February 2018 Newsletter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 22
Peter Davis
“History of Lifesaving in Galveston”

March 22
Ruth Ann Rugg
“Challenges Facing Small Museums”

April 21
Yard Sale Fundraiser

April 26
Michael Bailey
“Small Things Matter: Personal Equipment in WWI”

April 28
Museum Open House
“Remembering Our Teachers”

May 31
Mark Lardas, Author
“Texas Shipwecks”

SAVE THESE DATES!

Welcome to Our Newest Member
Stephanie Dorsey

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR MEETING!!

Our Speaker for February 22nd Meeting
Peter Davis
“History of Lifesaving in Galveston”

Peter Davis is the Chief of the Galveston Island Beach Patrol and of the Park Board Police Department. He started working for the Beach Patrol in 1983. He is the Secretary General of the Americas Region of the International Lifesaving Federation, as well as the President of the United States Lifesaving Association. He holds a B. A. in Psychology from Trinity University and a M.F.A. in Studio Art from the University of California-Davis.

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Start cleaning out your closets! We need your stuff! April 22, 2018
Doug McKee welcomed everyone to the meeting. He announced that bringing in a WWI mobile museum was discussed at the most recent Historical Society Board meeting (January 13, 2018), to be displayed at the Barn Museum. The event will last for four days, tentatively October 24 – 27, with set-up on October 23rd and take-down October 28th. The cost of this event is $5000, and grants will be applied for to pay or this event, if needed. Several have donated money to offset the expense (Doug McKee, Catharin and Richard Lewis, Ronnie Richards, and the Galveston Historical Commission). After lengthy email discussion among Board members, a Motion had been made by Richard Lewis to bring in the WWI mobile museum and seconded by Melodey Hauch, and the “Yes” votes prevailed. (See http://www.ww1mobilemuseum.com/in-the-news.html.)

Doug expressed his appreciation for the hard work done by the Board, and thanked Helen Hodges for her offer to pay for a limited number of lifetime memberships.

Catharin Lewis has applied for a grant from Engage Houston, for which she plans to hold open houses at the Museum and Schoolhouse, followed by surveys and a teacher appreciation event. She has been very busy with teaching classes.

Doug recognized Stephanie McDougal, who has volunteered to handle arranging speakers for our monthly meetings. Steph pointed out the recent increase in lifetime dues (from $250 to $400) and challenged those who have already paid to make another payment to the Society of the $150 difference.

Stephanie introduced the speaker, Lora-Marie Bernard, who spoke of “The Counterfeit Prince of Old Texas: Swindling Slaver Monroe Edwards”. Monroe Edwards (1808 – 1847) was a confidence man, forger, and slave trader. Edwards learned the merchant business from Col. James Morgan, for whom Morgan’s Point is named, and Edwards’ father was named either Amos Moses or Moses Edwards, for whom Moses Lake is named. Edwards used the money he made dealing in slaves to buy land in Texas. He housed slaves at his Brazoria County plantation, called Chenango, and established a slave market near San Leon. He once persuaded abolitionists to give him money to liberate his own slaves kept at Chenango, but of course kept the money and the slaves. Edwards was eventually arrested in New York for obtaining fraudulent loans secured by forged documents. His trial in 1842 was a media sensation, and “the Great Forger” was sentenced to 10 years. He died in Sing Sing in 1847.

Meeting adjourned.

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.”

~Oscar Wilde
Curator’s Corner

Catharin Lewis

Schools are now registering for our Spring schoolhouse sessions. Last month, we held six schoolhouse sessions with a total of 320 visitors which include a very successful Open House on January 27th. More than 60 people visited the Museum and enjoyed listening to the Columbia Grafonola and the player piano. We enjoyed sandwiches from Ludwig Catering, Moon Pies, Cherry Mash and home-baked goodies from Debra Gammon, Doris Teets, Diana Dornak and The Tea House Under the Oaks. We really appreciated all who helped make the day a success.

We are proud to announce that we now have two new volunteers, Karen McNamara and Bev Morrison, sharing their time at the museum and helping with work behind the scenes by making copies and working with the collection. We still could use more help on Tuesday or Thursday for three hours if you have the time to share. Please just stop by and your help be much appreciated.

We are conducting a study about how people in League City spend their time; learn about events to attend and about giving to non-profits. We need your help. Please take time to participate in our survey. Your input will help us to further our mission and improve our services throughout the community. We want to hear from you.” If you have a chance, stop by the museum, visit our WWI exhibit and fill out our survey.

Collection Highlight

Many of the German dolly-faced dolls are unmarked as to manufacturer, and there are many manufacturers that had their names and other details literally obliterated by the World Wars. Germany, France, and Denmark created china heads in the 1840’s and by 1860’s these were preplaced with bisque heads. German bisque dolls, have finely detailed features (such as feathered brows and individual upper and lower eyelashes) Germany, France, and Denmark started creating china heads for dolls in the 1840s. China heads were replaced by heads made of bisque in the 1860s. Bisque, which is fired twice with color added to it after the first firing, looked more like skin than china did.

Heubach - Keppeladerf Doll "Twin"

“You may not have saved a lot of money in your life, but if you have saved a lot of heartaches for other folks, you are a pretty rich man.”

~Seth Parker
Thank you for being a member of the League City Historical Society. It is time to renew membership for 2018. The various types of memberships with the associated dues are listed below.

To renew your membership, select the membership level that is best for you, complete the form below and mail to: LCHS P. O. Box 1642, League City, Texas 77574.

You may also bring the form and check to the next meeting or drop it off at the Schoolhouse Museum.

### CATEGORY
- Student / Active Military: $20
- Senior (60 and over): $25
- Senior Couple: $35
- Single (Individual): $35
- Family: $50
- Supporting Patron: $100
- Life Membership: $400

### BUSINESS CATEGORY
- Business Member: $100
- Business Partner: $200
- Business Leader: $300

Please update your membership information here.

Name: _____________________________________________________
(if family Membership, please include names of family members)

Address: ___________________________________________________

City: _______________ State: _______ Zip: ____________

Phone: _______________ Cell: _____________________

Email address: ____________________________________________

- Check if your name, address or email has changed recently.
- Check if you would like to receive you newsletter, meeting minutes and or meeting notices by email, to help save postage.