

Smoke From The Chimneys



Long Beach Historical Society

Remembering the past to preserve our future

October 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I appreciate the opportunity to serve once again as President of Long Beach Historical Society. When I first served as President in 2001-2003, the Society was one of the newer organizations in Long Beach. This year marks the 15 anniversary of our Society's existence. I fondly remember the hard work that Mary Ellen did in forming a steering committee to create the Society. She was very happy and excited when the first general meeting was held on August 11, 1997, at McInnis-Wharton Hall.

Since that first meeting, Long Beach Historical Society has achieved many worthwhile goals. Perhaps the most significant accomplishment was restoration of the World War II memorial adjacent to the old City Hall and Library buildings. A new post-Katrina memorial is now on Fourth Street in the Harper McCaughan Town Green and the dedication will take place on Veteran's Day right after the 1 PM parade is over. Please join us to celebrate the efforts of the society and to share in the joy of knowing that the memorial is complete again. Another on-going project is the dedication of educational historical markers throughout the city and along Highway 90. And, of course, everyone remembers the Historical Calendars published for many years! None of these projects would have been possible without the support of our membership. But what about

tomorrow? Can we continue Mary Ellen's dream of having an active historical society dedicated to preserving our city's rich history and educating our children and grandchildren about the community they call "home"? The answer lies with you!

In recent years, our paid membership has been declining. The life blood of our Society is individuals willing to join the "team" and share in the work. The yearly dues have not changed since the Society started, and the money from memberships helps sustain our work. Now, we need additional members. Your Officers and Board of Directors have set a membership goal of 125 paid members this new year. You can help by (1) renewing your membership-- thanks to those who already have renewed—and (2) financially sponsoring memberships or encouraging a friend or neighbor to join the Society.

I challenge you to join with the Officers and Directors in helping reach our membership goal and in participating when possible in the activities of your Society, such as the Radish Festival, the Veterans Day Parade and Christmas on the Avenue. Together, we can keep the dream alive!

*Respectfully yours,
Donald Dana, Jr.*

VP/Program Chair message

We're excited to welcome Bertram Hayes-Davis, the great, great grandson of Jefferson Davis who will speak to us at the October 8th meeting. Bert, who will be accompanied by his wife Carol, is the recently appointed new director of Beauvoir. A former businessman from Colorado and Texas, who is also the president of the Davis Family Association, he will speak to us about the upcoming Christmas tree auction that is being put on for Beauvoir. It will also be exciting to hear a blood relative speak about the former president of the Confederate States of America. There's a wonderful article on the descendants of Jefferson Davis in the current issue of Mississippi magazine. Check it out.

The July program by Steve Roberts on live oaks was a rousing success. Folks are still talking about it. For those who could not be us, you really missed a good one. Steve told us things that we didn't even know we wanted to know about oaks and it was all told with his own brand of relaxing delivery. Especially interesting was the "Old Ironsides": information. Bravo!

I have been very pleased to be involved in the way our building is shaping up and sincerely hope that you all like the direction in which we are moving. New carpet and chairs should not only be pleasing to the eye but very comfortable for the upcoming

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Meetings are always quarterly and on the 2nd Monday at the Historical Society Building, 535 Klondyke Rd. Notifications will be sent if anything changes.

2012 Meetings:

January 9, Monday
April 9, Monday
July 9, Monday
Oct 8, Monday

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Mission Statement

The Society's purpose is "to bring together those people interested in the history of the City of Long Beach and to coordinate their efforts in preserving and recording that history for future generations."

Long Beach Historical Society is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to the:

- Preservation and management of historic and cultural resources of Long Beach
- Provide educational opportunities for both its membership and the public

meeting. The photo gallery is next along with some other loose ends and with those additions we should really look like a historical society.

With partial regret I must say that I have to miss the October meeting and will try hard to think of all of you while my husband Danny and I are on a Mediterranean cruise in celebration of our recent 50th wedding anniversary. We will be steaming toward Rome on Oct 8 when the meeting is taking place.

And to my long time good friend, Eddie Ware, who inserts my newsletter information in the proper places and then prints it, I say, "Thank you Eddie!"

Respectfully yours,

Beth Hansen

Germans, Beer, Radishes, and Long Beach

From 1820-1920 more Germans immigrated to the US than any other nationality and many of us can trace our roots to this fun loving group of people.

The Germans liked to sing, dance and well..... brew beer. In their native country, they dug cellars in which to store their beer to keep it cool in the summer months. When the beer was brought up from the cellars it was usually consumed fairly close by. Think open air atmosphere, no umbrellas but instead shade from the many trees providing free canopies overhead. People came to these particular spots in family groups and were permitted to bring along their own food. It was a comfortable place to have dinner and spend quality time with family and friends while enjoying some good beverages.

We now see how German Bier Gartens came into being. After dinner while consuming the delicious beer, many were fond of eating radishes with it that were dipped in salt. Many kinds of radishes were used for this purpose and each area of Germany had its own favorite.

When arriving in this country, many Germans began brewing beer here in America. Among the immigrants were Eberhard Anheiser, Adolphus Busch, Frederick Pabst, Frederick Miller, Joseph Schlitz, Adolph Coors and Bernard Stroh, all famous names in beer. (A little tidbit: The daughter of Eberhard Anheiser married Adolphus Busch.)

Perhaps these gentlemen were in need of some radishes for their establishments on a regular basis. Enter Long Beach Mississippi!!!!!! The Friendly City was already shipping green beans and other crops out by rail. Some radishes mature in as little as 23 days, a fact that surely was not lost on our farmers back in the day. The rest is history, as they say, and before long we'd shipped so many radishes to northern markets that we were able to proclaim to the world that we were "The Radish Capital" of same.

But, about those radishes. We don't seem to have any detailed information on exactly what kind of radishes that we were growing beyond the fact that they were called "long reds". That name, however, is not the botanical name of any radish listed anywhere.

Radishes come in a variety of colors and one is even called Easter Egg. Its multi colors do look like Easter colors. Most of the red ones are all short and round. There is the Red Mammoth that is scarlet colored and about 10 inches in length. Its flesh is pink. It could be a contender for the "long red" but there is another that is very interesting and the favored contender of this writer. It's an Italian heirloom radish, Candela di Fuoco, which translates to Candle of Fire. If this was the "long red" perhaps the variety was suggested by our Italian farmers, of which there were many at the time. In pictures this radish looks like a giant red carrot and has snow white flesh inside.

Perhaps reading about this will spark something in a distant memory that may shed more light on this subject to be shared with all. But no matter what

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happens it's always fun to talk about this subject and also to read in the paper about Long Beach being "The Radish Capital of the World"!

(Some of this information was taken from various computer websites and some is also speculative.)

Community Participation

Beth Hansen and Fran Wren represented the society at the 1st Annual Cultural Fair at the new Armed Forces Retirement Home in Gulfport. It included booths and displays from local folks who represented their home countries with elaborate displays and dance performances. A local Scot, in full dress also played his bag pipes.

Several historical societies also had booths and the Gulfport society was set up right next to us.

Many people stopped at our table during the morning and left knowing that our city was previously known as The Radish Capital of the World and that it had other names besides Long Beach.

Upcoming Events

As mentioned in the July Smoke from the Chimneys, the War Memorial dedication is coming up. We're very happy to report that it will be on Veterans Day, Nov 11, following the parade which begins at 1:00 PM. Please join us for this important occasion that we've put our efforts into and also pray that we will be safe from future storms allowing this memorial to be permanent.

We will be speaking more about Veterans Day, Christmas on the Avenue and the Radish Festival at the meeting. Dita McCarthy will again drop by the meeting with all the details about the festival but the actual dates are: Radish Festival, Nov 2, paid wine & cheese tasting at the old bank, Nov 3 on the Town Green at 9 AM, Veterans Day Parade Nov 11 at 1 PM, followed by War Memorial Dedication about 3 PM, Christmas on the Avenue Dec 8 at 9 AM.

In Appreciation

Thanks to Barbara Kimball who was a great hostess for the July meeting. The 4th of July decorations were very festive and the Domino's Pizza delicious.

Also thanks to Jennie Lee McCaughan Lacy who has donated an original painting to the society done by her late husband's uncle, Joe Tillman, who was severely handicapped but still attended art classes at Gulf Park and was able to paint many pictures during his lifetime.

New members

Welcome to the following new members:

Bobby Patenotte, Patrick Allen, Ron & Janice Robertson, and Tom Jordan We are most pleased to have them join us and a few of them were at the last meeting and seemed to be enjoying themselves. We'd like to offer congratulations to the Robertsons and Bobby Patenotte who were recently honored on the 50th Anniversary of their high school graduation from Long Beach High School in 1962.

Condolences to:

The Dauro & Skellie families on the loss of Mable's brother, Harry Dauro who leaves behind several children in Georgia and his wife Nell.

Bobby Spayde & Stephanie Welch Bass on the death of their wife and sister, Nancy Welch Spayde.

Conchetta LaRosa Favre on the death of her husband Jerry, owner of Jerry's Lawn Mower, which he began many years ago.

The family of Helen Fayard, widow of A C Fayard, who leaves a large family.

The family of Margaret Yarborough, owner with her husband "Winky" of Howell Yarborough Tile Co.

The family of Mary Porter, 96, a former civilian instructor at KAFB and organist for many years at St. Thomas Church.

Shirts for Sale

We still have some tee-shirts left, a few with collars, that have our logo on the back. Check them out at the meeting if you don't have one. They're white and the logo is burgundy tying in with school colors and maybe the radishes if we use our imaginations. They would make good attire when we're at informal gatherings of the society, working our booths or in the parade.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS FLASH

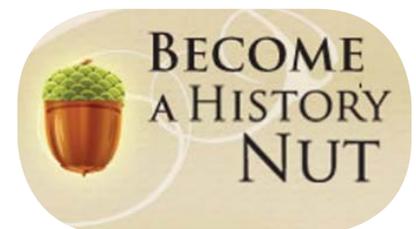
Many of you have not been receiving Smoke from the Chimneys several of the last quarters until now. Dues are due and payable each year on July 31st and if not received within 90 days after that you may be dropped from the rolls.

We hope that all members who have been dropped will enjoy this edition of Smoke and consider rejoining the society which is on the way to bigger and better accomplishments.

The society was given the use of a city building last year and we have been making improvements to it and it is looking terrific. We plan to open the building to the public for research purposes after collecting enough historical data. Your membership dues will help ensure that the history of Long Beach will live in the hearts of those coming up behind us who will someday inherit the reins of the society.

Dues are still \$10 for one and \$15 for a couple, a great bargain!!

Dues can be mailed to:
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SPOTLIGHTING OLDER HOMES IN LONG BEACH



228 East Railroad Street (William Tell House) Built around the turn of the century by Mr. and Mrs. William Tell who moved here from New Orleans. Mr. Tell published a newspaper, *The Sun*, and published the Governor's Proclamation of Incorporation of Long Beach on August 10, 1905. The property was sold in 1935 to Mr. and Mrs. William Hauer. Present owner: Dennis Girard.