March 27, 2008 Meeting

At the gracious invitation of the Kemah Historical Society, the LCHS will meet at the newly restored Kemah Schoolhouse for our March meeting.

Special guest and speaker will be Dr. Stevenson Holmes, the great grandson of Warren W. White, who is the subject of this month’s program. Warren served in the U.S. Colored Troops during the Civil War, and was subsequently a Buffalo Soldier. His story is a fascinating one.

Dr. Holmes is a former public school teacher and government worker with a Doctorate of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Northern Colorado. He was born in Temple, Texas but grew up in Denver where he resided for fifty years. He has lived in Pearland for the last five years. He is also former U.S. Air Force Captain.

Calendar

March 27, 2008: LCHS Meeting
Program: The Historic Kemah Schoolhouse
6th Street at Bradford Avenue, Kemah
Note location change
Meeting 7:00pm

April 24, 2008: LCHS Meeting
Ernie Randall’s Gun Range

October 9, 2008: Living History Dinner
October 25, 2008: Ghosts of the Past:
The Greatest Generation

December 13, 2008: Historical Homes Tour

from the president…

Happy springtime, Historical Friends!
Our District looks like part of the Azalea Trail, doesn’t it?

Take time to enjoy our spring, as we are planning all of the fall events that come one right after the other. And ready we will be, with the fall projects of Ghosts of the Past (Deborah Gammon, Chairperson), Living History Dinner (Ronnie Richards, Chairman,) and this year a Historical Homes Tour on December 13th (Diana Dornak, Co-Chairman.) Also, we will be having the booth in the Oak Tree Festival and Holiday in the Park.

Our March meeting will be a first of it’s kind. We have been invited to meet in Kemah’s newly remodeled schoolhouse as guests of the Kemah Historical Society. They will be serving refreshments in our honor, and their ‘new’ schoolhouse is beautifully remodeled, and they are proud to show it off.

The speaker for March is Steve Holmes who will be talking more about the freed civil war slaves who became soldiers and later buffalo soldiers. There is more information about Steve and his program elsewhere in the newsletter. Please make plans to attend.

Helping hands are needed for the planning of the above-mentioned projects, and hopefully everyone will sign up for their favorite project.

Catharin, Diana and I continue to have lessons in Quickbooks, which is necessitated by the wonderful growth of our Society.

Lastly, Diane Gillette’s Finance/Grant Committee met on Wednesday, and will make a report at the meeting.

See you in Kemah!

Joanna Sharp
February 28, 2007 Meeting Minutes
Sherry Frankovich

Joanna Sharp opened the meeting by welcoming members and visitors. She introduced the speaker, who was Mark Lardas. He wrote a book about the African American Soldiers in the Civil War. The black soldiers were motivated to be good soldiers, because they wanted to win their freedom. There were 178,975 men who enlisted to fight. He told us about 6 battles that they fought.

Our next meeting will meet at the Kemah Schoolhouse. The written minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter with one correction. The Finance/Grants committee solicited a proposal from CCSI. Diane Gillette reported that they did get the proposal from CCSI. They will negotiate the price with them.

Joanna Sharp told us about Catharin Lewis being honored as one of ten Volunteers of the Year at the Bay Area Turning Point Banquet.

We are planning to do a Homes Tour in December on the second Saturday.

The April meeting will be held at Ernie Randall’s Gun Range. We will have homemade ice cream. Sherry Frankovich encourages everyone to bring their recipes of homemade ice cream. These will be put into our new cookbook.

Kathy Weisskopf told us about the history of the KKK in League City in the 1920’s. They encouraged young boys to work instead of loafing around town and creating mischief creating mischief.

A Special Welcome to Our New Members
Kent and Bettie Moss

Family Trees

The April 14th meeting of the League City Genealogical Society will feature Heather Wooten. Her program will be "Voices of Fairview Cemetery: A history of the Japanese settlers in Webster and League City.” The meeting begins at 7pm at the Methodist church across from Kelley’s Restaurant.

MusNews

Catharin Lewis, Director / Curator

The Museum presented several schoolhouse sessions in February of 2008 but we spent much of our time working on the collection and catching up with repairs and photographing the collection. We brought in $373.65 in program fees with $95.65 of it in gift shop sales. We held six schoolhouse sessions and had 105 visitors.

We have added two more volunteers to our Museum staff this month with the welcome addition of Kathy Weisskopf and Joyce Buchanan. We would not be able to accomplish as much as we do without the support of our volunteers. Their help means a lot to me and to the work of the Museum program.

We have many new items added to our collection this past month. Special thanks goes to David Jarmillo, Mary Frances, Connie Shaw, Jacquil Pace and Cindy Forsyth. We want to thank David Jarmillo, Jr. for his recent donation of family pictures that includes himself as our postman and a uniform for display purposes. We are presently working on the Post Office exhibit to house this recent addition to our collection. We want to thank Mary Frances for the three antique valentines for our collection. We also want to thank Connie Shaw for another single school desk for our schoolhouse collection. And we want to thank Cindy Forsyth for her donation of bloomers. All of these items are greatly appreciated and we thank everyone for their continued support in our project.

Richard and I had the pleasure

Eagle Scout, Jonathan Mayer

On Saturday, March 8th Richard and I had the pleasure of attending the ceremony for Jonathan Mayer to become an Eagle Scout. More than fifty people shared in the celebration of the highest honor in scouting.
Jonathan earned his award with the work on our Ice House Museum. He recruited twenty-five volunteers to put a new roof on the building and replace the damaged back of the wooden structure. His team also removed everything from the building and cleaned the walls, floors and ceiling. The artifacts were then cleaned, examined for a condition report and then returned to the Ice House. Other volunteers weeded the area in front of the building. I have included some of the pictures of the event.

The Live Oak Tree Registry committee is offering young trees grown from Helen’s Garden acorns to the elementary schools in League City. We are currently working with teachers from the Gifted and Talented programs at the schools to provide meaningful educational activities around the tree presentations.

These young trees, which are about 2 to 3 ft. high, are descendants of the first live oaks in League City. Their lineage goes back to the acorns brought here in 2854 from Calcasieu, LA, by the first ranching families. Lloyd Medsger, one of our long-time members, has grown and tended these trees as a special service for our community.

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The beautiful newly restored Kemah Schoolhouse

March LCCHS Meeting at The Kemah Schoolhouse
Ed Linck, President
Kemah Historical Society

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Our “Live Oaks of League City” books would make unique gifts for special occasions – and great hostess gifts! They would look beautiful on someone’s coffee or end table – and they are only $10.

Our annual League City Historical Society Membership dues are due. Please mail your dues to P.O. Box 1642 League City, TX 77574.

A big thank you to those members who have already renewed. If you paid your dues in October or later your membership is already paid for 2008.

A membership form is included at the end of this newsletter.

At the February 21, 2008 meeting, the Historic District Commissioners approved an Operations Permit, Sign Permit and a temporary “Grand Opening Banner sign for Jack’s Garage - Motorsport Café and Pub” at 100 Perkins St; approved proposed colors of a building and trim at 1013 E. Main St; conditionally approved 21 design elevations for The Township with the stipulation that the minimum depth of 50% of the porches be 6’8”, and increase length of porches to cover front façade of the house. Denied 8 elevation designs.

Administrative Approval was given for 3 Sign Operations Permits, 3 Operations Permits, and 1 request for interior work.

The next meeting is scheduled March 27, 2008 6:00 pm in City Council Chambers.

Become a supporting Member of the League City Historical Society....

Thank you for your interest in your community.

League City Historical Society, Inc.
P. O. Box 1642
League City, Texas 77574

I/We wish to become a member of the League City Historical Society. Enclosed is a check to cover dues.

Our new Membership Directory will be published in late spring. So that we can include your updated information in the new directory, please send your dues by April 1st.

Note: If you have paid your dues in October 2007 or later, you are current for the year 2008.

MEMBERSHIP CIRCLED:

Single (Individual)..................$25
Family Membership..................... $40
Senior Citizen...(65 or older). $15
Organization..................................$50
Life Membership.........................$250

Please update your membership information.

Name/s:_________________________
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Address: ________________________
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Phone: _________________________
Email:__________________________

☐ 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.

Circle projects you might be interested in working on:

School/Museum, Tree Registry, Membership, Fund-Raising, Landmark Medallions, Events/Receptions.

☐ Please call me. I’d like more in information.