

NOV-DEC 2015 NEWSLETTER

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Evening meetings at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Monday • Monthly luncheons are typically on the 4th Monday of the month.

October 29, 2015

Dear Friends & Members,

The election of three trustees will occur at the November 9 membership meeting. The slate of candidates approved by the current Board is **Joy Burke, Lori Wood** and **Virgil Harris**. The committee chairs will also tell us in five minutes or less what their committee has done in the last year. This will be the last membership meeting of the year as the December 7 Christmas party will be considered that month's meeting.

There will be no lunch meeting in November or December due to the conflict with Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Due to liability implications only members of the Society may attend the Christmas party. You may renew your membership at the door and if you are not yet a member, you may join at the door.

—Virgil Harris and the Board of Trustees

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 9, 7 p.m. Elections are the main event of this monthly meeting. (See President's letter for slate.) In addition, committee chairs will be making very short talks on the work their committees are involved in. Due to elections and committee talks, there will be no outside speaker at this meeting.

No November or December Luncheon



Letterhead from the Mexican Gulf Hotel early 1900's — the letterhead is pre-dated "190 _", and the image shows Queen Anne architectural elements that were eliminated in a later remodeling.

Due to its proximity to Thanksgiving, there will be no November luncheon. And, of course, there will be no December meeting due to the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Party, Monday, December 7 at the home of **William and Dr. Angela Wingfield** at 915 East Scenic. Wilma and Lou Rizzardi will be chairing the event. Nancy Calder is in charge of food.

Invitations to the party which is members only (including those who renew or join at the party) should be sent out shortly after Thanksgiving.

This party substitutes for a December meeting so there will be no other meeting in December, and this will be the last newsletter of the year.

Our Bit of History...

Most of our members will be familiar the 1895 account of Pass Christian included in *Along the Gulf* (which the Society sold in reprint for a number of years).

This description from a dozen years later, although laying it on pretty thick, should appeal to many of us today who retired to the Pass like those of a century ago "pining for old-time vigor." And who wouldn't enjoy old fashion railroad service?

An Louisville and Nashville Railroad Travel Brochure ca. 1907-10

"PASS Christian, Mississippi, on the Mexican Gulf Coast, fifty miles east of New Orleans, is the most attractive, picturesque, healthy, up-to-date Winter Resort in the Sunny Southland. Its seven miles of frontage on the Gulf, with back-ground of immense pine forests, create an atmosphere unequalled for health, quietude and rest.

Men and women of affairs, society leaders, etc., seeking rest and recuperation, convalescents pining for old-time vigor, feel the beneficial effects of the wonderful ozone a few hours after reaching this most delightful resort.

Pass Christian has aptly been styled the "Newport of the South." It is exclusively a resort town, frequented by the cultured and refined of the North and East. Its inhabitants are of the exclusive set of quaint old New Orleans, who have been so charmed by the beauty and natural advantages of the place that they have made their permanent homes there, retaining only their business interests in the city. The excellent train service of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company permits the head of the family to leave after breakfast in the morning, returning in time for dinner in the evening, making a permanent residence on the Coast a continual pleasure and delight. As a result the society of the "Pass" is of the best in the South. Northern visitors are made to feel at home and to appreciate the wonderful hospitality that has made the South famous.

Those seeking to escape the rigors of a Northern winter will find a most charming refuge from the inclement weather in this balmy and sun-lit land, where the average temperature is 70 degrees; where the trees and lawns are ever green; where roses bloom in December, and the fruit of the orange is not all gathered before the blossoms come again.

Outdoor exercise is admissible during the entire winter, and when a rainfall occurs, walking and driving can be enjoyed within the hour, owing to the excellent drainage of its shelving beach and its sandy soil. The twenty-five miles of driveway along the beach and through the woods of scented pine and moss-laden oaks have a memory not soon to be forgotten.

The disciples of Izaak Walton can pursue their pastime from dawn until dusk, and

can hook, in season, anything from the tiny sardine to the king of game fish, the mighty tarpon. croaker, mullet, sheephead, red snapper, trout and redfish abound. Up Wolf River a mile and a half from the town the elusive black bass (large mouthed) are found in abundance. The woods near by afford grouse, partridge, woodcock, quail, squirrel, etc., and the prairies snipe and rice birds galore. Splendid golf links (nine hole), a part of the New Mexican Gulf Hotel, are kept in excellent condition, and are in charge of a competent instructor from the North. A nominal fee entitles one to all privileges. Besides the frequent passage of trains, bringing mail eight times a day, the hotels are equipped with telegraph and long distance telephone. The livery is the best on the Gulf Coast, being provided with stylish turnouts and line saddle horses.

There are well-equipped stores, three excellent physicians, and churches of all denominations. There is a branch of the Hancock County Bank, which does a regular banking business, receives deposits, buys and sells exchange, loans money on good security, etc.

Too much can not be said about the water with which the town is supplied. It comes from artesian wells 700 to 1,000 feet in depth, is cold, clear as crystal, chemically pure, and can not cause disease.

Not the least among the attractions are the carnival festivities of New Orleans, commencing with the Twelfth Night Revelers, and embracing the Ball and Tableaux of the Atlantians, Elves of Oberon, Consus, Krewe of Mithras, the Falstaffians, etc., and the magnificent Processions, Tableaux and Balls of Momus, Proteus, Rex and Comus. Only two hours' ride from Pass Christian, with special trains for the occasion, enabling visitors to see the entire carnival, and yet escape the discomforts of a city crowded

to suffocation in the different hotels and boarding houses.



HOW TO REACH PASS CHRISTIAN
Pass Christian, Miss., is located on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, fifty-seven miles east of New Orleans, and eighty-three miles west of Mobile, Ala. From the North, Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville or Cincinnati, double daily trains are operated over the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, leaving at convenient hours and arriving at Pass Christian for breakfast or supper. All through trains via this line are solid vestibuled and carry Modern Pullman Sleeping Cars, Electric Lighted Dining Cars, and Free Reclining Chair Cars. The service on the Dining Cars is equal to that of the best hotels or clubs. All meals are served "A la Carte" at reasonable charges. Through Sleeping Car service between New York and Pass Christian is performed by the Pennsylvania Railroad in connection with the Southern Railway via Atlanta, Atlanta & West Point Railway and Louisville & Nashville Railroad, with double daily service. From Chicago through Sleeping Cars are operated by the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad via Evansville, thence Louisville & Nashville Railroad through to Pass Christian. Rates, time tables and descriptive literature in reference to Pass Christian or the Gulf Coast will be cheerfully furnished upon application to W. A. Russell, General Passenger Agent Louisville & Nashville Railroad, Louisville, Ky., or to any other representative of the company whose name and address appears on one of the following pages...— L&N
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