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We had our 35th anniversary. Nancy Wright was one of the original members. She served as



Secretary-Treasurer. She shared how the society was founded in 1971 by Mercedes PERTUIT and started as a loosely knit group of avid genealogists that met in the homes. The group's first project was 1972 Sesquicentennial of Houma which had the 1830 census in it. The logo "Are Your Roots in Terrebonne?" originated with Georgia KELLY. Luther KELLY, Jr. was first president; others that served as president were Paula MILLHOLLOW, Jim

GOGSWELL, and Georgia KELLY. There were no dues at that time. Phil shared how he joined the society. They formed Terrebonne Genealogical

Society Constitution and By-Laws in 1982 with membership dues. The officers for 1982 were: Phillip CHAUVIN, Jr., President; Dorothea HARVATH, Vice-President; Hope PAUL, Recording Secretary; Ledora HERNANDEZ, Corresponding Secretary and newsletter editor; and Nancy WRIGHT, Treasurer. Board members were the past President, Georgia KELLY; Mercedes PERTUIT; and Wilma BOUDREAUX. The printing was offered for free at one meeting but by the next meeting printing could not be done for free. This is when they offered lifetime memberships to save the cost of the





printing. The Terrebonne Life Lines quarterly was started and Billie ROBERTSON and Phoebe BUQUET were chairpersons. Jess shared how he joined the society. He said they did not have computers for indexing, so they would type all the names, and then put them in cups alphabetically to sort them. He was president for a time. They did a few seminars with speakers like Elizabeth MILLS and Janet JEHN. Door prizes were started by Ollie THERIOT and treats were started by Evelyn FRENCH. Here we are 35 years later with about 240 members and over 130 books published by the society. Pictures on top left are members who attended the 35th anniversary meeting and bottom left are Charter Lifetime Members: Jess BERGERON, Ruth THERIOT, Patricia BERGERON, Nancy WRIGHT, Phillip CHAUVIN, Jr., and Dorothy BERGERON. Thanks to all who started TGS and all those dedicated to keep it going. Happy Anniversary TGS.

GIVE NOLA DAY

What is GiveNola Day? It is an online community giving event for people to give to the nonprofit organizations that are making our region stronger. How can you participate and help TGS? Go online to givenola.org make donation to **Terrebonne Genealogical Society**; minimum donation is \$10.00; starting on April 25 and will end on May 2, 2017. Be generous!

ADDRESS CORRECTION

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TERREBONNE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2017 MEETING SCHEDULE

| DATE | LOCATION | ROOM/FLOOR | BOARD | GENERAL |
|-----------|-------------|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 4/29/2017 | Main Branch | Large – 1 st floor | 11:00 a.m. | 1:00 p.m. |
| 5/27/2017 | Main Branch | Large - 1st floor | 11:00 a.m. | 1:00 p.m. |
| 6/24/2017 | Main Branch | Large - 1st floor | 11:00 a.m. | 1:00 p.m. |