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March 2011 Newsletter

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March 31st Meeting

Come hear this excellent presentation about Civil War medical practices by Larry Mink . Larry will inform us about the state of medicine and field medical operations during the War for Southern Independence. Larry wears the uniform of a Southern doctor, and is able to articulate and demonstrate the harsh conditions and procedures endured by the wounded.

Calendar



- March 31 LCHS Meeting
Larry Mink
Civil War Medical Practices
West Bay Common School
Children's Museum
210 Kansas Street, League City
Social 6:45pm Meeting 7:00pm
- April 28 LCHS Meeting
Ernie Randall
Personal Gun Collection
- April 16 West Bay Common School
Children's Museum
Working Hands and Immigrants
Open House 10:00am-2:00pm



We thank Catharin Lewis and Kathie Nenninger for this month's refreshments



from the president...

Ronnie Richards

Finally some great weather has arrived. If you haven't been through the Historic District lately you owe it to yourself to drive through. The azaleas and other spring flowers are blooming and they are beautiful.

Our February meeting took the form of a field trip on a thirty passenger trolley all the way up to the 1940 Air Terminal Museum.

In case you haven't heard the City of League City recently received a \$125,000 grant under the Houston-Galveston Area Council Livable Cities program. This grant will fund a study that will focus on Main Street through the Historic District. The City has surveyed citizens and found they want walkable destinations not more strip centers, malls and big box retailers. Ultimately it will mean more sidewalks along Main, a cohesive marketable identity, improved way finding systems (signs) and hopefully new destinations in the form of shops, restaurants and possibly a public market. All this while preserving the residential neighborhoods and unique qualities already associated with the Historic District.

Our next meeting is set for Thursday night March 31 and the speaker is Larry Mink who will talk to us about Civil War Medical Practices. We will need several volunteers from the audience so he can demonstrate what the latest medical techniques were in the Civil War era.



Meeting Minutes

Diane Kerkhove

February 24th

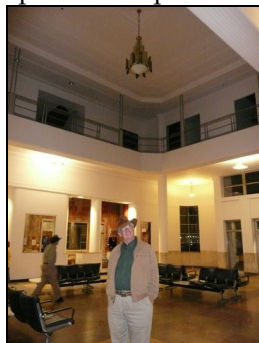
There was no business meeting at the February 24 meeting. A shuttle bus took everyone to the 1940 Air Terminal Museum at Hobby Airport. Capt. A. J. High spoke about his experiences in the airline industry then led visitors on a tour of the museum. He wrote a book, Meant To Fly, which can be purchased at the museum or other places.

Field Trip Adventure

Richard Lewis



Last month, 30 of our members went by trolley on a field trip. We had an exciting time visiting another museum. The 1940 Air Terminal Museum at Hobby Airport was our destination. Captain A.J. High, Chief Pilot for Trans-Texas Airways, talked to us about his life experiences during the war and the early years of the commercial airline industry. Captain High became a pilot for the US Army Air Corps when he was just 18 years old. In 1947 he became a commercial airline pilot for Trans-Texas Airways (TTA) and is currently the last living TTA pilot. His career spanned the evolution of commercial airliners from the DC-3 prop planes to the DC-9 jet. He kept us mesmerized with his first-hand accounts of near disasters and personal experiences.



You will notice in the pictures that some of the rooms are still rather rough while others have been beautifully restored with art deco plaster walls and the original marble floors. This Museum is still in the restoration phase for most of its public space with a little less than

1/2 of the first floor being completed. Talk about a behind the scenes tour...



We will be going on 2-3 more field trips this year, so keep your eyes peeled



MusNews

Catharin Lewis,
Director / Curator

Flowers are blooming, birds are singing and spring is just around the corner, thanks to Kathie and Garet Nenner who donated and planted beautiful pansies in our schoolhouse gardens recently. I cannot tell you how delighted I am that attention is now being spent on our gardens. This has been a dream of mine for years. I really want to thank everyone who has had some part in this project.

We need to thank David and Evelyn Garland for the electronic copy of the League City Depot from an old postcard in their collection. We are always looking for old photos, cards and memorabilia of League City.

We brought in \$1448.75 during the month of February with \$792 in program fees and \$656.75 in gift shop sales. We held 12 schoolhouse sessions with groups coming from Conroe, Katy, Klein, Houston and Nassau Bay and 198 teachers and students. We held the second AASLH Webinar training session with five in attendance. The third Webinar in March was postponed to a later date. On February 5th, our Open House Event had 92 visitors.

Our next Saturday **Open House – “Working Hands and Immigrants” Event** is scheduled for **April 16 from 10 – 2pm**. Once again we will have fourth grade students presenting Immigrant speeches. This time students will be from Bay Elementary and White Elementary. We also will highlight local craftsman sharing their talents and their wares. Among the craftsman, there will be a Rope maker, a Leatherworker, a Branding Iron hobbyist, a Stained Glass artisan, a Quilter, and the Victorian Lady. We are still open for more vendors, if you have a talent and want to share a few hours of your time with the community. Please invite you family and friends and visit our **OPEN HOUSE – “Working Hands and Immigrants”**.



League City Historic
District Commission Report
LCHS Rep. to the LCHDC
...Fay Dudney

FEBRUARY 17, 2011

Commissioners approved a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a new porch on a residential structure at 1021 Satsuma.

Commission members shared their opinions and concerns regarding the use of existing neon "Open" signs at businesses within the Historic District. The Preservation Plan does not permit the use of neon signage. Several business owners present, voiced their concerns as well.

Tony Allender presented and reviewed the proposed revisions to the Historic District Guideline Draft highlighting Thoroughfares, Lot Specifications and Landscape and Architectural patterns currently visible in the Historic District and nearby Marshall Addition. Information will be forthcoming.

Administrative Approvals for business permits during the month January included:

KG Weddings at 713 2nd Street Suite C-2

Barron and Barron Photography 713 2nd Street Suite C-1



ANNUAL EASTER FESTIVAL

Presented By

The Heritage Foundation of League City

APRIL 16, 2010 9AM - 3PM

The Easter Egg Hunt Will Take Place at 12:00 Noon

Join us for a fun day in League Park

Kids Activities

Easter Bonnet Contest

Vendors

Cake Walk



AND A SPECIAL VISIT BY THE EASTER BUNNY!



It is time to renew...
Become a supporting member
of the
League City Historical Society



2011 Dues Form
League City Historical Society

Thank You for being a member of the League City Historical Society. It is time to renew membership for 2011. Dues for various types of memberships are as listed below.

To renew your membership, choose the membership level that is best for you, Clip and complete the form and mail to **LCHS, P. O. Box 1642, League City, TX 77574**. You may also bring renewal and check to the next meeting.

- \$25 Single Membership
- \$40 Family Membership
- \$15 Senior Citizen Membership
- \$50 Organization Membership
- \$250 Life Membership

Please update your membership information.

Name: _____

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

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home Phone _____

Cell Phone: _____

email 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.