What an awesome speaker we had at our last meeting. He has been here before and plans to come back in October, so if you missed him you will have another chance to hear him speak. His name is Michel-Antoine Goitia-Nicolas born in Quebec, Canada. He spoke about Basque genealogy from the Garden of Eden to about 1490. Even claimed the Basque built "Stonehenge" in England. He is the president of the Louisiana Basque-American Society and Culture Organization (LA; B.A.S.C.O) founded in July 2003. He has a B.A. History Boston College, Massachusetts, also Bachelors in Politic Science U.C.L.A, and Eastern Orthodox Theology, S.U.N.Y. Fluent in French, Spanish, Greek, Basque, Italian, Russian, Slavonic, Ladino, and Latin. You can contact him at [www.Nobasque.org] and [labasco.net] phone (504)559-2005 1567 Cleveland Ave. Apt. A-Main House New Orleans, LA 70112. Our local TV station HTV was there to record his speech.

GUEST SPEAKER
Our speaker for this month has been here before. He is Kevin Allemand, Archivist from the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Archives & Historical Research Center 205 Audubon Ave. Thibodaux, LA 70301 Phone (985) 446-2383 E-Mail kallemand@htdiocese.org. He will give us an update about the progress he has made in transferring the church records to the computer. If you need copies of Baptisms, Marriages and Funeral certificates contact them from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

HONARY PEOPLE
Essie and Marcie Cavalier were honored with a copy of the latest South Louisiana Vital Records Book because of all their hard work in compiling and typing all the information that goes into the books. Thank you for all that you do Essie and Marcie. We really appreciate your dedication to the Society.
DEATHS
Frank Anthony Porretto, Sr, 91, a native of New Orleans and resident of Houma, died July 30, 2013. Burial in St. Francis de Sales Cemetery No. 2. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Claire Olivier Porretto; son Frank Porretto Jr and companion, Sandra Plauche; daughters, Cathy Zeringue and husband, Mert, and Denise Cenac and husband Bobby; grandchildren, Scott and Tony Zeringue, Aaron and Andre Porretto, Michele Bergeron, and Patrick, Phillip and Bryan Cenac; great-grandchildren, Megan and Molly Zeringue, Mia, Katie and Emma Porretto, and Ali and Kate Bergeron; and brother, A. J. Porretto. He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Anna Columbo Porretto and father and mother-in-law, Doze and Issabelle Olivier.

GOOD NEWS
The marriage licenses at the Houma Court House are no longer in the Court House building. It was moved across Church Street near Haydel's Drug store. You can't miss it; it is the office with the "Bright Red Doors". The marriage index and record books are to the left as you enter the door. This is a real convenience for searching marriage records. No stairs to climb, they are right up front.

Were you like me? Too busy, or otherwise engaged, to realize that it was Tuesday and another episode of Who Do You Think You Are? was playing, starting at 8:00 Central on TLC? Well, if you have a good connection to the internet with your computer you can watch the whole episode there. Try it, below:
http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are/videos/christina-applegate-.htm

WEBSITE OF INTEREST
GenDexNetwork Surpasses 31 Million Records - Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter
Source: blog.eogn.com

GenDexNetwork.org has announced that its database has surpassed 31 Million records. GenDexNetwork is a genealogical index (GenDex) which indexes persons in family trees on the internet. The first GenDex was operated by Gene W. Stark in 1994 when computer indexing for genealogical information was in its infancy. Many genealogy database programs can produce the gendex.txt file for submission to the index. GenDexNetwork connects the family trees to make one huge database. Clicking on a name in the search results immediately takes you to the same person on a family tree web page with their genealogical data. It can be searched...

"Genealogy Roadshow" premieres Sept. 23 on PBS - Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter
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Genealogy Roadshow, based on the hit Irish series of the same name, is scheduled to debut at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, on PBS. The following announcement was written by PBS: From Presidential progeny to felonious forebears, family secrets are uncovered this fall across the U.S. in PBS' surprise-filled new series Genealogy Roadshow. Part detective story, part emotional journey, the show uncovers fascinating stories of diverse Americans in Austin, San Francisco, Nashville and Detroit. Each individual's past links to a larger community history, revealing the rich cultural tapestry of America. Genealogy Roadshow features participants who have unique claims and storylines:...

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