Our very special guest speaker this month is Mayor of Santa Fe and Vice Chairman of the Galveston County Historical Commission, the Honorable Ralph Stenzel. Ralph will be discussing the U.S. Naval Air Station Blimp Base located nearby in Hitchcock, Galveston County. Ralph has been fascinated with Galveston County history for years and has written several books on some of the county’s historical places. Ralph recently compiled more than 300 Texas City postcards into a book that chronicles the city’s history from the late 1800s through World War II.

You should have received your invitation by now to the Eight Annual Living History Dinner hosted at Butler’s Courtyard where we will enjoy not only a good dinner but also a visit from Abraham Lincoln as portrayed by Dr. Mark Dewalt. If you haven’t received one, please consider this your invitation and read elsewhere in the newsletter for more details. This will be a full house so please buy your tickets now at the Schoolhouse Museum.

We are in great need of silent auction items for the dinner. The silent auction is the big money maker for this event. Just drop your items off with Catharin at the Museum or get them to Diana Dornak at her home.

I would also like to extend a personal invitation to League City Historical Society members, friends and supporters to come celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the opening of Butler’s Courtyard on Saturday evening, October 13th at 7 pm at 122 Michigan Avenue. Wear your glitzy party clothes. Please RSVP by October 10th to 281-557-5551.

Ruth Burk, one of our former speakers, recently signed a contract with Arcadia Publishing to create a book titled Around Clear Lake that will feature the growth and history of the 10 cities that presently have Clear Lake as a boundary line. Ruth, as you may recall, is the author of the book titled Seabrook published by Arcadia in 2010. This book will follow the same format. League City, being one of the oldest cities in the Clear Lake area, will be featured for its early contributions. Ruth is very interested in old photographs and stories about ranching, farming and lifestyle in the late 1800s and early 1900s and would like to see photographs that show people with places of business such as stores and restaurants, people working on a ranch or farm and people at local events and celebrations. Photos that show vintage cars, landmarks and landscapes are very
Meeting Minutes

President Ronnie Richards welcomed members and guests to the August 30 meeting at the Butler Museum.

The Living History Dinner will be held October 10 featuring a portrayal of Abraham Lincoln.

Some memorial gifts to the museum have been received in honor of the mother of Catherine Lewis.

December 8 will be the Christmas Home Tour.

Eagle Scouts worked to build the brick patio at the School House Museum, which can be used for outside projects.

December 22, the Butler Museum will host an art show showing seven periods of history honoring fallen soldiers.

David Garland introduced the speaker Dr. David B. Gracy II. Dr. Gracy wrote a biography of Gov. Bill Daniel, who was appointed Gov. of Guam by his brother Gov. Price Daniel. There were problems with controls by the Navy until Pres. Kennedy officially declared self government by Guam in 1962. Gov. Bill Daniel had never been to Guam until after receiving the appointment. Tourism improved when self government took place.

Refreshments were served by Phyllis White and Mike Conwall.

Next speaker will be Ralph Stenzel.

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Calendar

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| September 27 | LCHS Meeting  
Ralph Stenzel  
Hitchcock Naval Air Station  
West Bay Common  
Children’s Museum  
210 Kansas Street, League City |
| October 10  | Living history Dinner with  
Abraham Lincoln  
Historic Homes Tour |
| December 8  |                                             |

Summer flew by and fall programs are now in progress. August was very hot, but people came and enjoyed visiting our museum. We had 276 visitors in August coming from areas of Houston, League City, Pearland, Deer Park, Dickinson, Tomball, Alvin, Bellaire and Seabrook. Everyone is always delighted to have come to the museum and surprised by what we have to offer in our town. We held six schoolhouse sessions and brought in $210 from program fees and $575.00 from memorial donations. Our expenses included security, contract teaching services and expenses for the Garden Classroom project, not covered in donations raised by the Eagle Scout. We again want to thank all who helped with summer programming, projects and daily operations of the museum to make it a success.

Personally, I wish to thank all of you who gave cards or donations to the museum in memory of my mother. Events, like this put a kink in daily life and put some projects on hold. Richard and I will be completing the Fire Hose Reel Building and Garden Classroom projects when our schedules settle down a bit.

It was my pleasure to share in a training workshop with Sarah. We recently attended a Texas Association of Museums workshop entitled, “Understanding Audiences and Visitors.” During the training event we defined visitors versus audiences, looked at accurate record keeping and mechanisms for gathering data. We explored the breakdown of visitors by generation differences and market scanning. We were able to network with others in the museum field and gained a lot of resources.

As curator, I continue to work on the collections and repairing things where needed. After being open twenty years, it was again time to make new slates for the schoolhouse program. This was the seventh set that has been used by the more than 70,000 visitors. Each slate takes more than an hour to make and twenty eight slates are needed for the program. We are also making a new set of readers for the desks. Exhibits are in process of being changed and hope to be ready soon.

We thank Diana Dornak and Joanna Sharp for this month’s refreshments.
Put this on your holiday activities calendar…

**HISTORIC HOMES TOUR**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 8 – 10am – 5pm**

The Historic Homes Tour Committee has announced the list of homes and sites for our Annual Historic Homes Tour which takes place the second Saturday of December.

Here is the line-up for this year’s tour.

- Fig Preserving Factory/Ruhl Home – 495 Coryell
- Polanco Home – 316 E. Wilkins
- McKee/Gessler Home – 1004 Third St.
- Josh McFaddin/Dean Home – 924 Second St.
- Butler Longhorn Museum/Hall Home – 1230 Coryell

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NATURAL HISTORY NIGHTS are back by popular demand! Pack 609 and others joined us the evening of September 11th for an in depth focus on “Birds.” The avian activities were a fun way for the boys to help earn their Naturalist Badge. NATURAL HISTORY NIGHTS this autumn are part of the “B” Musing Series and fall on the second Tuesday of every month. “Bats” will be held October 9th, “Bugs” on November 13th, and “Blooms” on December 11th. The last two classes fulfill all Girl Scout Legacy Badge requirements for “Bugs” and “Flowers,” respectively. Registration is currently open; enroll soon to reserve a spot for your 6 – 12 year olds.

We are also pleased to offer a new workshop on Saturday morning, November 3rd, for Junior Girl Scouts to earn their “Playing the Past Skill Building Badge.” Another big GS event is planned for the morning of December 1, where WBCS will help celebrate the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts with scouts of all levels. Activities fulfill Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council’s “Celebrate 100! Patch Program.”
The regular meeting of the League City Historic District Commission is scheduled for September 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Arolfo Civic Center, 400 West Walker Street.

Commission members will receive an update and discuss the status of amendments to Chapter 56, the Main Street Implementation Plan, and the drainage study for the Historic District. League City Land Use attorney, Mr. Jim Dougherty will be in attendance to discuss revisions to Chapter 56 and other necessary revisions to ensure the preservation of the District.

The public is welcome to attend Commission meetings.

PUBLIC MEETING FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT DRAINAGE STUDY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH 6:30-8:30pm AT
LEAGUE CITY MASONIC LODGE #1053 – 510 EAST MAIN STREET

The City of League City Engineering Department has initiated a comprehensive drainage study of the Historic District to be performed by Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc. (LAN). The goal of the study is to identify and catalogue problem areas, establish the cause or source of the deficiency, and to determine effective improvement projects. To accomplish these objectives LAN will develop a detailed storm water model of the Historic District.

Meeting Format:
Presentation (6:30-6:50pm)
Review Study Goals
Introduce Study Team
Review Study Approach
Review Study Schedule

Open House Forum (6:50-8:30pm)
Answer Questions
Collect Resident Information Related to Flooding

Information will be used to create the most realistic model of the Historic District possible when compared to previous flooding events

Please Bring:
Hard Copies or Digital Flooding Related Information such as, but is not limited to:
Descriptions of flooding, how it occurred, when it occurred, depth of flooding, flow directions, high water marks, photos, and videos. Hard copy media will be reproduced and returned to you.