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Texas State Library and Archives Commission honors three 30-year employees

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AUSTIN, Texas - The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) honored John Anderson, Helen Lunsford and Robert Schaadt for 30-years of service at its quarterly Employee Recognition Ceremony.

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“Nineteen seventy-eight was a great year for the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. That’s the year that all three of our honorees began working with the agency,” said Peggy D. Rudd, TSLAC director and librarian. “How fortunate Texas is to have had the benefit of their dedicated service for the past three decades. They are truly experts in their fields and are dedicated to our mission of preserving the records of state government.”

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Anderson, the TSLAC Archives Preservation Officer, is known statewide for his expertise in handling archival materials and preservation techniques. He provides training to others in how to handle archival materials. He began his career as a circulation clerk in the Blind & Physically Handicapped Division (now Talking Book Program), and also served as a tour guide, then a conservation technician. In 1983 he became the photo archivist and then the preservation officer.

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Commission Chairman
Sandra J. Pickett

Lunsford, the Microfilm Darkroom Lead Worker, is known for her expertise in the processing of film. It is estimated that she has handled 38,000 miles of film during her tenure, which is enough to stretch from coast to coast about 15 times. She started as a preparation clerk at the State Records Center. With her take-charge attitude, she became a darkroom assistant, then the darkroom lead worker.

Members
Sharon T. Carr
Martha Doty Freeman
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Sally Reynolds
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Schaadt is the director of the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty. He has supervised the restoration of historic buildings at the property, has attracted researchers internationally, and developed its collections as one of the most important in Texas history. His dedication to the center is well known as he stayed at the center during Hurricane Rita to ensure the protection of its collections.

Director and Librarian
Peggy D. Rudd

“I have had the privilege of working with and for two supervisors, Marilyn von Kohl and Chris LaPlante, who provided true leadership and the assistance required to perform my work,” said Schaadt. “They made my 30 years of service worthwhile and enjoyable. Preserving Texas archives is a calling, a special task...”

Assistant State Librarian
Edward Seidenberg

Also recognized at the ceremony was Coby Condrey, the Texas State Publications Coordinator, for his 15 years of service. Service Awards were issued to Sue Bennett, Amanda Bradley, Marilyn Martin, Sylvia Perry, Lyn Phillips, Danielle Plummer, and Renee Pogue. Employees of the Quarter Jennifer Ronsen and Russlene Waukechon were recognized along with the introductions of new employees to the agency.

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From left to right: Peggy R. Rudd, TSLAC Director and Librarian; Robert Schaadt, director of the Sam Houston Center; Helen Lunsford, Microfilm Darkroom Lead Worker; John Anderson, Archives Preservation Officer; Sandra J. Pickett, Commission Chairman; and Edward Seidenberg, Assistant State Librarian.

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