

APPLICATION

ARIZONA CENTENNIAL 2012 LEGACY PROJECT DESIGNATION

NAME OF PROJECT Arizona Historymakers™: Transcriptions and Video

SCOPE OF PROJECT Local Regional X Statewide

APPLICANT: Historical League, Inc.

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Date

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

This project comprises over 150 hours of oral history interviews by 58 influential Arizonans honored by the Historical League, Inc. These are the personal recollections of those who shaped the cultural fabric of Arizona by their contributions to the arts, business, education, entertainment and sports, politics, philanthropy and community service. Arizona, at its Centennial, is reflected through the lens of their lives and achievements.

The Historical League, Inc. will produce an Arizona Centennial Video *IN OUR OWN WORDS* Reflections and Recollections of Arizona Historymakers™ based on these interviews in which each individual tells his/her own story which has made a significant impact on the history of Arizona.

Complete transcripts of all oral histories will be made available on the Historical League, Inc.'s website historicalleague.org as these personal narratives are now only available by appointment at the Arizona Historical Society Museum in Papago Park.

Arizona Historymakers™

Ben Avery*	Robert W. Goldwater, Sr.*	John Jacob Rhodes, Jr.*
Bruce Babbitt	Bennie Montague Gonzales*	Alberto Rios
Barbara Barrett	Calvin C. Goode	Polly Rosenbaum*
Eddie Basha	J. Eugene Grigsby, Jr.	Newton Rosenzweig*
Joe Beeler*	Katherine* and G. Robert Herberger*	Elisabeth Ruffner
Erma Bombeck*	Edward "Bud" Jacobson*	Bill Shover
Cloves Campbell, Sr.	William "Bill" Masao Kajikawa	Alice and Richard Snell
Tom Chauncey, Sr.*	Bil Keane	Frank K. Snell*
Jerry Colangelo	Jewell* and Del Lewis	Esther Don Tang
Philip C. Curtis*	John F. Long*	Virginia Ullman*
Adam Diaz	Robert T. McCall	J. Lawrence Walkup*
Roy P. Drachman*	Ed Mell	The Wallace and Ladmo Team:
John Driggs	Rose Mofford	Ladmo Kwiatkowski*
Stevie and Karl Eller	Navajo Code Talkers (4)	Pat McMahan
Paul J. Fannin*	Sandra Day O'Connor	Bill Thompson
Joe Garagiola	Dwight "Pat" Patterson*	Morrison F. Warren*
Barry M. Goldwater*	Jack Pfister*	John "Jack" R. Williams*
		Mark Wilmer*

*Deceased

2. LEGACY PROJECT CRITERIA

Accurately portray a significant aspect of Arizona History.

These oral histories, told by Historymakers™, relate important events--whether large or small-- in their lives, the contributions they made, challenges faced, and impact and influence they have had on our state, all of which combine to chronicle the history of Arizona and, importantly, make predictions for its future.

Be accessible to large numbers of visitors and users.

Complete Historymakers'™ transcripts will be available on-line at historicalleague.com and arizonahistoricalssociety.org for the benefit of students, teachers, historians, researchers and the general public. Links to complementary websites are encouraged.

Demonstrate collaboration in the planning

Collaborators include the Historical League, Inc. membership, the Arizona Historical Society, Agave Productions, and living Historymakers™.

Produce an enduring product that will live on after 2012

The underlying goal of the entire project is one of longevity. Transcripts and the video will be continuously available. The permanent Historymakers™ exhibition at the AHS Museum in Papago Park will show photographs, memorabilia, and personal objects belonging to selected Historymakers™ on a rotating basis. Future Historymakers™ will be identified and recorded and added to the corpus of materials already accumulated.

Educational components

Historymakers™ videos and transcripts are appropriate for classroom instruction at lower and upper grade levels as well as academic researchers. Teachers will find them an excellent supplement to the 4th grade text, *The Arizona Story* (adopted by many school districts and a designated Legacy Project). Widespread accessibility facilitates use by multiple student audiences.

A plan for implementation

Transfer of oral histories to the Historical League, Inc. website is currently underway. This process requires from 3 to 6 hours/volunteer time per individual history. Agave Productions is editing and producing the Historymakers™ Centennial video. The Historical League, Inc. membership is committed to fundraising in support of this effort.

3. TIMELINE

- 2009 Transfer written Historymakers™ oral histories to the Historical League website
 Agave Productions begins review and edits Historymakers™ tapes
- 2010 The IN OUR OWN WORDS video completed
- 2011 The IN OUR OWN WORDS video will be introduced at the Arizona Centennial Historymakers™ Gala on February 11, 2011.

4. PROJECT LOCATION

Arizona Historical Society Museum at Papago Park

5. PROJECT PARTNERS

Historical League, Inc.
Arizona Historical Society
Agave Productions

6. BUDGET

No state funding is requested. The Historical League, Inc. has thus far funded the over 150 hours of oral histories and expects to support production of the *In Our Own Words* video as well as the transfer of complete interviews to its website. Thus far, the cost of the project is estimated to be \$30,000.

7. LETTERS OF SUPPORT (attached)

September 28, 2009

To whom it may concern:

RE: AZ Centennial Legacy Project application for AZ Historymakers: Transcriptions and Video

The current collection of interviews, developed by Arizona Historymakers, is a rich set that have captured story from a significant cross-section of prominent Arizonans/Arizona history. The information gathered will be a valuable asset for years to come; I commend the foresight of the Historical League, Inc.

To translate the collection to an easily accessible format as well as making the appurtenant materials available is commendable and serves to improve the value of the oral interviews tenfold. I am delighted that the Historical League is maintaining their impressive contributions to the Arizona story as well as finding new and innovative ways of sharing their assets for the greater public good.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine L. May". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Catherine L. May,

Sr. Historical Analyst, SRP Research Archives
President, Coordinating Committee for History in AZ
VP, AZ Historical Advisory Commission



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August 5, 2009

Arizona Historical Advisory Commission
Attn: Juliana Yoder, Chair
AHAC Centennial Programs Committee
1700 W. Washington, Suite 200
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Members of the Commission:

With great enthusiasm I write in support of the Historical League, Inc. Centennial Legacy Project application, *In Their Own Words---Reflections and Recollections of Arizona Historymakers*.

Since 1992, the Historical League has documented, first by video taping and recently with DVD, the oral histories of Arizonans who, through the achievements in their respective fields, have shaped Arizona. The list of influential Arizonans is as impressive as it is diverse. The personal words of these citizens tell us about our history, communities, and culture as much as they inform about individual spirit and accomplishment. A video documentary focused on Arizonans who have played a formative role in creating the Arizona of the 20th century while positioning it for the 21st, is a noteworthy means of commemorating, promoting, and educating broadly-based audiences about the Centennial. The universal availability of this compilation of oral histories promises to enrich Arizona's historical legacy for generations to come.

I am pleased to endorse *In Their Own Words* as a designated Arizona 2012 Legacy Project and respectfully urge the Commission to approve the Historical League's application.

Sincerely,

Anne I. Woosley, Ph. D.
Executive Director

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17 August 2009

To the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission,

Please add my voice to those in support of the Historical League, Inc.'s application to have its Historymakers oral history transcripts designated an Arizona Centennial Legacy Project at no cost to the State of Arizona.

For decades the volunteers of the Historical League, Inc. have brought a welcome enrichment to the texture of our community through the oral histories they have collected from Arizona 'Historymakers.' Their efforts support and expand the programming and exhibits of the Arizona Historical Society. Your support of the Historical League's proposal would allow you, through the Commission, to harness the work of volunteers and private fundraising to compile a first-rate chronicle of Arizona's first one hundred years through colorful oral history. This seems like a perfect fit and a wise way to optimize value for each Arizona dollar.

The Historical League's focus on archiving the state's history especially aligns with the mission of Arizona's Centennial Commission. As one of Arizona's best tools to preserve the story of the State of Arizona's first one hundred years, the Historymakers program creatively captures stories from the lives of diverse Arizona leaders, from artists Ed Mell and Bob McCall to politicians Barry Goldwater, Calvin Goode and Mo Udall and from Joe Garagiola to Sandra Day O'Connor. The League demonstrates its interest in education and outreach by making their product universally available online for students of Arizona leadership and history.

I urge you to endorse the Historical League's Legacy Project as it preserves and disseminates Arizona history -- a fitting way of celebrating Arizona's Centennial.

Sincerely,

BB, signed on behalf of Barbara Barrett, JBF

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