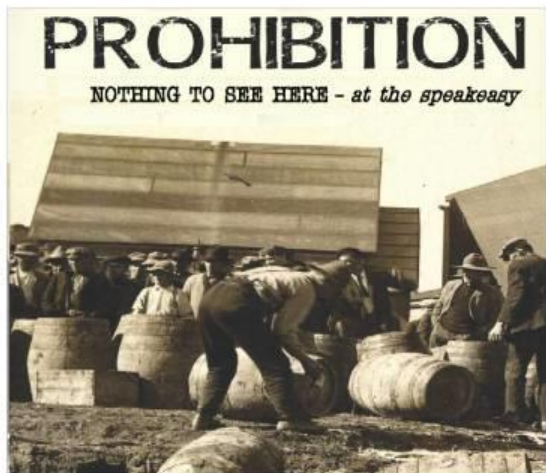




Members & Friends

Don't Miss Our January 30 Meeting !



January 17th was the 100th anniversary of the start of prohibition in America. This was also a time of silent films before "talkies" came about. So this month we are going to gather in a social setting with a silent picture show on the screen. With captions, it will show what it was like under prohibition during the whole decade of the 20's. Prohibition was not repealed until 1933 so it may have been the Roaring 20's but supposedly without alcohol.

You will see bootlegger tactics, the temperance movement, revenuers, gangsters, illegal stills, protest marches, American ingenuity and much more.

Come join us at the Barn Museum, 7pm, January 30th for a *Shot of History*



A Word From The President

It's out with the old and in with the new as we welcome 2020. By now you may have already broken your New Year's resolution! There's one resolution you for sure want to keep and that's to renew your annual membership dues this month. We are a nonprofit and a large part of our budget comes from member dues.

This year we will launch a new web site for the League City Historical Society and our One Room School. The web addresses will remain the same, www.LeagueCityHistory.org and www.OneRoomSchoolhouse.org. The funding for this project is coming from a grant and a very substantial gift from one of our members. More on this later.

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WBCS "Gypsy Hut" gets new roof.



Picture above: The "Gypsy Hut" which is located behind our Barn Museum. **Picture right:** Shows the sturdy 35 year roofing material Richard Lewis and Ed Preston installed on our little Gypsy Hut which is so important for needed extra storage space.



Richard Lewis reports that we have a new roof on our Gypsy Hut! This building is built on a 20 foot flat bed trailer. One look at the shape of the roof and you will see how it got its name. It is used for our rough storage like outdoor signage, wood and building materials for repairs. The old roof was 25 years old. This new roof has 35 year roofing material. Someone else will be responsible for that I would think. **Thank you Richard & Ed!!!**

What can I do to help -- you may ask?

We have committees who work on getting markers for historic homes, registering local Oak Trees, cleaning up the grounds and the museum, preparing displays, preparing for booths at local festivals and lots of other fun activities. We could sure use your help. ***Just hit reply to this newsletter email.***



PROHIBITION

NOTHING TO SEE HERE - *at the speakeasy*



January marks the 100th anniversary of
the start of prohibition in America.
Come meet us at the speakeasy for a
Shot of History

7pm, January 30 at the Barn Museum

Remember this time in history
renew your membership and
celebrate with wine

Just Some Highlights From 2019



For the first time, LCHS celebrated National Night Out!

Rearrangement of layout at WBCS, w' moveable displays,we can now seat over 50 people!



We had a wonderful 30th Year Celebration on October 17th! It was great to see old friends, members and guests!!



West Bay Common School Children's Museum School Marms. Left to Right, Linda Michael, Catherine Gill, Sarah Eubanks & Joan Peeples. Special thanks to Sarah Eubanks, our Education Director, and all of our teachers (Marms). Great job ladies!!!

The **Ice House** got a new facelift thanks to Dave and Katie Hake, Darryl Krogman, Mike Peterson & others!



J'Neen Henderson and Kim Seshler of "The Victorian Lady" held a wonderful tea at Butler's Courtyard on October 13th. It was wonderful and unique as always! Thank you again to Butler's Courtyard!



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA EVENT IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY



December 14, 2019 marked the second annual Wreaths Across America ceremony performed at the local historical Fairview Cemetery in League City.

The event was sponsored and supported by several organizations in League City but not limited to Matt Crowder Funeral Home and LaMarque Crowder Funeral Home, Sam Houston Chapter NSDAR; Fairview Cemetery Group, Inc. and League City Lions Club.

As a member of Fairview Cemetery Group, Sam Houston Chapter NSDAR and LCHS, I personally want to thank LCHS President, Ronnie Richards for helping with ferrying attendees from the League City Fire Training Center to the cemetery with his golf cart, and President of Fairview Cemetery Group, John Schoellkopf and his family for ferrying attendees to the cemetery and John for representing the United States Coast Guard to place a wreath on the Coast Guard Flag Stand. I want to thank personally Susan Adams, Former Regent of Sam Houston Chapter with organizing this event this year. I also want to give a shout out to Mr. David Teague for personal delivery when time was running short. This event is a joint effort between the community and others and a big THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

It was the 1st time that WWII victim of Japanese Pearl Harbor Attack, Dick Thomson was honored with a wreath and because of his repatriation to Fairview Cemetery, the Thomson family was able to order a Veterans Administration marker for another family member, Robert Thomson, brother to Dick. So Robert Thomson was so honored for the 1st time with a wreath. Fairview Cemetery Group members, Deborah Gammon and Melodey Hauch work very hard to tally the veterans and honor the veterans who are interred Fairview. See you next year when the theme will be:



David Teague, AAA Transportation



Elizabeth "Beth" Sears & Greg Gripon,



Greg Gripon & John Schoellkopf



John Schoellkopf



Pictured with LCHS Board Member, Deborah Gammon is Sam Houston Chapter, NSDAR



Gravestone of newly interred veteran Richard J Thomson, a son of League City who perished aboard the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941.



Santa and 2 guests attend Board Meeting!!

This beautiful picture, along with several others, was shown in an article in Coastal Monthly Magazine on unique front porches. Several homes were pictured from Galveston County and three of them were from the League City Historic District! Here's the link to find it online.

<https://www.coastmonthly.com/edition/2019/10/#page=22>

The article starts on page 14 of Coastal Monthly Magazine..



Thought For Today....

**Do you know what to call
Such a day that has it all?
Is it Better, Is it Best?
I surely don't know which is which,
it's what you do with your life
That makes it rich...**



LCHS held their 4th quarter Board of Directors Meeting in December. Three special guests, Ruthann Rugg, Brian Crockett and Santa Claus attended the meeting along with regular and newly elected board members. Ruth Ann and Brian are leaders in the Finding Alternative Futures Program (FAF) that LCHS was selected to participate in for the past two years. This unique program is part of the Texas Association of Museum's programs and is helping fund the LCHS and WBCS websites which are in the process of being redesigned and upgraded. Santa Claus also stopped by to wish everyone a very special and blessed Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

A Japanese Ceremony at Fairview

Melodey M. Hauch

The League City Historical Society's October presenter, Barbara Holt, discussed her research into the Japanese rice farmers who settled in Webster during the early 1900s. Led by Seito Saibara, at least seventy-five Japanese colonists lived on five Webster farms by 1909. Labor was plentiful and local residents of Webster and League City made up a significant portion of the work force on these rice farms.

A large section of League City's Fairview Cemetery holds the graves of forty-seven Japanese rice colonists representing twenty-six different households. There was no community cemetery during those early years, and Fairview was the closest burial ground. A Texas Historical Marker is in the works for this section.

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Attending the LCHS meeting was Cindy Imai Jones. She arranged for a small group of her family members from California and Japan to meet at the cemetery on November 27th. I met them there and gave them a short of history of the Japanese rice farmers as well as photos of the large Japanese community.

Then a wonderful little ceremony took place led by an elderly Japanese gentlemen who wanted to honor his great uncle Zenkichi Imai. He brought a bag of tiny rocks from his family's 200-year-old cemetery in Japan, birthday cake candles and special incense. Digging a small hole in front of the headstone to hold the rocks, he lit three candles on the base of the headstone, lit a bundle of the incense, handed some out to family members and stuck the remainder in the rocks. He then bowed and prayed. It was very moving. They continually thanked me and I thanked them in return.





January Memo from the Marm

Wishing everyone a unique year full of adventure, wonderment, and new surprises behind every door!

Happy 2020!

Sarah Eubanks
Director of Education

Photo Courtesy of Magek Photography



Do you own a cleaning service?
Know someone that does?
Are you a clean person?

We need a volunteer to vacuum and dust the Museum once a week.
Maybe a cleaning service will volunteer that one hour a week.
It would only take one hour of your time.
Won't you please consider it.
We really need help in this area of support for your Museum.

GOOD BENEFITS PACKAGE

Good Vacation Package*
High Job Satisfaction
Flexible Work Hour
Instant HERO status
High fives all around
> Easy Application Process

* If you are busy this week, just come next week.
> Hit **REPLY** to the email that sent you this newsletter.

Time to
renew
membership!
See next page
for renewal!





If You Are Not A Member, We Are Hoping You Will Join!!

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

- | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Student/ Active Military | \$20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior (60 and over) | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior Couple | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Single (Individual) | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Supporting Patron | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Life Membership | \$400 |

BUSINESS CATEGORY

- | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Business Member | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Business Partner | \$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Business Leader | \$300 |

Please update your membership information here:

Name _____

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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- 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 2021.