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Happy New Year again, but this time it's a new year for Terrebonne Genealogical Society. We start a new year with new officers and directors. Last month we had our election and this is the result: President is Patricia (Patty) Whitney, Vice-President is Louis Duet, Treasurer is Sandra Boudreaux, Recording Secretary is Connie Gaines, Correspondence Secretary is Jess Bergeron, and Directors are Phillip (Phil) Chauvin, Jr., Nancy Wright, Essie Cavalier, & Sondras Saucier. Congratulations to all of you and thank you for accepting these positions. We will have an official induction ceremony at the meeting this month. Please join us in welcoming all of them. We want to also thank our nomination committee: Dorothy Bergeron, Gloria Hicks and Marcie Cavalier.

Also, as we start a new year we start a new membership year. If you have not paid your membership dues yet, this will be your last newsletter. There is a membership form attached to this newsletter.

DEATHS



Marie "Mo" **BUQUET**, she was 71, a native and resident of Houma, died at 6:58 p.m. Sunday, March 2, 2014. She was buried in St. Francis de Sales Cemetery No. 2. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Godfrey Joseph **BUQUET** (member of TGS); sons, Jayce, Eric, Lee, and Matt **BUQUET**; brother, Warren **SAVOIE**, sister, Earline **SLAAEN**; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Eleanor **DUET SAVOIE**; and brother, George **SAVOIE**. Our condolences to the entire family.

SEMINARS

The Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society is having its 46th Annual Conference on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at the Embassy Suites Hotel 4914 Constitution Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808. (225) 924-6566. \$35.00 per person in advance and \$40.00 at the door. Lunch is on your own. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. and the conference ends approximately at 5:00 p.m. There

will be six sessions. Speakers are Florent Hardy, Jr. Ph.D., State Archivist; Charlene Bonnette, Head, Louisiana Collection & Preservation, Librarian, State Library of LA; Jessica Lacher-Feldman, Head of Special Collections; Jennifer Mitchel, Head of Manuscripts Processing, Hill Memorial Library, LSU; Charles A. "Chip" McGimsey, Ph.D. State Archeologist; Samuel C. Hyde, Jr., Ph.D., Professor of History & Director of the Center for Southeast LA Studies, SE LA University; Michael Pasquier Ph.D., Assistant Professor Religious Studies, Dept. of Philosophy & Religion, LSU.

BOOKS ON SALE

The Terrebonne Genealogy Society will have a half-price clearance sales on some of our books that we are overstocked. The price of the mailing will be the same, \$4.00 for the first book and a dollar for each additional book. You can also get in touch with Jess Bergeron at 985-876-2348 or jessndot@bellsouth.net if you care to pick up your order to save on postage.

INVENTORY OF BOOKS FOR SALE IN STOCK

Terr. Life Lines V. 9 1990, V. 11 1992, V.12 1993, V.13 1994, V.14 1995, V.15 1996, V.16 1997, V.17 1998, V.18 1999, V.19 2000, V.20 2001, V.21 2002, V.22 2003, V.23 2004, V.24 2005, V.25 2006, V.26 2007 each (\$15.00), Comet Microfilm Index (1926-1937) (1938-1949) each (\$15.00), Hma. Newspaper Deaths (Missing yrs.) Hard Bound (\$10.00) Soft Bound (\$7.00) 1870 Census of Terrebonne Parish, 1880 Census of Terrebonne Parish, 1870 Census of Lafourche Parish each (\$15.00), 1880 Census of Lafourche Parish (\$20.00), 1900 Census of Lafourche Parish (\$17.00), Assumption Marriages (1877-1889), Assumption Marriages (1890-1905), Assumption Marriages (1918-1926) each (\$15.00), Generations Past to Present (\$22.50)

GENEALOGY TIPS

Don't "fix" spellings or use a version of a name that is more common when you transcribe a document. Don't try to bring the document up to date to make it look presentable by modern standards. If you annotate or make comments put it in brackets [].

As for sources there is no set number of sources that proves something is right. Some sources come from other sources and some sources are more reliable than others. You may only need one or seven. Check each source individually to see how reliable it may be. Example: if you have a person who gives his/her place of birth on two different documents, is that really two different sources, since this is only one person.

Five common misspelled genealogy words: Geneology – Genealogy; Cemetary – Cemetery; Ancester – Ancestor; Linage – Lineage; Descendent – Descendant.

ADDRESS CORRECTION

If you move please let us know. It will cost you extra postage to have your mail re-mailed to you. Contact Jess Bergeron at (985) 876-2348 or email at jessndot@bellsouth.net

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
TERREBONNE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
MARCH 29, 2014

The Election Committee of 2014 is happy to conduct this installation ceremony for the newly elected officers and directors. My name is Gloria Hicks, and I will be assisted by members Dorothy Bergeron and Marcie Cavalier.

Today, at the beginning of an eagerly anticipated return to warmer Spring weather, we have chosen the theme of flowers to brighten our ceremony. Flowers play an important role in a happy, healthy and well-balanced life. Similarly, good officers play an important role in a happy, healthy and well-balanced organization. Flowers have specific meanings traditionally associated with them, and so we have chosen an individual flower to represent each of the new officers and directors. The result will be a beautiful floral arrangement -- a harbinger of what the Terrebonne Genealogical Society will accomplish in the next two years through the leadership of this new Executive Board.

We begin with our Executive Board Directors. They include ex-officio members Phillip Chauvin, Jr., our Past President, and Wanda Moore, our Newsletter and Quarterly editor, as well as the three newly elected directors: Sondras Saucier, Nancy Wright and Essie Cavalier.

Will those five Executive Board Directors please come forward?

Do all of you promise to attend the Board meetings each month, assist in the transaction of the business of the Terrebonne Genealogical Society, which includes approval or disapproval of any expenditures exceeding normal operating expenses? Do you also promise to give reports at the regular meetings on major proposed policy changes and new projects?

[Directors reply, "We do."]

I have here a vase already containing abundant water to which has been added nourishment to lengthen the lives of the gorgeous flowers we will be using. This special water represents all the TGS members, who will provide encouragement and support to sustain all of the new officers during their forthcoming terms. It stands ready to accept the flowers presented to each of you in turn. After you place your flowers in this receptacle, you may return to your seats to enjoy the rest of the ceremony.

Phil Chauvin, we present to you this Dahlia, a symbol of your "dignity, elegance and good taste" which helped you to sustain the untiring and enduring dedication and service that you have given to our organization through the many years you served as our president. Please put it right in the center of our arrangement, to signify that you will continue to be in our midst, giving us the same guidance you have provided in the past.

Wanda Moore, as the Newsletter and Quarterly Editor appointed by the Terrebonne Genealogical Society, you will continue to serve as a Director. We present you with this purple Statice, a symbol of "success, remembrance, and sympathy." You have already achieved success in your task as the editor of these two important periodicals, and may this symbol bring you more. A good memory is definitely needed in your job, as is the sympathy you let shine through your words as you report of illnesses and deaths among our membership. I have cut the Statice into several pieces, and ask that you spread them around the outer edges to signify that you will continue to spread the news.

And now, our three newest Directors. Today, the placing of your flowers will be your first official duty as this term's new Board members. Please arrange your flowers in such a manner that they will enhance this arrangement as much as you will enhance our Society.

Sondras Saucier, we present to you this Alstroemeria, also known as a Peruvian Lily, a symbol of "devotion and aspiring". For years as a regular member, you have shown your devotion in many ways, and you have aspired to become even better. One of your most notable services has been as chairperson of the Hospitality Committee, in charge of refreshments at break times, as well as the drawing for door prizes that has become a popular part of each regular meeting. As you place your Peruvian Lily in our arrangement, may it signify all the devotion you will bring to future meetings.

Nancy Wright, we present this Scarlet Gerbera. Its meaning of "constancy, hope, and loyal love" seems to exemplify you and all your contributions ever since you helped to organize TGS way back when. May your constancy continue to permeate all our future meetings, both Board and regular.

Essie Cavalier, we present to you this Yellow Rose. Its main meaning is "zealous," but it also means "friendship." You certainly exemplify both of these characteristics, especially by your work in researching and publishing

the names on tombstones in various cemeteries in our area. You will be a zealous boon to the future of our friendly organization.

Let's hear a round of applause for these Directors!

We now continue with the installation of our five main officers: Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, and President.

Will Jess Bergeron please step forward?

Jess Bergeron, as Corresponding Secretary, do you promise to continue to take care of all the correspondence of TGS, including any queries we receive, with your usual promptness and such courtesy that those who hear from you often decide to join our great society? [Response.]

We present you with this Gladiolus, which means "strength of character." It is symbolic of your generous and steadfast help to our many correspondents and to our meetings. Please put your symbolic flower in our growing floral creation.

Will Connie Gaines please step forward?

Connie Gaines, as Recording Secretary, do you promise to record and read the minutes of the previous regular meeting to the membership? Do you promise to record and read the minutes of the previous Executive Board meeting to those members? And do you promise to preserve all minutes and reports? [Response.]

May we present to you this Day Lily, which carries the meaning of "enthusiasm?" That is certainly an appropriate symbol of your cheerful accuracy and persistence in the fulfillment of your duties as our Recording Secretary. Will you please add it to the rest of the flowers?

Will Sandra Boudreaux please step forward?

Sandra, as Treasurer, do you promise to collect dues and funds received by the Society, to pay all our bills, and to give a financial report at each monthly meeting? Do you promise to keep accurate records of all receipts and expenditures, and a current list of all members? And finally, do you promise to preside in the absence of the President and Vice President? [Response.]

We present you with this Fern, which has the meaning of "fidelity and sincerity." It will be the predominant "green" of our arrangement, symbolizing the green you collect from dues, and the green you pay out while carefully and loyally performing your duties. Please "ADD" these sprigs of Fern to our floral arrangement in the balanced way in which you keep our books.

Will Louis Duet please step forward?

Louis Duet, do you promise to assist the President in organizational duties, and to perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of that officer to serve? [Response.]

We present you with this Ginger, which means "pride and diversity." You have exhibited both during your years in our society, and these characteristics will certainly enhance your office as our new Vice-President. Please place these lovely red and white Ginger flowers in our arrangement.

And now, for the climax to our installation ceremony, will Patricia Whitney please step forward?

Patricia Whitney, do you promise to preside at all the regular meetings of the Society, and of the Executive Board? Are you willing to be ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee? [Response.]

We have the honor of presenting to you this Purple Iris, carrying its meaning of "inspiration." This is truly an appropriate symbol of how you have for many years managed to inspire us all to expand our talents as we come together into one big well-organized group striving to preserve our various genealogies for posterity. Please place your Iris in the center beside Phil's Dahlia, as a symbol of how you will both continue to help one another in guiding us TGS members into an even more successful society!

And there we have it! An Installation Floral Creation as beautiful, as colorful, as exciting, as is the Terrebonne Genealogical Society! Congratulations to all of its great officers and directors!

Dorothy, Marcie and I now pronounce our Officers and Directors duly installed, and invite all members to be sure to register for the door prizes, because this lovely creation is to be one. Thank you.