June 25th 2015 Meeting

Historical Cooking: Learn how to cook the old fashioned way

Our June speaker, Joan Peeples, is the Librarian at Brookwood Elementary School in CCISD (30 years as teacher and Librarian) and also a Librarian in the Youth Department at Helen Hall Library in League City, where she has been a Librarian for more than 11 years. She has a keen interest in history and has recently returned from Washington State where she visited several museums in the Seattle/Tacoma areas. Last year she visited the Washington, D.C. area and is even has a Library Card from the Library of Congress. She is also interested in food and cooking, and her program will be about pioneer foods and cooking. She will be demonstrating their preparation and ingredients and bringing samples to taste as well as giving information about the times, foods, and places where they were cooked. Joan will be accompanied by Selenia Paz, the Children’s Librarian in the Youth Department at Helen Hall Library.

Calendar

**June 25**

Joan Peeples

**Historical Cooking: Learn how to cook the old fashioned way**

**July**

**NO MEETING**

**August**

Elizabeth Quigley

The Lost Art of Letter Writing: Look what email has done to us

**September**

Charlie Gordy

From Toxic to Terrific - The move of Campbell’s Bayou Cemetery from Texas City to Forest Park East.

The Bus Barn next to the
West Bay Common School Children’s Museum
210 Kansas Street, League City
6:45pm Social ~ 7:00pm Meeting

from the President…
Doug McKee

We start with ‘schools out’ and summer is here, even before the official date, June 21st. The great work done by our school’s museum for the summer season has begun. I do want to thank Jennifer Wycoff for the work she did during her short term with us. I wish her the best in the future. We all know how much she enjoys being involved with preserving history. Thank you, Jennifer. Yes, my gold star goes to Kathie Nenninger for the fantastic work on the LCHS Newsletter with others from the LCHS Board of Directors contributing. A special thanks to Phyllis White, Catharin Lewis, Mike Peterson, Darryl Krogman and The Sign Shop staff, Jay Ewens and his Simply Fresh Restaurant staff, Helen Hodges, Catherine Gill, Doris Teets, Jennifer Wycoff, and Diana Dornak for the successful Rummage Sale. Our second quarter ends with many accolades as we look forward to July, August, and September. Starting off with a bang will be our annual Teddy Bear Parade, Saturday, July 4th. If you like to see JOY in kid’s eyes and adults too, make sure you join the fun Saturday, July 4th. Last, but not least, I want to thank those who have made a commitment to LCHS by coming on board as “Life Members”. Membership dues are the backbone to LCHS to be grand in all that we do for history for a lifetime. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. See you July 4th and remember our troops, past and present, for the freedoms we have.   GOD BLESS AMERICA
May 28, 2015 Meeting

Vice President, Joyce Zongrone, introduced this month’s speaker, Matt Falco. Mr. Falco has written a book about some of the Italians who lived in Dickinson. The Falco family has lived in the area for quite a while and owned several businesses in the Dickinson area – ice houses, movie theaters, drycleaners, and farms. Despite prejudice, Italians played a role in the history of Dickinson, and there are 8 streets along Highway 3 named for Italian families. He mentioned other famous Dickinsonians, including Walter Hall. Mr. Falco is going to write another book and would like to interview anyone who has a story to tell about League City or Dickinson.

It was announced that League City will have a meeting on June 6 to discuss renovations to Main Street.

Catharin Lewis reminded us of the July 4th Teddy Bear parade; the HS garage sale made about $1,400; and through the Hotel Occupancy Tax, the museum was given a $9,500 grant to finish the garden classroom and seating.

Joyce brought up reinstating the memberships of honorary members. Doris Teets made the motion to do so, seconded by Jennifer Wycoff, and the vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

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Memorial Day at Fairview Cemetery

LCHS member Deborah Gammon and Galveston County Probate Judge Kim Sullivan are shown visiting the headstones of World War I veterans Frank Ellis and Oscar Juenger. Judge Sullivan was instrumental in helping Deborah obtain the headstones from the VA by declaring Deborah next of kin which eventually led to the discovery of distant relatives of both veterans.

Members of Fairview Cemetery Group get together after the Memorial Day remembrance ceremony conducted by the American Legion.

League City Historic District
Commission Report

LCHS Rep. to the LCHDC

...Fay Dudney

Commissioners approved a Certificate of Appropriateness for an existing structure of a wooden covered picnic shelter/outdoor classroom and a brick paved walkway for the West Bay Common School Children’s Museum at 210 North Kansas Ave.

The museum will be closed June 15 – 26 while Richard and I attend the Country School Association of America’s Annual Conference held this year in Saratoga Springs, New York. We will then attend another living history museum conference, ALHFAM, in Williamsburg, VA.

The museum will be open in July and August and many schoolhouse programs are scheduled for these months. We will be open our normal hours through July and August. If you have guests from out of town, be sure to bring them by for a visit.

Our Summer Camps are being postponed to the fall since there is a lot of competition and our chosen dates could not fit everyone’s schedules. In our fall program planning, we plan to hold Day Camps and these dates will be announced in the next newsletter.

A big thank you to Jennifer Wycoff for all that she has accomplished at our schoolhouse and museum in such a short time. Her artistic touches, together with her acquisition of several very meaningful donations will be with us for a very long time. We look forward to the opening of the new Galveston County Museum under her leadership. Best of luck in your new position, Jennifer!
Did you know that …?
By Joyce Zongrone

Did you know that the main route between Galveston and Houston for more than forty years crossed over the Old Clear Creek Bridge at the end of North Kansas Street bordering Fairview Cemetery?

In July 1895, the people of League City were “considerably worried over the prospects of getting a bridge across Clear Creek at this place,” according to the Galveston Daily News. A year later, C.O. Horton, an agent of the Chicago Bridge and Iron Company, submitted plans for Clear Creek Bridge to the Galveston County Surveyor and to County Commissioner Westerlaje. By the beginning of December 1896, “cars of iron material” began arriving. Two months later, in February 1897, County Inspector B.A. Smalley was paid $37.50 to inspect the bridge. It connected Webster and Houston to the north to League City and Galveston to the south and linked the main road between Houston and Galveston until its demolition before Highway 3 was built in 1939.

Fairview Cemetery Memorial Day Celebration, 1911, with Clear Creek Bridge in the background.

Modern day remnants of an iron support of the Clear Creek Bridge

Three women wearing Victorian-style attire, sitting together in a small row boat at Clear Creek Bridge which once stood at the end of Kansas Street in League City

Local fisherman on dock with Clear Creek Bridge in background
Create your own “Patriotic” Float and have a parade.

**Saturday July 4th, 2015**
**10:30am Parade**

Line up at 10am in front of the one-room schoolhouse

**Annual TEDDY BEAR PARADE**

Presented by
**WEST BAY COMMON SCHOOL CHILDREN’S MUSEUM**
210 North Kansas
League City, Texas 77573
Sponsored by
D&D PEST & TERMITE CONTROL

Decorate your Bike, Scooter, wagon or anything on wheels!
March from the Museum along Second Street to Butler’s Courtyard.
Individual Prizes will be awarded for children 0-16 years

QUESTIONS .... call 281-554-2994

Afterwards stay and enjoy a Petting Zoo, Pony rides, Moon walk, with FREE food and Entertainment at League Park beginning at 11:30am
Meet Mr. Draper and the Reverend Shane
and Travel the Natchez Trace

Trevia Wooster Beverly Seminar
Saturday, July 11, 2015

at University Baptist Church in the Chapel on the first floor
16106 Middlebrook Drive, Houston, TX 77059

Hosted by Bay Area Genealogical Society
www.TXBayAreaGen.org

Cost: FREE to BAGS members.
$10 for non-members (cash or check)

If you plan to attend, please email your name to
VicePresident2@TxBayAreaGen.org by July 1 for planning purposes.

- Did your ancestors move west after the American Revolution, living between the Appalachian Mountains and the Mississippi River during the years from about 1780 to 1860?

- Did your ancestors live in the Lower Mississippi River Valley from 1760 to the 1920s?

Discover what and how information can be found in the Lyman Copeland Draper, Rev. John Dabney Shane, and Natchez Trace extensive compiled manuscript collections available at Clayton Library. Mrs. Beverly will provide an extensive outline for each collection and bring books from her private library for display.

9:00am  Registration
10:00am  Beverly presents Meet Mr. Draper and the Reverend Shane
11:30am  Potluck snacks (optional) – Bring sandwiches, salads, or dessert to share
12:30pm  Beverly presents Traveling the Natchez Trace
2:00pm  Optional research session supported by BAGS members (ends at 4:00pm)
        Free WiFi available. Bring your laptops and mobile devices.
2015 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 below 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 2010 or later, you are current for the year 2011.

Please update your membership information.

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

Address ________________________________________________________________

City__________________________________________State________________Zip___________

Phone: Home Phone_______________________________ Cell Phone: _____________________

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☐ 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.