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Summer 2023 PCHS Newsletter

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Tour of Homes 2023

Dear Pass Christian Historical Society Members,

Sunday, May 7th was a beautiful day in Pass Christian and PCHS put on a magnificent "Tour of Homes". Gary Smith, Don and Sally Demetz, Jena Shepherd, and Evelina Burnett did a fabulous job organizing the event. I want to thank the home owners who opened their homes to hundreds of people and to the House Captains, Patrons, Sponsors and Docents for showing off the splendor of the "Pass".

This winter and spring we have had wonderful speakers, arranged by Wendy Allard, for our monthly luncheons and membership meetings. Please come out and enjoy the luncheons on the fourth Monday of each month.

PCHS, Trinity Church and Live Oak Cemetery Association will host the "Live Oak Cemetery Tour" on November 3rd and 4th. We need volunteers and actors for the event. Please contact Lori Fisher 228-669-9511 or lorifisherisretired@gmail.com to volunteer.

Thank you to all the PCHS Docents, Luncheon Volunteers, and PCHS Members who support the "Society". We are constantly looking for volunteers to assist with these duties. If anyone has any suggestions or concerns, please contact me.

Regards,

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Welcome New Members!!

March 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023

Susan Boudreaux

Susan and John Burwell

Faith Davina

Peter Dorner

Laura and Steve Ethridge

Sarah and Jason Gregory

Edward Hemard III

Tish and Haden Hughes

Monique and Stephen Lehnhardt

Rhonda Prather and Logan Peters

Wynitia Sgroi

Jan and Quentin Stumpf

Margaret Toledano

Ashley and Gregory Tripoli

Bill Walker

Sydney and Steve Wall

Susan N Waters



After a 3-year COVID-induced hiatus, the Pass Christian Historical Society Tour of Homes returned with full houses on Sunday, May 7th. The weather couldn't have been better and a good time was had by all!

We hope you will support the PC Historical Society by becoming a member or renewing your memberships.

Please see additional information on our Membership page at

www.passhistory.org.

If you are missing your newsletter email, please check your spam folder and click "Not Spam".

Calendar of Events 2023

Unless otherwise noted:

Monthly General Membership Meetings are on the 2nd Monday at 7P. each month.

Monthly Luncheons are on the 4th Monday of the month at 12N. **Please note that reservations are required.** Additional information regarding reservations follows the calendar entries.

Monday, July 24, 2023 12N Luncheon with Speaker
100 Years of Rotary Club of Pass Christian with Ken Austin and Catherine Myers.

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 11A Holiday Party planning meeting
PCHS Holiday Party planning meeting at the Pass Christian Historical Society 201 East Scenic Drive

Monday, August 28, 2023 12N Luncheon with Speaker
"To The Moon: An Autobiography of an Apollo Astronaut's Daughter" with Rosemary Roosa

Monday, September 11, 2023 7P Membership Meeting Speaker TBD

Monday, September 25, 2023 12N Luncheon Speaker TBD

Monday, October 9, 2023 7P Membership Meeting Speaker TBD

Monday, October 30, 2023 12N Luncheon with Speaker
Rosary O'Neill and Rory Schmitt to speak on "Degas in New Orleans"

Friday November 3 and Saturday November 4, 2023 Live Oak Cemetery Tours

First tour begins at 5P with new tours every 10 minutes. Duration of tour is approximately 60 minutes. Rain dates 11/11 & 11/12
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063897828348>

Monday, November 13, 2023 7P Membership Meeting Speaker TBD
Election of trustees shall be held at the annual membership meeting in November.

Friday, December 1, 2023 5P Christmas in the Pass
Parade Viewing

Come join the fun at the Historical Society!! BYOB and a snack to share!! December 1, 5PM No Reservations Needed

Monday, December 4, 2023 6P Holiday Membership Party
Holiday Membership Cocktail Party 1st Monday in December 6P - 8:30P

Please Note the following regarding luncheons.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION by Friday 5 PM prior to Monday luncheon!
\$12.00 Members/15.00 Non-members.

Call 228-452-7254 or Email: reservations@passhistory.org.

Please cancel by Sunday so PCHS does not incur the cost of an unused lunch.

Sorry BUT, NO Walk-Ins, NO Observers and NO Standing Reservations. Seating is limited to 50.

Second Annual PCHS History Award!

Alyssa Gegenheimer was awarded the second annual Pass Christian Historical Society history award, a check for \$250, during senior awards night on May 3rd. Alyssa was described as a true student of history and a real intellectual. Driven by a love of history, she is always reading, learning and attempting to acquire knowledge about the world around her. With her intellectual curiosity, she has been known to stimulate wonderful discussions in her classes. Alyssa will attend the University of Southern Mississippi in the fall. Alyssa

is pictured with PCHS Treasurer Don DeMetz. PCHS congratulates her upon her graduation and wishes her the best of luck during her upcoming college years.



Billy Bourdin Memorial Library

Visitors are always welcome to peruse our collection of books and artifacts in the Billy Bourdin Memorial Library during our open hours Wed 10a-12n, Thurs 10a-12n & 1p-3p and Friday & Saturday 10a-12n. Also by appointment.

We are on the web!

www.passhistory.org

Below are some of the interesting and fun events we have had!



In March we heard from Mike and Dawn LaMarca about the history of this Pass institution when they spoke to "Pirates Cove: Past, Present and Future". The crowd was introduced to the new owners, Keith and Patrick Rusbridge, and heard about the future plans as well.

Also in March PCHS provided a St. Patrick's Day Parade Toasting Station for the Pass St. Patrick's Day Parade. Members and friends enjoyed refreshments and games before watching the parade roll by.



Authors Don Davis and Carl Brasseur talked about their book "Asian Cajun Fusion: Shrimp from the Bay to the Bayou". An interesting discussion related to our Gulf Coast shrimp industry and how important it has been to our culture and way of life.

In April Jerald Williams gave us the history and future plans of the Pass Christian Lighthouse Society. He took us through the history of this effort since before Katrina and current plans to rebuild the Pass Lighthouse as a city monument.



No one knows who fired the first shot on Lexington Green on April 19, 1775 to begin the American War for Independence. At the April lunch, Jeff Wallace gave an interesting talk about his book, "A Tale of Two Cannons-April 19, 1775", which creates an engaging historical work that is fascinating and intriguing.

At the May luncheon Brian Altobello spoke to his book, "Whiskey, Women and War: How the Great War Shaped Jim Crow New Orleans." It was a surprising and exciting history of New Orleans on the home front during World War I analyzing the mobilization of the local population in terms of enlistments and war bond sales.



At the June luncheon, author Mike Bunn spoke about Mississippi history from 1798-1840. Bunn's latest book is "Old Southwest to Old South: Mississippi, 1798-1840." He explains how Mississippi's early development shaped the state and continues to define it today.

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