

Smoke From The Chimneys



Long Beach Historical Society

Remembering the past to preserve our future

October 2013

President's Message

As I write this message, a tiny nip of fall seems to be in the air and serves as a reminder that exciting events will soon be taking place for the Society and its members. Plans are underway for the Veterans Day Parade and also for Christmas on the Avenue. Your society has supported and participated in these events in years past. I encourage you to join the Society this year in supporting these city-wide activities. Sign-up sheets will be available at the meeting. Dates and times will be listed elsewhere in this issue of Smoke.

It's once again time to begin seeking nominations for the Mary Ellen Alexander Lifetime Achievement Award. It and other yearly awards for 2013 will be given at the January 2014 Annual Soup Luncheon. A nomination form is included and may be given to any officer or board member or turned in at the upcoming meeting. As we begin to approach the Christmas season, may I ask you to consider giving memberships in the Society to family and friends? The gifts will be inexpensive but yet

help to support the work that we do. The gift recipients will be reminded of how thoughtful you are when Smoke from the Chimneys arrives in their mailboxes every quarter. Please be aware that the meetings will now begin at 6:00 pm instead of 5:30.

Thanks for your support,
Respectfully submitted,

Donald Dana

Vice President/Program Chair Message

It's been a busy summer. I hope everyone has been able to attend some of the events that have taken place on the Town Green. We are so fortunate to be able to continue making history on that historical piece of ground that was given to our city by the late Harper McCaughan so very long ago.

August marked the 8th anniversary of hurricane Katrina and also the 16th anniversary of our society, which passed without any fanfare on our part. We'll reserve that for the 20th milestone in 2017.

Last quarter's program, the pictorial review of Long Beach, by member

Paul Jermyn was enjoyed by all. Paul's relaxed manner and his wealth of information on each of his pictures added to the evening. It was a pleasure to view "The Collection of Paul Jermyn." Thanks again Paul, we enjoyed your ladies too.

We now have extra tables on which to elevate any equipment being used in future programs to ensure the viewing enjoyment of all. Progress is also being made in all of the rooms of the building which is getting us even closer to our proposed library. Also more historical pictures have been added to the walls with many more to come. I'd like to see the walls convey the story of our city to anyone new who may not know it or hasn't had the pleasure of reading Rosalie and Radishes which is out of print at the present time.

In anticipation of Veterans Day and in honor of all military, present and retired, it gives me great pleasure to announce that Tom Adams will be the featured speaker at the October meeting. Tom retired from

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Meetings are always quarterly and on the 2nd Monday at the Historical Society Building, 645 Klondyke Rd. Notifications will be sent if anything changes.

2013 Meetings:

January 14, Monday, 11:00 AM
April 8, Monday, 5:30 PM
July 8, Monday, 5:30 PM
Oct 14, Monday, 6:00 PM

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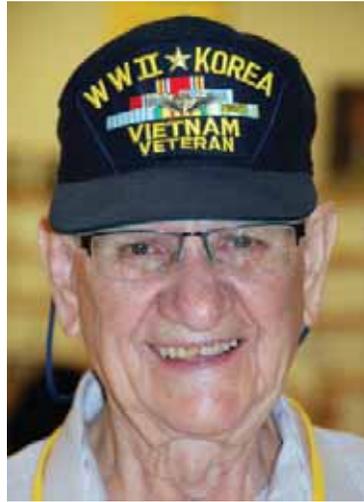
The Society's purpose is "to bring together those people interested in the history of the City of Long Beach and to coordinate their efforts in preserving and recording that history for future generations."

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

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the Air Force as a Chief Warrant Officer who served our country for over 25 years in three different wars; WWII, Korean and Vietnam. He was an instructor in the early years and during the latter was a flight engineer, on board B29 missions from the Phillipines to Japan. I'm sure that he has much to share with us after such an interesting career.



See you on October 14th at 6:00 pm, which is a new time!

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hansen

Old Days Mystery #1

Can you guess the answer?
Does anyone remember who Marie Helen Christian Ladner married and where she and her husband made their home?

**Shades of Mississippi
Military History**

The great state of Mississippi has had no shortage of men who served in times of need. The names of 71 men from Mississippi are listed as having served in the Revolutionary War which took place between 1775 and 1783. About 80,000 Mississippi men fought in the Civil War and of those, about 8,000 lost their lives. Some of the sources of information admit that many muster rolls were destroyed before exact counts could be taken so these are the best estimates.

There were many coast men who lost their lives in WWI, from Pearlinton to Pascagoula and other nearby small towns also; Logtown, Vancleave, Lucedale, and Wiggins. Making the ultimate sacrifice from Long Beach was one man, Private Luke Jefferson, a young black husband and father, barely in his thirties. He was from a large family and left many siblings.

Many WWII monuments are in existence so those numbers are available to all and we do know that 11 men from Long Beach lost their lives in that war.

Statistics also say that 14 men from Harrison county lost their lives in the Korean War. Four of

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those are listed as being from Gulfport and the other cities are unknown. For the Vietnam War, records list the deaths of three Long Beach men, Eddie Blake, Leo Breland and David Creel. In Afghanistan, Donnie Levens. May they all rest in peace.

Now is a good time to give an upward glance or maybe a smile, in memory of those we never knew who came forth to serve in times of need while also remembering the thousands who did come home. Remember to thank a veteran, anytime is a good time.

Above info taken from Mississippi Genealogy Trails, Ancestry.com, civilwar.com and vetfriends.com.

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Hurricane Anniversary Event

A standing-room only audience attended the August 29 Program “Patchwork and Tales: “Two Women Reflect on Hurricane Katrina” at the Katrina Research Center at USM Gulf Coast.

The Long Beach Historical Society co-sponsored the Katrina Anniversary event with the Research Center. Greetings were extended to all by Dr Deanne Nuwer, Center Director and Dr Frances Lucas, Vice President and Executive Officer of USMGC

David Wells, husband of the late Solveig Wells, related how his wife became involved in creating quilts from remnants found after Hurricane Katrina.

Claire Boggs Morrison, age 98 and a member of our society, recalled her experiences living at Boggsdale during four hurricanes, 1915, (was there but too young to remember) 1947, 1969 and 2005. Mrs. Morrison was assisted with her presentation by a niece Eleanor Shoemaker. “The 1947 hurricane was the most terrifying of all the storms and Camille disrupted a wedding reception at Boggsdale,” she declared. “We all evacuated to the old Edgewater Gulf Hotel where we enjoyed the last bottle of champagne from the wedding as the storm raged!”



Shugana Williams, Librarian at the Katrina Research Center and Historical Society Board Member with society member, Claire Boggs Morrison.

Following the recollections, Dr Louis Kyriakoudes, director of the Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage explained the significance of oral histories and the work he has underway.

After closing remarks by Dr Lucas, conclusion of the program followed refreshments and fellowship.

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Pictured above is the audience from the Katrina Research Program at USM showing several historical society members visiting before the program began.

Adopted Budget for 2014

The Board has adopted a budget for the coming year, which is a necessary first for the society now that it has a home. Unlike earlier times when expenses were minimal, we must now be prepared for utilities and maintenance and miscellaneous expenses that may arise.

We are happy to be in this new home as it provides a place for our meetings, gives us an office to store our records and other items and will make it possible to one day have a library for our use as well as the general public.

Keeping those ends in mind, we must also recognize that the only sources of income to fund the budget are membership fees, the small amounts received from the sale of "Rosalie and Radishes", and sales from our calendars, bumper stickers, tee shirts, etc. Please join us in any of these endeavors to help increase our income.

As always the officers and board will continue the wise use of society funds.

LONG BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 2014 CALENDAR YEAR BUDGET

1. Utilities	\$1,000.00
2. Printing Expenses	600.00
3. Mailing Expenses	250.00
4. Refreshments	200.00
5. Awards and Recognition	200.00
6. Framing	300.00 (Initial framing of pictures to be hung at house)
7. Membership Expenses	75.00
8. Office Files Expenses	70.00 (Initial set-up of historical files at house)
9. Paper Products	50.00 (Includes soup lunch)
10. Church Rental	50.00
11. Speaker Expenses	50.00
12. Unforeseen Expenses	10.00
13. Historical Federation Dues	25.00
TOTAL	\$2,970.00



Condolences

The society is very saddened by the Sept 24th death of Brenda Batey's mother, Floye Alexander, who had been plagued by illness in recent years. Mrs. Alexander, who had been a widow for only a short time, was a busy and talented wife, splendid homemaker, and a wonderful mom who was deeply involved in her children's young lives. RIP Mrs. Alexander.

Our deepest sympathy is also extended to the families of: Patrick O'Connell, Vincentine Vizzini, Helen Grobler, Bill Smith, Jean Marie Sicotte, Nick Martin. Eddie Deason, Ruby McLemore, Kitty Pepper, Zoe Rita Smith, Marie Hamilton, Paula Keegan Rishel, Dan Engle, Cooper Andrews, G B Flagg, Patti Bannister, Roy Leslie, Etta Jo Smith, Michael James Cuevas, Gary Madden, Pauline Little, and Gerry Kunz.

2014 Officers, Directors & Committee Chairs

Officers, directors and committee chairs elected in July will officially take office at the conclusion of the October 14 meeting which will be the last one under the old business calendar. This is in keeping with the April 8, 2013 amendments to the by-laws that now state that the business/ membership year is to begin on January 1 and conclude on December 31.

Presiding over the January 2014 meeting will be the following:

Officers

- President - Donald Dana Jr
- Vice President - Beth Hansen
- Secretary - Alissa Beck
- Treasurer - Fran Wren
- Governmental Affairs Liaison

Mike Wren

Directors

- Iantha Hines
- Paul Jermyn
- Gary Ponthieux
- Eddie Ware

Committee Chairs

- Finance - Brenda Batey
- Historic Sites - Barbara Kimball
- Hospitality - Ola Mae Dana
- Membership - Ashley Skellie
- Publicity - Shugana Williams

Dates, Times & Info to Remember

- Attention: New time for our meetings now. 6:00 pm
- Dues are now due in January, running with new Society year. You've just gotten some free months!
- Veterans Day Parade Sunday Nov 10 at 1:00 pm, participants line up at 12:00 by War Memorial Park.
- Christmas on the Avenue Dec 14th on the Town Green at 9:00 am

Old Days Mystery #2
Can you guess the answer
 What important idea did Mr and Mrs Douglas Donovan conceive in 1874 in the little town of Scott's Station, as Long Beach was called back then?

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State Capital News

When we reported on the status of the fund raising for the two proposed museums in Jackson in the last edition of Smoke from the Chimneys, we had no idea that the ground breaking would be announced so quickly, however, it will be on Thursday, October 24th at 10:00 a. m. with much fanfare. It will be an historic day of festivities that will feature food, music and children's activities. In addition to Governor Phil Bryant, Haley Barbour, who also worked on the funding aspects of the museums, The Museum of Mississippi History and the NAACP and widow of slain

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will be on Thursday, October 24th fanfare. It will be an historic will feature food, music and addition to Governor Phil Bryant, Haley Barbour, who also worked the museums, The Museum of Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. Myrlie Evers, former chair of the civil rights leader, Medgar Evers.

News Around Town

Congratulations to member and past president Art Holzweissig who was tapped for the latest Honor Flight. Thank you for your service to our country Art!!

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Mystery #1 Answer:

Marie Ladner, daughter of Nicholas & Marianne, married Juan Cuevas, a native of Spain. The Ladners gave the couple 1230 acres of land on Cat Island that had been granted to them by the Spanish Government, on which they made their home.

Mystery #2 answer:

The Donovans suggested a new use for an old box car that had been used as a goat shelter. It would become the Methodist Church. The Rev Joseph Nicholson organized this railroad sanctuary while the Donovans also organized Sunday School.

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MARY ELLEN ALEXANDER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The MARY ELLEN ALEXANDER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, presented by the LONG BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, recognizes individuals who during their lifetime have made significant contributions in increasing the awareness, preservation, and appreciation of history relating to Long Beach, the Mississippi Gulf Coast region, and the State of Mississippi.

The LONG BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY invites nominations for the MARY ELLEN ALEXANDER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. This award is presented annually at the January meeting of the society. Nominations must be received by October 31 to be considered that year. Nominations received after October 31 will be considered the following year.

Nominee Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

**SUMMARY OF NOMINEE'S LIFETIME ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS THAT MERIT THE AWARD
(Please continue additional sheets as necessary and attach or reference supporting documentation that should be considered.)**

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Nominated by: _____

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Mail nominations to Long Beach Historical Society, P.O. Box 244, Long Beach, MS 39560



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