



# JEANERETTE LANDMARK SOCIETY

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## 2016 NEWSLETTER



### ELAINE DICKS FLOWERREE

The Flowerree family lost a valued family member and the Landmark Society lost a good friend. Elaine Dicks Flowerree died peacefully at home in Portland, Ore., on April 24, 2016. Born in New Orleans on Christmas Day 1921, she was blessed all of her life. She was the daughter of Dr. & Mrs. John F. Dicks, one of five children, and granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. William B. Reily. She graduated from St. Catherine's School in Richmond, Va., and Newcomb College in New Orleans. She was honored as Queen of Apollo, a Mardi Gras ball, and a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority before marrying Robert E. Flowerree in 1943. After the war, Elaine accompanied her husband West to the small mill town of Toledo, Ore., and had four children. In 1955, she was delighted to move to Portland, where she happily entered into many community activities. She especially enjoyed the Town Club, Portland Garden Club, the Colonial Dames, and Christ Church, and supported many charities. Life included extensive travel, bridge, and the great outdoors - cross-country skiing, tennis, and even bird hunting. Elaine was a great asset to her husband Robert, who became Chairman of the Board of Georgia-Pacific Corporation. Known for her sweet nature, gracious hospitality, and beauty, she was a true lady, always putting the interests and needs of others before her own. She was predeceased by three siblings; her husband of 63 years, Robert; eldest son, Robert III "Rusty"; and grandson John Robert. She is survived by her devoted daughter, Ann; sons, John and David; sister, Nancy Gay; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Heartfelt thanks to her faithful caregivers of many years. Her funeral was held on Saturday, May 7, 2016, at Lake Lawn Metairie Cemetery in New Orleans where she was interred in the family crypt.

Mrs. Flowerree supported the Landmark Society efforts both during her husband's life and after his death, not only through the Flowerree Foundation, but also at the inception of the Society through her family foundation the Reily Foundation in New Orleans. The Society sends condolences to the family for your loss, and our appreciation to all of you for the help and support the family has given to the Society over the years.

### WEBSITE UPGRADE

The Landmark Society web site is being upgraded by one of our Lifetime members, Virginia Allain Traylor. Virginia, among her many endeavors, has been developing web sites for businesses and non-profits in California. The new web site will offer automated booking for the cottages, and a blog for news which will allow us to keep everyone up to date on the activities of the Society. We hope to have it in operation by the first of the year 2017.

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#### FLOWERREE FAMILY MEMBERS VISIT JEANERETTE

After they attended their mother's funeral in New Orleans, Ann Flowerree and John Hewes Flowerree, grandchildren of Harry B. Hewes, spent two days in Jeanerette visiting the Hewes House. They stayed in the cottages on May 9, 2016, and attended a small breakfast at Cooper Street Coffee House on the morning of May 10, 2016, hosted by the Landmark Society. Current Society Board Members and a number of past board members attended, and the event gave us an opportunity to introduce Ann and John to the board members and to each other. Both Ann and John have been consistent supporters of the Hewes House project over the years, both personally and through the Flowerree Foundation.

John Hewes Flowerree had visited the house in 2010, but Ann had never been to Jeanerette or to the home of her grandfather. Ann's thank you note following their visit confirmed that she was impressed by our progress in the restoration, and that they enjoyed the visit to Jeanerette.

#### STATE OF LOUISIANA LEVIES SALES TAX ON NON-PROFITS

State legislators, faced with declining revenues and rising expenses in state government, decided in the last session of the legislature to extend sales tax collections to non-profits, like the Landmark Society, which have offer overnight accommodations to visitors for a fee. Previously exempt from such taxes, the effort to balance the state budget will increase the costs of operation of the cottages and make us less competitive. We are hopeful that this decision will be reversed in the future, but in the interim, we have had to register, submit regular reports, and pay sales taxes on our rentals.

#### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

The Landmark Society will hold its annual membership meeting at 11:00 am, on September 17, 2016, at the Hewes House. Everyone is invited to attend. In addition, we are accepting nominations for the board of directors. If anyone is interested in serving on the board, please contact Ray Allain at 337-276-5004, or email him at [realawyer@aol.com](mailto:realawyer@aol.com).

Among other things, we will discuss a possible special meeting in September of 2017 to celebrate our 15th anniversary year. Proposals being considered include a special dinner at the house prepared by local chefs, and other activities designed to help with our fund raising, while giving members a special night of fun and food. Watch for further news about this event.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Raymond Allain, President

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