



Seasons of Louisiana with Dianne Cage

Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good... Romans....
What an amazing spring! The Coronavirus really slowing down — Now with vaccinations, people are very carefully returning to a more normal lifestyle. Lets celebrate! Piano, dance recitals, end-of-school programs, graduations, birthdays and more.... let me get all my pretty clothes out and get ready!

Hello, looking forward to seeing SHARON & BUBBA HENRY, JOHNNY JAMES, KATHY SCHENDLE, NANCY SHLOSMAN, ROMONA & BRYAN CALDWELL, LYNN & BILL HODGE, DEBBY & DR. ED EDGERTON, TRAVIS & ARMAND BREARD, TOM HAMMONDS, DEBBIE & GEORGE CARSO, JANICE & JB LANDRY, JANE SARTOR (we are almost ready to start swimming, just a little bit warmer, I sure am going to hate putting that bathing suit on... I will not look in the mirror. I'll jump in fast and get out very quickly with a big bath robe close by!)

Grace Episcopal School hosted the “Rodeoing on The River Gala.” We all dressed up in our boots, spears and cowboy hats. The silent auction was so much fun. Even more fun was visiting with so many old friends that we have not seen for way to long! The live auction started at 8 p.m. I bid on the Louisiana Sportsman Paradise, trip to The Island hunting Club on the Mississippi River in Lake Providence. Our group will enjoy a relaxed evening before dinner. The next morning, a home cooked breakfast, and after that we will head out on horseback for a hound dog guided coon hunt. Then we will top off with a day tour of the land and river on ATVs. We are really looking forward to this happening! There were so many fabulous things to bid on. I could go on and on! Seen having a grand time... COLBY WALKER, JANELLE & GEORGE SNELLINGS, MEREDITH SMITH, GINNY MONTGOMERY, DEE CAGLE, CLAIRE GORDON, LEIGH LILES, JENNIFER BIEDENHARN, NANCY & CARRICK INABNETT, JENNIFER & TAP PARKER, SATCHIE GODFREY, KIM REED, ERICK & MICHAEL RYAN, LOYD & FATHER DON SMITH and many more... A very successful evening for our beloved old school!

The Junior League hosted the annual Spring Provisional Party that was held at the lovely home of TRACI CANERBERRY. The flowers, the food the smiling happy young ladies..it was just fun and so much fun seeing so many: MARGARET BARKER, MARY BERNARD, LAURA CENTOLA, JANICE EASON, JOY LOOMIS, CAROLYN PERRY and REGINA WOOD, just to name a few...

Cutest thing ever, made our day! Last Friday after that monster rain / tornado happening. We were heading to the MAC to work out. On Pargoud Boulevard in front of OLIVE SARTOR'S home, it looked like Lake Sartor! The water was about six feet from her front. It looked like her front yard was a giant swimming pool. Six little boys were swimming, cutting up, splashing and having a ball. I made Mike turn around to get a picture ... They are famous in that neighborhood, known as the “BIKE GANG.”

Several weeks ago I was at Home Depot loading up on flowers and more flowers. This cute lady came up introduced herself as ANITA JONES and asked if I would speak to her club, MON AMIE, My Friend Newcomer Club. We had the best time and it was great seeing so many old friends and making new ones...

Old childhood friends, try kindergarten... VEE MARSHALL HOLLIS, JANIE COBB BARHAM, PATSY KELLY JONES, CHRISTINE MOORE GAIENNIE, SADIE HADDAD WALKER, JERI ACKEL KELLY, REBO KING BRADFORD & NANCY WOOD WILLIAMS gathered from here and there to celebrate Sadie's 70 birthday. What a fun time and what a party... That evening they gathered at the beautiful bayou DeSiard home of her brother and sister JUDY & BILLY HADDAD, hosted also by her family VIRGINIA & JOEY HADDAD AND DEBORAH & DAVE RAYMOND. They were served and sipped wonderful French Champagne with fresh raspberries. Next was a boat cruise down the magnificent bayou, headed for Bayou DeSiard Country Club for drinks and an amazing dinner. One can only imagine the fun old stories and all the laughter... MEGHAN HADDAD, Sadie's beautiful niece, graciously took care of all the guests, taking their dinner order and organizing the evening. Even though most were 70 or close, it was not an easy task.... Wait, it is not over! On to the Raymonds' lovely home on Phillips Lake for a night cap and special entertainment by JOATHAN WALKER & JOEY HADDAD, son and brother of the birthday girl. These girls have been friends since childhood and remain so to this day and they enter their 70s.

God is Good! God is Great!
Till the next happening! Wit & Wisdom... “The mind cannot absorb what the backside can not endure.” Prince Phillip... I loved his funeral and watched every minute. The flowers on his casket are just the ones I want on mine! So beautiful! It looked like maybe snapdragons, sweet peas and big white lilies. It was so pretty and understated...

Dianne

Wellspring coordinator named Advocate of the Year

The Wellspring's Sexual Assault Prevention Coordinator Yolanda Bias was recently named Advocate of the Year by the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault (LaFASA) at its annual reception in Baton Rouge last month.

Survivors of sexual assault and those who work to support them every day were honored at the reception.

Lisa Longenbaugh, senior director for The Wellspring and director of professional services at The Wellspring's Counseling and Family Development Center said, “The Wellspring is committed to the pursuit of a world free of sexual violence. “As our Primary Prevention Coordinator, Yolanda is doing the kind of work that actualizes such bold visions,” Longenbaugh said. “She brings an incredible level of commitment and determination to her work, the results of which are demonstrated in the impact on individuals and on this community. Through evidence based programs like Coaching Boys Into Men,

where she partners with coaches at Neville, Rayville, Wossman, and Carroll High Schools to foster a culture of respectful intimate partner relationships and Girl's Academy, where she works with participants to support and empower them to live their best lives, Yolanda is a fierce advocate for victims of sexual violence and our community is fortunate to have her working to make our world a better place. I am delighted that her ef-

forts have been recognized on a state wide level.”

As the Sexual Assault Prevention Coordinator, Bias works with youth in our area to foster respectful and healthy relationship and social norms as well as effective bystander intervention with the goal of preventing sexual assault. She has been with The Wellspring for 5 years. During this time, she worked full-time while also earning a degree in Behavioral Health Science.



ABOVE: Childhood friends for the big birthday celebration.



ABOVE: The “Bike Gang” having fun in north Monroe.

LEFT: Mon Amie Newcomer's Club — Georgia Hary, Regina Wilson and Anita Wilson.

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