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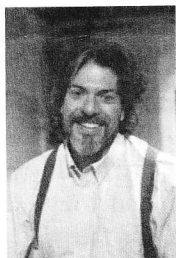
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What an excellent presentation that Jay SCHEXNAYDRE, our speaker for August, gave on his Keating family. He traced his line back several generations and is still searching for his ancestors. He searched marriage records, burial records, census records, family websites and forums, immigration records, and civil records, and he met people along his journey who led him on new searches. He visited several libraries and countries and the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Africa. He happened to meet a couple from Mauritius through his work at Laura Plantation, and they helped uncover some background information on his family. This presentation is an inspiration to look in places that you never would have thought to look. Thank you, Jay, for your inspiration, and for showing us to never give up. We appreciate your dedication to research.

GUEST SPEAKER



As a native of Chauvin, Jonathan FORET grew up in a culture-rich environment from working on shrimp boats as a young boy to speaking Louisiana French to his grandmother. He graduated from South Terrebonne High School and received his bachelor's degree in English from Nicholls State University. He taught English at Grand Caillou Middle and later in Brooklyn, New York before he joined the Peace Corps.

He served in the Kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific for two years where he taught English as a second language, served as community development coordinator and taught the Tongans how to use a Louisiana cast net. He returned to the States to work for several nonprofit organizations before leaving again to take a position with a disabled people's organization in Bangladesh. This work led him to work for the United Nations in the Asia Pacific region where he did monitoring and evaluation visits in several countries in the area. Upon completion of this work he returned to the United States to receive his master's in Public Administration from the University of New Orleans. He is proud to be working with the board of directors for the Wetlands Discovery Center in moving the organization's vision forward.

SEMINARS

Bayou History Center Inc., a local nonprofit headed by our own Patty Whitney, will begin partnering with the Terrebonne Parish Library and the Terrebonne Genealogical Society to host **free genealogy assistance** on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm in the Genealogy Department of the Main Branch Library in Houma. Anyone interested in seeking help or in volunteering to help others is invited to join the fun on Thursday evenings.

As part of their Fundraising Campaign, Bayou History Center is excited to announce their First Annual Ancestors' Costume Ball. It will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2014, beginning at 7 pm at the Evergreen Cajun Center located at 4694 West Main Street in Houma (Gray), LA. Tickets are \$50 per person and include admission, dinner and entertainment! Costumes are encouraged but are not mandatory. Participants can dress as one of their ancestors or as someone from the history of the area... trappers, shrimpers, dancers, pirates, field hands, southern belles, bakers, soldiers, teachers, bankers, deputies...and on and on. If a photo of the person they choose to depict is available, then attendees are encouraged to bring that photo or artifact to the Ball for display on their table. For tickets to the ball Contact Patty WHITNEY at 985-859-3214 or email her at bayouhistorycenter@yahoo.com; biscopatty@yahoo.com; or pattywhitney@hotmail.com. Check them out on Facebook, too!

Genealogy Series for beginners and intermediates is being offered at the JANE O'BRIEN CHATELAIN WEST BANK REGIONAL LIBRARY, 2751 Manhattan, Harvey, LA. Sal SERIO, curator of the American Italian Research Library at the Jefferson Parish Library, will lead a series of genealogical seminars for beginners during the fall of 2014. The sessions are designed as introductions to basic and intermediate genealogical research. They are open to the public and are free of charge. Each session will consist of two distinct lectures that focus on some aspect of family history research.

The Louisiana Division/City Archives invites you to view their exhibit, *From Common and Basin to Tulane and Loyola: 150 Years of Change in Our Neighborhood*. The exhibit was guest curated by Wayne EVERARD, and looks back at the history of the Main Library site and at several other adjacent properties. The exhibit will remain on view into Spring, 2015. In conjunction with the exhibit, Keith Weldon MEDLEY will present "*The Pythian Temple 1908: 'A Monument to What the Negro Can Accomplish,'*" on September 17, in the Main Library Auditorium. Wine and cheese reception at 6:30, presentation at 7.

QUARTERLY

The *Terrebonne Life Lines* Summer Edition will be given out at the September 27, 2014 meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ronald BERGER has been selected for Veteran of the Year for 2014 by the Lafourche Disability Affairs Issues. His name will be submitted for nomination to the Governor's Office on Disability Affairs for the state level. He will receive his award at a banquet on October 20, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at the Cotillion Ballroom, Student Union Building on the Nicholls State University campus. If you plan to attend you will need to register and there is a fee for the lunch. Come out and support our friend Ronald for the well-deserved honor.

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<http://www.terrebonnegenealogicalsociety.org>