

# APR-MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER

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## April 7, 2016

Dear Friends & Members,

*We apologize for the late mailing of this letter. Our delinquent editor just kept saying something about it being Spring.*

*Seriously, this letter covers April and May events, the most important of which is of course our Tour of Homes on May 1st.*

*But we are anticipating a wonderful talk on the Old Town Library Monday night, and later in the month at the luncheon our Spring fancy turns to baseball on the coast.*

—Virgil Harris and the Board of Trustees

## Upcoming Events

**Monday, April 11th, 7p.m.** Old Town Library, History and Inventory. Our own Sally James and Jessie Heitzman will speak. (Note a previously announced talk on the 1964 Freedom summer for this meeting was canceled, but see below for companion exhibit information.)

**Monday Luncheon, April 25, noon** “The History of Baseball on the MS Gulf Coast” with Gary Higginbotham. (See below for some Pass baseball history.)

**Sunday, May 1, Tour of Homes, 2-5 p.m.** Due to the Tour there is no Monday night meeting in May.

**Monday Luncheon, May 23, noon** “Fundamentals of Archaeology and Local Artifacts and Excavations” with Edmund Boudreaux of the Gulf Coast Archaeological Society.

## Daily Herald June 23, 1915

Pass Christian, June 23. While Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt were at the Pass, Mrs. Roosevelt visited the library and took a book to read. When the Colonel returned from his cruise he drove down in Mr. Parker's auto and went in to visit the library. He was very much surprised to know that the Pass had such a fine library and complimented the Association very highly. He asked if the Library would accept one his books, to which Miss Chapotel said, “it would be a pleasure.” This week she received the following letter:

Oyster Bay, L.L., N.Y. June 16. My Dear Miss Chapotel:

Will you accept from me for the library my little book on "America and the World War." I take pleasure in sending it to you. Thanking you for your courtesy to Mrs. Roosevelt.

Faithfully Yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Miss Louis Chapotel, The Library, Pass Christian, Miss.

When the book arrived it happened to be "African Game Trails," by Theodore Roosevelt.

*Our talk this Monday is about the Old Town Library which of course we lost in Katrina.*

## Reenactment of Battle of Pascagoula This Saturday April 9th

From Wendy Allard

Paul Delille stopped by today to mention that he will be at Ship Island this **Saturday, April 9th** for the Re-enactment of the Battle of Pascagoula. Paul will be speaking at the re-enactment about 11:30am as a representative of the descendants of the Louisiana Native Guard. He wanted to invite members of the Historical Society and to let you know he will represent the Historical Society at the re-enactment. I'm pasting a link to the Gulf Islands National Seashore website with information about the commemoration:

<http://louisiananativeguard.com/Anniversary.html>

## Freedom Summer Displays at PCHS and PC Library

In 1964, Freedom Summer made Mississippi the central battleground of the Civil Rights Movement. Hundreds of northern students, most of them white, joined black Mississippians to register

voters, conduct Freedom Schools, and promote civil rights. Throughout the summer, project staff endured threats, arrests, beatings, bombings, and murder. “Stand Up-Mississippi Freedom Summer of 1964” looks at the events of that memorable and violent summer. This special exhibit will be on display at the Pass Christian Public Library from February 22nd through April 22nd. The companion exhibit “Murder in Neshoba” examines the disappearance and murder of three civil rights workers in Neshoba County. That exhibit will be on display at the Pass Christian Historical Society from March 1st through April 22nd.

This traveling exhibit, produced by the Museum Division of the Mississippi

Department of Archives and History, is accompanied by an original film incorporating historic film footage taken

during the summer of 1964 as well as Educating for Democracy, a collection of primary source documents related to Freedom Summer.

The “Stand Up” exhibit will be open Monday through Saturday during regular library hours (8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday) and during special events. The “Murder in Neshoba” exhibit will be open during Historical Society functions and by appointment. To learn more you can email at [w.allard@harrison.lib.ms.us](mailto:w.allard@harrison.lib.ms.us) or you can call the Pass Christian Public Library at 228-452-4596. Thanks to the Friends of the Pass Christian Library for paying the transportation cost to bring us this exhibit.

## A bit of Baseball History

### “Base Balling” at the Pass, October 1867 [First detailed game reported on the Coast]

It falls within our province to chronicle an interesting game of base ball, which took place day before yesterday [Oct. 3, 1867] on the green immediately adjoining the College. [MJS: site of Miramar Nursing Home 2/27/77]

The game was played between a chosen nine of the College boys, under the name of the “Young Athletes,” and nine young gentlemen of the Pass who styled themselves the “Yahaws”—anything but a romantic name.

Brother Hillery kindly consented to act as umpire. The scorers were for the “Athletes” Mr. J. S. Stubbs, and for the “Yahaws” H. V. Lizaire to whom I am indebted for the score which I append:

ATHLETES	Runs
H. C. Smith p	2
C. J. Deposito c	1
P. Dyche 1st b	2
J. Claffey 2nd b	2
C. Brady 3rd b	1
F. Aikins s.s.	0
J. R. Knapp l.f.	1
C. Leabrook r. f.	0
E. Richard c. f.	1
Total	10

YAHAWS                  Runs

J. Laborde p	1
R. Laborde c	3
H. Pickles 1st b	1
H. Orr 2nd b	4
E. Graves 3rd b	2
G. Bellers s.s.	1
F. Clarke l.f.	2
J. Brill, Jr. r. f.	1
R. Cosbeg c. f.	2
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It was intended to play five innings, and the Yahaws having succeeded in obtaining the choice, took last inning, but after the Athletes had played their fifth inning, it began to rain, and the other club kindly consented to stop the game, thus allowing the former one inning more than they. The Yahaws were the successful ones, as can be seen by the score.

They gave the Athletes two Hobakes, that is to say, succeeded in preventing them from making any runs in two of their innings.

We learned that the Yahaws have challenged the “Actives” of this place [Pass Christian] to play for the championship of Harrison County. It will no doubt be quite an interesting game. Both clubs feel confident of success.

Next Thursday [October 10, 1867] has been set apart as the day for the match.

The “Actives” is the name of the club of which I wrote to you in my last as then undergoing the process of organizing.

POST BELLUM—Transcribed by M. James Stevens

### Three Ways to Support the Tour

The Historical Society's Tour of Homes on May 1 this year will be exceptional. We have four beautiful homes all within walking distance of each other with a very interesting mix of old and new, reflecting our distinctive coastal style. For this event to be a real success, we need the support of all our members. You can be involved in several ways:

1) **Buy a ticket in advance** for \$25. We have made it easy to either buy online, at the Cat Island coffee house or at some of our meetings. You can even buy up until 2pm that day at the yacht club. *Note: tickets not purchased in advance are \$30 (for both members and nonmembers).*

2) **Help spread the word.** There is no better advertising than word of mouth. Please contact your family and friends from Mobile to New Orleans and up to Hattiesburg, McComb and Jackson. If you want to send them some information, contact Anita Giani

([anita\\_giani@yahoo.com](mailto:anita_giani@yahoo.com)) and she will send you a one-page flier you can send to them. Encourage them to make a day of it and have brunch at our yacht club. (Reservations strongly recommended. Call 228-452-2571)

3) **Volunteer.** We need workers to help bring food and/or work in the kitchen. We need helpers to collect tickets and money at the door. Contact Susan McClellan (228-222-3642) or Clayton Hardy (228-493-1565) for the food effort, and Anita Giani (228-452-5969) for the door support.

### Policy Statement Regarding Luncheon Meetings

The success of the Monday lunch is very gratifying and the Board is delighted with the attendance. However, that has created a problem. The problem is that we cannot feed all who have been showing up because it takes some lead time to prepare the food. The problem is compounded by the fact that some walk-ins are being served and those with reservations do not get a lunch. To remedy this problem, the Board has adopted the following policy. *Food will be prepared only for those who make reservations by 3 PM on the Friday just prior to the luncheon meeting.* And because of the seating capacity, the total number of reservations will be limited to 40. This does not preclude walk-ins from attending. *Should you make a reservation, you must claim your lunch by Noon or you risk the possibility of it being served to a walk-in guest.*

**Please note:** attendance at the monthly luncheon is \$10 (\$12 non members). This fee applies applies to reservations as well as walk-ins. And whether you have lunch or not. So please make reservations early.

### Get this Newsletter via email.

If you have the capability to receive the Society newsletter via email, I encourage you to do so since it costs the value of several memberships a year to print them and send them by U. S. mail. If you are willing to do that, please contact us at our email address and supply us with your current email address. That way you will never miss a newsletter even when you are out of town. Even if you move to another location, you will still be able to receive the newsletter through your email address without interruption. If you do not have an email address, we will continue to send it to you by U. S. mail.