November 20, 2008 Meeting

Our special guest speaker, Robert Bauer, a League City native, will tell us about his boyhood of long ago in our city.

Calendar

November 20, 2008: LCHS Meeting
Program:
Long time League City Resident Robert Bauer
West Bay Common School Children’s Museum
210 Kansas, League City
Refreshments 6:45pm Meeting 7:00pm

December 6-7, 2008: Holiday in the Park
December 13, 2008: Historical Homes Tour

from the president...

Well, wonderful things are happening. Everywhere we look we are beginning to see holiday spirit coming. We are seeing publicity for the Holiday Historic Homes Tour everywhere, too. Chairman Diana Dornak is a real pro at developing the publicity and sending it out at exactly the proper time to peak everyone’s interest. We are being shown generously on Channel 16 many times a day. We will be in all the newspapers, listed in Southern Living Magazine, and others. Plus we have flyers in all the local shops and tickets for sale at Nana’s, Park Street Showcase (formerly Hole in the Wall,) and the League City Chamber.

League City Proud, sponsors of Holiday in the Park, has offered us some space in their special purchased advertising section that will come out in the Galveston County Daily News prior to Holiday in the Park, and they have made it gratis to us. We thank League City Proud spokesman Janice Halisey for offering this to us.

As you all know, this has been my greatest dream for the last 3 years: for all the historical-related organizations to be working together for the good of us all, and this is a step in beginning to move in that direction.

Work on the 2009 calendar is going smoothly, and will feature our Historic District with our Landmark homes and businesses gracing the pages. Hopefully we will have them for Holiday in the Park. This year, in addition to beautiful photos of familiar places, we will be teaching League City history!

We have located the long lost original of our 1992 League City Historical Society Cookbook, and have placed an order for 20 reprints. This 360-page cookbook of old recipes from League City will probably sell for around $25. We have had many, many requests for...
reprints of these, and I’m sure there will be further reprints in the future!

Things are moving ahead on the addition of an artifacts area on the south side of the Barn Museum, and Tim Patak of Patak Construction has agreed to donate his services in managing the project. He will give us a list of what is needed for the construction and we will go out and seek donations in the community, and hopefully we can get the whole expansion underwritten by the community donors.

Santa Claus is coming early for us this year! One hundred feet of donated pipe will be delivered in the next two or three weeks, that will become angle parking on the Second Street side of the building, right after the first of the year. The pipe was donated by Contec Construction Products out of Irving, Texas, and the donation saved the Society $2000. Thank you, Contec and Jack Murphy, City Engineer.

Next weeks meeting will feature Robert Bauer, native League City resident who will tell us about “boyhood in long ago League City”. It should be a delightful program. We will also have our Annual Election of Officers, who will take over as of January 1, 2009. Refreshments will be served.

Please remember to sign up to help with the Holiday in the Park booth on the first weekend in December, as it will be a lot of fun and a money maker for the Society.

See you all on the 20th.

Joanna Sharp

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**September 25, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

Sherry Frankovich

Joanna Sharp called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. with 23 members present. She introduced the speaker. Alice Jones told us stories about meeting one of the code talkers, Sam Billenson, who served during WWII. It was a very interesting speech.

Diana Dornak made a motion to approve the printed minutes of the September meeting. Doris Teets seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

Finance committee reported that we had received 2 grants.

Museum report was printed in the newsletter. Many of the classes of September and October were cancelled, because of the hurricane. November is booked solid. She cancelled the Teddy Bear Parade in December, because of the hurricane.

Nominating committee presented their recommendations for the Officers of the Board.

**President**: Ronnie Richards

**Vice-President**: Kevin Burke

**Treasurer**: Diana Dornak

**Recording Secretary**: Sherry Frankovich

**Corresponding Secretary**: Kathy Weisskopf

**Director**: Doug McKee

Holiday in the Park is scheduled for December 6-7. We need workers for the booth.

Home Tour is December 13. We have 5 homes and the Schoolhouse Museum on tour.

Yearbook made $2200 in profit.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

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**From The Finance and Grant Chairman...**

Diane Gillette

The Finance and Grant Committee met on October 27 with our consultant from SCCI to review pending grant requests for 2008. Currently, there are eleven grant requests submitted to Foundations in the Houston area. The committee is hoping to see some requests awarded before the end of the year.
Recovery from Hurricane Ike took awhile, but things are finally getting back to normal. Many October sessions were moved to other months to help schools and children get settled once again. This gave us time to catch up on much needed work on the collection. We continue to photo the artifacts and digitally add to the computer system. In the same process, we clean the artifact and number those that were missed in the past. We are also working on upcoming exhibits through research and planning. We continue to work on the cemetery project and we are making progress in compiling all the information we have in the collection and entering it in the computer for easy research access.

Class registrations for the month of November have all filled available dates and more are being added to December and the spring schedule.

We are having another Eagle Scout (William Haechten) do a project for the Museum. The scouts will be making lattice work to create a skirt under the Schoolhouse and the Ice House. The installation will be taking place soon. We want to thank all the scouts and volunteers involved in this latest project. We will have pictures of this project in next month’s newsletter.

We want to thank Betty Medsger for her donation of a cotton bonnet to add to our collection. We also want to thank Bertha Adams for her donation of John F. Kennedy Memorial Album dated 1964, the 1966 TV Radio Magazines with an article about Jackie Kennedy and several newspaper clippings of the poem, The Knot of the Blue and Gray, and articles of interest such as “Old Log Rolling Days”, “Dear Aunt Sallie”, “A citizen of Texas seventy-nine years” and a Prohibition State Ticket. We appreciate any gifts or donations to our collection that can be used to preserve the history of the country, state, education or the town and its people. Contact me if you have something you might want to share with the Museum.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the daily operations of the museum. We need people to serve at least three hours in the mornings or the afternoons to answer phones, work the gift shop, clean, or work side by the curator with the collection. If you are interested in helping once a week or once a month with a special project, please contact me at the office.

Our volunteers will be decorating for Christmas earlier this year to get ready for the Christmas Homes Tour. We are planning a decorating party on November 21 for anyone wishing to help with this project. Plan to arrive at 9AM and hopefully with lots of help, be done by 1PM.

We are planning our Volunteer luncheon to be held on Thursday, December 18th. This is our way of saying thank you for all your service during the year and we are planning a special treat just for you. We will meet at the Museum at 11:30 for the event. Plan now to attend.

Living History Dinner A Success
Ronnie Richards, Chairman

Stephen F. Austin joined the list of famous guests that have entertained members of The League City Historical Society and their guests. Actor/historian Bob Heinonen held the audience spellbound at the Fourth Annual Living History Dinner as he took us through the life of Stephen F. Previous Living History Dinner presenters have included Davy Crockett, Jean Lafitte and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Houston.

A total of 72 guests were in attendance for the evening. Thanks go out to Joanna Sharp for her efforts at coordinating ticket sales. The event was the most profitable living history dinner ever and much of the credit goes to Diana Dornak for all of her work in making the silent auction a success.

Underwriters of this year’s event included Ann Hacker, Park Avenue Showplace who underwrote the speaker honorarium and wine steward. Randy Hall of Sonrisa Development underwrote the serving staff and Steve Nicklow and HomeTown Bank sponsored the wine bar. As always Butler’s Courtyard was a proud sponsor and worked hard to create an atmosphere of historic elegance.

Homeowner Barry LaChance readies his home for the Society’s upcoming Historic Home Tour on December 13th. The Ferrell Home is owned by Barry and his wife Particia. Barry, a wood artisan who owns the Woodworks, takes great pride in sharing their home with the public, and the LaChances are excited about the upcoming homes Tour.
See and hear League City history come alive at the League City Historical Society’s Historic Home Tour on Saturday, December 13, from 10 am to 5 pm. Cowboy tales, love stories, beautiful hand-made furniture, and inside views of unique historic homes await visitors on the tour.

Six historic sites in League City will be open: The Ferrell Home at 620 Third St.; The Haynes Home at 1004 Fourth St.; The Fig Factory at 495 Coryell; The Sneighr Home at 300 North Wisconsin; The Milby Butler Home at 1908 Museum at 210 North Kansas.

All of these homes and sites have interesting stories associated with their history. Attendees may expect to be entertained by colorful characters at some of the sites as well.

Tickets may be purchased at West Bay Common School Children’s Museum, 210 N. Kansas; Nana’s Attic, 501 E. Main in Founders Square; and Park Avenue Show Place (formerly Hole in the Wall Antiques), 447 So. Highway 3.