

Smoke From The Chimneys



Long Beach Historical Society

Remembering the past to preserve our future

October, 2019

President's Message

Happy Fall,

I could have greeted you with Happy Summer as we have no way of knowing that it is fall. Hopefully, you are feeling a little bit cool by the time this reaches you.

It's that busy time of year when we are working on the newsletter, the calendar and cemetery tour. Speaking of the tour, unfortunately, we had to cancel it, but just for this year. It will be back in 2020 for sure. It is very important for us to pass along history to folks in our city who don't belong to the historical society, and the tour is an excellent way to accomplish that mission.

Now is a good time to mention that we can always use new members. Please consider talking up the society to others. We need some replacements for those members who have left us. Sadly, we've been losing

members at an alarming rate and the older members in our group are definitely outnumbering the younger ones. It's a mystery why younger people don't seem to be as interested in the past as older people are, but it seems to be so.

I have found that most people don't know what a historical society is really about and some think it's for area natives. Just this week, someone called me for two copies of *Rosalie & Radishes*. After speaking for a few minutes we realized we were going to the same event within a few days so I delivered the books to her and while talking, I told her she'd probably enjoy the society, even though she's not a native, especially since she likes our history and uses it for work. Maybe we'll see her on Monday night. During the past year we have lost six member/friends whom we are all missing dearly, for the kinds souls they were: Donald Dana and Joyce Ward McCauley, buried on the same

day in July; Stephanie Welch Bass; Mable Dauro Skellie; Mike Wren; and last in October, 2018, was Jere Peterson Hayward. May they all rest in peace. (More on Donald and Joyce further down)

Hoping joyful times are ahead.

Sincerely
Beth Hansen,
President

Previous and Upcoming Meeting

Mayor George Bass was scheduled to speak to us for the July meeting but he had to cancel to attend a meeting with the governor at 6:30 that same evening. He will be here for the October meeting to talk with us about what's going on in the Friendly City.

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2019 Meetings:

- January 21 - 11:00 am (Awards Meeting)
- April 15 - 6:00 pm
- July 15 - 6:00 pm
- **October 21 - 6:00 pm**

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Mission Statement

The Society's purpose is "to bring together those people interested in the history of the City of Long Beach and to coordinate their efforts in preserving and recording that history for future generations."

Long Beach Historical Society is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to the:

- Preservation and management of historic and cultural resources of Long Beach
- Provide educational opportunities for both its membership and the public

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He is such a good speaker, I heard him just this week at the Chamber of Commerce/ Breakfast with the Mayor function. He presented the Aline Doherty Citizen of the Year Award to David Fayard. Awards were also given to the talented and devoted First Responders and Public Works Employee of the year.

Make sure and join us and Mayor Bass for the meeting at 6:00 pm on October 21st.

**St. Frances Cabrini
Summer Camp**

Many of us remember the old church and summer home on the corner of Girard Ave. and the beach and have seen old postcards of the unpaved Girard Avenue, captioned as the Road to Sacred Heart. It was also recently posted on Facebook, the social media site. There is also one of the chapel that

was moved from 4th St. and Girard Avenue (some say it was closer to the RR tracks) up to the beach. For those who don't remember it, here is a little refresher.

The word orphanage was erroneously used in conjunction with the property, actually the orphanage was in New Orleans and the facilities in Long Beach were used for the off times, mostly in summer or anytime when school was not in session. A sign on the building specified that it was the St. Frances Cabrini Summer Camp. The orphans were like most of the others in the city. They were able to spend their summers on the coast. There are even snapshots of the sisters, in full habit, sitting on the beach, watching the children play.

These sisters were members of the order, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, founded by Frances Xavier Cabrini, born as Maria Francesca Cabrini, a young



Italian girl from northern Italy, who always wanted to be a nun. Frances however, was never in good health, which was a prerequisite to joining any order, so Frances, fearing she wouldn't get completely well, founded her own order in 1880, to do His work with the less fortunate. The first group of young Italian women to join the order began referring to her as Mother Cabrini. Mother Cabrini began opening free schools all over Italy and after a while, Pope Leo, XIII, suggested she go to America. She did and opened free schools in many large cities.

She and her good sisters showed up in New Orleans for the first time, immediately after the 1891 Italian massacre, maybe the worst in America's history, when eleven Italians were hung for something they weren't guilty of.

Mother Cabrini eventually enlisted help and also built schools and also an orphanage at 3400 Esplanade Avenue in New Orleans.

Vacationing in Long Beach, for the sisters and orphans, began when a generous man, Roderick J. Seal, gave the Missionary Sisters three lots, and also one to the Mississippi Bishop, Thomas Heslin, on Girard Avenue and Beach Blvd. The small chapel mentioned above, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, was

also given to the Cabrini order. She moved it to the beach and had a building constructed next to it for meals and lodging.

Every summer the Cabrini property would be cleaned and readied for the arrival of the children and sisters from the Sacred Heart Orphanage

Decades later in 1931, after missing a few summers, the heirs of Mr. Seal filed a lawsuit to have the property returned to them because it wasn't being used for church purposes. However, the judge deemed that there were no stipulations of use with the gift and he dismissed the suit.

By the time its run had ended, the summer camp had been in use for about 60 years. The townspeople were very kind to the group through the years. Below are a few of the activities the orphans were able to take part in.

In 1938, Mr. Harold Reinike entertained a large group of children who were "turned loose" in his pear orchard to secure all of the yellow fruit they desired. Many of the children had never been to a fruit orchard before and they were delighted. Mr. Reinike opened the entire farm to the children, who saw chickens and incubators, even canned fruits and all of the plantings on the property. He

entertained some group of orphans each year on his farm, a wonderful gesture.

On another occasion, the Knights of Columbus in Gulfport, which also contained men from Long Beach, sponsored a picnic and swimming party at the Remick home in Long Beach for Mother Cabrini's orphans. It is also known that kind folks from the community and from New Orleans helped out with food during the group's stays at the summer home, when it was needed.

Mother Cabrini first came to the United States in 1889, specifically heading to Seattle Washington first. She went to Chicago, IL, New York and many large cities and worked at creating schools and orphanages, originally for Italian orphans whose parents had died in the yellow fever epidemic. She died in 1917 at age 67, after founding 75 schools, asylums and colleges for the poor, and in 1946 was the first American Citizen, (naturalized in 1909) to be canonized a saint in the Catholic Church and is now known as St. Frances Xavier.

Sources: genealogybank.com and pictures from the Paul Jermyn Collection

In Memorium

Donald Dana, Jr.

Donald's passing occurred when the last newsletter was ready to print and a prayer request had to be changed to the unexpected report of the sad news. He will be sorely missed in the society as he had devoted so much time and effort to it. Donald served two times as president of the society, first from 2001-2003 and then again from 2012-2014.

In between those years, he served as a Director of the Mississippi Historical Society for several years and also as President of it.

Having been a charter member of our society, he was as interested in seeing it succeed as was Mary Ellen Alexander. He took pride in his accomplishments and the Annual Pictorial Calendar was at the top of that list. He had heard of another society using it as a fundraiser and suggested it to Mary Ellen, who whole-heartily approved. The son of a newspaper man, he was familiar with ads and never hesitated to get out there and sell them every year in order to assure that our only fund raiser was a success.

Donald was also a driving force behind the historical markers that are visible around the city. He was a part of the creation of all the society processes in place, including the society's annual awards.

Speaking of the awards, Donald received the coveted Mary Ellen Alexander award in 2004 and also the Harper McCaughan Award in 2018. His contributions are duly noted and deeply appreciated.

Joyce Ward McCauley

It was with regret that we learned of Joyce's passing

Her dream was to teach and she fulfilled that dream at several different schools, and during her off time, she loved, sailing, camping, and traveling. Her family said she will always be remembered for her wealth of knowledge, love, and kind words of inspiration.

Joyce was always smiling and had kind words for everyone and she'll be remembered that way at the society, as well as being sorely missed.

Condolences

Condolences to Catherine K. Woodward, and her family, on the recent death of her brother, Harry "Nubby" Kaletsch, who passed on Sept. 21st.

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SUBMARINE K-5 LIES ALONGSIDE GULFPORT PIER

Undersea Boat Will Be Open To Public Inspection From 1 to 5 While In Port.

The object of greatest interest in the fleet is no doubt the submarine. The one with this fleet is the U. S. K-5. She is 180 feet long, is of the Holland type and carries 22 men and three officers. When on the surface she draws about 12 feet of water. She was built at Quincy, Mass., in 1914 and saw service overseas. Her base when overseas was in the Azore Islands at the island of Ponta del Garda. She acted as a scout along the steamer lanes. She carries eight torpedoes, 4 in the tubes and 4 which are carried for extra services. The torpedoes are 18 feet long and weigh 1500 pounds, each, being fired by compressed air. The boat is propelled by Diesel oil engines when on the surface and by powerful electric motors when submerged. She submerges by letting water into large tanks and can get below the surface in one minute. The water is driven from the tanks by compressed air when she wishes to come to the surface.

Through the kindness of the chief electrician a Herald man was permitted to take a look through the periscope which afforded an excellent view of objects across the basin.

The boat contained bunks for the officers and men and a complete cooking equipment which is operated by electricity. So perfect is the arrangement for operating all departments that the commanding officer can stand in his quarters, fire a torpedo, change the course, submerge or come to the surface.

The K-5 is provided with both wireless telephone and telegraph apparatus.

When asked the officer stated that compared to German submarines soon by him that the machinery in the U. S. subs was more economically arranged but that the German machines had the more powerful engines.

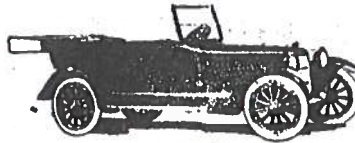
This boat makes an average speed of six knots per hour when submerged and about 14 knots when on the surface.

The submarine is in charge of Capt. Barton who is also commander of the fleet. It was he who took the sub overseas when war was declared. He states that he has enjoyed his trip in southern waters.

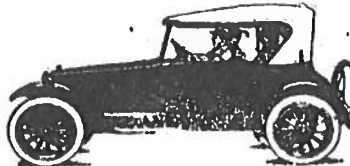
The submarine will be open to inspection every afternoon between the hours of 1 to 5 as long as she remains in port. This is the first American sub which has been opened to public inspection and this privilege will be withdrawn after she leaves Gulfport.

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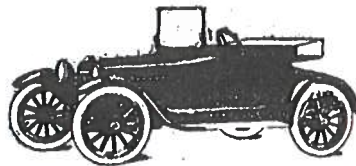
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THREE BROTHERS IN FRANCE

The many friends of Mrs. Mary C. Krans of Long Beach, formerly of New Orleans, are very glad to hear her three sons, Charles, and twin boys, Herbert and Albert, are now serving their country in France. Charles and Herbert joined the service May 8, 1918, and were sent to Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, for training. Albert joined the service July 16, 1918, and was sent to Camp Shelby for training. They were later transferred to another camp. Charles was transferred from Camp Sheridan to Camp Upton, New York. Herbert was transferred to Camp Merritt, New Jersey, and after staying there a few days were sent overseas. Albert was transferred from Camp Shelby to Camp Mills, New York, and was then sent

LONG BEACH CABBAGE ON MARKET

A truck load of hard headed winter cabbage was brought to Gulfport this morning by C. A. Carrubbo Bros. of Long Beach who grow them. They were sold without trouble to the dealers and at a good price. Some of the cabbage weighed 7 pounds.

REALTY DEALS

Dr. A. R. Carter has purchased the H. D. Moore residence on west beach for which he paid \$9,000, and Dr. B. Flint of East Tennessee has purchased a home just west of Jeff Davis avenue in Long Beach for which he paid \$4,500. Dr. Flint will practice medicine, it is announced, in this section. Both these deals were consummated through P. R. Perkins.

MARY ELLEN ALEXANDER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The MARY ELLEN ALEXANDER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, presented by the LONG BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY, recognizes individuals who during their lifetime have made significant contributions in increasing the awareness, preservation, and appreciation of history relating to Long Beach, the Mississippi Gulf Coast region, and the State of Mississippi.

The LONG BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY invites nominations for the MARY ELLEN ALEXANDER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. This award is presented annually at the January meeting of the society. Nominations must be received by October 31 to be considered that year. Nominations received after October 31 will be considered the following year.

Nominee Name: _____

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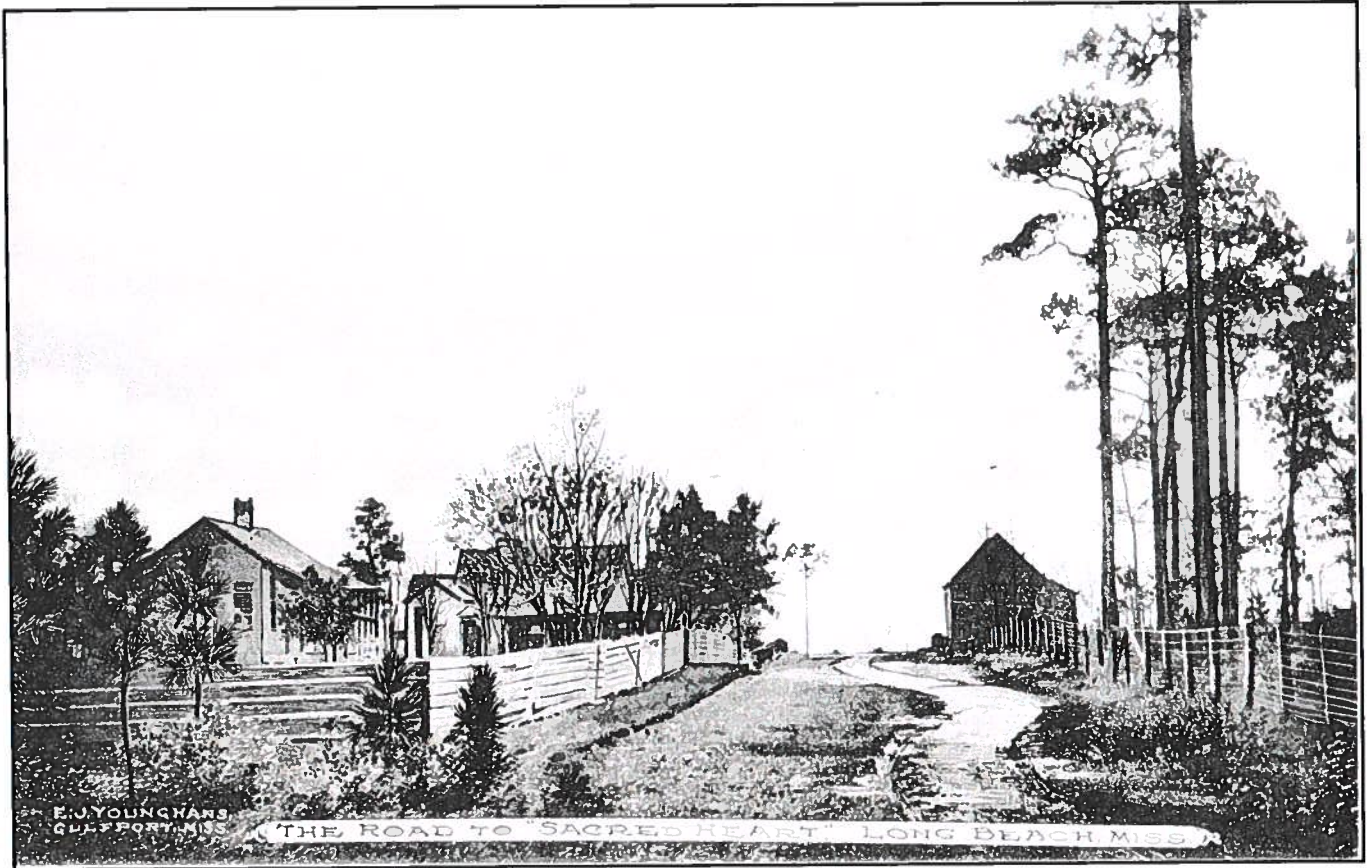
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