

**CLAYTON LIBRARY FRIENDS**  
**General Meeting**  
**February 18, 2023**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Minutes**

The Clayton Library Friends (CLF) quarterly general meeting was called to order by CLF President Jessica Horne Collins at 10:30 AM. President Collins welcomed the members and guests who had joined the virtual meeting.

Announcements were made:

- The CLF Board approved the [2023 budget](#), which is on the CLF website.
- Genealogy Face2Face programming continues on the first Thursday of every month at 1PM. This programming is free.
- A new four-week course in family history, [How to Start or Restart Your Research](#), will be taught in March by Paula Stuart-Warren, Certified Genealogist.
- The latest Clayton Advocate ([February issue](#)) is online.
- Full [archives](#) of every newsletter issue, digitized by Steve Bychowski and Mary Hollis with help from Fidel Ramirez, is now available on the CLF website.
- It's (past) that time of year! Have you renewed your [membership](#)?

The featured speaker was Michelle Tovar, Ed.D., who is the Director of Education at the Center for African American Military History ([Buffalo Soldiers National Museum](#)) at 3816 Caroline Street, Houston, TX 77004, just up the street from the Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus. Dr. Tovar gave a presentation on the history of African American soldiers in which she talked about the Buffalo Soldiers, Seminole Scouts, Harlem Hellfighters, Tuskegee Airmen, Liberation of Buchenwald in WWII, and African American participation in Korea, Vietnam, and NASA.

After her presentation, Dr. Tovar participated in a question-and-answer session with the meeting attendees. Dr. Tovar announced that the museum will be collecting oral histories of Black Korean War and Vietnam War veterans, so please [contact the museum](#) if you are or represent a Black veteran of one of these wars who is interested in participating.

Dr. Tovar also mentioned the website [BlackPast](#), which is dedicated to telling African American stories.

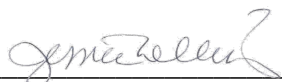
Sue Kaufman, senior manager of the Family History Research Center at the Clayton Library Campus, thanked Dr. Tovar and announced the upcoming Clayton Library Presents session. On March 18, Maureen Taylor will present "[8 Steps to Organizing and Preserving Your Family Photographs](#)" (online program).

The next [CLF general meeting](#) is Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 10:30 AM to noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 AM.

Signed:

 Susan Hoover, Secretary

 Jessica Horne Collins, President



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