

■ Long Days

"From Winnfield to Washington: The Life and Career of Huey P. Long" labels the current attraction at The Historic New Orleans Collection on Royal Street that opened a while back with a reception. The exhibition closes Oct. 11, 2015. It "commemorates the 80th anniversary of the death of controversial Louisiana politician Huey P. Long and uncovers details about Long's life and career beyond the most well-known anecdotes." Attendees — the members (and their guests) at the preview — were amazed at what they beheld. More than 140 documents, maps, objects and photographs are on view from THNOC's holdings.

Thanks for significant gifts of material went to **David Zimman** (The Anna Wynne Watt and Michael D. Wynne Jr. Collection), **Joseph M. Mardesich** (The Joseph M. Mardesich III Collection), and **Rene Steigler** (The Steigler Family Papers, a gift of **Irma M. Steigler**). Although no formal schedule was planned, **Stephanie M. Mardesich** spoke to those gathered for about 10 minutes, discussing the reason her family chose THNOC to house the above collection. She also presented a congressional certificate from Rep. **Janice Kay Hahn** of California's 44th congressional district, the Mardesich family's hometown, commending THNOC's exhibition on Long.

Appropriately, exhibition sponsor Kingfish Kitchen and Cocktails provided the evening's menu of passed hors d'oeuvres (including pulled pork sliders), buffet fare served in The Collection's Counting House, and dessert. The restaurant, a popular, casual French Quarter spot, salutes the Huey Pierce Long era.

Relishing the "Career" components, along with the nice socializing, were THNOC board President **Drew Jardine** with spouse **Julie**, Vice President **John Kallenborn**, board member **Hilton Bell**, board member **John E. Walker** with **Martha**, the above **Irma Steigler** with friend



Shelby Russ, Penny and Al Baumer, Jack Pruitt



Florent Hardy, Stephanie Mardesich, Daniel Hammer

Katherine de Montluzin, Penny and Al Baumer, Ann and Dick Strub, Shelby Russ with daughter **Caroline**, Errol and Peggy Scott Laborde, **William Abbott**, Patricia and Ralph Cox, **Susie Hoskins**, Marjory Lyman, **Andree K. Moss**, **Nannette Shapiro**, Robert E. Young, and **Marilyn S. Rusovich**.

Also, exhibition curators **John Lawrence**, **Amanda McFillen**, and **Matt Farah**; **Stephanie Mardesich** and **Deborah Ann**

Mardesich; and **Mike and Deborah**, donors of the above collection.

The show's catalogue states "It would be difficult to identify a figure in Louisiana's political history who combined a popular appeal and national impact more powerfully than Huey Pierce Long Jr. (1893-1935). Known as the Kingfish, Long was a protagonist in a compelling tale."