# JEANERETTE LANDMARK SOCIETY

# **NEWSLETTER**

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# Hewes Home Purchased by Landmark Society

The Landmark Society acquired its first historic property when it officially took ownership of the property on which the Hewes Home is located. The sale was passed on May 2, 2003 and recorded that same day. The purchase was completed for the sum of \$72,000, however, a part of the purchase price was returned to the Society through three lifetime memberships purchased by members of the Hasten family.

The home is currently being occupied by the family of Society Board member Peggy Parker, and it is anticipated that they will continue to occupy the home until they have completed plans to purchase another home in the city and can move into it. Having the home occupied by the Parkers is an advantage to the Society, since it will ensure that the property will be maintained and protected from losses which can occur to a vacant house.

## **Meet Our Secretary**

Nancy Kelly has been performing all clerical duties for the Society since its creation. All correspondence,



newsletter publishing, mailing and related tasks are the product of her experienced hand. She is a part time executive secretary at the law firm of Allain and Bellefontaine and her time has been provided to the Society by the firm since September of 2002. At its June meeting, the Board made it official, by asking Nancy to attend and take the minutes (continued next column)

#### - helps Society meet its goal of matching Flowerree Foundation Grant

A grant from the Reily Foundation was received in May, in the sum of \$12,000, pushing the fund raising total for the Landmark Society over the mark required to match the grant from the Flowerree Foundation. Mr. Robert Flowerree had promised to donate \$72,000 to the Society if it could raise a similar amount locally. However, Mr. Flowerree sent his promised grant before the goal had been reached in order to ensure that the Society could complete the purchase of the property in a timely manner. Receipt of the grant from the Reily Foundation now completes the Society=s obligation to Flowerree to provide a match.

The Reily Foundation is a 501(c)(3) foundation endowed by Wm. B. Reily & Company, Inc. of New Orleans. The company's Reily Foods division owns and operates Luzianne Blue Plate Foods, makers of Luzianne tea. Reily Foods also makes regionally revered Blue Plate mayo. The company's products are sold to large chain grocers, primarily in the South. The company also owns Standard Coffee Service (a national leader in office coffee service) and Abita Springs Water (bottled water). Chairman William B. Reily III is the third generation to run the company, which was founded in 1902.

The Reily foundation supports many worthwhile projects, not only in the New Orleans area, but across the state, and the Society is very grateful for its support of the Hewes house project.

#### Nancy (Continued)

of board meetings and serve as its secretary. She will increase her time with the firm to allow her to take care of Society business on a regular basis, and the Society will compensate the firm for her time on a monthly basis at a fixed rate of \$750.00 per month.

Nancy lives on Bracey Street, which is located just across from the Hewes house, she has two grown sons and 3 grandchildren, has been an executive legal secretary for over 25 years, and has been employed by the firm for over 6 years.

# **Reily Foundation Grant**

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Cumulative cash collections for the project totaled **\$152.421.00** by June 30, 2003. Pledges and in-kind donations will bring the total raised, for matching grant purposes, to slightly over **\$202,427.00**.

Expenses incurred for the first six months of the year 2003, total \$3,218.77. The expenses include \$613.00 for title insurance and costs of recording the sale in connection with the purchase of the Hewes House, and \$1,800.00 for property and liability insurance on the House.

The Society=s balance sheet was enhanced by the purchase of the Hewes house property in the sum of \$72,000.00, while cash on hand was offset in an equal amount.

The balance of funds on deposit in the bank at June 30, 2003 was **\$73,634.36**.

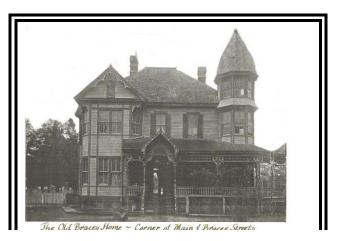
#### ATCHAFALAYA BASIN PROGRAM GRANT

The effort to secure grant funds from the Atchafalaya Basin Program, Louisiana Dept of Natural Resources, is still in progress. A lengthy three hour conference was held in Baton Rouge on Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> with project Architect Paul Allain, President Ray Allain, Program Director Sandra Thompson and members of her staff including Bobby Wilkinson, Tommy Warder, and Ed Cripps. A detailed presentation of the project was made, followed by a discussion of the grant requirements and funding possibilities. Program personnel were both helpful and encouraging. A formal proposal is being prepared which will involve partial funding in 2003-2004, and further funding in 2004-2005 fiscal years.

Another presentation of the project was made to the Iberia Parish Committee of the Basin Program on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> in the Iberia Parish Council Chambers. The preliminary Artist Conception of the restored house and developed site was received with compliments and enthusiasm. (See drawing on page 3)



#### WHAT HAVE WE LOST?



The picture above is of the **Bracey Home**. Originally located on the corner of Main and Bracey Streets, across the street from the Hewes Home, the house was torn down circa 1950's and replaced with a Chevrolet dealership operated for many years by Wade Breaux. The original structure was extremely ornate with elaborate gingerbread millwork and unique design combining Victorian and Baroque styles. The unusual third story tower is reminiscent of Russian architecture. The original photo was obtained from, and can be seen in the Jeanerette Bicentennial Museum

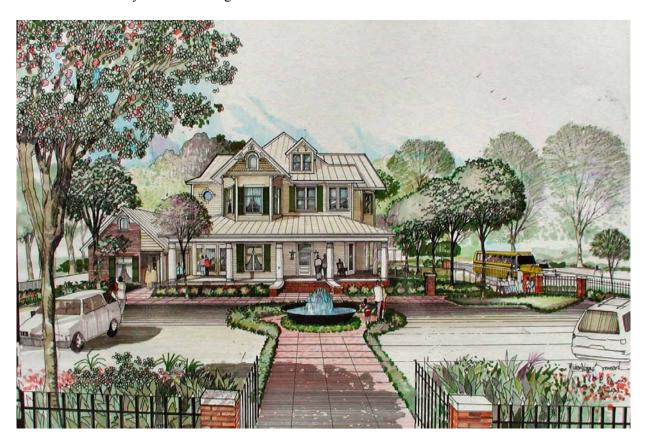
#### EAGLE POINT PARK

The South Lake Fausse Pointe Development Foundation is entering the third phase of the Eagle Point Park Project, consisting of preparation of plans and specs for the 40+ acre development, which should take approximately 12 months to complete. Construction is expected to begin soon after plans are complete.

You can get a detailed update on the progress and become a part of this wonderful project by attending the Annual Gala to be held at the Ward 8 Recreation Center in Jeanerette. Doors will open at 6:00 pm, a steak diner will be served at 7:00P.M., and an auction will follow immediately. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and may be obtained by calling Kay Fortier @ 276-5372; Karma Champagne @ 276-6436; or Simone Champagne @ 276-6540.

#### Preliminary Drawing of Hewes House

On page 3, facing, you will see the artist=s conception of the restored home and site. The drawing is just preliminary because there are a number of decisions yet to be made regarding the site development. However, this will give you an idea of what we hope to achieve. Let us know what you think!



# BUSINESS PARTNER PROGRAM gets a good start!

During the month of May, we mailed over 150 letters and brochures to businesses in Jeanerette and the surrounding area explaining the benefits of supporting the Landmark Society and asking them to help us.

The response has been good, but much remains to be done. Please take a little time to note the names of those businesses who have contributed and let them know that you appreciate their help. We also ask that you let business people, who have not yet made a decision to support the Society, know that their help will be appreciated.

Business Partner Members (\$250) and Other Donors who have made an investment in their community are listed below. Those who have contributed more than the annual membership fee are also listed in the Donor section.

#### **MEMBERS**

Cypremort Point, Inc.
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#### **DONORS**

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### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR MAJOR BUSINESS CONTRIBUTORS (\$1000 or more)

#### FIRST NATIONAL BANK COX COMMUNICATIONS RELIANT ENERGY

Take an opportunity to let the business people with whom you come into contact know how important this project is and support the businesses who support the Landmark Society!

We would also like to welcome new individual members who have made contributions during the 2003 year.

#### **NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS**

Issac, Carl and Desiree Hasten Fitch, Coy Hasten, Larry Hasten, Mike

#### **NEW ANNUAL MEMBERS**

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Ronald Courville, Sr.

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Kay Hodges Aprill
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#### OTHER DONATIONS & PLEDGES BY INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS & CORPORATIONS

\$100

\$75,000 and over

ROBERT E. FLOWERREE (Flowerree Foundation)

<u>\$25,000 and over</u> FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF JEANERETTE

\$10,000 to 24,999

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# JOIN THE CELEBRATION! SEPTEMBER 8th - 13th



# JEANERETTE HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEEK

#### - THE JEANERETTE LANDMARK SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The annual membership meeting of the Landmark Society has been set for **Saturday**, **September 13**, **2003** at **2:00 p.m.** in the VFW Hall at City Park. A status report on the activity of the Society will be given and new Directors will be elected for the coming year.

#### - THE JEANERETTE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Jeanerette Historic Preservation Commission is planning a celebration on **September 13, 2003**, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, and the Landmark Society annual meeting will be held on the same day to allow members to take advantage of the festivities planned by the Commission. The Commission was created by the City for the purpose of overseeing development in the Historic District and promoting preservation of historic structures.

The celebration will recognize **Lejeune=s Bakery** as the first commercial establishment in the City to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Plans include entertainment, refreshments, and trolley tours of the historic District. We expect the tours to include the Hewes House and hope to have a tent set up in front of the house to receive visitors. The celebration will be held at the Masonic Hall on Main Street from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$5.00.

#### - EAGLE POINT PARK

Annual fundraiser and gala on September 11, 2003. (See details on Page 2)

The Jeanerette Landmark Society is dedicated to the Preservation of Historic Landmarks - Promoting Education and Appreciation of History - and Improving the Quality of Life in the community of Jeanerette.