June 26, 2008 Meeting

The new **Main Street Strategic Plan** is the subject of the program for our June Meeting. **Tony Allender**, new Director of Land Management for the City of League City, will be presenting this new project, which is focusing on the revitalization of Main Street from 270 to the Gulf Freeway.

This is an exciting project that will really be a benefit to ‘our corner,’ and you will be inspired by Tony’s presentation.

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**Calendar**

**June 26, 2008:** LCHS Meeting  
**Program:** Main Street Strategic Plan  
West Bay Common School Children’s Museum  
210 Kansas, League City  
Refreshments 6:45pm Meeting 7:00pm

**October 9, 2008:** Living History Dinner  
**October 25, 2008:** Ghosts of the Past:  
The Greatest Generation  
**December 13, 2008:** Historical Homes Tour

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**from the president…**

To my Historical Friends,

Summer is here and everyone gets a chance to relax a little before ginning up again for fall.

There are exciting things happening in our town that are going to be great for our part of town.

Though we are not political, we are delighted that we have a new Mayor, Toni Randall, daughter-in-law of former Society President and longtime member Ernie Randall. Since we know the family, we are certain League City is in for good times ahead. Congratulations, Ernie.

The League City Chamber has organized my dream group, to band together to generate interest and improve the Historic District. The group is made up of representatives of our Society, the Heritage Foundation, the Butler Longhorn Museum, Butlers Courtyard, the Chamber and various shops. This group will be working closely with the City on the new Main Street Strategic Plan, that you will hear about at our June meeting.

The City is rewriting the Tree Ordinance and is recognizing us as a tree reference source, based on my pushing our program under their noses, and will be using our Tree Registry book in their preparation of the new Ordinance.

We are close to finishing all the details for the expanded parking on Second Street and plan to have it ready by the start of school.

See you on the 26th.

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**Joanna Sharp**
May 29, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Sherry Frankovich

Joanna Sharp, our President, welcomed everyone. She introduced the speaker, Heather Wooten.

Heather Wooten spoke about Japanese settlers in Webster and League City. Seito Saibara came with 30 Japanese settlers in 1905 and established a colony in Webster. They had rice farms until WWI. Then, they had truck farms, which they trucked their vegetables to the train station.

Joanna thanked our speaker. Then, she recognized Diane Gillette to give the Finance/Grant Committee report. We entered into a contract with SSCI, which will help us to get more grants for the school and Museum.

There will be a Homes Tour on December 13. Diana Dornak informed us that her committee has chosen 4 homes and the school for this tour.

Catharin Lewis said her report was printed in the newsletter. She did report that the volunteers will take a field trip to Santa Fe Train Depot.

Ronnie Richards told us about the Living History Dinner on October 9.

Meeting dismissed at 8:10 P.M.

May News

Catharin Lewis, Director / Curator

May was a full month of classes and daily work at the Museum. We had groups coming from Humble, New Caney, Dickinson, and all over Houston. We held 34 sessions that included one adult group and two scout troops among the public schools, private schools and homes school groups with 689 visitors from these groups. We also had 12 walk-in visitors during the month of May.

We held a Volunteer Outing with a trip to the Santa Fe Railroad Museum and then out to lunch. There were ten of us that were able to attend. I really appreciate the help these volunteers do during the year and it is always fun to treat them to a special outing. Here are some photos of the event where Charles Meek gave a wonderful docent talk about the history of Santa Fe, Hitchcock and Alta Loma.

We cleaned most of the main Museum in the process and will continue to clean throughout the summer months. The Cemetery project is also filling up much of my time now that classes are over and things are a bit quieter around the Museum. Registrations for the summer months and even the fall are beginning to fill up the calendar. We will be raising the cost to $4 per
person for the class sessions in September, so I am in the process of designing a new brochure. I will keep you up to date on other projects as I complete these. We look forward to an exciting summer with exhibit work and other projects.

Richard and I will be attending the Annual One-Room Schoolhouse Conference in Oxford, Ohio at Miami University of Ohio, June 15 - 18. Richard will be presenting a session on “Getting Noticed in a Noisy World”. I will be in charge of photography this year at the convention.

THE GREATEST GENERATION
GHOSTS OF THE PAST TOUR
OCTOBER 25, 2008

Deborah C. Gammon, Chairman
One Man’s Family Part II

Frank W. Elderkin was born in Edinborough, Pa. He, his wife, Lois Depew Elderkin, and family left Pennsylvania before 1920. He left his father, Dennis Elderkin, who was a survivor of the Civil War. Dennis Elderkin had fought for the Union in Co. H., 98th Regiment PA Infantry. A sister, Mrs. Frank (Estella) Smith also remained in Pennsylvania. The family moved to Texas, first living in Hardin County before coming to Galveston County, prior to the 1930 census. Frank and Lois had ten children. They lost their son, Floyd Earl Elderkin when his ship, the Louisiana Merchant Marine Vessel, was sunk in the Caribbean on August 17, 1942. They lost their son George R. Elderkin on March 1, 1945. Frank, Lois, and George Elderkin are buried in Block #88.

Zenkichi Imai and his bride, Yoshi Kuwabora Imai, left Yokohama, Japan and traveled to the United States via Canada. They arrived in Vancouver, British Columbia on the Empress of India March 1, 1906. With $150.00 in their pockets, they traveled to Webster, Texas to begin a new life. Zenkichi and Yoshi Kuwabora had six children. Suichi Imai was a graduate of Milby High School class of 1940. He enlisted in the U. S. Army October 9, 1941. Zenkichi, Yoshi, and Suichi Imai are buried in Block #103.

Join us October 25, 2008 to learn more about these and other WWII veterans and their families.

A Special Welcome to Our New Members
Earl Stanley Moore
Caris Brown

Holiday HOME TOUR
Diana Dornak, chairman

The Holiday Home Tour is scheduled for Saturday, December 13 from 10am to 5pm. The committee is busy working on getting the lineup of homes to be open for the tour, the brochures and flyers. Details are expected to be announced later in the summer.

The next meeting of the Holiday Home Tour Committee will be Tuesday, June 24 - 10:00am at the home of Diana Dornak. If anyone is interested in being on the committee and attend the meeting or wants to be a part of the event, please call Diana Dornak.281-316-2122 or email her at diana.dornak1@verizon.net. Everyone is welcome.

LCHS 2008 Yearbook

We are in the process of compiling data for this year’s yearbook. Chairman, Kathy Weisskopf will be asking for your help in selling ads to our local community businesses.

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Family Trees
Melodey Hauch

The League City Genealogical Society will not meet in June, July and August. Our next meeting will be on September 8th. By the way, the familysearchlabs.org website with abstracts of Texas death certificates from 1890-1976 now has images of the actual certificates available. When you click on a name, you will see the image of the certificate on the far right. Log in to http://search.labs.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html?dastamp=1209177769359 to register.