

September 2004 Edition

PRESIDENT's MESSAGE:

Another month has come and gone and fortunately the weather was better and we missed the hurricanes that did such devastation to our friends in Florida. I hope you will join me in keeping our Florida friends in your prayers and thoughts. Well since our last newsletter I have had my surgery and am back in the mix. I want to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, E-mails, cards and phone calls. It is most heartwarming to know that the festival and fair people can offer support to each other in a time of need. I have lost about 76 pounds since July 28th, and am still losing. My meals could starve a bird, but since I have a brain like a bird, I don't seem to miss the food I used to love. But lookout after February, I'll be able to eat normal 2food again, just not as much as before.

I have not had the opportunity to travel for the past month, but will be seeing many of you on the road and at Fairs and Festivals in the coming months. I know our Convention Coordinator has been working hard on the upcoming convention. He has his committees in place, and all are working to make this convention another grand success. If you feel like you want to assist, contact Rob, I know he will never turn down any help.

Our next Board Meeting will be on October 30, at the Louisiana Catfish Festival Building in DesAllemands, at 10:00 a.m. Kurt Dempster, our District # 7 Director and his crew from the Catfish Festival have graciously offered their facility for the meeting, and as usual will have a meal fit for royalty. So hopefully we will see you at the meeting.

As for now, I am feeling somewhat tired. I wish you all the very best for your festivals and fairs and your families as well. Keep a smile on your face, a song in your heart, and work hard to make your event a complete success.

Thanks again to all of you for your thoughts and Prayers during my illness.

S/Warren Deemer

Vice President's Message

STEPPING OUT WITH LAFF

My top hat and cane are ready and my shoes are being polished as I type this message. ...I'm getting ready for "STEPPING OUT WITH LAFF" February 17-20, 2005 at the Holiday Inn Select (formerly the Radisson Hotel) in Baton Rouge.

I want to say a very big "thank you" to the Washington Parish Fair and Kaye Ladner for hosting our L.A.F.F. Board meeting on Saturday, July 24th. The accommodations and meal were well worth the drive from Lake Charles. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to tour this wonderful site, please make every effort to attend this October for the Washington Parish Free Fair. You will not be disappointed in any way I promise you. Again, thanks Kaye and staff for your continued support of L.A.F.F. and your gracious hospitality.

My month has been filled with grandchildren and remodeling my daughter's home and making arrangements for Convention 2005. On August

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QUEEN OF QUEENS INFORMATION** * *
* ***** **Janet Piraro**

In my attempt to compile an accurate record of L.A.F.F. Queen of Queens, I have received the names of *Miss Bridgett Landry* as 1985 Queen of Queens and *Miss Sharon Harb* as 1986 Queen of Queens but I do not know which fair or festival they represented. If anyone knows these young ladies or what event they represented, please let me hear from you. I know that Sharon Harb crowned Lisa Roberts as 1987 Queen of Queens. Lisa represented the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival.

2004	Taryn Sanford	Louisiana Railroad days
2003	Clara Victorian	Boggy Bayou Festival
2002	Sara St. Pierre	Bogalusa Fest. in the Park
2001	Courtney Tatman	Louisiana Fur & Wildlife
2000	Keely Cabra	West Louisiana Forestry
1999	Kristi Lynn O'Quin	Louisiana Cotton Festival
1998	Summer Leigh Parker	Louisiana Fur & Wildlife
1997	Anne Katherine Lené	Louisiana Cattle Festival
1996	Stacey Fontenot	Contraband Days
1995	Gina Landry	Breaux Bridge Crawfish
1994	Michelle Morris	Gheens Bon Mangagé Fest
1993	Michelle Thompson	Calcasieu Cameron Fair
1992	Jennifer Romero	Louisiana Cattle Festival
1991	Candance Bowden	Cajun Heritage Festival
1990	D' Lane Wimberly	Louisiana Cotton festival
1989	Monica Hargett	Delcambre Shrimp Festival
1988	Sherry Smith	Kentwood Dairy Festival
1987	Lisa Roberts	Louisiana Fir & Wildlife
1986	Sharon Harb	Not known at this time
1985	Bridgett Landry	Not known at this time
1984	information needed	
1983	Rhonda Gainey	Louisiana Strawberry Fest
1982	Penny Riggs	S. W. La. St. Fair & Trade
1981	Jacki Ewing	Contraband Days
1980	Alisa Langlois	Contraband Days
1979	Laura David	Contraband Days
1978	Phylliss Kelly	East Baton Rouge Fair
1977	Lauren Delaroderie	Dixie Darling Festival
1976	Lee Ann Gossett	Calcasieu Cameron Fair
1975	information needed	
1974	Rene Sherrell Duplechin	Int. Rice Festival
1973	Johnnie Ruth Young	Church Point Centennial
1972	through 1959	information needed
1958	Pauline Sanders	Louisiana Oil Queen

Member News!

The Bogalusa Chamber of Commerce's 18th Annual "Festival in the Park" takes place September 24 - 26, 2004. The Arts and Crafts Festival lines the tree-shaded roadway of picturesque Cassidy Park, bordered by the Bogue Lusa Creek and located on Willis Avenue in Bogalusa, Washington Parish, Louisiana.

All three days there's something for everyone: Children's entertainment, canoe and pony rides, stage entertainment, the "Duck Race" (with a chance to win \$1000 first place!), and over 60 booths full of crafts, antiques, artwork and commercial exhibits. The Festival has a new

entertainment this year: the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack show that will be performing creek side and in the Bogue Lusa Creek.

Craft vendor applications are available, with prices starting at \$25; wood crafts and furniture, bath products, plants, dolls, antiques, ceramics and glassware are just a few of the things usually available. Non-profit groups are given a discount rate on arts/crafts or children's activity booths; call to see if your group is eligible. Local businesses are encouraged to set up a commercial booth to show their products in a convenient location with lots of foot traffic!

Double D Meat Co. is one of the Festival's sponsors, giving us a featured Louisiana food, with the addition of their DD hot and mild smoked sausage served up in a Sausage Cook-off! Food booths are required to have at least one sausage item and are automatically entered in the Cook-off; applications are available for other entrants vying for the prize money. Food, snack and drink booth applications are available at \$250, \$200 and \$150. Food and drinks from 10 concessions will offer festival favorites from funnel cakes to frankfurters, from juices to jambalaya and everything else! Coca-Cola is our drink sponsor, with other local sponsors so far for our entertainment--Citizens Savings Bank, Mack Grubb's Motors and Weyerhaeuser, with others to be added.

The Festival features pageants for Queen, Princess, Deb Miss, Junior Miss, Little Miss and Tiny Miss; with ages ranging from 3 to 23, for residents of Washington Parish. 2003-04 Festival in the Park Queen Macauley Knight will be crowning the new royalty.

Entertainment features the music of **VINCE VANCE and THE VALIANTS** who'll headline on Saturday, with local acts starting on Friday.

There's free admission and parking, but no dogs or ice chests allowed, and no alcohol sold or allowed on site. This is a family-oriented event that offers a lot to see, do, buy and enjoy in a beautiful location!

For more information, call the Bogalusa Chamber of Commerce at 985-735-5731; email bogchamber@I-55.com or fax 985-735-6707.

POSTER CONTEST RULES

1. Subject of poster shall be: "My Fair/Festival".
Name, location and date of event must be on poster.
2. Any public, private, or parochial school student may participate.
3. Poster will be judged in four categories:
 - A. Grades 1 - 3
 - B. Grades 4 - 6
 - C. Grades 7 - 9
 - D. Grades 10 - 12
4. Poster must be displayed on 14" X 22" white poster paper. (½ sheet of standard poster paper.)
5. All work must be vertical. Nothing horizontal will be judged.
6. All lettering must be free-hand. Do not use Stencils.
7. Medium used shall be: Crayon; Water Color; Acrylics, Felt-Tip Pen; or Oil. No Cut-outs nor Collage.
8. First, Second, and Third place winners in each category are eligible for state competition.
Limit of Twelve (12) posters per event.
9. Posters will be judged and points awarded as follows:

Originality	35%
Theme	25%
Neatness	25%
Spelling	15%
10. Poster Prizes:

September 24- 26
Cut Off youth Center Fair – Cut Off

September 24- 26
Festival in the Park - Bogalusa

September 25
St. Helena Parish Forest Festival - Greensburg

September 25
La Fete d' Ecologie, Barataria-Terrebonne - Thibodaux

September 25
Creole Zydeco Festival - Branch

September 26
Ragley Heritage & Timber Festival - DeQuincy

October 1 - 3
St. Tammany Parish Fair - Covington

October 1 - 3
Cajun Country Festival - Labadieville

October 1 - 3
LA Cattle Festival & Fair - Abbeville

October 1 - 3
Gretna Heritage Festival - Gretna

October 2
Arpadhon Hungarian Settlement Cultural Assn - Albany

October 2 - 9
Red River Revel Arts Festival - Shreveport

October 2 - 9
Red River Reel Arts Festival - Shreveport

October 4 - 10
Tangipahoa Parish Free Fair - Amite

October 5 - 9
Beauregard Parish Fair – DeRidder

October 5 - 10
Livingston Parish Fair

October 5 - 10
Louisiana Cotton Festival - Ville Platte

October 5 - 10
North Louisiana Cotton Festival & Fair - Bastrop

October 6 - 10
St. Tammany Parish Fair - Covington

October 8 - 10
Sorrento Boucherie Festival - Sorrento

October 8 - 10
Bridge City Gumbo Festival – Bridge City

October 9
Jennings Alive - Jennings

October 10
Louisiana Tournoi De La Ville Platte - Ville Platte

October 14 - 16

International Rice Festival - Crowley

October 15 - 17
International Acadian Festival - Plaquemine

October 16 - 17
Madisonville Wooden Boat Festival

October 17
Kiwans Club of St. Martinville Pepper Festival

October 20-23
Washington Parish Free Fair - Franklinton

October 19 - 24
Calcasieu Cameron Parish Fair - Sulphur

October 21 - 24
Tri-Parish Fair and Festival - Eunice

October 22 – 24
LA. Gumbo Festival - Chackbay

October 22 - 24
Hammond Fest - Hammond

Oct. 22 - 24
St. John Parish Andouille Festival - LaPlace

October 22 - November 7
State Fair of Louisiana - Shreveport

October 27 - 31
Louisiana Yambilee - Opelousas

October 28 - November 7
Greater Baton Rouge State Fair - Baton Rouge

October 29 - 31
French Food Festival - Larose

October 30 - 31
Lecompte Pie Festival - Lecompte

Remember, our 2005

Convention theme:
“Stepping out with L.A.F.F.”
 Holiday Inn Select - Baton Rouge
 February 17 – 20, 2005
 Make your plans to attend

