

# **CAJUNS, CREOLES, PIRATES AND PLANTERS**

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**LIVING LEGEND:** The Acadian Museum of Erath will induct Maria Placer into its Order of Living Legends on Sunday, July 3, 2011. The event will be held from 11:00AM to 3:00PM at the Acadian Museum Annex #1 on Lake Pagnieur a few miles south of Lafayette.



**Maria Placer**

**TV Personality, Journalist, Community and Child Activist**

Ms. Placer is best known as the first woman news anchor in southwest Louisiana and first female television news director on the Gulf Coast. In the State of Louisiana, Maria Placer is synonymous with child advocacy. In 1982, she launched "Wednesday's Child," a regularly-scheduled program aimed at finding homes for children released for adoption which continues its success to the present. She was a founder of the Acadiana Chapter of "Big Brothers-Big Sisters", and began a "Child Find" chapter in the Acadiana area. She was part of the formation of a "Teen Pregnancy Prevention Task Force" which has now gone statewide, and has personally produced and aired over 30 series regarding families in crisis and teen pregnancy, including "Concern", which dealt with the special needs of children.

Maria Placer is beloved in Acadiana's Veteran community. She holds a special bond with Vietnam Veterans of America, Acadiana Chapter # 141. During the Vietnam War, she read the names of the Vietnam War casualties from Acadiana during the nightly KLFY-TV 10 telecast, and she continues to play an integral part

of local Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs with VVA # 141. Each year to this date, Maria reads the names of Acadian's fallen soldiers from Iraq/Afghanistan during the Memorial Day Tribute.

In July of 2008, Maria retired from KLFY-TV 10 after 42 years of service. She currently serves as Executive Director of 232-HELP.

This event will be a fundraiser for the Acadian Museum, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which charges no admission and is totally staffed by local volunteers. Admission to the event is \$10 per person. Corporate sponsorships are available for \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. Sponsors will be acknowledged in the program for their appropriate levels of sponsorship. Those persons and institutions providing in-kind support such as markets, restaurants, wine distributors, etc., will also be acknowledged. Copies of *Vermilion Parish*, Acadian Museum President Warren Perrin's latest book, which will be launched on June 20, will be available for purchase at the event. All proceeds will go to the Acadian Museum.

For more information, contact Event Chairman Jean Frigault at 337-262-5810, [frigaultjr@yahoo.com](mailto:frigaultjr@yahoo.com); Ticket Chairman Elwood Leblanc, 333-658-3078; Bruce Perrin at 337-981-2561; Kermit Bouillion at 337-277-0342, [kjb7651@cox.net](mailto:kjb7651@cox.net); Tommy Vincent 337-288-2388, [tv@infeaux.com](mailto:tv@infeaux.com); or Warren Perrin, [perrin@plddo.com](mailto:perrin@plddo.com).

You can check out the museum at [www.acadianmuseum.com](http://www.acadianmuseum.com). Warren Perrin has contributed so very much to the cause of Acadian history, heritage, and Acadian Culture. He is one of Louisiana's most outstanding preservationists.

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**LES VOYAGEURS:** The latest issue of *Les Voyageurs* is really good and contains some important genealogical information. Emory C. Webre has provided a look at plantations, stores and steamboat landings on the Mississippi River in the 1880s, and of equal value to researchers is the Lutcher and Moore (a lumber company) lists provided by Mary L. Duhe.

Also included is the continuation of the Boutary family information provided by Al Esperan and more data on the Webre/Weber family from Jean Webre. Gerard Montz submitted an interesting article on Louis J. Maurin Sr., an entertainer, and Wilfred Hellmers Charbonnet continued his discussion of the descendants of Jeanne Marie Josephine Robin de Logny and Bernard Bernoudy.

This issue contains lots of other miscellaneous information, so be sure to check it out. You can receive copies of this publication if you are a member of the German-Acadian Coast Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 3086, LaPlace, LA 70069. Individual memberships are \$20 per year, or \$25 for family memberships. *Les Voyageurs* is published in March, June and September of each year. It was first published in

March of 1980, and many back issues are still available. Many of the major collections in libraries have complete sets on file if you are interested in researching all the material from the past issues.

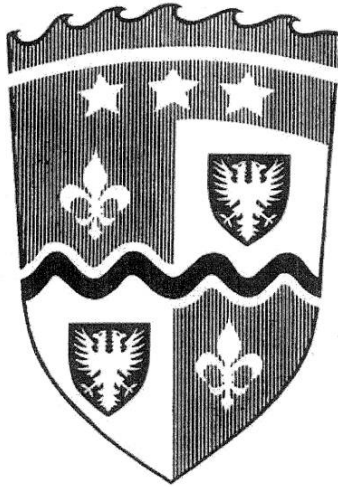
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One of the goals of this society is to preserve, compile, and publish records of genealogical or historical nature with emphasis given to the records of St. James, St. Charles, and St. John the Baptist parishes. This latest issue shows how they have managed to do this over the years and maintain the excellence for which they are known to present to the public.

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