The History of NASA and JSC
with JSC Historian, Shirley Brandt

JSC Historian Shirley Brandt will be our guest speaker for the May meeting. Shirley will discuss the history of NASA and the formation of the Johnson Space Center. It certainly will be an interesting presentation given the role NASA plays in so many of our lives whether it is our place of work or the many spin-offs that we receive from space exploration.

Calendar

May 28, 2009 – Shirley Brandt – The History of NASA and JSC
West Bay Common School Children’s Museum
210 Kansas, League City
Refreshments 6:45pm Meeting 7:00pm

May 30, 2009 _ Museum Work Day

June 25, 2009 – Rev. MSGR. Cargill
at Old St. Mary’s Catholic Church

July 4, 2009 – Teddy Bear Parade

from the president…

Ronnie Richards

While we hear a lot of negative news about the economy I am glad to report the League City Historical Society is alive and solvent. The conservative financial policies followed by the Society over many years have proven prudent during these times. These policies include operating with an all volunteer staff, successful member fund raising events, keeping a tight control on expenses, and effectively pursuing grants on an ongoing basis.

If you want to help with these efforts please volunteer at the museum, participate in the work day at the museum set for May 30th, volunteer to help with the Teddy Bear parade July 4th, join a committee for one of the upcoming fundraising events you will be reading about in future newsletters and invite a guest to our next meeting.

It’s with regrets that we have received the resignation of Carole Ragland from the board of directors. Her travel schedule is such that she felt she couldn’t give the time she had always dedicated to the position in the past so she is stepping down. Carole has made so many contributions to the society she will be truly missed.

Our speaker for the May 28 meeting is Shirley Brandt, JSC Historian on The History of NASA and JSC. Be sure to ‘save the date’ for the June meeting hosted at Old St. Mary’s Catholic Church June 25th.
Ronnie Richards asked Richard Lewis to officiate the meeting in his absence. Richard introduced the speaker, Kathryn Morrow, who has written a book about the history of Ellington Field. She told us about the history in a very interesting way.

Richard Lewis conducted the business part of the meeting. Vote to approve the secretary minutes of the last meeting as printed in the newsletter, was unanimous. Catharin Lewis gave her Museum report, which was printed in the newsletter.

Richard Lewis gave a report about the drainage problem. The 8-12 inches of rain that we received 2 weeks ago did cause problems. It is still standing around the schoolhouse. His committee will be finding solutions.

Richard Lewis adjourned the meeting.

A Special Welcome to Our New Member

J’Nean Henderson

HELP WANTED

Property Committee Chairman

Richard Lewis

Your Museum needs your help!

Saturday, May 30th, 9am at 210 North Kansas

With the expansion of our new parking lot, there came a need for additional drainage for the schoolyard. The Saturday following our meeting, we will be digging a drainage ditch around the new parking lot to drain the yard. Please come and help. We thank you in advance.

MusNews

Catharin Lewis, Director / Curator

This school year has been an interesting one with Hurricane Ike in the fall and then the swine flu in the spring. Both events have taken a toll on the Museum’s progress. May had six days of classes cancelled to the swine flu. The money had been sent ahead of time and had to be returned. We will have taught fifteen sessions by the end of the month and the gift shop sales have been very good to help with the classes missed. Our groups came from Seabrook, Richmond, Houston and Tomball. With the warmer weather many of the groups are choosing to stay and picnic on the schoolhouse grounds as pictured below.

According to the treasurer’s report, we brought in $1,122.00 in program fees and $439.65 in gift shop sales in the month of May. We are trying to drum up more business for the summer months with some already scheduled for days in June and in July.

The extra free time has helped me catch up on bookkeeping and curatorial work around the Museum. We did have the air conditioner break down, but managed to get it repaired even with classes in session. The class stood and clapped for the repairman when he finished his work. I am sure that does not happen too often. Our buildings had its annual fire inspection and two smoke detectors needed to be replaced. The vacuum cleaner needed a new belt and that was replaced also.

Jenny Moss from Seabrook donated her book entitled, *Winnie’s War* and a copy of the *League City Fire Station Five* was donated by J. J. Jack, Deputy Fire Marshall. We wish to thank both of these individuals for their support in our Museum.

Do you know any stories about the early cafés of League City? Do you have any items from early cafés that you
Just a reminder... There are still a few people who have not paid their dues are for 2009.

Don’t miss being in the Membership Directory.
For your convenience, clip the form below and put it in the mail today. Call or email Diana Dornak if you have a question or are not sure if you paid or not. diana.dornak1@verizon.net.

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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.

Note: If you have paid your dues in October 2008 or later, you are current for the year 2009.

MEMBERSHIP CIRCLED:

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

Please update your membership information.

Name/s: _________________________

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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.

Circle projects you might be interested in working on:
- School/Museum, Tree Registry, Membership,
- Fund-Raising, Landmark Medallions,
- Events/Receptions.

This month, the Museum electricity bill was covered by a donation from Dr. Bill and Lori High. During the spring, summer and fall, we have donation opportunities to cover grounds keeping expenses. If you would like to help support the Museum in this tangible way, please feel free to contact Catharin Lewis at 281-554-2994.

We thank … Phyllis White and Doris Teets for providing refreshments for our May meeting.