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Dear Pass Christian Historical Society Members,

I am honored and humbled to be elected President of PCHS for 2023. I want to thank Ike Edwards for doing a wonderful job as president in 2022 and to Tom Shellnut who is retiring from the Board of Trustees and his position as Chairman of the Board. He has four decades of service to the Historical Society. Thank you Tom!

The new Chairman of the Board will be Robert Cutting. He has been the Recording Secretary since 2015. He will also be replacing Tom Shellnut as a member of the Board of Trustees.

The members of the Board of Trustees consist of Char Zimmerman (Vice-President), Don Demetz (Treasurer), Ike Edwards (Immediate Past President), Pam Dupuy (Corresponding Secretary), Bob Cutting (Chairman of the Board), John Saik (Insurance), Bruce Stinson (Archivist), and Jena Shepherd.

The 2022 Christmas Party was a spectacular evening and Cheers to the Chairperson(s) Jena Shepherd and Char Zimmerman and the entire team of PCHS member volunteers. A special thank you to Mayor Jimmy Rafferty for being such a gracious host.

Thank you to Wendy Allard for providing outstanding speakers for the monthly luncheons and membership meetings.

Thank you to all the PCHS Docents, Luncheon Volunteers, and PCHS Members who support the "Society".

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Welcome New Members!!

**December 1, 2022 –
February 28, 2023**

**Ernestine and Bobby
Allison**

**Alexandra Balch
Lyn Barnett**

**Jeannette Bolte
Michael Brunell**

**Penelope and Richard
Davidson**

**Ginger Easterly
Linda Elledge**

Morgan Grey

**Doreen and Jim Grotkowski
Lane Hartt**

**Dr. Julianne Huber and
William Sewell**

**Cheryl and Ron Johnson
Pearl Peterman**

Jack Reidy

Tommie Sanders

Jacob Scott

Carole and David

Woodward

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Tour of Homes 2023

After a 3-year COVID-induced hiatus, the Pass Christian Historical Society is thrilled to announce that the Tour of Homes returns on Sunday, May 7th. Homes will be open from 2-5 pm.

This year's Tour features four beautiful East Scenic Drive Historic District homes, with three dating from the mid-to late 1800s and the fourth being a post-Katrina replica of the well-known Dixie White House.

Ticket Information

Advance tickets and additional information are available through <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/549635704187>

at a cost of \$25 and includes the Society's complimentary traditional Tour Tea served at 855 East Scenic, one of the homes on tour.

Tickets will also be available to purchase on the day of the tour for \$30 at the Society Headquarters, 201 East Scenic Drive, starting at noon. No tickets will be available to purchase at the individual homes.

Member Benefits

Please note that certain 2023 Society membership levels qualify for complimentary tickets to the Tour. Contributing members (\$60) receive 1 complimentary ticket. Sustaining members (\$100) receive 2 complimentary tickets. Patrons (\$500) receive 6 tickets, and Benefactor level members (\$1,000) receive 12 tickets. Tickets will be available for pickup at Society headquarters on Saturday, May 6th from noon to 2 pm and on Sunday, May 7th starting at noon. Ticket pickup is not available at the Tour homes.

Additional information can also be found at

www.passhistory.org.

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 through July

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, March 13, 2023 7P Membership Meeting
Pass Profile-“Pirates Cove: Past, Present and Future” with Mike and Dawn Lamarca. Mike Lamarca will speak on Pass Christian institution Pirate’s Cove from its beginning to the present.

Saturday, March 18, 2023 12N - 2P St. Paddy’s Day Parade
Toasting Station Members come join us! The St. Paddy’s Day parade rolls at 1 PM. PCHS will be a toasting stop before the parade ends at Bacchus.

Monday, March 27, 2023 12N Luncheon with Speaker
“Asian Cajun Fusion:Shrimp from the Bay to the Bayou” with Don Davis and Carl Brasseux.

Monday, April 10, 2023 7P Membership Meeting
Jerry Forte of Forte Seafood will speak about the Pass Christian Seafood Industry-Past, Present and Future from the perspective of his family business.

Monday, April 24, 2023 12N Luncheon with Speaker
“A Tale of Two Cannons-April 19, 1775” with Jeff Wallace.

Sunday, May 7, 2023 2P - 5P Tour of Homes
Tour of Homes will include four homes in the 600-700-800 block of Scenic Drive, 2P - 5P. Ticket info and additional details are on FB and Web!

Monday, May 8, 2023 7P Membership Meeting
Meeting cancelled due to tour of homes

Monday, May 22, 2023 12N Luncheon with Speaker
Whiskey, Women and War: How the Great War Shaped Jim Crow New Orleans” with Brian Altobello

Monday, June 26, 2023 12N Luncheon with Speaker
Speaker TBD

Monday, July 24, 2023 12N Luncheon with Speaker
Speaker TBD

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.

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



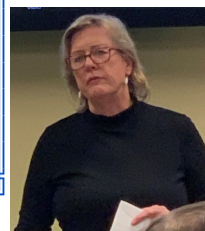
For Christmas in the Pass the Parade could be Viewed from the Historical Society building. Snacks, conversation and fun were shared. Santa may have been one of our prestigious members??

The Christmas Membership Cocktail Party returned this year on the 1st Monday in December. It was a welcome return with good company, food and fun. Our Mayor, Jimmie Rafferty was gracious to open his house to our festivities.

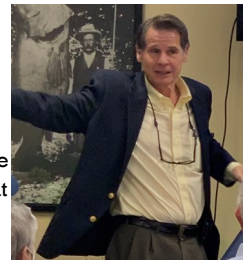


Author Matt Haines spoke about “The History of King Cake” at our first luncheon meeting of the year in January. He is the author of The Big Book of King Cakes-, he first-ever coffee table book dedicated to king cake and the diverse and talented bakers who make them. Mr. Haines is also the author of the The Little Book of King Cakes for the younger crowd.

Pass Christian Mayor Jimmy Rafferty and Alderpersons Betty Sparkman spoke at our February Membership Meeting to the current status and future vision for Pass Christian. Alderperson Kenny Torgeson also attended. Many building projects underway in the Pass were re-



viewed and a robust conversation ensued. Questions were answered as they talked about the current “measured growth” that is happening in our city.



A shout out to our Dedicated Docent Team!

Gail & Fabian Wambsgans Thank you, Docents!!
Wednesdays, 10-12

Laura & Doug Welsh
Thursdays, 1-3

Bruce Stinson, Archivist
Thursdays, 10-12
(Many other days/times working on records!!)

Want to join the Dedicated Docent Team?
Email: Info@passhistory.org
or call: 228-452-7254.

We need YOU!
Thank you!!

Pass Mardi Gras Parade Day! February 19!
Great viewing and fun was had by a crowd of friends at the Historical Society!

Drinks, snacks and games were enjoyed while waiting for the parade.



Did you know the Harrison

County Library System has a Local History and Genealogy branch? AT the February luncheon meeting, Mandy Hornsby, the head librarian gave a presentation on what this department is about and how it can assist with research related to Pass Christian and personal genealogy!

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 and Thurs 10a-12n & 1p-3p.
Also by appointment.

We are on the web!

www.passhistory.org

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