD Anderson, volunteers have contributed countless hours to instruction. Their services range from working giftshops, greeting patients and visitors, and assisting departments with light clerical duties. For almost a decade, volunteers have also assisted the HRC make some of our collections available by helping inventory collections, digitize documents, and help publish oral history interviews.

Our current volunteer, Chiyeko Tsuchitani works with our historical image collection. So far she has scanned over 500 images that we plan make...
available on our digital archive soon.

Below: Volunteer Services Bookmark, 1985

“I found the time and I’m glad!”
Call M. D. Anderson Hospital Volunteers at 792-7180

Volunteer areas:
• Research • Admissions • Outpatient Services • Mobile Bookcart • Beauty/Barber Shop
• Gift Shop • Cancer Information Hotline • Bilingual Services • Mobile Snack Services
• Patient Hosts • Diversional Activities • Nutrition Counselors

Oral History Collection Updates

Now available:

Ralph Arlinghaus, PhD (link)
Department of Translational Molecular Pathology

Walter Baile, PhD (link)
Behavioral Science [and Psychiatry]
Mien Chie Hung, PhD (link)
Department of Molecular and Cellular Oncology

Alfred YK Yung, MD (link)
Department of Neuro-Oncology

**Interviews completed:**

- Joyce Alt, Head of the Division of Nursing from 1978 – 1996
- JoAnne Hale, administrative assistant to R. Lee Clark, Charles LeMaistre, and John Mendelsohn

**Interviews in process:**

- Michael S. Ewer, MD, PhD, JD, active in emergency medicine and ethics
- Sat Siri Sumler, Massage Therapist in Integrative Medicine
- Carol Porter, PhD, Head of the Division of Nursing
- Marshall Hicks, MD, Head of Diagnostic Imaging and former Interim President

**Scheduled:**

- Eduardo Bruera, MD, Palliative Care

**Dr. Bruera will be interview subject number 95. We are quickly coming up on the 100th interview subject since the project was restarted in 2011 and the HRC has been discussing how to mark this landmark.**
to visit at MD Anderson, check out these important locations and landmarks.

The Faces of Philanthropy Exhibit located near the Park highlights the impact that donations both large and small have played in the growth of the institution. Check out some of the contributions we made to the exhibit including inspiring quotes from the Making Cancer History Voices Oral History Collection and Medical Graphics and Photography Archives.

Above is an image of the exhibit Tacey took for her lecture at the University of Texas Medical Branch Medical Humanities Department

40 years ago...
Science Park was dedicated

30 years ago...
Dr. James Cox became Vice President of Patient Affairs.

20 years ago...
Children’s Art Project published the *Bunnies In My Head* picture book

The Tom Jean Moore Rose Garden is near the Main Building and the Freeman-Dunn Chapel. It's named after a volunteer who dedicated over ten years to planting roses in the institution.
Listen to Charles A. LeMaistre, MD, share his thoughts on Ms. Moore Click here.

Currently outside Dan L. Duncan Building, the Wave of Life Statue by Wheeler Williams was acquired by the institution when MD Anderson purchased the Prudential Life Building in 1974. The portrayal of a man, woman, and child was meant to represent a healthy mind and a healthy body.

Learn more about the sculpture here.

Bunnies In My Head hopping your way

Eccentric is hopping for a solution! This children's book shows the Children's Art Project at M. D. Anderson.

Bunnies In My Head celebrates 25 years of volunteer involvement from employees, companions and individuals who the Children's Art Project.

Set for publication in September, Bunnies In My Head promises to delight children of all ages, highlighting a quarter-century of whimsical artwork created by young M. D. Anderson patients for the Children's Art Project.

The book features more than 20 pieces of published and unpublished art designed by patients since the project started in 1973.

It is the first book offered by the Children's Art Project. In keeping with the project's history, the book is being created and distributed by dedicated volunteers.

The story, a nationally acclaimed children's author, ties the children's art together with a delightful story and draws attention to an endearing little girl with a big imagination. Along with her cat, Millie, the girl processes through the pages of Bunnies In My Head while visiting the readers who have lived through her life since the 25 years of Children's Art Project art.

To wrap up the story with grace and charm, former First Lady Lynda Bird Johnson offers a special afterward that covers the days when her small daughter became involved.

10 Years ago...

MD Anderson launched its first Facebook page

Happy Birthday, R. Lee Clark, MD!

Our first full-time director was born July 2, 1906 in Hereford, Texas. He moved to Houston in 1946 to assume what would be a 32-year tenure as MD Anderson's Director and President.

To listen to speech he gave about MD Anderson's history and mission, click
Click here to listen to a brief welcome video from Dr. Clark.

A Welcome from R. Lee Clark, MD

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