Holiday Cheer filled the Jockusch Building Sunday, December 9th, for The Laffite Society’s Annual Holiday Dinner. Founders Dale and Diane Olson shared their swanky Art Deco Chicago speakeasy bar in the Maceo Bakery stocked with the best of Pirate swill. Mixing the Sazerac punch was Laffite Prez, Jim Nonus, along with George Najarian uncorking the French wines with Victor Moncebaiz. Party Chair, Lizette Gaudin, luminous in deep red velvet, greeted members Claudette Brawley, Tom Shehan, Jan and Larry Porter. Pam and Mike Gilbert, Lynette and Bill Haaga, Betty and Ed Conner all enjoyed the balcony overlooking the Strand. Treasurer, Nancy Beaman, beamed as she greeted fellow Ball High School classmates Lou Graves MacBeth, Dorothy Karilanovic, Ed Jamison and escorts Roberts McGee, Alex Karilanovic, and Sandra Rodgers. Master of all occasions, Ed Jamison acknowledged Board members and performed throughout the course of the evening the Herculean task of introducing all members and guests with appropriately chosen remarks.

Barbara Davis and the Bistro LeCroy crew served up scrumptious meal of shrimp, crab cakes, and dirty rice topped off with the finest holiday bread pudding.

Preceding the special presentation, *Cinema Laffite – The Celluloid Pirate*, Dale Olson introduced speaker-Historian, Robert Vogel, and Kathleen Taylor in from Minnesota. Soaking up this film history were Ondree and Linda Kuhn, Kathy and Walter Modzelewski, with Jeff Modzelewski giving the Traditional Laffite Toast by the poet Lord Byron, and honoring our departed members with a moment of silence.

Karen and Bob Derr had front row seats with Clifford Johnson in the glistening Buccaneer Room decorated in red and silver, with Poinsettias and Christmas Cheer. The Society’s *Laffite Chronicles* editor, Don Marler, and Sybil Marler, Maison Rouge archaeologist, Sheldon Kindall, and Laffite genealogist, Jean Epperson, posed as Dave Roberts snapped pictures with Ginny Roberts, Steve Broadstone, Lucia Bonno, Michael Bailey, Stan and Janice Murray. Wil Zapalac greeted café society group, Bob Coffman and Debra Danberg, Barbara Cannetti and Carlos Rios, Susan and Jimmy Fox with Susan and Jody Larriviere. Special guest, Galveston Historical Foundation’s, Dwayne Jones, and George Clooney look-alike, Sam Steph, sat at the President’s table along with the Tiara-clad Lady Elizabeth Galloway. Privateering at its Holiday Best!
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and Betty Conner

Jim Nonus and Lizette Gaudin
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