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Greater New Orleans Archivists Newsletter Spring 2004

Spring Meeting 2004

Spring Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17 at 6 pm at Earl Long Library on the campus of University of New Orleans. The meeting will be at the Earl K. Long Library, Room 407 (fourth floor). Dr. Florence Jumonville will host the meeting. Her number is 280-7275. A map of the campus is available at <http://www.uno.edu/university/campuses/maincamp.html>.

Minutes of Winter 2003 GNOA Meeting

On December 4, members of GNOA met at Isidore Newman School Archives. Mrs. Genie McCloskey, Archivist, hosted a wonderfully green seasonal meeting. There was no business agenda. Over 30 members and guests attended. Members paid dues for 2004 to Robert Sherer, Treasurer. *(Members can check the address label on the envelope containing this newsletter. If there is an *asterisk in front of your name, your 2004 dues are current. If you have questions about your dues, please check with Robert Sherer, Treasurer, at the Spring meeting.)*

Barbara Vaughn,
Secretary, GNOA

News From Around the City

Dominion Congregation of Saint Mary

The book, *Religious Pioneers: Building the Faith in the Archdiocese of New Orleans*, was launched January 25, 2004 at Loyola's Monroe Library, in collaboration with Loyola's Center for the Study of Catholics in the South. Four hundred and seventy-five pre-publication copies were sold. GNOA can be proud of their part in supporting the book, which was edited by members Dorothy Dawes and Charles Nolan, and published by the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Religious Pioneers Signing Events: Wednesday, March 17, 6 pm, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 6249 Canal Blvd and Sunday, March 21, 3 pm, at Holy Rosary Archives.

The book is available at Maple Street Book Store, Catholic Book Store, and in Metairie at Pauline Books and Mulé's. Please ask for it at other independent bookstores, and then tell them to call Sr. Dorothy at 861-8155. See our new book at <http://www.religiouspioneers.org>.

Dorothy Dawes, O.P., Archivist

GNOA:

The Archival Census and Education Needs Survey in the U.S (A*CENSUS) project is collecting data on archives within the United States. For more information, check out their website at <http://www.nagara.org/news/011504.html>. GNOA participated in this survey.

Barbara Vaughn, GNOA

Isidore Newman School Archives:

Isidore Newman School 100 Years written by Anne Konigsmark with over 200 photographs from the Isidore Newman School Archives will be available the week of March 15. Contact Genie McCloskey, Archivist at 896-8572 for details.

Genie McCloskey, Archivist

Louisiana Division/City Archives, New Orleans Public Library:

The following has been added to NUTRIAS, NOPL's website (<http://nutrias.org>):

Surname listings for letters A, I, Q, X, Y and Z have been added to the online version of the Index to Orleans Parish Justice of the Peace Marriage Records (1846-1880) (<http://nutrias.org/inv/jpmarrindex/jpmarrindex.htm>). Volunteers from NOVA, the New Orleans Volunteer Association, are transcribing this index.

NOVA has also begun projects to transcribe the Record of Patients (1882-1884; 1888) admitted to the New Orleans City Insane Asylum (<http://nutrias.org/inv/cityinsaneasylum.htm>) and the Register of patients transported to the State Insane Asylum. (Orleans Parish Civil Sheriff, 1882-1918 (<http://nutrias.org/inv/civilsheriff/vf350.htm>)).

A year-by-year listing of the Louisiana Division's Newspaper Holdings, 1787-1974 (<http://nutrias.org/info/louinfo/chronolist.htm>).

The Louisiana Division's semi-annual Genealogy Class for Beginners will be held on May 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Main Library auditorium, 219 Loyola Ave. Speakers will be Louisiana Division staff members, Greg Osborn, Wayne Everard, and Collin Hamer (in his final beginner class appearance before his retirement this summer). The class is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required to insure seating; those interested in attending are asked to call the Louisiana Division at (504) 596-2610.

The Louisiana Division's current exhibit is *Keeping Memories: The Louisiana Division's College Yearbook Collection*, featuring selections from college yearbooks around

the state. The exhibit can be seen online at <http://nutrias.org/exhibits/yearbooks/keepingmemories.htm>.

Archivist Wayne Everard was interviewed by *New Orleans CityLife* magazine (a new magazine by the publishers of *New Orleans CityBusiness*) for an April 2004 article on occupations in New Orleans. Wayne also gave two presentations on January 7 on the historical loan records of the Lyceum Library (one of the predecessors of New Orleans Public Library) at the Gale Group's national sales meeting in New Orleans.

Collin Hamer and Wayne Everard appeared (and continue to appear) on "Books Alive," NOPL's informational program broadcast on GOV.TV, the New Orleans government access channel (New Orleans cable channel 6), speaking about materials housed in the City Archives.

NOPL's project to climate control a portion of the Louisiana Division's archives and special collections storage area is on track to begin shortly. The project will require approximately 6 to 9 months to complete. Researchers anticipating projects involving the use of original material from the City Archives or the Louisiana Division should contact the Library prior to their visit to insure that the material they require will be available. (Call the Louisiana Division at 504-596-2610 or contact one of the archivists by email at weverard@gno.lib.la.us or iwainwri@gno.lib.la.us.) *Irene Wainwright, Archivist*

National Hansen Disease Museum

The National Hansen's Disease Museum officially opened in July of 2000. The museum doors opened to show off the artifacts--originally collected in 1994 and 1996 to mark the centennial years of the arrival of the first seven patients to Carville and the arrival of the first four Daughters of Charity.

Two years after that official opening, the museum hired its first curator, Elizabeth Schexnyder, in 2002. "The museum's mission is to collect, preserve and interpret the medical and cultural artifacts at the Carville Historic District."

Schexnyder's plan was to create and maintain museum displays, develop traveling exhibits and make available multimedia educational programming. This plan involved extensive renovations. When the renovations were completed in November 2003, the museum invited the public to see their permanent exhibitions.

These included medical breakthroughs in treatment and rehabilitation of HD; the medical staff, Public Health Service, Daughters of Charity, and civil servants employed at Carville over the past 100 years; and patient culture and the buildings of the Carville Historic District. New track lighting, added to the hallway, illuminated the new *100 Years of Carville History* timeline.

For a more complete view, visit our website at Website:
http://bphc.hrsa.gov/nhdp/NHD_MUSEUM_HISTORY.htm

Elizabeth Schexnyder, Curator

National Park Service

The American Association of Museums (AAM) will have its annual meeting in the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans from May 6 through May 10, 2004. AAM is expecting 5000 museum professionals to participate in this year's meeting, which is themed "Celebrating Innovation, Creating the Future."

The New Orleans Host Committee is seeking 500 volunteers to assist in various jobs during the conference. Volunteer jobs include greeter, session monitor, and registration assistant. A volunteer orientation meeting will be held on May 3. Each volunteer who donates a minimum of four hours of service will receive a voucher good for one-day registration to attend program sessions, hear a keynote speaker, and visit the Museum Expo (with over 290 exhibitors).

This is an excellent opportunity for all park staff, not just museum professionals, to participate in the museum community's largest annual event. It is an excellent opportunity to see where museums are going. Sessions address all aspects of the museum profession not just exhibits (i.e., publishing, software, visitor services, exhibit fabrication, web design). The choreographer, Twyla Tharp, is one of the keynote speakers and AAM has declared May 8 as Small Museum Day. In addition, the NPS is sponsoring three sessions.

Visit the AAM web site at www.aam-us.org for more details about the conference. If you have other questions let me know. Volunteers will be able to go to a hospitality area for free snacks.

Kathy Lang, Archivist

New Orleans Notarial Archives Research Center

Trish Nugent, an archival assistant at N.O.A.R.C., will be a session panelist at the upcoming meeting of SSA in San Antonio, Texas, and was awarded the SSA scholarship for travel expenses.

The N.O.A.R.C. recently installed two public-access computers, giving researchers access to finding aids and databases.

Ann Wakefield, Archivist

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Did you know?

National:

ACA. Academy of Certified Archivists promotes fundamental standards of professional archival practice. <http://www.certifiedarchivists.org/>. If you are planning to seek either certification or recertification, the 2004 application is available online at their website. The 2004 deadline for applying for certification/recertification is May 15, 2004. Consult their website for current details.

SAA. Society of American Archivists is the oldest and largest national professional archival association. Their website is <http://www.archivists.org/>. The next annual meeting is in Boston, Massachusetts, Los Angeles, California, August 2-8, 2004.

Regional:

SAC. Southern Archivist Conference is a joint organization made up of members of the Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association, the Society of Alabama Archivists, the Society of Mississippi Archivists, and the Society of Tennessee Archivists. SAC sponsors biennial meetings hosted by each state on a rotating basis. The next meeting is April 14-16 in Jackson, Mississippi. Check their website for helpful links. Their website is <http://www.lib.usm.edu/~smainfo/index.html>

SSA. Society of Southwest Archivists' (SSA) has a new website at <http://www.southwestarchivists.org>. Their annual meeting is May 27-29, 2004 in San Antonio, Texas.

State:

LAMA. Louisiana Archives and Manuscript Association promotes the role of archives in the preservation of our national, state, and local heritage by cooperating with Louisiana's public and private archival repositories in their work of collecting, conserving, and making accessible to the public manuscript, printed, graphic arts, and audio materials of historical significance.

<http://www.nutrias.org/~nopl/lama/lama.htm> Their annual meeting was held December 5, 2003 at LSU's, Hill Memorial Library, Baton Rouge.