League City Historical Society presents

Living History Dinner

Jeffrey W. Hunt
The experience of the 36th Infantry Division (Texas National Guard) in the Great War

Thursday, July 19, 2018
Butler’s Courtyard

You still have time to purchase tickets to the dinner. Silent auction and social begins at 6:00pm with dinner at 7pm. Our entertainment will be Jeffrey William Hunt, the Director of the Texas Military Forces Museum at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas. You will not want to miss this event!

Tickets available at www.leaguecityhistory.org and www.oneroomschoolhouse.org or call 281-554-2994.

Sponsor Tables Available!

We still need more Silent Auction Items!
Bring your donations to Nana’s Attic at 501 East Main Street #3 or to the One-Room Schoolhouse – West Bay Common School Children’s Museum at 210 North Kansas. Deadline July 16th.

“Keep your face to the sun and you will never see the shadows”. -Helen Keller
Summer brings the sunshine, heat and much needed rain too. With the longer days, we have more time to get things done. Eighty-five visitors came in June and several classes are planned for the month of July.

Unfortunately the rain cancelled the annual Teddy Bear Parade this year, But we had lots of volunteers who showed up to prepare for the event and special thanks to the seven sponsors who supported the activity. Those donations will be saved for next year’s event.

Work continues on the restoration of the Icehouse Barbershop. Dave Hake is doing a wonderful job in his free time. We thank him for his detail work and for Daryll Krogman for preparing the lettering for the building when the painting is complete. When the outside is done, repairs to the inside will begin.

Preparations for the Fall schedule are underway. Groups are beginning to register for the schoolhouse programs. Cleaning and repairs are being done inside the schoolhouse and the bus barn. Work continues on digitizing the collection. Much progress is being made and some items are being cleaned and repaired as we go.

“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away”.

- William Shakespeare
Steph McDougal welcomed everyone to the meeting. Catharin Lewis reminded us of the Teddy Bear Parade on July 4 (volunteers are still needed) and the Living History Dinner on July 19 at Butler’s Courtyard (online tickets are still available for purchase through July 15.). Catharin reported that classes are slow right because it’s summer time. She and Richard have just returned from the One-Room Schoolhouse conference. Attendees for the conference came from 21 states.

Steph thanked Katie Hake for the great job on the invitations and programs for the Living History Dinner.

Steph introduced our speaker, Abra Schnur, whose topic was “Next Steps in Oral History: Preservation, Presentation, Promotion.” Abra gave recommendations on what to do with the Historical Society’s oral histories. She strongly encouraged having the cassettes digitized and that we should have 3 copies of every oral history. She showed numerous examples of how to display oral histories on our webpage, FaceBook, and other social media. She recommended we expand our collection by having League City citizens come in to record their memories of the City’s history or of a special event, etc. Following are websites Abra gave us for those who are interested in oral histories:

Omeka (Digital Collection Platform) – [https://www.omeka.org/](https://www.omeka.org/)
Wordpress (Blogging Platform) - [https://wordpress.org/](https://wordpress.org/)
Memory Lab (Digitization services, open to the public, by the Houston Metropolitan Research Center, Coming Winter 2019) – [www.houstonlibrary.org/houston-metropolitan-research-center](http://www.houstonlibrary.org/houston-metropolitan-research-center)
Audacity (Free Audio Editing Software) - [https://www.audacityteam.org/](https://www.audacityteam.org/)

Oral History Websites:
Palo Alto College Oral History Archive – [https://pac-oha.org](https://pac-oha.org)

Oral Histories using OHMS:
Quilt Alliance - [http://www.quiltalliance.org/portfolio-tags/listen-to-audio](http://www.quiltalliance.org/portfolio-tags/listen-to-audio)

Oral Histories used in Podcasts:
Swamp Ward History – [https://www.swampwardhistory.org/podcasts](https://www.swampwardhistory.org/podcasts)

Oral History as Exhibition:
Challenges in Exhibiting Oral History - [https://blog.oup.com/2016/03/exhibiting-oral-history/](https://blog.oup.com/2016/03/exhibiting-oral-history/)

Meeting adjourned.
The League City Historical Society presents the

World War I 100th Anniversary Mobile Museum

October 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th 2018

Open daily noon - 8 PM

210 North Kansas, League City, Texas 77573
League City Historical Society’s Barn Museum

* Free Admission *
Tours of 30 guests start at top of each hour

*Special Preview Evening for LCHS Membership only on
Wednesday, October 24th 6-8 pm*

This is a nationally recognized traveling museum and a very exciting event for our Society. We will need volunteers to help facilitate guests and visitors at the museum so please volunteer your time!

If you are interested in participating/volunteering for this amazing opportunity we will need people to - docent our museum artifacts, set-up/sell for LCHS gift shop, organize guests for tours, help with parking, plan the Preview evening, schedule volunteers, or serve as greeters.

Please contact Katie @ kbenolthakes@comcast.net or 281-415-1227 if you are available to fill a position.

For more information about this traveling museum, www.ww1mobilemuseum.com
Did you know... about the history of the gazebo?

By Melodey Mozeley Hauch

My family moved to League City in 1984, making us relative newcomers around here. I have been fond of the gazebo in League Park since we moved and just recently learned about the history of the little structure.

When League Park was established in 1895, the bandstand in the park became a hub for local activities like campaign speeches and revivals. The 1900 storm demolished the bandstand which was quickly replaced with a two-level structure. A ten-piece band began to play on the top level on Sunday nights with the lower level used to sell homemade ice cream for a nickel per serving.

The bandstand was neglected for years and was demolished in 1949. The city decided to rebuild it as part of the American bicentennial celebration, this time with one level only. With the League City Garden Club in charge, fourteen local societies donated funds to allow industrial arts students at Clear Creek High to begin construction. The “Bicentennial Bandstand” was dedicated on July 4, 1976 – this was its true name instead of “the gazebo in the park.” So the answer to my initial question is - I didn't know but I'll bet most of you did.