



Long Beach Historical Society

October 2014

Presidents Message

The next meeting, on Columbus Day, Oct 13, is our Historical Society's last for the current year which has been our first fiscal year to run from January to January. Yearly dues will be due and payable as the new fiscal year begins on January 1, 2015 and may be mailed to P O Box 244.

You should also be aware of important changes which will take place during the coming year. At the last meeting, the membership voted to accept a recommendation from the Board, that on a one year trial basis, we increase the number of meetings of the Society from four to six. The meetings will all be held on the THIRD Mondays. Our traditional Awards/Soup Luncheon will be held at the Methodist Church January 19, at 11 a m. The remainder of the meetings at the Historical House will begin at 6 p m on March 16, May 18, July 20, September 21 and November 16.

A Reminder: The Board will continue to accept nominations until October 31 for the Mary Ellen Alexander Lifetime Achievement Award, the Harper McCaughan and Friend of the Society awards.

Donald Dana, Jr.

Vice President/Program Chairman Message

I know you are all missing the look that Eddie Ware gives to my newsletter but he has been experiencing some back problems and it's best that he save his good moments for his real work. Wishes are with Eddie to get back to normal as quickly as possible.

Hope you're ready for another society meeting and also hope that you will enjoy the upcoming one as much as the last. Jane Shambra from the Genealogy Dept of the Harrison County Library System put on a nice program for us. Whenever you need any information from the past make sure to see Jane at the Biloxi Library.

In the future, I would like to see us implement a new program feature and that is the showcasing of some of the pioneers of our city so we may all learn more about them. The pioneers set the tone and helped to make our community what it is today. As society members, it's our duty to pass this information on to our family and friends but we must be knowledgeable in order to do so.

Along those lines, I will begin with May Quarles Watrous, the mother of our founder, Mary Ellen Watrous Alexander. Most women didn't have careers outside of the home in May's time, as she did, so she is certainly unique and in sharing her story, we'll also be sharing in the history of Long Beach. I've asked others to assist me in the delivery of the program, which should make it fun, and I know you will enjoy it. I am also planning programs on other noteworthy pioneers so watch for announcements in future editions of Smoke from the Chimneys.

Beth Hansen

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