



Seasons of Louisiana with Dianne Cage

I love November, beautiful autumn. When it starts getting cold some plants stop making chlorophyll. As the chlorophyll goes away, other pigments start to show their colors... Now you know, that is why leaves turn yellow or red in the fall... cooler days and nights. Chrysanthemums are everywhere and topaz is the birthstone. Enjoy this glorious month. Football, class reunions, garden clubs, weddings.

The Honorable and Mrs. Hartwell Neil Riser request the pleasure of your Company at the Marriage of their daughter ALLISON LEIGH to MR. JOSEPH ALLEN BLANCHARD son of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Paul Blanchard. What an amazing evening!

The wedding and reception was held at the home and gardens, of the bride, on Hearn Island on Davis Lake in Columbia, Louisiana... The setting was truly magnificent! The weather was the perfect fall evening: a full moon reflecting in the sparkling dark lake, reflecting Cypress trees that were changing into their burnt orange fall wardrobe.

The big beautiful crowd was seated in pretty white chairs, facing the lake... the lovely, flower laden wooden altar was the perfect setting for the wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Allen Blanchard. After the ceremony guests meandered up the gentle sloping gardens to a fabulous pavilion with a fabulous band, delicious food.

The invitation was just the best ... I really wish you could see it! A beautiful watercolor Drysdale-like painting of Davis Lake with Cypress Trees. I will most likely frame ours. It is that pretty! After a honeymoon to Thailand, all the best to this young couple. It was truly a wedding to remember...

The Junior League of Monroe Sustainers on Standby invite you to the Annual Fall Social! This last Tuesday afternoon all the old gals gathered at the lovely Point Place home of JOY LOOMIS.

The setting was so pretty with lots of pumpkins and fall flowers, a beautiful, outdoor, wood burning fireplace for the cool afternoon was just right and set the tone for a delightful gathering in the gardens. It was so much fun seeing so many old friends after this long hot summer. Seen having a grand time were MARGARET BARKER, MARY BENARD, LAURA CENTOLA, LANA FORTE, ROBIN FINCHER, MOSSY GUINN, ANN HART, CAROLYN MYRICK, CAROLYN PERRY, MARY ANN VANVECKHOVEN and many more.

The Potpourri Book Club started off Fall with a jam up book review by KATHRYN JOYCE “Where The Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens. The setting was the spectacular home of KATHY & WILLIAM PATRICK on Bayou DeSiard. Our hostesses were PAT BLANCHARD, CAROL RANSOM & JANE CONRAD. The perfect afternoon to kick off Fall! I can hardly wait to read the book!

Congratulations and all the best to two of my favorite friends. Celebrate the marriage of ANNE HODGE SMITH & BILL KELLEY..... “A three-ply cord is not easily broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:12... “We are better because of each other... More resilient because of each other...And more complete because of each other. Yet as strong as our love relationship is, it is the third ply... Jesus Christ through His Holy Spirit... that gives us the assurance that the three-ply cord is not easily broken.

The class of 1954, Neville High School... “Hello Classmates, it is time for our 65th reunion. Don’t know how that can be since none of us is old enough to have been out of school 65 years! But the calendar says it is.. so there you are! Let’s gather for a fun weekend and have fun like young “eighty-somethings!”

This last weekend in October was perfect... Friday evening started events off with a casual party at the home of The Cages, hosted by Dianne & Mike, Pat Godfrey, Bob & Carol Cudd, and Lucy & Dick Seidenspinner. Saturday morning we toured The Gardens of Georgia Tucker. That was followed by lunch on the deck overlooking the Ouachita River at Miro Restaurant. Then we toured the beautifully restored Vantage State Building, formerly the Virginia Hotel.

Saturday evening featured dinner and dancing, to the music of Rod Allen Payne at the Bayou DeSiard Country Club. Sunday morning was a farewell brunch at the Cages’ Chauvin River House.

A grand time was had by all and many said it was the best reunion yet! ED JOHNSON, DIANE & DR. BUDDY RIZZO, ROBERT & VICKIE BARNS, motored over from Birmingham, Alabama. TOMMY BOYLES drove over from Texarkana, MACK POWELL & FLOY, CATHY & MALCOMB BASS, ELSTNER & DR. HEBER SIMMONS, from Madison, Mississippi, MAUREEN HANCOCK, MARILYN CANNON, JO ANN WOMACK, BEVERLY JARRELL... Thank you LINDA & BOB BURNS & CAROLYN WHITFIELD for organizing this fabulous 65th class reunion!

Take care, enjoy this glorious weather and I look forward to the next time!

Dianne



ABOVE: Lisa McMillin and Joy Loomis.



ABOVE: Terri Arthur, Mary Ann Van-Veckhoven and Margaret Barker.



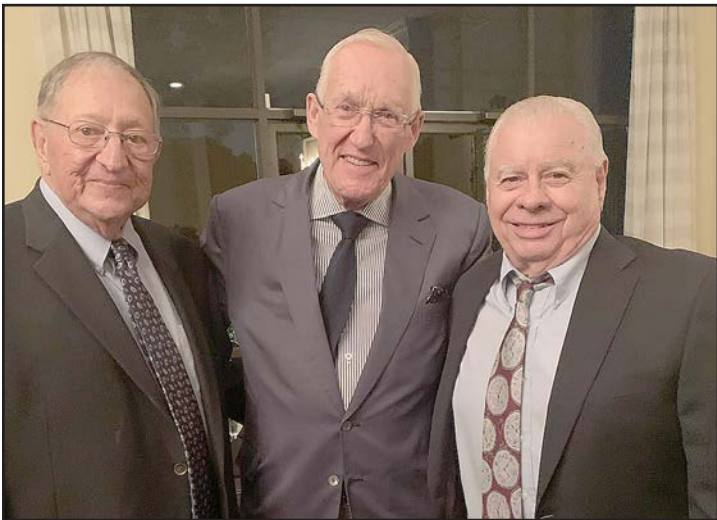
ABOVE: Kathryn Joyce and Georgi-ann Potts.



ABOVE: The class of 1954, Neville High School, held a fabulous reunion weekend that included a casual party, lunch, tours, Saturday evening entertainment and more.



ABOVE: Jane Conrad & Pat Blanchard.



ABOVE: Dr. Buddy Rizzo, Bob Cudd and Mack Powell.



ABOVE: Carolyn Whitfield and Tommy Boyles.



ABOVE: Carole Kilpatrick & Carolyn Perry.

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