

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Summer 2024

Dear Pass Christian Historical Society Members,

I want to thank all "Volunteers" who contribute their time and energy for the good of the "Historical Society." Please consider becoming a "docent" or volunteer at the Christmas Party, monthly luncheons and assisting the archivist.

We have some exciting speakers for our summer monthly luncheons and our general membership meetings will resume in September.

The 2024 Christmas Party, December 2nd, Chairperson will be Jena Shepherd. Our City First Lady Betty and Mayor Jimmy Rafferty have offered their home again for the party. Our 2025 Tour of Homes Chairperson will be Amy Steiner. Please volunteer for these wonderful events.

I am asking members in our Society to donate a couple of computers and donate an All Access subscription to Ancestry.com and Newspapers.com. This would allow members to research in the Library and the Society to store the Billy Bourdin Collection as well for family and historical research.

Please come by the Society building. The building is open during the week from 8:30 AM to 12:30 (except Thursday closes from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM). PCHS is open on Thursday and Friday 1 -3 PM.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Rory Robin Rafferty Jr. President 228-547-4873 rory39571@gmail.com

Regards,

Rory Robin Rafferty Jr.



"Remembering Warren B. Doussan, Sr., passed away August 3, 2024, age 93. He is survived by several children, grandchildren and his adorable life-long dance partner wife, Lynn. The Warrens are Life Members of Pass Christian Historical Society and lovers of Mardi Gras. Warren served both in the Navy and as a Marine.

We hope you will support the PC Historical Society by becoming a member or renewing your memberships.
Please see additional information on our Membership page at
www.passhistory.org.

Open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10 AM-12 N
Thursday and Friday 10 AM-12 N and 1 PM-3 PM.

If you are missing your newsletter email, please check your spam folder and click "Not Spam".

Spring Summer 2024 PCHS Newsletter

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The Pass Christian Historical Society would like to recognize these new memberships as of July 2024!

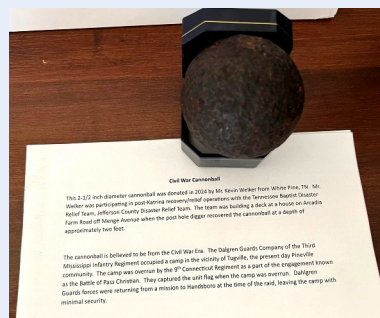
Thank you for joining!!!

Jean Ann and Sean Anderson	Michelle Payne
George and Kathy Brooks	Dylan Roberts
Lola Knost and Eric D Burnstein	James Runge
Wendy Diaz del Valle	Lundy and Shawn Ryan
Sheila Dinjar	Bonnie St. Paul
Ida Grossman	George and Jolan Wedgeworth
Brian Hebert	Melvin White Jr.
	Joan Whiting



Don Demetz presenting 2024 PCHS History Award to Gabe Duprey at the July luncheon.

A new Art Exhibit is on display in the Billy Bourdin Memorial Library. Come by to peruse our artifacts, historical documents and art by local artist, Barbara Groves.



Do you hear it? Far off in the distant past, maybe 160 yrs ago, a cannon boomed near the Wolfe River. Who knows? A military exercise? A response to an active threat? Maybe those booms we often hear are echos from the past.

Kevin Welker, TN resident and visitor to PCHS in June, delighted President Robin Rafferty with a surprise visit along with his wife. While volunteering post Katrina helping rebuild Pass Christian, Kevin unearthed this Relic from our past and graciously donated it to our Billy Bourdin Memorial Library.

PCHS Calendar of Events 2024

Unless otherwise noted: Monthly General Membership Meetings are on the 2nd Monday at 7P. each month.

Monthly Luncheons are on the 4th Monday of the month at 12N. **Please note that reservations are required for the luncheons.**

Additional information regarding reservations follows the calendar entries.

Monthly General Membership meetings are **not** held during the summer months of June, July and August. Monthly Luncheons continue during the Summer.

Monday, August 26, 2024 12N Luncheon with Speaker
"Learning Mississippi History Through Historical Markers" with Brother Rogers from Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Monday, September 9, 2024 7P Membership Meeting
Welcome Back Social. "Muddy Thinking in the Mississippi River Delta" with Ned Randolph

Monday, September 23, 2024 12N Luncheon with Speaker
Price change for luncheon to \$15 for Members and \$17 for Non Members.

"Ever True To Thee" Historical and Bioarchaeological Investigations at Asylum Hill with Jennifer Mack and Lida Gibson from the Asylum Hill Project

Monday, October 14, 2024 7P Membership Meeting
Trustee Nominating Committee presents candidates to Membership. "Science as Natural Philosophy and Finding Our Place in the Universe" with Dr. Richard L. Summers

Monday, October 28, 2024 12N Luncheon with Speaker
"Edward Livingston, Pass Christian and the Battle of New Orleans" with Dr. Jim Keating

Monday, November 11, 2024 7P Membership Meeting Election of three new Trustees. Screening of the Documentary "Rohna Classified" with Catherine Ladnier. A special presentation on Veteran's Day.

Monday, December 2, 2024 6P Holiday Membership Party
Holiday Membership Cocktail Party 1st Monday in December 6P - 8:30P at the home of Jimmy and Betty Rafferty.

Friday, December 6, 2024 5P Christmas in the Pass
Christmas in the Pass Parade Viewing. Come join the fun at the Historical Society!! BYOB and a snack to share!! December 6, 5PM No Reservations Needed.

Please Note the following regarding luncheons.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION by Friday 5 PM prior to Monday luncheon!
\$15.00 Members/17.00 Non-members.

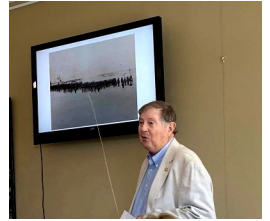
Call 228-452-7254 or Email: reservations@passhistory.org.

Please cancel by Sunday so PCHS does not incur the cost of an unused lunch.

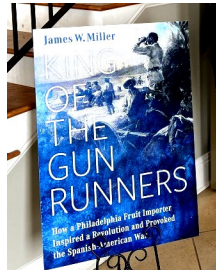
Sorry BUT, NO Walk-Ins, NO Observers and NO Standing Reservations. Seating is limited to 50.

Fun and informative Spring and Summer events

An attentive audience for **The Battle of Pass Christian** presented by Pat Alford at the February luncheon.



"Do You Know How Places Got Their Names"
with Mike Fitzwilliam at the March Membership meeting.



King of the Gun Runners At the March luncheon, author James Miller, gave us a lesson on late 19th century efforts of American, James Hart, to help Cuba rid itself of Spain's dominance by helping to smuggle guns and ammo for the Cuban fighters to use in their resistance against Spain. His book is available for purchase at Cat Island Bookstore.

At our April 8 Membership Meeting our very own President, Robin Rafferty gave an entertaining presentation on various Pass Christian historical events as well as an overview of Solar Eclipses which was very informative!!



Jeff Rosenberg, Preservation Coordinator of DMR gave wonderful presentation on the **Randolph School** and application to the National Registry of Historic Places.

"Letters of Correspondence From The Newport of the South" At our May luncheon, Bruce Stinson, PCHS Archivist, presented an overview of letters and articles about Pass Christian written by 19th century New Orleans Picayune journalist, Catherine Cole. These publications are available to view in our Billy Bourdin Memorial Library.



Linda Carroll Barnes, the author of **"The Last Good Light: A Southern Memoir"** and John Magure, the photographer for the project spoke about growing up in 60's along the Mississippi Gulf Coast at our June luncheon.

Pass Christian Historical Society Salutes the 175th Anniversary of the Pass Christian Regatta Club Regatta on July 21, 1849

Billy Bourdin Memorial Library

Visitors are always welcome to peruse our collection of books and artifacts in the Billy Bourdin Memorial Library during our open hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 10 AM-12 N; Thursday and Friday 10 AM-12 N and 1 PM-3 PM.

We are on the web!

www.passhistory.org

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DOCENTS, DIGITIZATION, NEWSPAPER CLIPPING!!
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