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SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP
TODAY.**

Time to renew your LCHS
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**We appreciate your
membership & support**



Presidents Message

What an exciting start to the new year for the League City Historical Society. We have so many things to be thankful for as we continue to partner with others to support and educate the community on our rich history of League City.

The LCHS BODs met on February 1st to discuss the successes in 2023. Sarah Eubanks, Education Director, presented her annual report. She explained that we exceeded the last four years of attendance totaling 76 classes that included 1,628 students/guests. We are so proud to offer such a unique educational experience with the West Bay Common School Children's Museum program. What a hug success for 2023. Thanks to our teachers for making lasting memories for everyone.

We also discussed all the 2024 programs underway. This includes hiring a Museum Assistant that will allow us to open the museum to our guests. With the support from City of League City's CVB BOD, we will be able to provide a unique experience while learning more about our once little town. *Continued*

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As we enter 2024, the LCHS will continue to work closely with the City of League City. The partnership that has been established over the past few years has been beneficial for so many. We look forward to another great year of exciting events such as the White Linen Night. Last year over 4,000 guests attended and there have been estimates of a greater crowd this year (June 8th).

Music at the Museum was such a huge success we outgrew the property. We are excited to announce that we have moved the event to League Park. When the event first started, we had close to 50 guests that joined us. As the events continued to gain interest, we reached over 200 people who attended the monthly gatherings. Being a family focused event, safety must be first. Now, while partnering with the city, we will have the opportunity to showcase the beauty of the Historic District under the century old oak trees in League Park. There is plenty of parking, restrooms, refreshments from the new Visitor Center and of course a huge playground for the children.

The society could not prosper within the community without our volunteers. Special thanks to everyone that's involved year-round to ensure we keep the museum in great shape while offering such unique programs for our community.

Message from the Marm

By Sarah Eubanks

Director of Education

I'm pleased to share with the Society some happy news: we have a new Marm now in training, "*Miss*" Baldwin! Hannah's passion for education and inspiring others makes her a perfect fit for our West Bay Common School. Her background includes teaching High School Mathematics for CCISD at Clear Falls and Clear View, after she created and led a Young Adult Ministry. Along with her Texas Teacher Certification, she holds a BS in Civil and Environmental Engineering degree from the University of Houston. Welcome, Hannah!

Because we need volunteers for all sorts of interesting activities, we thought It would be fascinating to ask the AI (Artificial Intelligence) Program ChatGPT why a person should volunteer.



Why Should You Volunteer?

Volunteering can be a rewarding and fulfilling experience for both the you and the community. Ultimately, volunteering is a personal choice, and the benefits extend not only to the recipients but also to the volunteers themselves. It's a powerful way to make a positive impact on the world while simultaneously enriching your own life.

Any of the “reasons” below interest YOU.....

Here are some compelling reasons why you should consider volunteering.

1. **Make a Positive Impact:** Volunteering allows you to contribute to positive changes in a cause you are passionate about. Your efforts can directly benefit others and make a meaningful difference.
2. **Personal Growth:** Volunteering provides opportunities for personal development and growth. You can acquire new skills, enhance existing ones, and gain experience that can be beneficial in your life.
3. **Build Connections:** Volunteering is an excellent way to meet new people and build a network of like-minded individuals. You can develop lasting friendships, establish professional contacts, and expand your social circle.
4. **Enhance Well-being:** Research has shown that volunteering can have positive effects on mental and emotional well-being. Engaging in altruistic activities can lead to a sense of purpose, increased happiness, and reduced stress levels.
5. **Learn About Different Perspectives:** Volunteering often exposes you to a wider range of viewpoints. This can broaden your understanding of various issues, conditions, and lifestyles, fostering empathy in your worldview.
6. **Boost Confidence:** Successfully contributing to a cause or organization can boost your self-esteem and confidence. It provides a sense of accomplishment and pride, especially when you witness the positive impact of YOUR efforts.
7. **Develop Leadership Skills:** Many volunteer opportunities involve leadership roles or the chance to take on responsibilities. This can help you develop and strengthen leadership skills, such as communication, problem-solving, and teamwork.
8. **Explore Interests and Passions:** Volunteering allows you to explore your interests and passions. It's an opportunity to try out different activities or causes without a long-term commitment, helping you discover what truly resonates with you.
9. **Career Benefits:** Volunteering can enhance your resume by showcasing your skills, experience, and commitment to social responsibility. It can also provide networking opportunities that may lead to career advancements or job opportunities.
10. **Contribute to a Cause:** By volunteering, you become an active participant in addressing possible issues and contributing to positive change. No matter what it is, your efforts can contribute to the greater good.

Contact the Museum now at 281-554-2994 or simply “reply” to the email that sent you this newsletter and we would love to talk to you...

Presentation of *Little Free Library* to West Bay Common School



Pictured left to Right: Cole Cromartie, grandson of Susie Ganch who the Library is dedicated to, Alice Braud-Jones, Honorary Regent of Sam Houston Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), Mike Peterson, President of LCHS, Bonnie Conrad, who donated the Library and Sarah Eubanks who installed it and will ensure the Sam Houston Chapter will keep the library stocked and cleaned as her New Members' project of the NSDAR.



The “Green Movement” In Our Day:

It is sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks are just because we didn't have the green movement back then? To us, conservation was just a normal way of life.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles, and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over and they were truly “recycled”. *But we didn't have the green movement in our day.*

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in (biodegradable) brown paper bags, which we reused for numerous things, The most memorable were household garbage bags, and as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property, (the books provided for our use by the school) were protected and not defaced or damaged.

We walked upstairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a big iron machine every time we had to go two blocks. *But we didn't have the green movement in our day.*

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throwaway kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine---wind and solar power really did dry our clothes. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. *But we didn't have the green movement in our day.*

Back then, we had one TV, in the house --- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen, not a screen the size of the wall. In the kitchen, we blended, stirred and mixed by hand because we didn't have an electric machine for every chore.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded-up old newspapers to cushion it, not styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push lawnmower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. *But we didn't have the green movement in our day*

We drank from a water fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a plastic bottle every time we had a drink. We refilled our writing pens with ink instead of throwing them away, and we replaced the blades in our razor instead of throwing away the whole razor. *But we didn't have the green movement in our day*

Back then, people took a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service.

If you are of a certain age, conservation was just a normal way of life, not a “special” movement.

Music at the Museum

February 23rd was a great night for the LCHS “Music in the Historic District”. The weather was perfect allowing everyone to see a full moon above the century old Oak Trees in League Park. The attendance was the largest we have seen to date. The evening started by thanking Stephanie Polk and Brooke Holliday (City of League City) for their support towards us using the beautiful historic park. Then to help with a little League City history, Stephanie shared the story of Milby Butler and all his work to save the Longhorn breed.



She even brought her little Milby Longhorn (stuffed animal) which is now sold in the new visitor's center. It's hard to believe that the music events began close to two years ago on the porch of the old 1920's Salmon Icehouse. Where Mr. Lee Price opened a barber shop in 1936 in the left side of the small building. The structure was fully restored by the LCHS and now sits in front of the Barn Museum on N. Kansas Ave. When starting Music at the Museum, we had 30-50 guests. With the new location, the last event brought in close to 500 people to enjoy the talented musicians. The key is ensuring we offer a family focused event that is safe for everyone that joins. Special thanks to our friends with the *League City Folk Association* for pulling together such an amazing group of musicians to share their music.





FEBRUARY 23 7-10PM



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