



# Carter Plantation January 2020 NEWSLETTER



## Carter Cemetery Road

Russell & Cheryl Recotta

## Fairway Gardens

Stacey Neal

# ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for the Carter Plantation Community Association will be held **Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6 PM in the atrium at the Carter Plantation Pavilion.**

In order to expedite the meeting, if possible, **please submit any questions** you may have and would like the Board to address at the meeting via the CPCA website or email [theplantationpoa@gmail.com](mailto:theplantationpoa@gmail.com).

Two Board Members' terms (Kevin Grace and Andy Turcotte) are expiring. Enclosed with the bill for your POA dues, you should have received the names and bios of two people who have volunteered to run for the Board positions. Additional nominations will be accepted at the meeting from the floor prior to voting.

The 2020 budget will be presented and voted on. A copy of the 2020 proposed budget was also included with your POA Dues Package.

The Plantation Dining Room will be open before and after the Annual Meeting.

At the first Board Meeting of the year, scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup>, the Board shall elect from among its members: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, according the CPCA by-laws.



The Social Committee will hold a 2020 brain-storming planning meeting on **Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7 PM** at Linda Munding's home, 23877 Carter Trace. Everyone is invited to help come up with ideas for fun events for the community for this year. If you have ideas, but are unable to attend this meeting, please email your ideas to [lmunding@yahoo](mailto:lmunding@yahoo), or text Linda at 225-754-2503.

## CPCA POA DUES

You should have received, by now, your 2020 POA Dues Notice. Your dues are due in January and are \$850 each. Any dues not paid by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 will be assessed a late fee of \$85, plus interest in the amount of 12% per annum. **If you did not receive your bill for your dues**, please contact the CPCA by using the website [www.carterplantationhomeowners.com](http://www.carterplantationhomeowners.com) or email the Board at [theplantationpoa@gmail.com](mailto:theplantationpoa@gmail.com).



### Property owners can mail their dues to:

CPCA  
PO BOX 688  
Springfield, LA 70462

### Or, Pay At the Annual Meeting:

Pay by either credit card, cash, or check.

### Or, Pay via the CPCA website:

2020 CPCA Dues (\$850 + \$25.00 Credit Card Fee), Totaling \$875

**You will need to know your Lot# (not address).**

## 2020 BCS CHAMPIONSHIP



Join us at the Carter Plantation Dining Room on Game Day to watch LSU win the 2020 BCS Championship. There will be a Hamburger/Hot Dog Buffet, with chips and dips provided, for \$15 per person. Please text Tammy at 985-507-8105 if you need more information.



**Stay Tuned for upcoming info on the Ladies Social for January. Details will be sent to the Ladies via email.**



# BINGO Family Fun Night

Our Family Night Bingo will resume on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. The Pavilion Dining Room will be open for those who would like to eat before, during or after the Bingo.



## Women's Bible Study

The next Carter Plantation Ladies Bible Study will begin on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. This weekly discussion group meets at Linda Munding's home (23877 Carter Trace). We usually meet for an hour, or so, starting at 7 PM. This is an excellent way to get to know your neighbors and strengthen your faith through prayer, and the study of God's Word.

Our upcoming study will focus on the book by Lysa Terkeurst entitled *The Best Yes - Making Wise Decisions in the Midst of Endless Demands*. You can purchase the book, or load it on your electronic device. We will meet weekly to view a video and talk about what we have read during the prior week. A study guide is also available if you wish to purchase it; however, Linda will provide a scanned copy of the study guide to anyone wanting to use it to enhance their readings.

If you have questions about the study itself, or our weekly gatherings, please do not hesitate to call Linda Munding (225)754-2503 for more information. Linda sends out weekly email reminders to those interested in participating.



## ***HCHS HIGHLIGHTS – December 2019***

### ***Carter House Christmas Open House***

The Carter House Christmas Open House Plantation Style sponsored by the Historic Carter House Society Inc. (HCHS) was a beautiful Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. The rooms were each decorated with a different theme or décor, including decorations from the past, and more current decorations with ribbons, colored ornaments, lights, and themes.

If you missed seeing the house dressed in its finest Spirit of Christmas, we hope you make it next year. It is unfortunate that we won't have time to offer more tours since we have an early January booking. We can offer to give you a tour of the house and share some of its history. Give us a call and we'll set up a date and time for you.

Congratulations to Diana Williams for winning the Door Prize, a beautiful red poinsettia plant. She was very pleased that she came to the Open House because she got a perfect picture of her son with our amazing Santa. Also, double congratulations to Ron Morse, first for winning the raffle – a very large stuffed bear. Our second congratulations to him is that he will be a first time Dad pretty soon. The bear will be a perfect addition to the nursery. We also want to thank Beverly Burgess for donating the bear used for our raffle item.

This event is a lot of work, and takes the effort of a number of people, or it wouldn't happen. We thank our volunteers who decorated the house, manned the various appointed places at the Open House, gave tours, and donated refreshments. So, a special thank you to the following people for helping make this fundraiser a success:

<b>Anna Papp</b>	<b>Dorothy Sledge</b>
<b>Annette Bodi</b>	<b>Jan Pretus</b>
<b>Audry Hendry</b>	<b>Judy Sharp</b>
<b>Beverly &amp; John Burgess</b>	<b>Linda &amp; Mike Simoneaux</b>
<b>Bonnie Anderson</b>	<b>Patti Sollie</b>
<b>Carol Lamm</b>	<b>Peggy Branam</b>
<b>Carolyn Hardy</b>	<b>Shelley &amp; Caroline Simmons</b>
<b>Christina Volion</b>	<b>Susan Antisan</b>
<b>Vickie &amp; Charlie Robinson</b>	

In addition to our volunteers, we also thank the “*Daily Star*” and the “*Livingston Parish News*” for publishing our event information. It was run in the *Calendar of Events*, as well as in full articles, and we appreciate their support.

Santa was great this year, and we would like to thank Terry Davis, who was here December 8<sup>th</sup>, and Bill Whittington on December 15<sup>th</sup>. All of the children loved them, and the parents were able to get some great pictures.

### ***Head Start School Visits Santa***

The children from the Head Start School visited Santa at the Carter House on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. This is such a fun outing for the children as well as the teachers and personnel from the school that accompany the children. The children are extremely excited to see Santa – some have questions, and others use the opportunity to tell him what they want for Christmas. Mike Simoneaux took pictures of each child as they visited Santa,

We would like to thank our volunteer Santa, Tony Calamia. He has been doing this for a number of years and I'm not sure who enjoys it the most, Santa or the children. He is a great Santa! This year we missed Mrs. Claus because she had to work – probably packing toys for the kids! They look forward to this experience every year – to see the children's face light up is a real Christmas joy.

Santa had a few helpers who looked after the children as they lined up to see Santa and have their picture taken, so thanks to our Santa helpers:

<b>Jan Pretus</b>	<b>Linda &amp; Mike Simoneaux</b>
<b>Judy Sharp</b>	<b>Susan Antisan</b>
<b>Tony Calamia</b>	

Also, we want to thank Mike Simoneaux for being our photographer. He does a great job of capturing the look on the face of each child as they visit with Santa. Mike also gets the pictures printed and delivered to the school so each picture can be placed in the child's backpack to go home to the parents.

We give a big thanks to Linda Simoneaux for handling the arrangements for the Head Start children's visit. Also, for organizing the solicitation and collection of items for the families in need, and we thank everyone for the donations for these families. This is truly what Christmas is all about – thinking of those in need and extending the Christmas Spirit to them! We hope everyone had a *Merry Christmas* and that the New Year will bring good health and happiness to you.

### ***2020 HCHS Memberships***

Now that the New Year is here, it is time to renew Historic Carter House Society Inc. (HCHS) memberships, and for new members to join. Membership is open to everyone, whether they live in our community or not. Memberships are an important part of the HCHS revenue, and a way for you, our community and friends, to help our organization maintain and restore the historic house. The house is on the National Register for Historic Places, so it is a piece of history sitting right here in our community!

New and renewed memberships are due on an annual basis and the fee for an individual is \$30, and a family is \$40. The form is on the website, <http://historiccarterhouse.org/>. If you have questions after reviewing the form, please give us a call at 225-747-0660. **We want every resident/property owner in Carter Plantation to become a member so that you can help save the namesake of our community!**

The house is available for special events, and with your membership you will be entitled to a reduced fee should you schedule a private event at the house. Members are given free admission to the Christmas Open House, and are eligible to participate in the door prize drawing.

If you prefer making a donation rather than becoming a member, please use the same form, Application for Membership, and complete the space for a donation. HCHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization so donations are tax deductible.

### ***Livingston Chamber Visits Carter House Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>***

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Livingston Class was welcomed to the Carter House on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> by Carol Lamm and Vickie Robinson, HCHS members. The group of approximately 28 people toured the house. After the tour, everyone gathered in the dining room for refreshments and for a question and answer session.

If you aren't familiar with the Leadership Livingston program, it is based on a national model used by Chambers throughout the country to develop individuals as leaders within their communities. Participants are current and emerging leaders in Livingston Parish who graduate from the program with an awareness of community and social topics. With commitment and understanding, graduates of Leadership Livingston will transfer skills provided through the program into actual community application.

If anyone is interested in pursuing this program, please review the information on the Livingston Chamber of Commerce website at <https://www.livingstonparishchamber.org/leadership-livingston/>.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 6 <sup>th</sup>	CPCDD Board Meeting - Carter House – 5 PM
January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Social Committee Meeting – 23877 Carter Trace – 7 PM
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	CPCA Annual Membership Meeting – Atrium – 6PM
January 13 <sup>th</sup>	BCS Championship Game – <b>Geaux Tigers</b> – 7:30 PM
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Bible Study – 23877 Carter Trace – 7 PM
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	New Resident Orientation – Clubhouse – 5:30 PM
January 21 <sup>st</sup>	CPCA Board Meeting – Clubhouse – 6:00 PM



## **Plantation Dining Room Schedule**

The kitchen is now open until 4:00 pm – 7 days a week  
The bar is now open until 7:00 pm – 7 days a week  
Weather Permitting

