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MEETING SCHEDULED: Le Comité des Archives de la Louisiane will hold its next African American Special Interest Group seminar on Saturday, April 14th, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Delta Sigma Theta Life Development Center on Harding Boulevard on Southern University's campus.

Speakers and their topics will be: Dr. Leon Tarver, "Tracing the Ballard Family of Rapides Parish Through the Freedmen's Bureau Records"; Adrian Zeno, "A Brief History of the Notarial Archives Research Center"; Kenny Kleinpeter, "Old Lutheran Cemetery – A Recording and History"; and Judy Riffel, "Tracing Condoleezza Rice's Louisiana Roots and How Newspapers Can Help Identify Slave Holders."

Dr. Leon Tarver is Professor of Public Policy and Executive Administrator of the Center for Cultural Heritage and International Programs at Southern University. He has spent many hours researching the Freedmen's Bureau Records, available on microfilm at the Louisiana State Archives, and will share some of his findings.

Adrian Zeno is retired from the New Orleans Notarial Archives where he assisted researchers in locating 18th and 19th century notarial acts. Additionally, he assisted in building a database of notaries that are located in the research center, repaired torn pages within the notaries books, and checked microfilm containing 18th and 19th century notarized acts.

Kenny Kleinpeter, a seventh-generation East Baton Rouge resident, is self-admittedly obsessed with historic cemeteries. He realized that many historic cemeteries in Baton Rouge were in dire need of attention. He works closely with area archeology experts in an on-going effort to restore Highland Cemetery while studying other historic cemeteries in our area.

Judy Riffel is a professional genealogist with experience researching African American families. Recently, she has researched several celebrities with Louisiana ancestors for television programs. She will discuss her findings on Condoleezza Rice's Louisiana roots and demonstrate how newspaper articles can help break through the slavery barrier.

The meeting is free to Le Comité members. Non-members may join at the door. For more information, contact Third Vice President Cherryl Forbes Montgomery (cherrylm@aol.com) or Treasurer Judy Riffel (riffelj@bellsouth.net).

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LES VOYAGEURS: The German-Acadian Coast Historical & Genealogical Society has started out 2012 with another excellent publication of original materials for genealogical research. *Les Voyageurs* is their official publication, and it continues to be one of the finer examples of offerings from genealogical societies available to researchers. Originally a quarterly publication, it is now published three times each year, and this makes up a volume of 220 pages, the same number that appeared when it was released as a quarterly.

Emory C. Webre begins his work on compiling a list of Louisiana students at St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and gives a nice and brief history of the college. This is a two-part article and was researched by Webre to learn more about the school that his grandfather attended from 1894 to 1898. He has included pictures and even researched the parentage of the students which was not a part of the school listing. This just illustrates perfection in documentation.

Andreas Hubner of the Justus-Liebig-University in Giessen, Germany also contributed a remarkable piece of information for use in this society publication. It is the search for Bienville's Germans after the hurricane of September 1722. His current work on a dissertation aims at analyzing the colonial developments of the German Coast within a larger Atlantic perspective.

More information is continued here for research on the Webre/Weber family and allied lines by Susan W. Laurent, and Shirley Cassagne Terrio contributed a listing of marriages at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Reserve in 1909, 1910, and 1911. Terrio also provided a listing of baptismal records of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Edgard from 1772 to 1859. Another feature that was continued from the previous issue is Wilfred Hellmers Charbonnet's compilation of the descendants of Jeanne Marie Josephine Robin de Logny and Bernard Bernoudy.

Other material was provided by Gerard Montz and Gerald J. Keller with lots of queries and miscellaneous information about this part of Louisiana.

The meeting scheduled for March 27, 2012 will feature Barbara Munson speaking on how to use Findagrave.com for genealogical purposes. A special meeting will be held on April 17, 2012 with Emory C. Webre and Benjamin Castrillo speaking on Marie Louise Panis, a 19th century real estate mogul. On May 22, 2012, Belmont Haydel will give a presentation on the Victor Haydel Creole family. All three meetings will take place at the St. John the Baptist Parish Library in LaPlace at 7 p.m.

Membership in this society is \$20 for individuals, \$25 for family memberships, and \$15 for library and historical societies. You can learn more by writing to them at P.O. Box 3086, LaPlace, LA 70069 or checking out their website at www.gachgs.com.

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KINFOLKS: The Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Society is another group of outstanding genealogical preservationists. Organized in 1973, this Lake Charles group provides nice research materials by way of their publication *Kinfolks*. They just recently had their latest meeting with a discussion of Louisiana in the War of 1812 presented by Michael Jones.

This publication appears quarterly and is included in the society membership fee of \$12 per calendar year for individuals or \$17 for family memberships. In addition to their quarterly, they have a number of other interesting publications for researchers. For more information, you can learn about this group by writing to them at P.O. Box 5652, Lake Charles, LA 70606-5652. Their web site is <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~laslgs/swlgs.htm>.

In this current issue, an interesting summary was given of the presentation on the Sabine Pass Lighthouse presented by Carolyn Thibodeaux, and a summary of the January program given by Betty Zeigler and Sherman Young covered the brass rubbing techniques using the right paper, tape and charcoal. Gayle Royer Salter contributed a selected genealogical data list extracted from an abstract on a lot of Oak Park Subdivision in Lake Charles. Murphy Miller Jr. compiled data on the Naquin family roots of New England. Bryant W. Walker continued his article on Calcasieu Parish Masonic membership of 1912, another section of information is given on listings in the City Directory, 1911-1912, and burials in the Oaklawn Cemetery are also featured.

This issue also contains queries, a family history record for the Hebert and Swire family, and several miscellaneous items of interest.

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