A Word From The President

Our November 21st meeting is very important. Not only is the meeting where we elect Directors but that evening we will be part of the League City Citizens University Class Tour. This is the first time the City has incorporated League City’s history into this program. It is a great outreach opportunity for the Society and West Bay Common School Museum.

The tour departs in 15 passenger vans from Butler’s Courtyard and visits Fairview Cemetery first (while it’s still daylight.) Our very own Deborah Gammon will give the class as an overview of the cemetery and its unique history. Next they are on to the Butler Longhorn Museum for a brief tour then to our museum for a visit. We expect the class to arrive at 6pm and depart at 6:20pm.

We need docents for the Museum and School Marm’s for the school. Volunteers should wear period costume if possible. The visitors will be divided into two groups with one group starting in the school and the other in the museum.

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If you want to help out, plan to arrive at 5:30 and please leave room for the vans to park.

What a 30\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary we had in October. Huge turnout with great musical entertainment, food, drink and a special cake celebrating our 30 years. I want to thank all the volunteers who helped out and everyone that attended. Some of the original founding members were present along with a number of past Presidents.

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Katie Benoit Hake & Treasurer & \\
Susan Pierce & Secretary & \\
Doug McKee & Director & \\
Helen Hodges & Director & \\
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A big \textbf{“Thank You”} goes out to Director Darryl Krogman owner of \textit{“The Sign Shop”}, for re-lettering our Ice House!! Renovation work is being done to give the Ice House a fresh new look. This is just one of the many projects near completion. More on that in upcoming newsletters!

The original League City Ice House, built in the 1920’s, is getting another facelift.
Just sharing a few moments from our recent 30th Anniversary Celebration!

Diana Dornak and Catharin Lewis, Co Chairman of the 30th Celebration welcoming guests!

Kelly Yu sophomore high school student from Clear Lake gave a performance on the violin. Beautiful job Kelly!

Left to right: Guest Violinists’, Mother, Mrs. Yu, and Kelly’s instructor, Beatrice Stanley.

Ronnie Richards current President, and David Hoffman, one of the original Board of Directors. Violinist Kelly Yu in the background.

Three members of the original Board of Directors in 1989. Diana Dornak, Kathy Weisskopf and Leslie Sanderson.

Catharin Lewis former Curator of WBCSCM and Director Helen Hodges.

Jerry Dornak, husband of Diana Dornak and Director Richard Lewis.

Our 30th Anniversary celebration was attended by about 45 members, former members and guests. Catharin Lewis did a wonderful job on the “Slide Show of Memories” that played throughout the evening. Lots of “oh I remember that!” and “Oh gosh that was great!”, and “We looked so young!” was heard throughout the evening.
Minutes October 17, 2019
Susan Pierce, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Ronnie Richards during the 30th Anniversary Celebration. Richard Lewis read the nominations for Directors on the slate for this year’s election for a 2-year term are:

Mike Peterson
Diana Dornak
Darryl Krogman
Doug McKee
Helen Hodges
Deborah Gammon
Linda Michael
Catharin Lewis

Officer on the slate for this year’s election for a 1-year term is:

Richard Lewis
Vice President

Did you notice............?

A picture of the LCHS Presidents from 1989 to 2019 as well as a list of the founding Directors, Officers and Members was framed and hung in the museum for the 30th celebration. They are: Diana Dornak, Peggy Fenimore, Fay Dudney, Marge Jacobson, Richard Lewis, Ernest Randall, Kathy Weisskopf, Joanna Sharp, Doug McKee and Ronnie Richards. Several presidents served several years! Also included is a picture of Catharin Lewis, our original Curator for West Bay Common School Children’s Museum. Thank you to all who have served throughout the years.

Elections for 2020 will be held at the November 21st meeting. Each year we alternate the election of Officers and Directors. This year we are electing Directors. In case of a resignation of an officer, a candidate is appointed and is voted on at the next election to finish the term.
Dear Friends,

It’s that wonderful time of year again and I am asking for your help in the Holiday In The Park booth. The League City Historical Society made close to $800 last year over the 3 days and we are hoping to top that this year! We will need contributions of baked goods and also a few hours of your time to help in the booth.

We always have fun working in the booth and if you haven’t done so, I think you would enjoy yourself. Please Call Phyllis White 832-561-0024 or Diana Dornak 281-316-2122 if you can help!

Your friend,
Phyllis White, Chairman
Holiday In The Park – Bake Sale Booth

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Be sure and come to our November 21st Meeting and see the new layout at the Museum.

We can now seat 50 people or more with our new moveable displays! .
November Message From The Marm:

“When you were little, what did you do for fun?” Students of every age today and a century ago all answer RECESS without hesitating. And, whenever WBCS reserves over 60 guests for one day’s field trip, the call goes out to the steadfast Linda Michael to teach the recess of yesteryear without other outdoor activities in the lovely Garden Classroom. She’ll ask them this very question and more, explaining that she loves “reminding them that there are great history stories in themselves and the people around them. I assign ‘homework’ to ask an older person questions like the one above. Also, “what happened when someone got into trouble at school? What do we have today that we didn’t then?”

“Connecting students’ knowledge of archaeology with the story of the little blue marble with the pink heart that was found buried on the schoolhouse grounds” is one of her favorite memories here. We truly all miss that little marble! “Archaeology is not just something done in books with mummies.”

Miss Michael continues with more things she loves about teaching at WBCS, “bringing joy and self-confidence through the recess games and activities...marbles, the sticks and hoops, Annie Over, pumping water at the well. Connecting the past ideas of ‘reduce, reuse, recycle’ with those of today. Allowing kids to personally touch history by handling the artifacts and making personal connections with them. Introducing the Sears and Montgomery Ward catalogs as the ‘Charmin,’” entertainment, and the amazon.com of the day where you could even order a kit to build your house while taking care of outhouse business.”

Let’s finish this three-part series of Meet the Marms with a final query from Miss Michael. Give it some serious thought, and if you can’t come up with something substantive, it’s time to take another visit to the One Room Schoolhouse! “What was your school day like?”

Sarah Eubanks
Director of Education

Miss Michael when asked to look stern.
A SPECIAL THANK YOU to The Victorian Lady, J’Nean Henderson and Kim Sesher, for the lovely donation to the League City Historical Society! The Victorian Fashion Show and Tea held on October 13th had proceeds benefiting our Society.

SPECIAL THANKS TO Butler’s Courtyard for hosting the event at the last minute when the electricity went out at the previous facility. Also thank you to Nana’s Attic for their part in making the tea go smoothly. This beautifully done and special event was even more meaningful to all of us because of all the extra effort that went into making it happen.

Great News !!!
Doug McKee has been selected to be the Grand Marshall in the Holiday In The Park Parade in League City on December 7th!! We are so proud of you Doug!!!
League City Historical Society

Thank you for being a member. The various types of memberships with the associated dues are listed below. To renew your membership or become a new member, select the membership level that is best for you, complete the form and mail to:

LCHS, PO Box 1642, League City Texas 77573

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- Student/ Active Military $20
- Senior (60 and over) $25
- Senior Couple $35
- Single (Individual) $35
- Family $50
- Supporting Patron $100
- Life Membership $400

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- Business Member $100
- Business Partner $200
- Business Leader $300

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☐ Check if your name, address or email has changed recently.

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Please Note: Membership is for one year and covers you until January 2021.