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The First Lunch & Learn of 2019



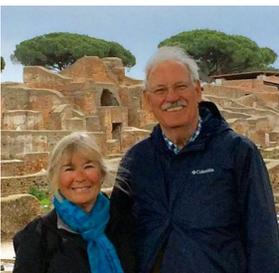
Camp Logan – A WW I Training Center in Houston 1917 – 1919.

Our speakers this afternoon Louis Aulbach and Linda Gorski will give us a glimpse of that time as one of the most interest-

ing chapters in Houston's history was written in what is now Memorial Park along the banks of Buffalo Bayou. For it was here that the U.S. Army's sprawling Camp Logan was built in the middle of the First World War to train soldiers for combat. Construction of the center began on July 24, 1917. The developed area of Camp Logan was 3,002 acres within a tract of 9,560 acres, was built to house 44,000 soldiers ... and construction was completed in three months! At its peak, Camp Logan was home to over 33,000 troops, most of whom were deployed to the war front in France in 1918. The camp was closed on March 20, 1919. This presentation includes readings from 125 letters written from Camp Logan by Pvt. Paul Hendrickson in 1917 and 1918. Period photographs, postcards and maps from private collections are also highlighted. Factoid: Nine soldiers who trained at Camp Logan were awarded The Medal of Honor for their valor in WWI!

Louis F. Aulbach

Louis Aulbach is the author of guidebooks to the rivers and parks of West Texas. He has authored or co-authored several best selling river guides to the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River, Aulbach's recent projects include *Buffalo Bayou, An Echo of Houston's Wilderness Beginnings*, and *Camp*



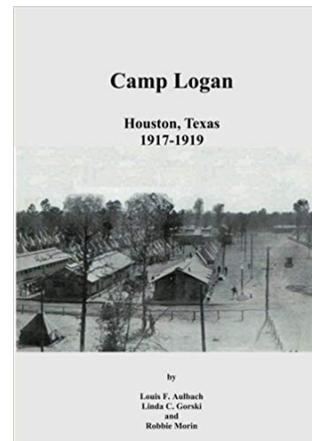
Logan, Houston, Texas, 1917-1919 (with Linda Gorski and Robbie Morin). Each of these volumes delves into the local history of the city of Houston.

Aulbach, a native Houstonian, is a graduate of Rice University and the University of Chicago. He retired in 2008 after over seventeen years as the Records Management Officer for the City of Houston, and he served on the Harris County Historical Commission during the 2009-2010 term. He has been a member of the Texas Archeological Society since 1987 and is a member of the Houston Archeological Society. Aulbach is an appointed member of the Texas Historical Commission's Archeological Stewards Network.

Linda C. Gorski is a researcher and writer who has lived and traveled extensively in the United States, Europe and Australia. Her byline has appeared in many publications worldwide and for several years, she was a correspondent for the Houston Chronicle.

Gorski has had a lifelong interest in archeology and history and has been an avocational archeologist for over 40 years. She currently serves as President of the Houston Archeological Society, leading the society in surveys and excavations in Houston and southeast Texas. Gorski is also a Texas Historical Commission Archeological Steward.

She has co-authored with Louis Aulbach on his recently published book, *Buffalo Bayou: An Echo of Houston's Wilderness Beginnings* and their recent book, *Camp Logan, Houston, Texas 1917 – 1919*.



The meeting will be held in the Rio Grande at OCB on **Tue. Jan. 29** from 11:30 till 1:00 PM. A free light lunch will be served and in order to make sure we have enough to feed all comers RSVP to Barry and Gillian Rittman no later than January 20 either via email or phone call barryrittman@gmail.com—713- 542- 8108

This is a great way to find out about some of the early history of the City of Houston

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A Visit to the Houston Zoo



Twenty nine UTHRO members had a very pleasant evening at the Houston Zoo lights, made more so by the mild temperatures. With the usual great organization from UTHRO leaders, our bus departed on time, our tickets were ready, and we were in the fantasy land within minutes of exiting the bus.

We were greeted at the reflecting pond by trees flashing multi-colored lights in sync with music. The common question: "How do they do that?" This was just the start of fifteen miles of earth-friendly LED lighting illuminating the ancient oak trees and decorating the pathways. Although zoo residents were out of sight (except for 3 very sociable giraffes), animals of the light variety were much in evidence, from an elephant parade to Macaw parrots in the trees, to a bunny running along the path.

There is a light tunnel for taking posed pictures, a full-sized gorilla cutout also for pictures, and the enchanted forest – an amazing display of lights in the form of flowers, trees, and other enchanted creatures. If you remember your disco dancing, you can put it to use under the glittering disco lights. And if you're a chocoholic, hot cocoa and S'mores are available. Of particular interest to children is Candy, a pink zebra that is interactive, conversing with guests.

If you are ecology-minded, you can recycle your holiday string lights at the zoo and keep them out of landfills. The Houston Zoo has recycled 12,826 pounds of holiday lights to date, nearly the same weight of a male Asian elephant! Zoo Lights is an enjoyable and beautiful evening stroll that you can take at your own pace. But if you go, know that the parking can be a challenge. There is a remote lot with a free shuttle, so you might want to check that out before you go. You can catch a preview of Zoo Lights in the youtube video at <https://zoolights.houstonzoo.org/>



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A UTHRO Visitor to Europe

Henny van Dijk and I have been friends since we both worked at the Duke University Medical Center in the 1960s. As director of public relations there, I often used his and his colleagues' services in medical illustration and photography.

Then, when I came to UTHSCH and was first in the Freeman Building, I was pleased to run into Henny in my first few days here and find he was right down the hall.

What I didn't know until last fall, when I visited Henny's home country of Holland, was that Henny comes by his excellent disposition and warm personality honestly. All the people we met our three days in Amsterdam had the same charm as Henny.

As my wife, Pat, daughter, Didi, and I prepared for our 19-day trip to the Baltic countries, I sought Henny's guidance and he was very helpful about where to go and what to see.

In Amsterdam we boarded the Holland America ship *Koningsdam* to visit ports in seven countries: Holland, Denmark, Germany, Finland, Russia, Estonia and Sweden. Our weather was beautiful, and that part of the world is as well, particularly the archipelago going into and out of Stockholm.

This was our 20th overseas trip in our retirement, and we children of World War II were particularly interested in visiting Berlin and Moscow, which proved to be the highlight of the trip for us. We took trains serving each of the cities, and particularly the Russian train served food we could not identify, or appreciate, a bite of.

The architecture of Berlin, which was practically bombed to the ground at the end of the war, is sparkling and new. On the day we visited Moscow, it was celebrating its 871st birthday and the crowds were huge, particularly at the Kremlin and on Red Square.

As we were making our way across Red Square, the crowd parted to allow passage for a string of black vehicles. Since we didn't know, we decided to assume it was Vladimir Putin and other Russian dignitaries. Our guides were no help. When we asked, "Was that Putin?" they only smiled.

Joe Sigler



Joe Sigler, his wife Pat and daughter Didi relaxing in Red Square, Moscow

UTHRO's New Executives



At our Annual Meeting the membership elected a new Executive Committee for the next two years. The group's posing almost miraculously reflects the position each occupies on

the Board from left to right Kathy Bradley—President, Tena Lummus—Vice-Pres., in front of her Charlotte Childress—Secretary and Margaret Zambrano—Treasurer.

Nearly 50 members showed up for the Annual Event, Holiday Luncheon and UT Police Toy drive. Outgoing President Barbara Kelly gave a well documented overview of the many events that were organized as well as remembered the four members we tragically lost in 2018.

The boxes for the kid's toys were pretty full but then who would deny children confined to a hospital the joy of a Christmas gift—not UTHRO members most of whom are grandparents and do know the magic of gift-giving.



Rather than naming all the faces in those images, I believe it more fun if you try to figure out which one of those is a former colleague still waiting for you to come to one of those events.

Images by Henny van Dijk

The Valentine Luncheon



Our Valentine Luncheon this year will be held on **Tue. Feb. 12 from 11:30—2:30** at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant located on 2019 Post Oak Blvd. southbound between San Felipe and Westheimer. Great Italian food served in a private dining room and served family style (food delivered to the table in bowls and platters and passed around the table for everyone to serve themselves). The menu is a three course luncheon:

Appetizer - Mozzarella Marinara with a Caesar salad;

Pasta - Fettuccine Alfredo

Entree - Chicken Parmesan and the

Dessert - Vera's Lemon Cookies

Cost per person: \$25 (all incl.)



Another One Bites The Dust



In 1984, the Positron Diagnostic and Research Center (later re-named the Cyclotron), was built fronting the medical school. Its function was to produce short-lived radio-active tracers

and up until June 2001 when Tropical Storm Allison made landfall in Houston the facility was in full use. The tracers are injected into patients as part of Positron Emission Tomography (PET), a non-invasive imaging procedure that can detect coronary artery disease in its earliest stages. In 1985 I directed a movie made for Dr Lance Gould about the procedure. Allison brought with it a catastrophic amount of flooding in the Medical Center and the Cyclotron in particular was completely inundated with water. Since 2001 the Cyclotron has been totally out of commission but it was made secure within a concrete vault. The Medical School is required to decommission the cyclotron by Aug. 31, 2021.

Although the PET program was the original user of the facility, several other departments found use for the tracers. I remember Psychiatry using it for scanning of the brain in studies for concussions and epilepsie and early studies of dementia and Alzheimers.

This is the second structure that has been demolished due to Allison, the Freeman bldg being the first and of course the unique Hermann Chapel was also demolished.

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And now for something completely different ...

My New Year's Resolutions for 2019

IF YOU SEE YOUR
GLASS AS HALF EMPTY,
POUR IT INTO A
SMALLER GLASS AND
STOP BITCHING.

Why
fit in
when you were
born
to
stand
out?

I finally Did It!

**Bought a new pair
of shoes with
Memory Foam insoles.
No more forgetting why I
walked into the kitchen!**

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