Our October speaker will feature Barry Gammon, a radio hobbyist. Barry will be discussing radio history and early radios. His interest in radios stems from his background in electronics while he served in the U. S. Navy and while working on computers at IBM. His radio hobby actually began in the early 1970’s. Barry will exhibit examples of table radios from the 1920’s, 30’s, 40’s, and 50’s. Barry retired from IBM 5 years ago and is also interested in woodworking and sailing.

The Living History Dinner hosted at Butler’s Courtyard was a huge success with over eighty in attendance. Our speaker, Mark Collins, received a standing ovation for his portrayal of George Washington. We want to thank our many sponsors and underwriters recognized elsewhere in this newsletter for their support.

At our September meeting, speaker Heather Green Wooten author of The Polio Years in Texas: Battling a Terrifying Unknown brought us a very interesting presentation. I’m looking forward to reading her book.

Tune in for this one. Our October meeting speaker will be Barry Gammon with a presentation on old radios. Barry restores vintage radios and brings them back into working condition. You’ll want to hear him tell all about his great hobby and twist the dial to a few favorite stations.

At the September 30 meeting, the members in attendance elected a Nominating Committee. They will elect a chairman and nominate candidates for officers and directors for next year. The nominations will be presented at the general meeting in October at which time nominations may also be made from the floor. The election will be held at the annual meeting in November and those elected will take office on January 1, 2011. Those elected to the board serve a two year term. The terms are staggered and this year all of the officer positions terms are up. The Nominating Committee will nominate candidates for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. The current Directors will continue to serve through 2011. They include Doug McKee, Diane Gillette, Richard Lewis, Jeff Hansen and Helen Hodges. Museum Curator Catharin Lewis is a nonvoting advisory member of the board.

Please save the following dates: October 30th is the Ghosts of the Past event and December 11th is our Historic Homes Tour.
September 30th
Meeting Minutes
Sherry Frankovich

Ronnie Richards welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. He introduced Heather Wooten, who had written a book about the disease, polio. She interviewed 45 victims and their families. Texas was the hardest hit state with polio epidemic. Polio has been eradicated in the Western Hemisphere, but is still in Third World. We need to continue to vaccinate out children.

President began the business meeting. Both the secretarial and Museum report were in the newsletter. He announced that 62 out of 82 tickets were sold for the October 7 Living History Dinner. We do need silent auction items.

October 9-10 is the Oak Tree Festival. Sign up to serve in the booth. Ghosts of the Past will be held on October 30 from 1-5. Seven actors will be portraying League City residents buried in Fairview Cemetery.

Nominating Committee was elected. Richard Lewis and Doris Teets and Jeff Hansen will bring back recommendations for officers to serve 2011. The vote was unanimous.

Ronnie asked for suggestions on speakers. Several gave him some.

We heard about the fund raiser for a sculpture to honor our Veterans. The city is planning a sculpture of parents holding their baby boy in the air. It will be called The Most Precious Offering. So, they are raffling off a Log Cabin Quilt to raise money. Many bought tickets.

Meeting was adjourned.

A Special Welcome to Our New Members
Nicholas & Robin Cimino

Calling all Dog Lovers and Dogs!
Bring your favorite Canine Pet and “Trick or Treat”
at the Butler Longhorn Museum
Saturday, October 23, 2010
10 am – 3 pm
Cindy Schnuriger, 281-723-2438

MusNews
Catharin Lewis, Director / Curator

Seventeen years have passed since the museum’s opening and over sixty thousand have visited from near and far. We started our outside program on benches under a tree and then moved classes into the Barn Museum for protection when we secured a new roof. Early days in the Barn were very hot or way too cold. We gave the children lap quilts to keep warm during winter months and added two ceiling fans to make it somewhat cooler during the rest of the year. We finally added heat and air conditioning in 1996 but had little else on the interior of the building to view except the concrete block walls. Early exhibits were displayed on lattice frames and pictures fell off their backings from the humidity in the building. But as fall changes its colors, things changed in the Barn Museum also.

More and more donations were added to the collection making it necessary to display and store the collection. The Barger Barn which once stood where Inter Faith Caring Ministries now stands was taken down by five members of the society and the wood now covers the front of the Barn Museum. The barn doors from the Barger Barn were hung on the interior and other wood was added to cover the remaining walls.

Some display cabinets were purchased and others were built. Carpet was laid in the entrance area and also in the gift shop area. A small kitchenette was built to clean artifacts and wash hands. Track lighting, a security system and UV protection for the windows were installed through a training program with grant funds. As the wood grays with age and the seasons change, the barn took on more changes. Signage was added and a brick walkway was laid, made from bricks from the 1909 Butler Building, the first two-story brick building in League City. Then, just last year an addition to the original structure expanded the building to add a special artifact storage area for the collection. What will winter bring?

We look forward to a full calendar of classes in November. It will be a very busy month. If you have not visited lately, come by and sit a spell. If you have something to donate, bring it on by. If you have time to help in the daily operations, come. We love your support.

The 14th Annual Island Quilters’ Guild Show is now open at the 1861 Custom House, the headquarters of Galveston Historical Foundation, at 502 20th Street.
Living History Dinner

We applaud...

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While in League City for our Living History Dinner, “George Washington” visited St. Mary’s Catholic School. He held the rapt attention of an assembly of 4th to 8th graders as he taught them history and civics through his lively “first person” account.

League City Historic District Commission Report

LCHS Rep. to the LCHDC

Fay Dudney

Special Called Meeting

September 30, 2010

The Historic District Commission held a public hearing and took action on the Township’s Request #12 for Certificate of Appropriateness to delineate acceptable elevations for the conformity with section 56-4(8) of the Historic District Ordinance and the Architectural Guidelines of four elevations to be constructed in the Township subdivision on Kansas and 7th Streets. The Commission approved the developer’s revised drawings reflecting the revisions recommended by the Commission at a previous meeting for Elevations #4, #5, and #6. The fourth elevation, #3, could not be revised since it had been approved by Commission previously.

Planning Director, Tony Allender, attended the meeting and stated that he would be attending future Historic District Commission Meetings to offer architectural advice when needed. The City has hired an architectural apprentice who will be available to the Commission if needed.

League City Historical Society

HISTORIC HOMES TOUR

Saturday, December 11, 2010

10:00am – 5:00pm

Advance Tickets: $12.00 - Day of Event: $15.00

Tickets available at: Nana’s Attic, Book Haven, Park Avenue Showplace, Butlers Longhorn Museum, League City Chamber of Commerce and West Bay Common School Children’s Museum.

For more information call: 281-554-2994
LCHS at The Oak Tree Festival

Members Annette Musgrave of Annette’s Emporium, Deborah Gammon and Bonnie Holcomb of Petals and Metals

Fay Dudney, Jeff Hansen and Phyllis White

Barry Gammon installing the tombstone of Donald Ray Cox, the unmarked veteran, in Fairview Cemetery.

The following is a link for anyone wanting to apply for a Veteran’s Administration marker or headstone for his/her loved one who served the U.S. military and having received an honorable discharge. Proof of service must be provided and is usually the veteran’s discharge papers. http://www.cem.va.gov/hm_hm.asp

The League City Historical Society

present

“Ghosts of the Past”

Saturday, October 30, 2010
(rain or shine)

Start Self-guided tours of the
West Bay Common School Children’s Museum
210 N. Kansas
Exhibits 1 - 5 PM

Start Guided tours of Fairview Cemetery, located at the end of N. Kansas on the banks of Clear Creek. Costumed “ghosts” will enlighten you with tales of the lives of Early Immigrants of League City.

Admission price includes both tours. No reservations needed.

Adults $10  Seniors (60+) & Students (age 4 - 18) $5

For more information call Museum at 281-254-9994

Because of the many shrubs along the tours paths within the cemetery, we urge you to use caution while walking. Proceeds from the tour will benefit the League City Historical Society projects, such as Winter Bay Common School Children Museum and Programs. Thank you for your support.

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