

League City Historical Society

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March 2010 Newsletter

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March 25th Meeting



We are very pleased to have as our March speaker, **Ralph Parr**, a Clear Creek ISD Legend. One doesn't have to go too far to see his mark on our community. The new Ralph Parr Elementary School is located on Hwy 3 in League City. Ralph has lived in our area his entire life and will share many stories from the past.

Calendar

**March 25, 2010 - A CCISD Legend -
Ralph Parr**

West Bay Common School Children's Museum
210 Kansas Street, League City
Social 6:45pm Meeting 7:00pm

July 3, 2010 - Teddy Bear Parade

October 7, 2010 - Living History Dinner

October 30, 2010 - Ghosts of the Past

December 11, 2010 - Historic Homes Tour



from the president...

Ronnie Richards

As you read this it is likely that one of the ancient Butler Oaks along Main Street in front of Helen's Garden has been taken down and several others pruned to remove dead limbs. It was diseased to the point that it presented a safety hazard. The City of League City Arborist Heather McKnight has worked closely with the League City Historical Society and other interested parties to keep us informed of what is happening and why. According to Heather there is no funding in the city's budget that would allow for the expenditure necessary to provide professional care for League City's oak trees, including the majestic oaks that are an icon for League City. We are looking into ways to improve this situation in future years.

Our February meeting was held at the new Butler Longhorn Museum. We were treated to a museum tour. It is amazing the progress that has been made. If you haven't visited this museum you should make it a point to check it out or visit them online at www.butlerlonghornmuseum.com. They are located in Heritage Park in the former Walter Hall home.

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 25 at 6:45 pm at the One Room School House Museum. Ralph Parr will be our featured speaker. Ralph or Mr. Parr as I referred to him when he was my high school English teacher has spent almost his entire life involved in Clear Creek ISD. He was a 12-year student, graduating from Webster High School in 1954. He taught English and Journalism at Clear Creek High School for 11 years, was an assistant principal at Clear Lake High School for 11 years, and was Principal of Clear Creek High School for 11 years before retiring in 1994. He ran for the CCISD Board the first time in January 1996, and was re-elected three times. I encourage each of you to bring a guest or guests to our meeting.

Be sure to stop by our web sites at www.leaguecityhistory.org and www.oneroomschoolhouse.org. See you at the meeting.



February 25 Meeting Minutes Sherry Frankovich

Ronnie Richards welcomed everyone to the Butler Longhorn Museum. We had a short business meeting. The secretarial and museum reports were printed in the newsletter. Catharin Lewis told us about speaking at the Rotary Club in League City. Ronnie announced that the membership dues are due on March 1.

Ronnie introduced Bette Specion, who is the President of the Friends of the Butler Longhorn Museum. She welcomed us to the museum and gave us a tour. We enjoyed it.



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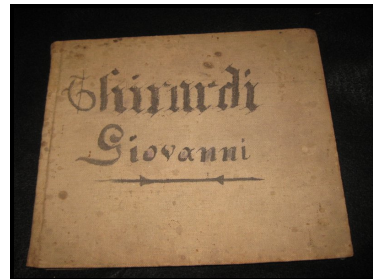
Catharin Lewis, Director / Curator

We are still excited about our new office and storage quarters. Coming to work is such a pleasure knowing that things are not so overcrowded. We continue to get things organized and to update the new locations of the artifacts. This procedure may take some time around our day to day operations. Again, many thanks to Houston Endowment, The Brown Foundation, League City Historical Society and Lunar Rendezvous for their funding support in this project. And special thanks to Patak Construction and Authentic Vintage Contractors for their in-kind donations.

Seven schoolhouse sessions were held in the month of February which included five classes of third graders, one second grade class and one senior group with a total of 135 paying visitors and seven teachers. Other groups rescheduled for later dates due to the cold weather. Some schoolhouse program dates are still available for March, April or May. Interested groups should register soon by phone or on-line at the website - www.oneroomschoolhouse.org. In addition to the regular class sessions, I spoke before the Ladies Auxiliary Group of twenty-five members in attendance.

We want to thank Art Hewitt, Judy Mobley and Dorothy Ludwig for their recent donations to our Museum Collection. Art Hewitt donated a League City Fire Department Baseball type hat to add to our League City Fire House collection and his daughter, Judy Hewitt Mobley donated a cotton bonnet belonging to a former

teacher of the Little Green Schoolhouse, Mrs. Scholes. This is a delightful addition to our schoolhouse collection. Both, Mrs. Mobley and Mr. Hewitt also shared their family pictures for us to scan into the computer and add to our local history files. Dorothy Ludwig donated an original Galveston County Warranty Deed between the Darrow family and the Ghirardi Family, dated Aug. 24, 1926 and a book, The Pacific Express Company – Bill of Lading received from Giovanni Ghirardi 1914 – 1919. We are excited to add this to our railroad collection. Anyone wanting to donate school memorabilia, local business memorabilia or other League City artifacts to the museum should see Catharin during office hours or call for an appointment.



Programs and exhibits are still on the drawing board, but details should be completed soon. We are making plans for the spring clean-up workday. The gardens need some attention after the winter freeze and the windows will need to be washed. We are also hoping to get some extra help to paint the schoolhouse. We will plan a special lunch for our volunteers that day. Watch for this upcoming date and plan to join our team.

Special thanks to Bertha Adams, Barbara Vermillion, Jennifer Yang, Kathie Nenner and Richard Lewis and my other volunteers who continue to support the program and share in the work around the Museum. Their helping hands, energy and smiles are my bonus to a work day.

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League City Historic District Commission Report to the League City Historical Society

Fay Dudney

LCHS Rep. to the LCHDC

Denied a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a waiver that required a sign to be limited to displaying the name of the business, address and logo for a business at 901 E. Main Street.

Approved a request to revise the exterior color of the trim on a building at 1015 E. Main Street.

Administratively approved a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a business registration permit, a tenant sign on a ground sign, and a wall sign for a retail shop at 1015 E. Main Street.

Approved a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a wall sign at 615 E. Main, formerly "Avo's Cafe".



We thank Deborah Gammon and Carol Dowell for this month's refreshments.

Note: Volunteers are still needed for our April meeting. Please contact Doris Teets, Hospitality Chairman.

A big thank you to **Isidoro Bahena** of **Bahena Lawn Service** for his continued dedication and support to the LCHS. For over 15 years, he has cared for our museum property. Please remember them should you need yard maintenance. They can be reached at P. O. Box 601, Dickinson, TX 77539.



Membership Renewals Due Diana Dornak, Treasurer

It is time to renew membership in the League City Historical Society. You may bring your form and check to our next meeting instead of mailing if you wish.

New members who paid in October to the present are not due. Your dues are paid through 2010.

Life Members do not renew as their dues are paid.

2010 League City Historical Society

Dues Form

Dues for various types of memberships are as listed below

Choose the membership level that is best for you.

Complete the form and mail it with your check

Mail to: League City Historical Society, Inc.

P. O. Box 1642

League City, Texas 77574

- \$25 Single Membership
- \$40 Family Membership
- \$15 Senior Citizen Membership
(65 years old and older)
- \$50 Organization Membership
- \$250 Life Membership

Note: If you have paid your dues in October 2009 or later, you are current for the year 2010.

Please update your membership information.

Name: _____

(If Family Membership, please include names of family members.)

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Home: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Check if your name, address or email has changed recently.

Check if you would like to receive your newsletter, meeting minutes and/or meeting notices by email, to help save on postage.