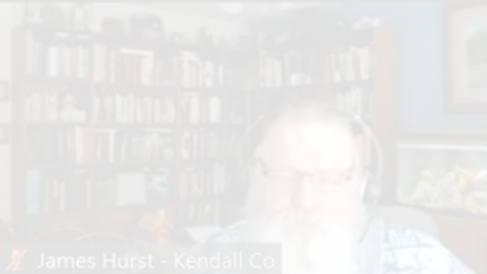


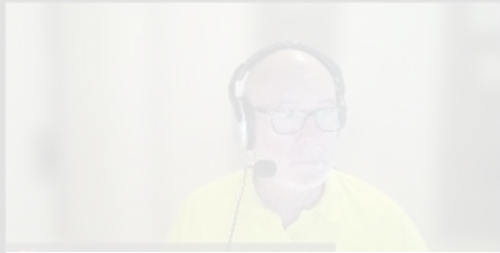


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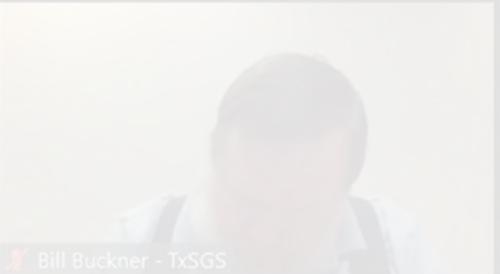
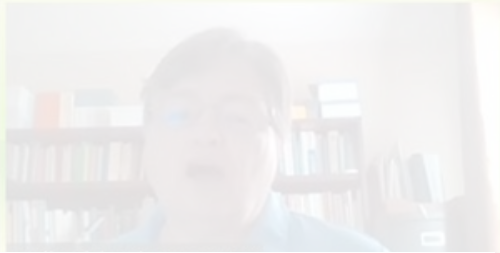
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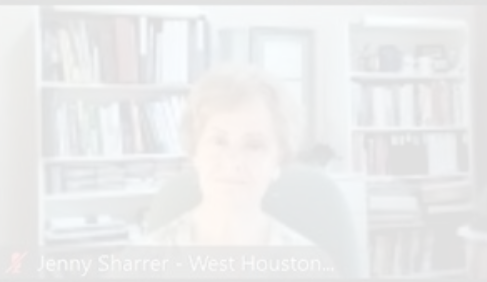
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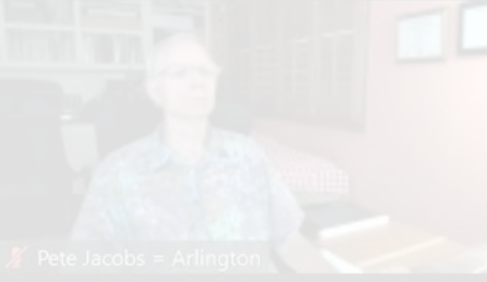
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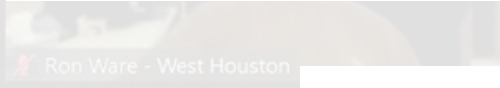
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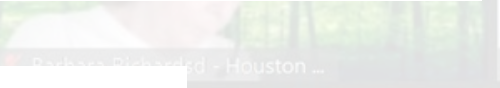
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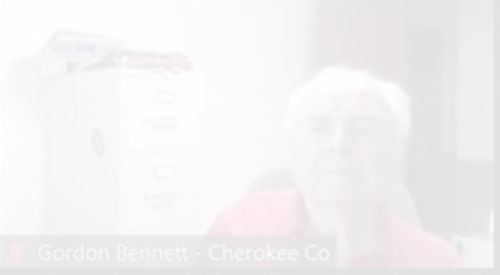
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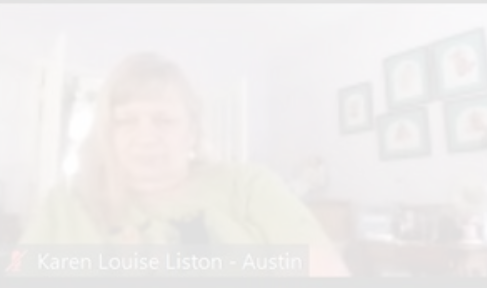
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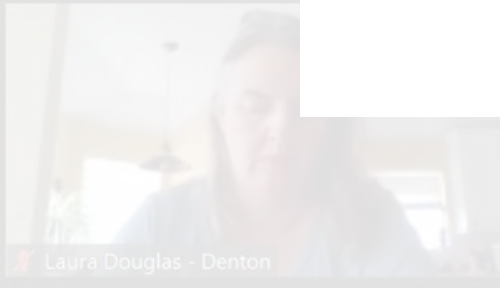
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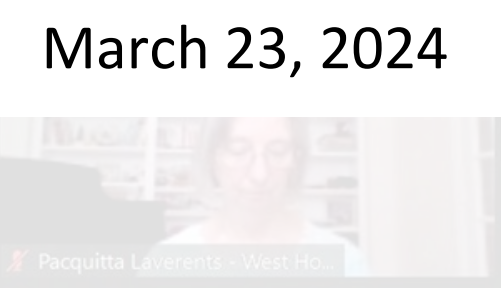
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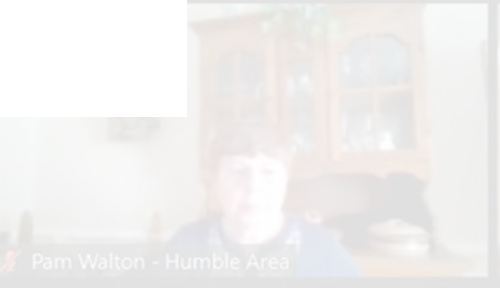
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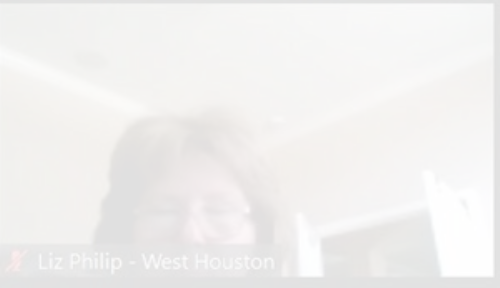
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Discussion Questions

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Ideas for National Volunteers Week?

(3rd Week in April)



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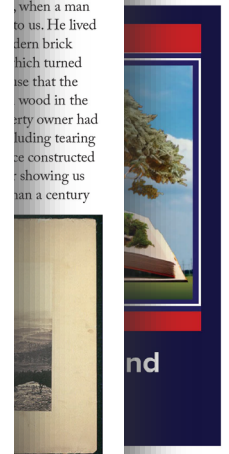


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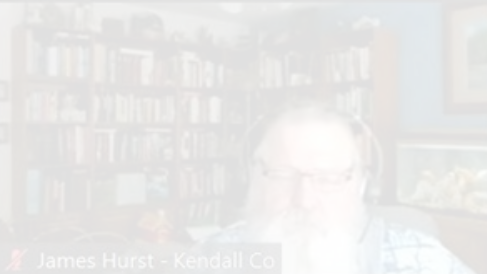
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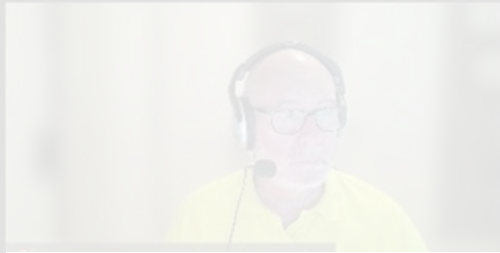


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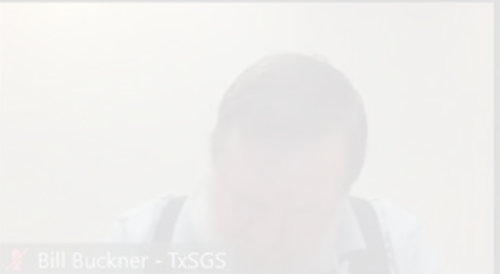
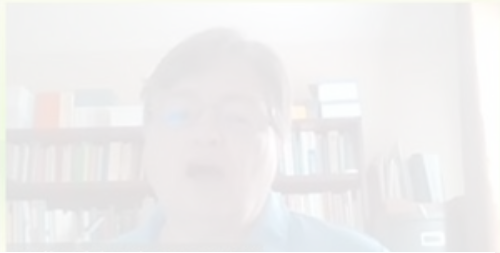
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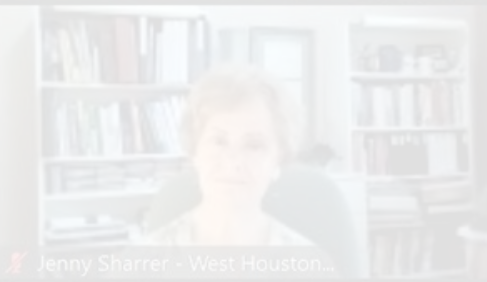
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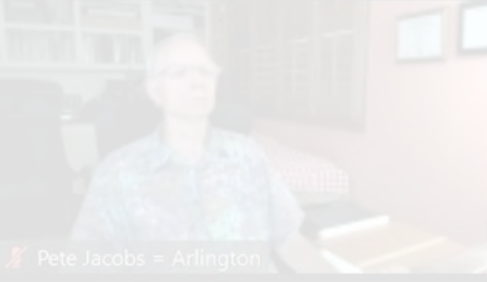
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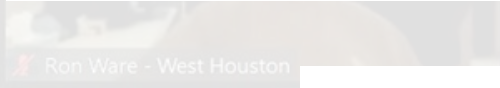
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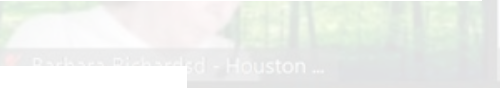
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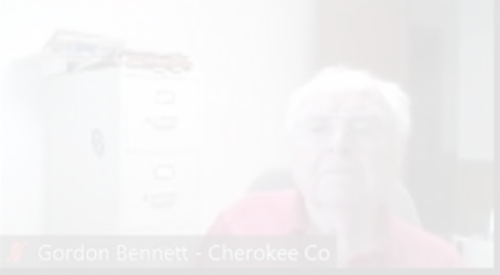
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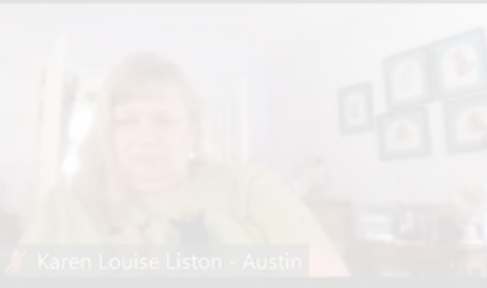
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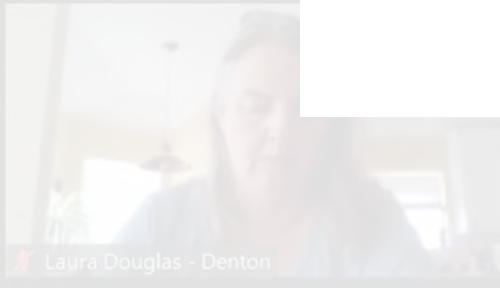
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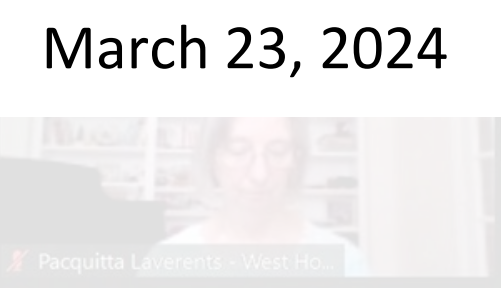
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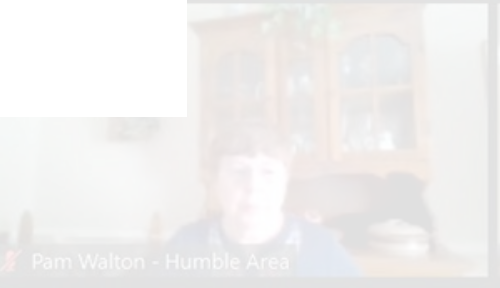
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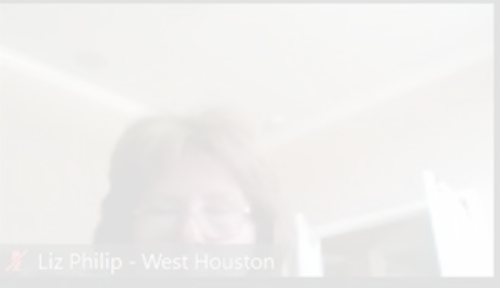
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