

# SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

**Congratulations  
Evelina & Paul**

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Evening meetings at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Monday • Monthly luncheons are on the last Monday of the month.

## September 1, 2011

Dear Friends and Members,

Congratulations to **Evelina**, our executive director & newsletter editor, and husband **Paul** on the birth of their first child, **Samuel**, on August 31st! Evelina will be taking a few months maternity leave while, as a Society, we will try to muddle through.

One of the things that the Society is extremely grateful for is the support of our members past and present. Last month we recognized our "New Beginnings" patrons. In this issue we honor our "Life" members, a closed but still honored membership category as we explain in this newsletter. We will be preparing a new wall plaque to replace the Life member list lost in Katrina, and we hope all Life members will review their listing on the back of this issue.

—Tom Shellnut, President & the Board of Trustees

### Member Meeting Monday Sept 12, 7 p.m.

Enjoy a fun **slide show of old Pass Christian postcards**, get up to date on Society activities, and socialize afterwards. Our **next luncheon** is set for **Monday, Sept 26 noon** when **Clark Brennan** will speak about the **Brennan family restaurants**. If you would like to attend the lunch (\$10 includes lunch) please contact us by Thursday Sept 23.

**Exhibits** We want to commend **Jack Kelly** for an outstanding summer exhibit on **Eudora Welty**. This was certainly the most professional and thorough exhibit in the Society's history. Expect more such exhibits after hurricane season.



"Yellow Coreopsis in Bloom on Mattes' Beach." reads the caption from a Pass Christian Garden Club Scrap book of 1938. (We would be glad if anyone can identify the location.)

**Building Hours** The building is open Thursday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. subject to the availability of volunteers. If you have time to volunteer at the welcome desk, we would love to expand the days we are open.

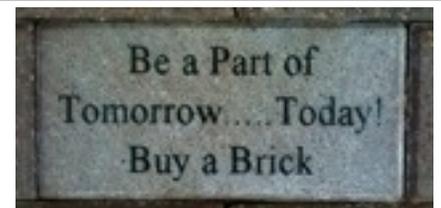
### Get Your Historical Society Mug

Our very attractive mug showing the new building will be on sale at the Sept 12 meeting.



**Mary Helen Schaeffer**, who has worked tirelessly as Membership chairman (we now have over 250 paid memberships!), has been appointed a trustee to complete the remaining term of **Dayton Robinson** who passed away earlier this year. The annual meeting at which the membership elects three new trustees will be held in November. **Noel Williams** is heading a committee to propose trustee nominations to the membership.

**Bricks & Memberships** With the new building and post-Katrina environment, the Society's operating costs are approximately five-times higher than before the storm. Your financial support is critical to our mission. Please consider the Society in your gift giving. Our website [PassHistory.org](http://PassHistory.org) contains information about membership categories and brick buying options.



**Bricks to be set by Christmas:** *Vay Carboni* reports that we will soon be ordering bricks for delivery. The target is to have existing orders, and hopefully any additional orders through October, delivered and installed by Christmas. So if you would like to honor someone with a brick for the holidays, please order as soon as possible.

**1930's Garden Club Photo** In our digital archives is the above photo from a Pass Christian Garden Club Scrapbook for 1938. The home in the picture is reminiscent of two homes on Scenic just east of Seal Ave., but the location does not seem to be near Seal. We would be glad if anyone can identify the location.

**Naming the Newsletter** We have had many excellent suggestions and expect to announce a decision after Evelina's return.

### Our Life Members

The Life Membership program is an individual membership program created in 1996 as part of a final drive to pay off the mortgage on the old Historical Society building and thereafter establish an endowment (which as it happens was spent just prior to Katrina on renovations to the recently acquired Town Library).

By 2010, with the opening of the new building, it became obvious that Life Memberships could no longer be priced at any reasonable level comparable to the costs and needs of the new building. Accordingly the board decided to suspend issuing new life memberships.

The board and Society continues to stand by its commitment to existing life members — you continue to be entitled to the same benefits as annual individual members, and in the coming months we will be once again be recognizing your important contribution to our Society with a wall plaque, just as we did in the old building.

So thanks to all our life members, (many of you have been the backbone of the society in other ways as well) and we greatly appreciate your past support both in time and money, and hope you will continue with that support.

### LIFE MEMBERS

John B. Lutenbacher - 1996

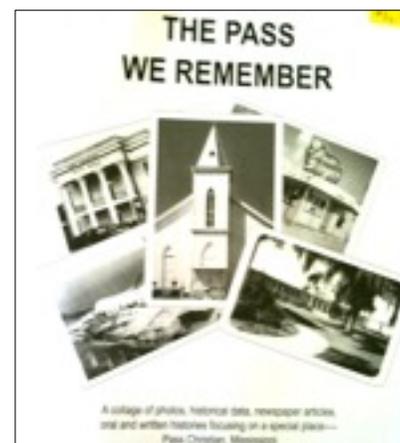
Jean Knost Bittenbender - 1996  
 Etheldra S. Scoggin - 1996  
 Mary Catherine Ward - 1996  
 Yvonne Lutenbacher - 1996  
 Anne Young - 1996  
 Baird D. Rice - 1996  
 Leo W. Seal, Jr. - 1997  
 G. Edwin Macdiarmid - 1997  
 Joseph Laughlin - 1997  
 Julia B. Frye - 1997  
 Denby Garrison - 1997  
 Ann S. Hopkins - 1997  
 Bethany Villere - 1997  
 Mary Helen Schaeffer - 1997  
 W. Dayton Robinson - 1997  
 Susan Dane - 1997  
 Otis B. Trepagnier - 1997  
 C. Randall Jones, Jr. - 1997  
 Dr. Richard L. Ward - 1997  
 Dr. Mary C. W. Olmsted - 1997  
 William L. Braun - 1997  
 Noel Williams - 1997  
 J. Herbert Williams - 1997  
*Eugene Aschaffenburg - 1997*  
*Julian K. Byrne, Jr. - 1997*  
*William C. Kidd - 1997*  
 Lynn H. Doussan - 1998  
 Bruce S. Stinson - 1998  
 John S. Adams - 1998  
 Dr. D.H. Short II - 1998  
 Mrs. A.J. Nugon, Jr. - 1998  
 Ainsle B. Tatum - 1998  
 Carol Terrell - 1998  
 Frazer L. Rice - 1999  
 Clayton Frazar Hardy - 2000  
 Philip Saccoccia, Jr. MD - 2000  
 Bubba Oustalet - 2000  
 Honora Hillier - 2001  
 Jane Egan Ward - 2001  
*McInnis L. Ward - 2001*  
 Mary B. Gallagher - 2001  
 C. R. Gallagher, Jr - 2001  
 Russell Randall Olmsted - 2001  
 Susan Catherine Olmsted - 2001  
 Charlotte Ann Olmsted - 2001  
 John Thomas Olmsted - 2001  
 Thomas Tatum, Jr. - 2001  
 Dr. David Sawyer - 2002  
 Dave Dennis - 2002

Jane Dennis - 2002  
 Susan B. Peterson - 2002  
 John D. Charbonnet - 2002  
 Barbara Matthews - 2003  
 H. M. Favrot, Jr. - 2003  
 Kathie G. Short II - 2004  
 Eric J. Wyble, MD - 2005  
 Gayla Schmitt - 2005  
 James L. Brandt - 2005  
 Tom Shellnut - 2007  
 Kenneth L Daniel - 2007  
 Carol Messersmith - 2007  
 Tom Phares - 2007  
 Sandra Shellnut - 2008

*Note: Italicized names indicate a memorial membership.*

### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Betty Carlin - H-2003  
 Sr. Rosalie Ambler - H-2003  
 Lolette K. Wittman - H-2003  
 Carol McClendon - H-2003



**We have a number of books for sale at the Society Building.** One recent book that you may not be familiar with is **Catherine Myers' The Pass We Remember (\$27.00 includes tax. Please add \$5.00 if you would like it shipped.)** which does an outstanding job, especially with the period 1900-1969. It is really a book that we suspect every member will want to own. Lots of rare photos, full of interesting facts & well printed. An excellent gift as well. **We also have a number of Dan Ellis's titles** which we will cover in a later issue.