



# Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society

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Without a past, there is no future

## Primary objectives for coming year set —

At the July 28 meeting, a vote of the attending members chose the top four objectives of the society for the coming year. The society will focus on recruiting new members, preparation for the Bicentennial Celebration in 2009, restoration of the Little Red Schoolhouse and genealogy.

## Regular meeting schedule adopted —

At the June 9, 2005, meeting a regular meeting schedule was approved by member vote. The July 28, 2005, meeting was the only deviation from the regular schedule of meeting at 7:00 pm in the court room of the Amite County Courthouse on the second Thursday of each month. The schedule was reaffirmed by the members at the July 28 meeting.

The meeting dates for the coming 12 months will be August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8, 2005 and January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, and July 13, 2006. Other special meeting may be held as needed on other days and times as needed to coordinate with local programs and events.

Put the regular meetings on your calendars.

## Society officers for the coming year established —

In action taken at the July 28 meeting, the current officers -- Joey Wall, President; Greg Barron, Vice President; Sue Severson, Secretary; Gay Blalock, Treasurer -- will continue in service for another year. Because of poor health, Cheryl

## New Members: Welcome to the 2nd edition of the ACHGS newsletter —

Welcome to the second edition of the ACHGS newsletter. This will be issued once per quarter as currently planned, but special, abbreviated editions may be issued as needed. Please feel free to send any comments to this editor at the address shown on the second page or to the ACHGS return address on the back.

Rape-Ott asked to be replaced as the member-at-large on the Society Governing Board. Robert Stratton was nominated and agreed to serve.

## Planning for historic home tour/annual member drive/social event begins —

Vice President Greg Barron has agreed to again chair a committee to plan and execute a historic home tour that will also serve as a function to encourage new membership and provide social interaction. Currently it is thought this will be held in early December (before the "dead of winter" arrives). Greg can use a lot of local volunteers to help with this. If you'd like to participate contact Greg at 601.684.3018, by e-mail at williambaron@directway.com, or see him at the next meeting.

## Dues payment clarified —

A large number of members have joined since the initialization of the society and the creation of the annual dues payment date of July; therefore, it was decided to extend everyone's

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membership term to July of 2006 before an additional dues payment will be required. Life members of course will have no future dues responsibility.

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#### **Included insert (Page 3) explained —**

A significant number of members have indicated interest in participating in certain areas of society endeavors. Some indicated their interests on the member application form while others have volunteered at meetings. Secretary Sue Severson has compiled a summary of indicated member interests and this is included on page 3 of this newsletter. This will also be made available on the society web site (see below).

Any member who wishes to change their interest areas or add to them, please notify Secy. Sue Severson at [suseseverson@comcast.net](mailto:suseseverson@comcast.net) or this editor.

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#### **ACHGS web site is up and running —**

An internet address for the society has been reserved and a web site set up at [achgs.org](http://achgs.org). At this time the site is relatively simple in coverage but will be expanded and enhanced with a variety of information as time permits. Access the site via the following complete URL:

<http://www.achgs.org/>

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#### **Member web mail service —**

The provider currently used for the web site offers a number of additional services not available from free web providers. All members with current personal e-mail addresses have been notified that they have had an alternative web mail address set up for them on the site. If there are any other internet-active members who have not identified themselves as such by providing an e-mail address for the member records, a society web site address can be created for your use. Notify [sitemanager@achgs.org](mailto:sitemanager@achgs.org) by e-mail or write this editor if you would like to have a society address. If you do not wish for your primary personal e-mail address to be included in ACHGS member records, your request will be honored; however, your member web mail address will be included once created.

You may contact this editor at:

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#### **Challenge to members —**

President Joey Wall has issued a challenge to all current members to recruit at least two new members in the coming year. Although it is preferable for recruits to join on their own volition, members can consider giving a one-year personal membership as a gift. The one-year dues are only \$15.00 per individual (or \$10.00 per person for students and seniors over 65) so a gift of membership is not a significant economic burden.

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#### **Sesqui-centennial photo album made available —**

President Joey Wall announced that the album of sesqui-centennial photos (taken in 1959) has been placed for viewing at the Liberty Library. Due to the one-of-a-kind nature of this album it is available for review at the library but cannot be checked-out and removed.

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#### **Next major web site enhancement —**

Although pages have been created for web site publication of history articles and genealogy, nothing has yet been placed on the pages. Finishing touches are needed on a set of criteria by which submissions will be judged. Unfortunately, in our litigation-happy society, it is necessary to assure that contributors have legal rights to the information they contribute so that copyright infringement lawsuits against the ACHGS organizationally and/or the site manager personally can be prevented. Three primary criteria that all contributions will be judged by are: (1) the material is not published in the same or similar form on any other web site, (2) the contributor either owns the publication rights or has written permission from the owner to offer the material to the society via the web site, and (3) the material does not require the society or the site manager to do extensive editing or conversion of the material to electronic form. All the other details in the submissions criteria focus on assuring that the primary criteria will be met.

## **MEMBERSHIP SURVEY:**

### ARCHIVES

Dewitt and Missy Bates  
Vera Prestridge  
Ronny/Pamela Taylor

Joseph Gordon  
Mildred Morgan

James Jackson  
Hattie Nunnery

### FAMILY HISTORY

Dewitt and Missy Bates  
David and Melanie Hubbs  
Nancy Powell  
William Rimes  
Hattie Nunnery  
Betty McRae

Mary Cleveland  
Wayne Parker  
Vera Prestridge  
James Jackson  
Linda Honea Lea

William and Oma Gordon  
Eva Dixon Phares  
Robert/Mary Stratton  
Jerry and Marcia McClain  
Mildred Morgan

### MEMBERSHIP

Marjorie Carraway  
Hattie Nunnery

Samson Mabry  
Mildred Morgan

Claude/Betty Marchand

### PUBLICITY

Joseph Gordon  
Charles/Gwen Prestridge

Hattie Nunnery

Mildred Morgan

### PROGRAMS

James and Patsy Causey  
Hattie Nunnery  
Vera Prestridge

Joseph Gordon  
Wayne Parker  
Charles/Gwen Prestridge

David and Melanie Hubbs  
Mildred Morgan

### HOSPITALITY

Dewitt and Missy Bates  
Mildred Morgan  
Betty Ricard

Mary Cleveland  
Betty McRae  
Hattie Nunnery

Linda Honea Lea  
Vera Prestridge  
Charles/Gwen Prestridge

### NEWSLETTER

Wayne Anderson  
Hattie Nunnery  
Robert/Mary Stratton

Marjorie Carraway  
Betty Richard  
Mildred Morgan

Joseph Gordon  
Charles/Gwen Prestridge

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Dewitt and Missy Bates  
Linda Honea Lea  
Mildred Morgan  
Wayne Parker  
Betty Richard  
Charles/Gwen Prestridge

Marjorie Carraway  
Hattie Nunnery  
Betty McRae  
Shirlene Priest  
Dawn Taylor  
Robert/Mary Stratton (bicentennial book)

Joseph Gordon (Bicentennial)  
David and Melanie Hubbs  
Nancy Powell  
Vera Prestridge  
James Jackson

### **MEETING TIME PREFERENCE:**

WEEK NIGHTS- 10

WEEK DAYS- 12

WEEKENDS- 11

**Annual Membership Contribution**  
**Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society**  
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**Liberty, MS 39645**

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Thank you for joining the Amite County Historical and Genealogical Society. Your contribution helps us continue to collect and preserve historic treasures from Amite County's past, as well as to promote family history. Membership also provides an opportunity to attend programs and participate in special events.

I am interested in helping with:

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