Doryn Danner Glenn was born and raised in Galveston, graduating from Ball High School in 1984. All of her children are third generation students at that school.

She attended Galveston College, 1984-1985 and went on to graduate from the University of Texas at Austin in 1988 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with double majors in History and Sociology. Glenn also attended the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University graduating in May of 1992 with a Juris Doctor.

After graduation, she returned to Galveston to practice law in the Office of James Schweitzer. She later went on to practice with Yarbrough, Jameson and Gray, specializing in Family Law. In 2002, she started a family law section for Mills, Shirley, Eckel and Bassett Law Offices.

In 2007, Glenn left private practice and began her career in judicial support in the Galveston County District Clerk's office, serving in a number of roles and as the District Clerk in 2012. She currently serves as the Director of Governmental Affairs for District Clerk John D. Kinard.

She held a variety of offices in local groups and organizations: President of the Galveston County Bar Association, the Galveston County Young Lawyers Association and the Junior League of Galveston County, Texas. She is a charter member of the Galveston County Adoption Day Foundation, currently serving as the Treasurer and the Event Chair. An active member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Galveston, Glenn most recently served as the Director of Christian Education. Doryn is also the Secretary of the Innovation and Entrepreneur Community at Ball High School and Treasurer of the Ball High Band Booster Club. Glenn is married to a local attorney, Bill Glenn, and the proud mother of two beautiful children: Bailey, a sophomore at the University of Texas Austin and Jackson, a sophomore at Ball High School.
Fay Dudney, a past president of the League City Historical Society, moved to a new residence in a vibrant historical community -- heaven, on March 14. Fay was not only one of our original founding members in 1989, but a past president who worked tirelessly on the Live Oak Tree Registry and Preservation Committees, the Historic Homes Medallion Committee, and many of our annual Historic Homes Tours and Garden Tours. She also worked on many other projects, and represented our Historical Society on the Galveston County Historic Commission for many years, as well as on the League City Historic District Commission.

Fay was deeply committed to helping preserve the historical heritage of our community for future generations. The Clear Lake and League City communities have honored her through the years with several Special Awards of Distinction. In a special tribute, the Clear Creek nature park on Egret Bay Blvd. was named for her and her husband: The Fay and Dr. Ned Dudney Nature Park.

Members of LCHS looked to her for information and guidance in working with the oak tree projects and the homes in the historic district because of her keen memory and knowledge of this special historic area. Fay was a truly special and gracious lady, and will be greatly missed.

Pictured left, Frankie Blansit and right, Fay Dudney working together at the Fig Factory during the 2012 Historic Homes Tour. Fay and Frankie were longtime friends and worked many home tours together.

Photo courtesy of Diana Dornak
February 24, 2017

In Doug McKee’s absence, Mike Peterson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He announced that Evelyn Garland will be our newsletter editor and reminded us that yearly membership dues are due. Dues can now be paid online with a credit card. Saturday, March 18, will be the yard sale. Joanna Sharp asked about the repairs planned for Kansas Street. The road will be widened by one foot on each side, and the ditches will be made shallower. John Baumgartner from the City will be asked to come speak about that issue at a future meeting.

Joyce Zongrone spoke about Joseph Giacchino, Dickinson’s only blacksmith. The Giacchino family was among those who came from Sicily in the 1880’s to settle in the Brazos River Valley. Approximately 3,000 Italians lived and farmed there at the time of the 1899 Brazos River Valley flood. Because of the flood, some of those families moved to mainland Galveston County to begin again. Descendants of those families now live in Dickinson and League City.

Joseph Giacchino died in 1962. Catharin and Richard Lewis restored the Giacchino house, now sitting on their property, and won the 2014 Galveston Historical Foundation’s Sally B. Wallace award for their effort. The house was featured on the 2013 League City Historical Society’s home tour, and Mr. Giacchino’s granddaughter, Bernardine, came to see the house. The Giacchinos also had a family-run seed store. HS member Robert Bauer knew the Giacchino family and well-remembers the blacksmith shop and seed store.

Meeting adjourned.
January 26, Doryn Glenn spoke to the Historical Society on “Galveston County’s Historical Immigration and Naturalization Records.” Her speech was very interesting, educational and informative. After the meeting several attendees posed with Doryn for a picture. Left to right are: Matt Falco and Chris Kinard, wife of Doryn’s boss, District Clerk John Kinard. Standing next to Chris is Doryn, Catharin Lewis, Phyllis White and Doris Teets completing the front row. The back row left to right are: Richard Lewis, Daniel Henn, Evelyn Garland, wife of League City mayor Janice Hallisey and Mike Petersen.

Photo courtesy of Joyce Zongrone
Curator’s Corner
March 2017
Catharin Lewis

February flew by with really good weather and a relatively busy schedule. We held fourteen schoolhouse sessions and had 363 visitors from Baytown, Sugarland, Pasadena, Kingwood, Nassau Bay and League City.

Here are pictures of our newest additions to our museum collection. We give many thanks to Laura Vincent who donated a single school desk and bench for our collection which we put on display in the Bus Barn. She also donated three vintage hats and a beautiful ceramic chamber pot, which is now on display. We also want to thank Charles Kilgore, Jr. for donating a collection of yearbooks, report cards, school programs, school certificates, photos, and newspaper clippings of local interest. We thank them for their support and for sharing these items of League City’s past.

Work on the collection continues with each day making our time go fast. Much time will be spent during spring break working on inventory and photographing the collection.

We hoped to have more volunteers join our team, but we still came up short. If you are out there and want to share in some of the work we do behind the scenes at the museum, we can use your help.

We do all kinds of interesting things and each day is different. Come and talk to me or call 281-554-2994.

Board members met with Carla from Engage early in February and raised some questions of concern. Carla helped us work through some issues and sent responses to our questions. We will be meeting with Engage again on March 28th downtown. Our board is filling out a survey and these will be picked up by Carla on March 29th.
Did you know that … life insurance dates back to Ancient Rome’s burial clubs around 100 B.C., when Caius Marius, a Roman military leader, created a burial club among his troops? When a Roman legionnaire died, his comrades paid his funeral expenses. The Romans believed improper burials led to unhappy ghosts. Eventually, a stipend for the survivors of the deceased was created.

After the Roman Empire, mentions of life insurance didn't appear until 1662, when London draper John Graunt published his Bills Of Mortality, predicting patterns of longevity. These were the first life and death records which became the basis of our modern mortality tables.

About 30 years later in 1693, astronomer Edmond Halley, of Halley’s Comet fame, constructed the first mortality table, but it wasn’t until the 1750s that mathematical and statistical tools became available spurring the development of modern life insurance.

The Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance Office, founded in London in 1706, was the world’s first life insurance company. Members made annual payments on the lives of persons between twelve and fifty-five. At the end of the year a portion of the contribution was divided among the wives and children of deceased members proportionate to the shares they owned. The Amicable Society started with 2000 members.

In 1762, Halley’s protégée, Edward Rowe Mores, established the Society for Equitable Assurances on Lives and Survivorship, pioneering age-based premiums based on mortality rates. Mores also gave the name actuary to his chief official, the earliest known reference to the position. The first modern actuary was William Morgan, who held the position from 1775 to 1830. The Society sought to treat its members equally ensuring policyholders received a fair return on their investments. Premiums were regulated according to age and anybody could be admitted regardless of their state of health and other circumstance.

It wasn’t until the 1760s the sale of life insurance began in the U.S. In 1759, associations of Presbyterian ministers established mutual benefit companies in Philadelphia and New York to aid Presbyterian ministers and their dependents. They created the Corporation for Relief of Poor and Distressed Widows and Children of Presbyterian Ministers. Episcopalian priests followed suit in 1769.

Between 1787 and 1837 more than two dozen life insurance companies appeared, but fewer than half a dozen survived.

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Photo Cutline: Amicable Society for a Perpetual Assurance Office, established in 1706, was the first life insurance company in the world. Photo courtesy of Joyce Zongrone
By the mid-1800s, the concept of life insurance became a part of American life. Insurance companies appealed to the husband, as head of the household, to provide a policy to protect his wife and family.

In the 1870s, military officers banded together to found both the Army and the Navy Mutual Aid Association in response to the plight of widows and orphans left stranded in the West after the Battle of the Little Big Horn and for the families of U.S. sailors who died at sea.

When the Titanic sunk in 1912, the public’s level of consciousness of the benefit of life insurance was raised by worldwide newspaper coverage reporting the payouts on the insurance policies of the victims. Northwestern Mutual alone paid out almost $1 million in benefits, almost $25 million in today’s dollars. This highly publicized tragedy pushed public demand for life insurance to a new high.

By the 1930s, the combined death benefit of all life insurance in force in America topped $100 billion. The number of policies in force equaled more than 120 million, about the same as the entire population of America.

In May of 1934, life insurance policies for both Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were paid in full by American National Insurance of Galveston TX to their mothers who were the policyholders. The money was used for their separate funerals and burials in the Dallas TX area.

**A BRIEF WORD FROM THE NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR...**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in this wonderful position for LCHS. I love doing this type of work on the computer and it has been a busy news month. I have had to make some changes on the presentation because I was unable to get compatibility from the previous format and the program I could get to work for me. I hope the changes will be acceptable. It is hard to follow as wonderful an editor as we were privileged to have the past 11 years. Thank you Kathie Nenninger for setting the bar so high. You have been a great role model and mentor.

Evelyn Albrecht Garland
This Easter make a unique basket for the special children in your life. Fill your basket with treasures from the WBCS museum gift shop! Children from near and far come to visit with family or on fieldtrips and they fall in love with the imaginative and hands-on toys and games that we carry. These are just a few of the popular items:

- Jump ropes
- Jacks
- Marbles
- Jr. Compasses
- Harmonicas
- Penny whistles
- Slates
- Slate pencils
- Old fashioned en and ink sets
- Kaleidoscopes
- Activity books
- Yarn doll kits
- And much more

Stop by and shop for quality gifts that are sure to make memories that will go down history!
WORLD WAR I 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION
AFTER CEREMONY THERE WILL BE A TOUR OF WWI VETERANS’ GRAVES

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY
N. KANSAS ST., LEAGUE CITY

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017
10:00 A.M.

Hosted by:
Sam Houston Chapter,
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
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.

☐ Student/Active Military $20
☐ Senior (60 and over) $25
☐ Senior Couple $35
☐ Single individual $35
☐ Family $50
☐ Supporting Member $100
☐ Life Membership $400

Business Category
☐ Business Member $100
☐ Business Partner $200
☐ Business Leader $300

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.