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2011 Dues are Due

The e-mail transmitting this issue of *E-Communiqué* should indicate whether or not your dues for 2011 have been paid. If your dues have not been paid, we ask that you send them in before March 1st along with the bylaws ballot that was mailed at the beginning of December. If you no longer have the ballot and would like to vote, please send an e-mail to Treasurer Judy Riffel (riffelj@bellsouth.net). If you prefer not to vote, a membership application is available on the website (www.lecomite.org).

Le Comité' s membership at year-end 2010 was 581, its highest since 2001 when there were 582 members. In only one previous year (1999) were there more members (591). Looking back to 1984 when there were only 38 paid members, the society' s growth has been nothing short of astounding. Membership first crossed the 100 mark in 1987, 200 in 1991, 300 in 1993, 400 in 1995, and 500 in 1998. The goal of reaching and maintaining 600 members has been elusive, but the steady gains following the loss of many of our New Orleans area members after Hurricane Katrina have been encouraging. This growth has enabled us to increase the frequency and number of pages of our print journal, *Le Raconteur*, and to add this electronic newsletter. In the coming year, we hope to begin a new stage of our growth, adding on-line content (see next article). Thank you to all who have been faithful members throughout the years.

Website Enhancements

Development and organization of Le Comité' s online "Members Only" content continues at a steady pace. So far, this content includes Parish Research Guides for each of Louisiana' s 64 parishes; Finding Aids for selected collections at the Louisiana State Archives; and Out-of-Print Articles from back issues of *Le Raconteur*. As reported in the December issue of *Le Raconteur*, Le Comité' s Board of Directors has adopted an advertising policy for this initial content. Advertisements, Sponsorships, and In Memoriams will be accepted for the cover pages of these pdf files. Reservations are now being accepted to begin July 1, 2011. In Memoriams will cost \$25 each and Advertisements and Sponsorships, \$50, for a one-year period. A volunteer to manage and solicit advertisements is also being sought. Anyone willing to serve is asked to contact Treasurer Judy Riffel (riffelj@bellsouth.net).

Duplicate Periodicals and Used Books for Sale

Le Comité still has a large number of duplicate genealogical periodicals and used books available for sale. Many items have been sold, but a few new titles have been added. Some are also being offered for sale on eBay by seller jariffel. To obtain the lists, send an e-mail to riffelj@bellsouth.net. Prices shown exclude postage. Sales will be on a first come, first served basis. Orders must be confirmed and postage calculated before sending any money. Arrangements can be made to pick up orders in Baton Rouge to avoid postage costs.

In Memoriam

Le Comité lost two of its members in recent months. Joseph Deckert, a retired professional mechanical engineer, died 30 June 2010, at his home in Baton Rouge. He was 76. He was a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of Lakeview until Hurricane Katrina. Helen Ann Behrman Wall died at her home in Pasadena, Texas, 6 December 2010. She was a native of New Orleans. She and her late husband, Warren Wall of Springfield, were active members of the Edward Livingston Historical Association. She was 82. The society extends its condolences to their families.

LA LAMPP Survey Deadline Extended to January 21

The deadline for library, archive, and cultural heritage institutions to complete the Louisiana Libraries, Archives, and Museums Preservation Project (LA LAMPP) survey has been extended to January 21, 2011. The purpose of the survey is to gather information on the most urgent collections needs at these institutions. It is being funded by a Connecting to Collections statewide planning grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The grant is being administered by LSU Shreveport and Le Comité is one of the LA LAMPP participants.

More than 500 Louisiana library and cultural heritage institutions, including all the parish clerks of court and libraries, are being asked to complete the survey. It contains 48 questions in eight general areas – Institutional Information; Preservation Planning and Funding; Preservation Information; Preservation Training; Preservation Activities; Preservation Environment, Security, and Disaster Preparedness; Digital Collections; and Partnering. Data gathered from the survey will be analyzed and the results of the survey will be made available in a report to be published in 2011. These results will provide the basis of a grant for additional funding for implementation of the statewide preservation plan. The survey is available online. For more information, contact Laura McLemore, project manager, at Laura.McLemore@lsus.edu.

LSU Newspaper Digitization

LSU Libraries' Special Collections continues to make progress in its newspaper digitization project. At last count, over 20 titles had been digitized and uploaded to the Library of Congress' s Chronicling America website (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>). When the two-year grant is completed this fall, some 100,000 pages from more than 50 newspapers covering 24 parishes will be included on this free website. The project was made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities awarded to LSU Libraries' Special Collections in 2009. LSU has already started the process for a second grant. If the grant is approved, the Advisory Board will select another round of titles, this time including French-language newspapers, for digitization.

Heritage and Character Survey

Le Comité has received an invitation from Brian Salmons, a graduate student in Community Development at Louisiana State, for its members to participate in a survey he is conducting for his Master' s thesis on heritage, character, and place attachment. The survey contains 38 questions and takes about 30 minutes to complete. It asks questions about the genealogist' s experiences in discovering the past and what impact they have had on his or her life. It is anonymous and responses will be destroyed upon completion of the project. The survey is available online at <http://heritagecommunity.limequery.org/61172/lang-en>. Responses are due by the end of February.

Calendar of Genealogical and Historical Meetings & Seminars

Louisiana genealogical and historical societies and libraries are invited to contact the editor (riffelj@bellsouth.net) and report their meetings and seminars for the upcoming quarter. Information should include the date, speaker, topic, location, time, whether or not non-members may attend, and any registration or contact information.

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| 4 Jan 2011 | Allen Genealogical & Historical Society
Location & Time: Kinder Library, 10 a.m.
Guests are welcome |
| 4 Jan 2011 | Friends of Genealogy, Heroes & Heritage Trail tour
Locations: Oil/Gas Museum, Oil City, and Exhibit Museum, Shreveport
Contact Brenda Custer for details (custerbren@aol.com) |
| 4 Jan 2011 | Southwest Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Library
Speaker & Topic: Bernadette Monlezun Ponton, A Family Heritage Sequence
Location & Time: Carnegie Memorial Library, Lake Charles, 10 a.m. |
| 8 Jan 2011 | Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association
Speakers & Topics: Lisé Taylor, Library Resources for Genealogy & Historical Research, and Jim Jones, Flip-Pal Mobile Scanner, A Remarkable Solution for Preserving and Sharing Memories
Location & Time: Randle T. Moore Center, Shreveport, 1 p.m.
Free and guests welcome |
| 8 Jan 2011 | Canary Islanders Heritage Society of Louisiana
Location & Time: TBA
Open to the public |

8 Jan 2011 Imperial St. Landry Genealogical & Historical Society
Location & Time: Conference Rm, Opelousas General Hospital S. Campus, 10 a.m.
Free and open to the public

8 Jan 2011 Lafayette Genealogical Society
Topic: Genealogy 101
Location & Time: Lafayette South Regional Library, 9:30 a.m.
Free and open to the public

8 Jan 2011 Los Isleños Heritage & Cultural Society
Topic: The Battle of New Orleans Commemoration
Location & Time: Chalmette Battle Field, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

8 Jan 2011 Louisiana Creole Research Association
Topic: "Salon de Recherche" Genealogy Session
Location: Xavier University Library, New Orleans

8 Jan 2011 St. Tammany Parish Genealogical Society
Location & Time: St. Tammany Parish Library, Covington Branch, 10 a.m.
Free and open to the public

8 Jan 2011 West Baton Rouge Genealogical Society
Speaker & Topic: Joanne Bourgeois, Brusly Town Hall Historical Contents
Location & Time: Brusly Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.
Non-members are welcome

8 Jan 2011 Winn Genealogical & Historical Association
Location & Time: Winn Parish Health Unit, Winnfield, 10:30 a.m.
Guests are welcome

9 Jan 2011 Central Louisiana Genealogical Society
Location & Time: Alexandria Genealogical Library, Alexandria, 2:30 p.m.

9 Jan 2011 Northeast Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Society
Location & Time: Ouachita Parish Library, Monroe, 2:30 p.m.

11 Jan 2011 La Société des Cajuns
Location & Time: Galliano Library, 6 p.m.
Guest are welcome

13 Jan 2011 Jefferson Genealogical Society
Location & Time: John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Metairie, 7:30 p.m.
Free and open to the public

13 Jan 2011 Lafourche Heritage Society
Location & Time: Historical Research Center, Thibodaux, 1 p.m.

15 Jan 2011 Algiers Historical Society
Speaker & Topic: Katie Chamberlain, McDonogh Cemetery
Location & Time: Algiers Museum, 10 a.m.

15 Jan 2011 Baton Rouge Genealogical & Historical Society
Speaker & Topic: Annabelle Armstrong, Historic Neighborhoods of Baton Rouge
Location & Time: Bluebonnet Library, Baton Rouge, 10 a.m.
Open to the public

15 Jan 2011 Evangeline Genealogical & Historical Society
Location & Time: Evangeline Parish Library, Ville Platte, 10 a.m.

15 Jan 2011 Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society
Speakers & Topic: SWLGS Members, Show & Tell
Location & Time: Carnegie Memorial Library, Lake Charles, 10 a.m.

15 Jan 2011 Vernon Genealogical & Historical Society
Location & Time: Vernon Parish Library, Leesville, 12:30 p.m.
Nonmembers are welcome

15 Jan 2011 West Bank Genealogical Society
Speaker & Topic: Mary Lu Cooper, Jefferson Parish Library East Bank Special Collections
Location & Time: West Bank Regional Library, Harvey, 1 p.m.

- 18 Jan 2011 Friends of Genealogy, Heroes & Heritage Trail tour
Locations: Chennault Museum, Monroe, and Military Museum, Ruston
Contact Brenda Custer for details (custerbren@aol.com)
- 20 Jan 2011 Edward Livingston Historical Assn.
Location & Time: Livingston Parish Library, Livingston, 6 p.m.
- 20 Jan 2011 Lafayette Genealogical Society
Location & Time: Lafayette South Regional Library, 6 p.m.
Open to the public
- 22 Jan 2011 Chalmette Computer Users' Group
Topic: Computing With Margaret
Location & Time: St. Tammany Parish Library, Slidell, 10:30
- 23 Jan 2011 GENCOM
Speaker & Topic: Pam Carlisle, Practical Preservation—Making Family Moments Last
Location & Time: Hamilton South Caddo Library, Shreveport, 2 p.m.
Guests are welcome
- 25 Jan 2011 German-Acadian Coast Historical & Genealogical Society
Speaker & Topic: Fr. Fred Youngs, Laiche Family Genealogy
Location & Time: St. John the Baptist Library, LaPlace, 7 p.m.
- 25 Jan 2011 Natchitoches Genealogical & Historical Assn.
Location & Time: Arts Center, Natchitoches, 7 p.m.
Guests are welcome
- 25 Jan 2011 Vermilion Historical Society
Speaker & Topic: Gary Theall, The Vigilante Committees of Acadiana
Location & Time: Vermilion Parish Library, Abbeville, 5:30 p.m.
Open to the public
- 27 Jan 2011 Foundation for Historical Louisiana
Speaker: Bill Robinson
Location & Time: Old Governor' s Mansion, Baton Rouge, 6 p.m.
Free to FHL Members, \$10 guests
- 29 Jan 2011 Terrebonne Genealogical Society
Location & Time: Terrebonne Parish Library Main Branch, Houma, 1 p.m.
Open to the public
- 1 Feb 2011 Friends of Genealogy, Heroes & Heritage Trail tour
Locations: Eddie Robinson Museum, Grambling, and Germantown Colony, Minden
Contact Brenda Custer for details (custerbren@aol.com)
- 5 Feb 2011 Lafayette Genealogical Society
Topic: Genealogy 101
Location & Time: Lafayette South Regional Library, 9:30 a.m.
Free and open to the public
- 5 Feb 2011 Williams Research Center Symposium
Topic: Identity, History, Legacy: Free People of Color in Louisiana
Location: Omni Royal Orleans Hotel, New Orleans
For registration, see www.hnoc.org
- 6 Feb 2011 East Baton Rouge Parish Library class
Topic: Louisiana Records & Ancestry.com
Location & Time: Bluebonnet Branch, Baton Rouge, 10:40
To register, call 225-763-2283
- 8 Feb 2011 La Societé des Cajuns
Location & Time: Galliano Library, 6 p.m.
Guest are welcome
- 9 Feb 2011 East Baton Rouge Parish Library class
Topic: Ancestry.com Basics
Location & Time: Zachary Branch, 1 p.m.
To register, call 225-658-1850

- 10 Feb 2011 Jefferson Genealogical Society
Location & Time: John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Metairie, 7:30 p.m.
Free and open to the public
- 10 Feb 2011 Lafourche Heritage Society
Location & Time: Historical Research Center, Thibodaux, 1 p.m.
- 12 Feb 2011 Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association
Speakers & Topic: Dr. Frances Swayzer Conley and A. Joel Conley, Prez Lives: Remembering Grambling' s Ralph Waldo Emerson Jones
Location & Time: Randle T. Moore Center, Shreveport, 1 p.m.
Free and guests welcome
- 12 Feb 2011 Canary Islanders Heritage Society of Louisiana
Location & Time: TBA
Open to the public
- 12 Feb 2011 Iberville Parish Chapter LSDAR Beginner' s Genealogy Seminar
Speakers & Topics: Sue Badeaux, Ready, Set, Go – Start Your Genealogy, and Judy Riffel, Genealogical Research at the Louisiana State Archives
Location & Time: Iberville Parish Library, Plaquemine
Free and open to the public
- 12 Feb 2011 Imperial St. Landry Genealogical & Historical Society
Location & Time: Conference Rm, Opelousas General Hospital S. Campus, 10 a.m.
Free and open to the public
- 12 Feb 2011 Pointe de l' Eglise: Acadia Genealogical & Historical Society
Speaker: Allen Simon, Treater
Location & Time: Acadia Parish Library, Crowley, 9:30 a.m.
Visitors are welcome
- 12 Feb 2011 St. Tammany Parish Genealogical Society
Location & Time: St. Tammany Parish Library, Covington Branch, 10 a.m.
Free and open to the public
- 12 Feb 2011 West Bank Genealogical Society
Location & Time: West Bank Regional Library, Harvey, 1 p.m.
- 13 Feb 2011 Central Louisiana Genealogical Society
Location & Time: Alexandria Genealogical Library, Alexandria, 2:30 p.m.
- 13 Feb 2011 Northeast Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Society
Location & Time: Ouachita Parish Library, Monroe, 2:30 p.m.
- 17 Feb 2011 Edward Livingston Historical Assn.
Location & Time: Livingston Parish Library, Livingston, 6 p.m.
- 17 Feb 2011 Lafayette Genealogical Society
Location & Time: Lafayette South Regional Library, 6 p.m.
Open to the public
- 19 Feb 2011 Algiers Historical Society
Speaker & Topic: Howard Margot, Digitization of Superior Council Records
Location & Time: Algiers Museum, 10 a.m.
- 19 Feb 2011 Baton Rouge Genealogical & Historical Society
Speakers: Jonathan Roberts, M.D., and Thomas J. Durant, Jr., Ph.D.
Topic: History of the Charity Hospitals of Louisiana
Location & Time: Bluebonnet Library, Baton Rouge, 10 a.m.
Open to the public
- 19 Feb 2011 Evangeline Genealogical & Historical Society
Location & Time: Evangeline Parish Library, Ville Platte, 10 a.m.
- 19 Feb 2011 Vernon Genealogical & Historical Society
Location & Time: Vernon Parish Library, Leesville, 12:30 p.m.
Nonmembers are welcome

20 Feb 2011 DeSoto Historical Society
Location & Time: TBA, 3 p.m.
Visitors are welcome

22 Feb 2011 Natchitoches Genealogical & Historical Assn.
Location & Time: Arts Center, Natchitoches, 7 p.m.
Guests are welcome

26 Feb 2011 Terrebonne Genealogical Society
Location & Time: Terrebonne Parish Library Main Branch, Houma, 1 p.m.
Open to the public

27 Feb 2011 GENCOM
Speaker & Topic: Betty Roberson, Lost Sisters–Overcoming the Ultimate Brick Wall
Location & Time: Hamilton South Caddo Library, Shreveport, 2 p.m.
Guests are welcome

27 Feb 2011 Louisiana Creole Research Association
“ Fete Creole” Quarterly Meeting, Installation of Officers, Meet & Greet Dinner
Location: Le Citron Bistro Restaurant, New Orleans

1 Mar 2011 Friends of Genealogy, Heroes & Heritage Trail tour
Locations: Cotton Museum, Lake Providence, and Delta Music Museum, Ferriday
Contact Brenda Custer for details (custerbren@aol.com)

5 Mar 2011 Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association
Speaker & Topic: Various speakers; Beginner’ s Class plus Library Tour
Location & Time: Randle T. Moore Center, Shreveport, 9:15 a.m.
Free. Pre-registration recommended

5 Mar 2011 Lafayette Genealogical Society
Topic: Genealogy 101
Location & Time: Lafayette South Regional Library, 9:30 a.m.
Free and open to the public

8 Mar 2011 Louisiana Historical Society
Location & Time: 6330 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.

8 Mar 2011 La Societé des Cajuns
Location & Time: Galliano Library, 6 p.m.
Guest are welcome

10 Mar 2011 Jefferson Genealogical Society
Location & Time: John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Metairie, 7:30 p.m.
Free and open to the public

10 Mar 2011 Lafourche Heritage Society
Location & Time: Historical Research Center, Thibodaux, 1 p.m.

12 Mar 2011 Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association
Speaker & Topics Philip Adderley, CG, My Family Ain’ t There (in the National Archives) . . . Really? and Beginner’ s Introduction to Land Records
Location & Time: Randle T. Moore Center, Shreveport, 1 p.m.
Free and guests welcome

12 Mar 2011 Canary Islanders Heritage Society of Louisiana
Location & Time: TBA
Open to the public

12 Mar 2011 Imperial St. Landry Genealogical & Historical Society
Location & Time: Conference Rm, Opelousas General Hospital S. Campus, 10 a.m.
Free and open to the public

12 Mar 2011 St. Tammany Parish Genealogical Society
Location & Time: St. Tammany Parish Library, Covington Branch, 10 a.m.
Free and open to the public

12 Mar 2011 West Bank Genealogical Society
Location & Time: West Bank Regional Library, Harvey, 1 p.m.

- 13 Mar 2011 Central Louisiana Genealogical Society
Location & Time: Alexandria Genealogical Library, Alexandria, 2:30 p.m.
- 13 Mar 2011 Northeast Louisiana Genealogical & Historical Society
Location & Time: Ouachita Parish Library, Monroe, 2:30 p.m.
- 15 Mar 2011 Genealogical Research Society of New Orleans
Location & Time: Whitney Bank, 1441 Metairie Road, Metairie, 7:30 p.m.
Visitors are welcome
- 17 Mar 2011 Edward Livingston Historical Assn.
Location & Time: Livingston Parish Library, Livingston, 6 p.m.
- 17 Mar 2011 Lafayette Genealogical Society
Location & Time: Lafayette South Regional Library, 6 p.m.
Open to the public
- 17-19 Mar 2011 Louisiana Historical Association Annual Meeting
Location: Holiday Inn, Lafayette
For program details and registration, see <http://lahistory.org/site.php>
- 19 Mar 2011 Algiers Historical Society
Speaker & Topic: Charles Chamberlain, Jazz in Algiers
Location & Time: Algiers Museum, 10 a.m.
- 19 Mar 2011 Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association
Speaker & Topic: Philip Adderley, CG, Intermediate Advanced Track
Location & Time: Randle T. Moore Center, Shreveport, 9:15 a.m.
Free. Pre-registration Recommended
- 19 Mar 2011 Baton Rouge Genealogical & Historical Society
Speaker & Topic: Clarke Cadzow, Tales of Tiger Town
Location & Time: Bluebonnet Library, Baton Rouge, 10 a.m.
Open to the public
- 19 Mar 2011 Evangeline Genealogical & Historical Society
Location & Time: Evangeline Parish Library, Ville Platte, 10 a.m.
- 19 Mar 2011 St. Bernard Genealogical Society
Location: St. Tammany Parish Library, Slidell
- 19 Mar 2010 Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society
Speaker & Topic: Myra Foreman Whitlow, The Journey of the *Ark* and the *Dove*
Location & Time: Carnegie Memorial Library, Lake Charles, 10 a.m.
- 19 Mar 2011 Vernon Genealogical & Historical Society
Location & Time: Vernon Parish Library, Leesville, 12:30 p.m.
Nonmembers are welcome
- 19-20 Mar 2011 Los Isleños Heritage & Cultural Society Isleño Fiesta
Location & Time: Islenos Museum, St. Bernard, noon - 8 p.m.
- 22 Mar 2011 German-Acadian Coast Historical & Genealogical Society
Location & Time: St. John the Baptist Library, LaPlace, 7 p.m.
- 22 Mar 2011 Natchitoches Genealogical & Historical Assn.
Location & Time: Arts Center, Natchitoches, 7 p.m.
Guests are welcome
- 26 Mar 2011 Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association
Speaker & Topic: Various Panel Members, Panel Discussion & Q & A
Location & Time: Randle T. Moore Center, Shreveport, 9:30 a.m.
Free and Guests welcome
- 26 Mar 2011 Terrebonne Genealogical Society
Location & Time: Terrebonne Parish Library Main Branch, Houma, 1 p.m.
Open to the public
- 27 Mar 2011 GENCOM
Speaker & Topic: Glenda Conradi, Digital Photography
Location & Time: Hamilton South Caddo Library, Shreveport, 2 p.m.
Guests are welcome