Important Notice:
Our September, October and November Meetings will be held at our West Bay Common School Children’s Museum 210 North Kansas League City

September 19 LCHS Meeting
Lisa Lofaro, President of the League City Garden Club, will present the Club’s fabulous 70th Anniversary video! This exceptional, short film features League City’s history and how the club influenced leadership to help make our City what it is today – a city of Live Oaks.

Don’t forget......meeting is at West Bay Common School Children’s Museum.

A Word From The President

After a long hiatus we are going to be hosting member meetings at the museum with great guest speakers. September 19th, October 17th and November 21st. we will gather at 6:45pm at the Museum with meeting starting at 7pm. The History Club meetings jointly sponsored by the City of League City and the League City Historical Society at Helen Hall Library at 7:15pm will also continue and are scheduled for September 24th and October 24th with a break in November and December. This offers us local history buffs two great opportunities each month to celebrate history together.

Are you interested in joining the Historical Society’s board? Our election will be held at the November meeting and we are looking for those who want to serve. At our September 19th meeting a nominating committee will be selected by Richard Lewis Nomination Committee Chairman. Nominees will be announced at the October meeting. Nominations are also accepted from the floor.  Continued on next page.
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If you are interested in being nominated reach out to Richard at rklewis45@gmail.com or just let us know at the next meeting.

Did you see the article in the Connection and on the front page of the newspaper? The Connection a once a month publication goes into the mailbox of every home in League City. I made the cover and there was a great article by Galveston County Daily News reporter Matt DeGrood about the challenges League City faces in preserving its history. Our very own School Director Sarah Eubanks is also quoted in the article and has her picture included.

The evening of October 1st the Society is hosting National Night Out. Please join us at the Museum from 6-8pm as we get to know our neighbors. Please be sure to Like our Facebook pages at www.facebook.com/LeagueCityHistory/ and www.facebook.com/WestBayOneRoomSchool/.

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National Night Out @ West Bay Common School Children’s Museum

Come join us for National Night Out on Tuesday, October 1 from 5:30 to 8:30 at the One Room Schoolhouse Museum. We will have drinks and treats but feel free to bring side dishes or dessert to share.

This is open to all Historic District residents and League City Historical Society Members. Walk, bike, or golf cart over. Bring your kids, grandkids, bring a lawn chair and spend the evening enjoying our wonderful neighborhood.

One Room Schoolhouse Museum is at 210 North Kansas. (corner of N. Kansas and 2nds Street) Call 281-5544-2994 if you would like to donate or help out.
September Message from the Marm

With school now in sessions it’s time to meet our three marvelous marms via their experiences as a Victorian one room schoolhouse teacher. We’ll begin alphabetically of course with Catherine Gill, known to all students here as “Miss Gill;” marms were never allowed to marry in the 19th century.

Like most teachers of today, Miss Gill is often asked if she lives in the Schoolhouse and if she’s been working at the Schoolhouse since it first opened. This innocent question is quite loaded; the Schoolhouse opened in 1898. She says with good humor if ever asked point blank, “How old am I? My reply is, ‘It is not polite to ask a Lady that question.’”

Miss Gill shares her favorite quote from a visiting teacher, “I’ve never seen them so quiet; ever!” Her enthusiasm and joy in teaching explains why the class is silent for her. “I truly do enjoy this living history. It’s so much fun to see the students young and old experience hands on what they have read in a book. History does not have to be boring!”

**Miss Gill, Schoolmarm at WBCS since 2003**

Pictured from left to right the Schoolmarms of WBCS: Catherine Gill, Linda Michael, Sarah Eubanks, and Joan Peeples

**Sarah Eubanks**
**Director of Education**

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Upcoming League City Library History Club Speakers

**September 26 – 7:15pm**  
Speaker: Author Jan Johnson  
will be introducing her new book: “Unforgettable”.

**October 24 – 7:15pm**  
Local Historian Barbara Holt will talk about Japanese immigrants buried at Fairview Cemetery.

Don’t miss these two great History Club Meetings!

There will be no History Club Meeting in November due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

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League City Historical Society  
**Other Upcoming Meetings for 2019**

**October 17**  
30th Anniversary Celebration w’ music, refreshments, & slide show. Come and share this time of fellowship and memories.

**November 21**  
Live Oak Tree Registry. Speaker, Leslye Mize, Chairman of the LCHS program will give us an update and tell us what is planned for the coming year.
Historical Society Meeting Minutes
Susan Pierce, Secretary

July 25, 2019

The League City Historical Society and Helen Hall Library’s history club met at the library. Steph McDougal reminded everyone that there will be no meeting in August. The speaker for September will be Jan Johnson talking about her book set in Galveston, and October’s speaker will address the Japanese section of League City’s Fairview Cemetery. Rustika Café and Bakery on Main Street brought the snacks for this meeting. Our speaker was Sandra J. Tetley, Historic Preservation Officer from NASA, who talked about the restoration of the Apollo Mission Control Center. The Christopher C. Kraft, Jr. Mission Control Center (a/k/a Building 30), at Johnson Space Center, housed Mission Control during the Apollo missions, from 1969-197. (Chris Kraft, who created NASA Mission Control, died a few days before this meeting.) The building was first used in 1965 and abandoned by NASA in 2013. $45 million was initially budgeted for the restoration. The plan was to restore the room back to the “period of significance” instead of refurbishing the room, so it would be historically accurate. The restorers wanted it to look like the Mission Controller had just walked out of the room. In 2017, the City of Webster donated $3.5 million.

The Texas Historic Commission was involved. It took four years of research to finalize the plans. NASA didn’t save much when they abandoned the building, and the restorers had to look at photographs to recreate the room. Work started 18 months before the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11’s landing on the moon. Some of the old wallpaper was found and re-used. Even the ceiling tiles were duplicated by punching holes in the tiles to exactly match the holes in the old ceiling tiles. The original smoke detectors were rehung, and the old paint was matched. 3D printing was used to recreate the missing lids of the ashtrays that hung on the back of the chairs. Animators were hired to design the screens in the front of the room so they looked genuine. The original flag from Mission Control was taken to the moon, so the flag on display is not original to the room.

When completed, at the moment of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, a photograph was taken of flight controllers (still living) standing at their newly-restored consoles. The final total for the restoration came to $5.1 million. Building 30 is now a National Historic Landmark.

Next project is a recreation of Building 37, the lunar receiving laboratory which housed the moon rock quarantine and astronaut quarantine rooms.

Meeting adjourned.
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

**CATEGORY**

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

**BUSINESS CATEGORY**

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

Please update your membership information here:

Name ______________________________________________________________
(For family membership, please include names of family members)

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

City: ________________________________State:____________ Zip: ___________

Phone: ______________________________Cell: ____________________________

Email address: __________________________________________________________

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

☐ Check if you would like to receive your newsletter, meeting minutes and/or meeting notices by email, to help save postage.

Please Note: Membership is for one year and covers you until January 2020.