JUNE, 2017

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Calendar of Events

JULY
No Meeting

AUGUST
Mark Keehn
History of the National Weather Service Radar in League City: How Did League City get the Houston/Galveston National Weather Service to be Located HERE?

SEPTEMBER
Doryn Glenn
The History of the Judicial System in Galveston County

OCTOBER
TBA

NOVEMBER
Melody Hauch
“The 2015 Excavation and Relocation of Campbell's Bayou Cemetery.”

June 29th Speaker

Jim Bevill, Author

“Gunboat Diplomacy: Edwin W. Moore and the Texas Navy”

Our guest speaker James P. Bevill is a Senior Vice President – Wealth Management in the River Oaks office of UBS Financial Services. He is the author of The Paper Republic: The Struggle for Money, Credit and Independence in the Republic of Texas, a non-fiction work on the social and economic history of Texas from the colonial period through the annexation by the United States in 1846. He served as guest curator for the TNA sponsored exhibit “Broadsides in the Gulf” at the Texas Seaport Museum and “On the Run” at the Rosenberg Library in Galveston. His book was named as the 2010 winner of the Summerfield G. Roberts literary award by the Sons of the Republic of Texas, and as the Best Specialized book on U.S. Paper Money by the Numismatic Literary Guild at the ANA World's Fair on Money in Boston.
Greetings from our President, Doug McKee…

SummerGreetings!
January thru June was an exciting first part of the year. Thank You Lord.
Very well done yard/garage/porch sale. Special kudos to Joyce Z for all the press and TV contacts.
And also to Mike Peterson and Richard Lewis for stepping up and helping with LCHS meetings and City Council.

Now that summer has raised its “HOT” head, we start off with a bang. Tuesday, July 4th, our Teddy Bear Parade will be held, starting at the Barn Museum, 10:30 start time, ending at Butler’s Courtyard. Come out and enjoy a wonderful morning full of beautiful bikes, trikes, wagons and kids.

Thanks go out to the group “M.O.M.’s” (Mothers of Multiples) who have really increased our participation numbers and made this event a lot of fun. Sponsor’s include D & D PEST & TERMITE CONTROL, Mommie Chic & Me, Butler’s Courtyard, Sweet Southern Storks, Gary Greene Realtors Cejka Team & Mothers of Multiples.
The 3rd quarter LCHS Board Meeting will be held at the Barn Museum on Saturday July 1st starts at 9:00am.

Thanks to all for making League City Historical Society’s first half of 2017 the BETTER of the BEST.
Doug McKee, President LCHS

Teddy Bears hit the streets of League City ~

League City Historical Society presents its 17th Annual Teddy Bear Parade, Tuesday, July 4, beginning 10:30 am.
Decorate your bicycle, scooter, wagon, stroller or anything on wheels and join the parade. Participants line up in front of the West Bay Common School Children’s Museum, 210 North Kansas and League City at 10 am. All children from infants through sixteen years of age are invited to enter.

The Parade route follows Second Street to Butler’s Courtyard, 122 North Michigan Avenue. Individual prizes will be awarded in age-related categories. Following the parade, free food and entertainment begins at 11:30 am in League Park, 200 East Main Street.

The parade has tripled its participation over the past sixteen years. In 2016, parade attendance reached over 200 including volunteers, police support, participants, parents, grandparents, siblings and parade watchers. Of the 54 registered participants, there were 16 individuals, 10 sets of twins, 4 groups of triplets and 1 set of quadruplets.

Joyce Zongrone
Mike Peterson welcomed everyone to the meeting. We were reminded that Friday, July 14th, is our annual Living History Dinner at Walding Station. George Washington will be our speaker. As always, we need items donated for the silent auction.

Our speaker was member Richard Lewis, who discussed the Lawrence Broom & Mop Co., a League City company which at one time supplied the world with brooms and mops. Richard also discussed what’s entailed in making a broom.

Broom bristles are made from the tassels of a variety of sorghum. “Broomcorn” is so called because the crop looks like corn in the field. In 1907, Elmer Lawrence came to League City to buy broomcorn from a company that had gone out of business and then stayed here because broomcorn grew so well in Texas. The location of Lawrence Broom & Mop Co. was where Admiral Glass is now located.

Lawrence Broom & Mop enlarged their factory in 1948 due to an increase in the need for mops and brooms during the war. The new expansion allowed them to process themselves the cotton needed to make mop heads. Lawrence Broom & Mop sold mops all over the world but especially in Venezuela. The company closed in 1979. It was the oldest company running in League City at the time.

The parts of the broom are the stalk (the handle), the knuckle (where the bristles are attached to the handle), and the hurl (the top of two layers of broomcorn that wraps around and completely covers the broom). The Shakers came up with flattening the broom and then sewing the bristles together with either hemp or linen, changing every broom made thereafter. The sewing can be done by hand with a needle or by machine.

We now get our broomcorn from Mexico.

Richard used records from the Lawrence family, the Houston Chronicle, and the Galveston Daily News for his presentation, and he showed us a few brooms from the Lewis’ collection, some of which came from a Shaker village in Kentucky where he and Catharin learned firsthand how to make a broom.

Meeting adjourned.
May was as busy as April this year with 9 schoolhouse sessions and 312 visitors. We brought in more than $1500 dollars in program fees, gift shop sales and walk-in donations. Our visitor’s came from Galveston, Houston, Jersey Village, Texas, Lafayette, Indiana, and Wheatfield, Indiana. Nothing new was added to our collection this past month.

School’s out and everyone seems to be making plans for the summer. We are making plans too. We are changing to summer hours and the museum will only be open Tuesday through Thursdays, 9 – 4 pm unless by a scheduled reservation. We are taking school class reservations for groups of 15 – 30 people.

We held a work day early this month and we wish to thank Catherine Gill and Richard Lewis for helping me that morning with window washing, repairing a broken electrical box and general cleaning of the Icehouse. We are making progress and will continue more repair work this month.

The Annual Schoolhouse Conference this year is being held at Colby- Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire June 11th – 14th. Richard and I will be attending the conference, so the museum will be closed during our absence.

Our Annual Teddy Bear Parade is set for July 4th. I still need volunteers to help with this event. If you would like to volunteer for about two hours beginning at 9:30am, we could use your help registering children, pinning numbers on them and help getting them in line. We can also use help monitoring the museum while others are working the registration. Let me know if you can help.
An Evening with General George Washington
As portrayed by nationally acclaimed actor Mark Collins
Friday, July 14th 2017
Walding Station
100 Perkins Avenue, League City, Texas
6 PM Silent Auction and Meet & Greet, 7 PM Dinner
Tickets $65 (LCHS Members $50)
Tickets available online at www.leaguecityhistory.org or www.oneroomschoolhouse.org
Also available at Museum, 210 North Kansas or by calling 281-554-2994.

This year we are pleased to offer a special rate for our members!

Please check your membership status, then simply mail check to
P.O. Box 1642, League City, Texas 77573. Tickets can also be
purchased at the Schoolhouse Museum, 210 N. Kansas, League
City, Texas.
Questions? Call Museum at 281-554-2994 or Event Chair, Katie
Benoit Hake at 281-332-6757.

Just a perk of being part of a great organization!

Silent Auction items for the Living History Dinner are still needed! If you have an item or know of a business that is able to donate please contact the Silent Auction committee (Catharin Lewis 281-554-2994 or Diana Dornak 281-316-2122 / diana.dornak1@verizon.net).
Beginners Genealogy

June 27th & July 31st | 6-7 PM | Theater

Irene Walters, Genealogist at Clayton Library

Beginning Genealogy Research & Clayton Library

Listen to Irene B. Walters, a librarian from the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research in Houston, as she discusses the tools to use when beginning to research our families. Clayton Library is one of the top genealogical research libraries in America. Learn how to utilize its FREE resources and knowledgeable staff.

Genealogy Tips & Tricks: Finding Ancestors by Not Searching the Known Information

Having trouble finding ancestors even though you know their names and dates and have information on the places they lived? In this talk you will learn various tips and tricks for searching around the known family information to find these “tricky” ancestors.
Young veterans of the 2016 Teddy Bear Parade. This year’s Teddy Bear Parade will again be held on July 4 at 10:30 am.

Remaining items made by the League City’s own Lawrence Broom and Mop Factory whose doors were open from 1907 until 1979. Richard Lewis gave a talk about broom making and the Law-

Four different types of brooms made at locally owned Lawrence Broom
Did you know that the Teddy Bear was invented to honor President Theodore Roosevelt?

In November 1902 Roosevelt was on one of his famous bear-hunting expeditions in Mississippi at the invitation of the governor. It turned out that he was the only hunter in the group who had not located a single bear. His assistants then found and tied a black bear to a willow tree so Roosevelt could shoot it. He refused because he felt it was unsportsmanlike. News of the big game hunter President who refused to kill the bear spread throughout the country.

Two days after the event, a Washington Post political cartoonist named Clifford Berryman, lampooned the President. Back in New York, a Brooklyn candy shop owner and his wife, who were makers of stuffed animals, decided to create a toy bear and dedicate to the President who refused to shoot a bear, calling it “Teddy’s Bear.” After obtaining permission for the President to use his name, Morris and Rose Michtom mass produced the toy bears which became so popular, he founded the Ideal Toy Company.

The Teddy Bear, which still enjoys worldwide popularity toady, traces its origin back to Theodore Roosevelt’s fateful 1902 hunting trip.

Photos Courtesy National Park Service
Create your own “Patriotic” Float and have a parade.

**Tuesday July 4th, 2017**
**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
Mommie Chic & Me
Bay Area Mothers of Multiples
Butler’s Courtyard
Sweet Southern Storks
Gary Greene Realtors CEJKA TEAM

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 FREE food and Entertainment at League Park beginning at 11:30am
Provided by City of League City
2017 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 2016. Dues for various types of memberships are as listed below.

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

Note: If you have paid your dues in October 2016 or later, you are current for the year 2017.

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.