November 30th Speaker

Since Hurricane Harvey interrupted Mark’s visit, we are trying again.

Mark Keehn

“Harvey and the History of the National Weather Service Radar in League City”

Mark Keehn has been the Information Technology Officer for the Houston/ Galveston National Weather Service (NWS) office in League City since 2002. His primary job is administering the IT resources for the office. However, his background is in meteorology so he still works occasional forecasting shifts in order to remain proficient as a meteorologist and to evaluate the computer systems from a user's perspective. Previously, Mark worked as a techniques development meteorologist from 1994 to 2002 for the NWS Spaceflight Meteorology Group (SMG) at NASA's Johnson Space Center. At SMG, he introduced new technology and meteorological concepts in to the forecast operations and assisted the lead forecasters with providing weather support for the space shuttle program. Prior to SMG, Mark was a meteorologist intern from 1990 to 1994 at the Brownsville NWS office. Mark is a 1989 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Asheville with a degree in atmospheric sciences.
Doug McKee welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked for cards and calls regarding his father’s passing. Catharin Lewis thanked everyone for cards regarding Richard Lewis’ mother, Betty Lewis, passing. Ms. Lewis contributed a great deal to the Historical Society.

Filling in for Richard, Catharin announced the nominees for next year’s Directors: Richard Lewis, Ronnie Richards, Helen Hodges, Melodey Hauch, Daryl Krogman, Doris Teets, and Diane Dornak. We will vote on these candidates at the November meeting.

Doug attempted to distribute Certificates reflecting growth of trees as measured by the Society’s Live Oak Registry.

Catherine Gill remind us that on October 28, from 12:00 -4:00, the Society will hold its “Live Oaks and Dead Folks” program at Fairview Cemetery. The event will include re-enactors in period clothing telling stories of a pioneer family in League city, the Gordy’s. Tours will be given on the hour.

Our speaker for this meeting was Melodey Hauch. Melodey spoke of the black cowboys who worked the Butler Ranch in Galveston County. Some of these cowboys were formers slaves of Butler, who after the Civil War, then employed the men. These cowboys first drove the Chisholm Trail in 1868, from Houston to Abilene, Kansas, and many thousands of cattle were moved. With money from working ranches and driving cattle, the cowboys’ families were able to buy their own land and establish the 1867 Settlement, a black community in Texas City.

Meeting adjourned.
Curator’s Corner
November 2017

Sixteen schoolhouse sessions were held in the month of October with 458 visitors to the museum. We had two adult groups, two high school groups and twelve elementary groups visit from Houston, Pasadena, Pearland, Spring and League City.

We continue to digitize the collection, update the system. We worked on updating the website and now it is up and running. Minor changes will be made as we get feedback from those helping with the site. Planning is now under way in preparing for the spring exhibits and schoolhouse sessions.

We want to welcome Joan Peeples as a new teacher in our schoolhouse programs. We look forward to having her as part of our team. She is a retired teacher and currently works part-time as a librarian.

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate for Christmas. We will be decorating on Monday, November 27th from 9 – noon. Please come and share in the fun of the preparations. We will have good music, snacks and drinks. We need your help.

Highlights from the Curator’s Collection:
Members of LCHS,
We need **volunteers** to work in our booth on Dec. 2\textsuperscript{nd} from 9:00 am until the end of parade. On Sunday the hours are noon until 5 pm. You can work for a couple of hours or as many as you can spare.

We also need **baked goods**, whatever you prefer to make. Let me know if you would like to drop them off at the booth, my house or we can pick up. This is a **fund raiser** for the League City Historical Society and we need your help if it is to be successful.

Thank you,
Phyllis White and Diana Dornak

Please call 281-554-2276

**BAKED GOODS NEEDED**

Like to be creative, we need a newsletter editor too.
“Discovering League City through a Child’s Eye”

Student Photo Contest

Your Community, Your Stories, Our History

October 1 through December 15, 2017

Make a difference in your community through photographs. The photo contest is open to all League City residents from first through 12th grade. Winners will be announced as part of the West Bay Common School Children’s Museum’s Celebration Event on January 27, 2018.

Become part of the history of our community. You can leave us with a remarkable record of League City’s history, from the 21st century through a child’s eye about our schools, churches, businesses and the community we share. Tell your story in pictures about where you live, learn, work and play in our town.

Participants: First grade through high school, school year 2017 to 2018

First Place and second place winners from each grade level will be on exhibit January through March at the museum and each will receive special gifts once secured by our sponsors.

Contest specifics:
1. Must be the work of students and photographed in League City between September 1 and December 15, 2017.
2. Categories will be divided by grade, first through 12th
3. Students are encouraged to tell a story through their photographs
4. Entries can be submitted online and via email or mailed to the museum
5. Winners will be announced as part of the museum celebration, Saturday, January 27, 2018 at the Museum.

Contact: Catharin Lewis, project coordinator, 281-554-2994, oneroomschoolhouse.org or rklewis45@gmail.com or via mail to 210 North Kansas League City, Texas 77573

Please Note: If you attend a school in League City and live outside the city limits, you may still participate in the contest. All pictures must be taken somewhere in League City.
League City Historical Society
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A "VICTORIAN FASHION SHOW AND TEA"
By J’Nean Henderson, The Victorian Lady

Come & enjoy a unique afternoon as the Victorian Lady recreates the atmosphere of the 1800’s with her beautiful Victorian fashions and demonstrates the art of afternoon tea.

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017
1 pm to 3 pm
Butler’s Courtyard
122 N. Michigan Ave. League City, TX

Support our local hotels in League City:
South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center, 2500 South Shore Blvd 281-334-1000
Hampton Inn & Suites League City, 2320 Gulf Freeway South 281-694-5437
Candlewood Suites League City, 2350 Gulf Freeway South 281-534-9840
www.visitleaguecity.com

Tickets $30.00 per person
Call 281-554-2994 or 713-299-4777

League City, Texas
Thank you for being a member of the League City Historical Society. It is time to renew membership for 2017. Dues are for various types of memberships 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, Texas 77574.

You may also bring the form and check to the next meeting or drop it off at the Schoolhouse Museum. Please Note: If you have paid your dues in October 2016 or later, you are current for the year 2017.

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