Previews of Upcoming Programs
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This year seems to be galloping by at a faster pace than usual. But that’s how things works when everything, and I’m referring to our monthly programs, not only go off as planned, but also are of excellent quality. To our Society members who spoke, and to our fine guest speakers as well, the quality of your presentations was what people expect when they join the Society. As we hit the 20th Anniversary mark for the group in August the quality of our presentations has risen with the quality of the membership.

Well done!

Then there were the presentations and performances of those who participated in the Second Annual Laffite Society Seminar at TAMUG. Members Jeff Modzelewski, Lou Graves MacBeth and R. Dale Olson were prominent as they joined guest speakers Andy Hall, Dr. Betje Klier and Dr. Andrew J. Torget in adding to the knowledge we Laffitians seek. The Laffite Amateurishly-Professional Theater Company added to the fun and edification with their rendition of R. Dale Olson’s opus “Audrey, Lacey and John A.” portrayed by Betty Connor, Helen Mooty and Larry Porter, respectively. The Seminar, as anticipated, was another success and opened the door to the third confab at Texas A&M, Galveston, to be held April 18, 2015.

The programs for the remainder of the year show excellent promise and are scheduled as follows:

August 12- Galvestonian Bill Adriance of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of the Sons of The American Revolution will speak about Galvez’s life and his importance as a hero in the American Revolution.

September 9 – Galvestonian and Laffite Society member, Betty Connor, continues her speaking series for the Society with the causes of the War of 1812; the occurrences in the years 1812-1814 and the results of the war on the United States, Canada and England.

October 14 - Aya Katz is a linguist, primatologist and author of 10 books. A Ph.D in linguistics from Rice University, Ms. Katz will speak about the effect of the changing laws concerning privateering on the career of Jean Laffite.

November 11- Long-time Society member Rob Peterson will speak on the life of Lyle Saxon and critiques of his works. As a bonus, Rob will make a trip to the “Little Temple” near Barataria in September, and may have something to report on about that, as well.