



Seasons of Louisiana with Dianne Cage

“The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians.

Do you not just love these cool, dark days, light rain, brisk breezes, fall kind of feeling we have been blessed with the last week or so? God is Good, God is Great! That was some kind of hot dry summer we had and I thought Fall would never come.

THE CHENNAULT GALA... East meets West... October 19th ..The Hub Music Hall. This is something you will not want to miss! I promise, it is going to be FABULOUS! Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser is helping to sponsor this with Louisiana Seafood and a sponsorship through the La. Seafood Association. The Chinese Consul General CAI WEI will be in attendance along with other Chinese guests, even from California. Entertainment will be 24 performers from the Shaolin Temple Cultural Center. They will greet people as they come in and will perform the Dragon Dance and Lion Dance plus a Kung Fu performance. Tai Chi and the music will be by international acclaimed JI JIE playing the Chinese Erhu. Doug Duffey and Louisiana Soul Festival will be the west entertainment. Thurman will be there with his famous Duck wraps and all that is wonderful. We have so much to be proud of here in North Louisiana... THE CHENNAULT MUSEUM is a true gem and treasure! Thank you NELL CALLOWAY for all you have done to make this a world class happening and honor to remember the price for freedom!

Class reunions everywhere... Neville Class of 1959 and 1960 joined together for a special gathering under the leadership of RONNIE McNABB and NANCY & CAR-RICK INABNETT. Friday night they gathered at the Bayou DeSiard Country Club for the perfect buffet, tenderloin to delicious homemade Crabcakes. Saturday on to the Inabnetts’ home for cocktails and delicious delectables from Thurman, including Tenderloin and the best Duck Wraps ever. A grand time was had by all. Lots of old friends sharing stories and tall tales. LINDA LOU ROBISON & husband JOHN SCHROED-ER, SUZONNE KELLOGG & husband WALTER HUNTER, RUTH ANN BOGGS MOORE, ANNE & HERSHEL ABBOTT. SUSAN & JOE CAGE motored over from Shreveport, class of 1960, along with JAN & DIX JOHNSON, AD WALKER. The Country Club and the Inabnett home was decorated to perfection with dozens and dozens of black and yellow helium balloons and seemingly, hundreds of baskets of yellow Chrysanthemums. Truly a beautiful class reunion!

My class of 1961 sort of got their feelings hurt — we were not included in 1959 & 1960. Boo Hoo! As the old saying goes, you can’t have everyone. CAROL WROTEN took the bull by the horns and gathered as many as she could from 1961. Carol, by the way, is a very successful Metropolitan Life Estate/Trust planner. She was at one point No. 1 in Louisiana & No. 2 in Texas. In other words, she can get things done. With the help of SYDNEY GREENBLATT, BILL BECTON, JIM HUGGENS, BETTY ANN NOLAN and many more, we all gathered at the BDCC for music and wonderful food. We invited the classes of 1959 & 60 to join us after the ado at the Inabnetts’. It was so much fun seeing so many old friends... Joann GENUSA & Buz BUSBY, TEDDY DIXON VARINO AND HUSBAND FRANK, LYNN SMITH WATSON & Husband MIKE, DIAN & A. J. RITTER, SCARLETT & GILBERT FAULK, SHARON & TOM SCOTT, ANNETTA & CECIL HILL, ANNETTE & JARRELL GRAVES, CAROL NIES, DR. GENI & STEVE PARKER, ALMA & BOBBY STEPHENSON, DEBBIE & FREDDIE HADDAD, LINDA LEE WOODS, JAN & RALPH BROCKMANKAY BUTLER, SUE & JOEY MCGINN, LYNN MARX COHEN, SHARON & DAVID TURNTINE, CAR-OL McDONALD, BUNNY & FRANK HEWITT, COL. ROBERT & JAN LEWIS and lots more.... Sunday we gathered up at the Chauvin River House for a quick brunch and farewells until the next time.

Happy Birthday SHEARON HENRY. Shearon turned 80 and her children threw some kind of party for her! The Garden District home of the Michael Henry was the perfect setting. The evening was beautiful with stars in the heavens and a gentle breeze ... the gardens were something to behold! One area is so beautiful Mike Cage said it looks like where the winning horse of the Kentucky Derby would be when they graced his neck with the garland of roses. The semicircle of well lit Slender Silhouette Sweet-gums is truly breathtaking! It was so much fun seeing all the Henry children, grand-children, friends and close family. Happy Birthday Shearon!

Let’s help our veterans !!! MARGARET HORN, while taking care of her husband, visiting, noticed a need for chairs, such as recliners and rockers, in the halls of the Veterans Home. Margaret negotiated with Daniel Appliance for the best price on these chairs. No donation is too small or large. You can mail to Margaret at MARGARET HORN, 3302 Deborah Drive, Monroe, LA 71201, or call her at home (318)325-2284. We are so thankful to our Veterans for the sacrifices they have made for our safety and for our freedom!

Take care be kind to all and I look forward to the next time!

Dianne



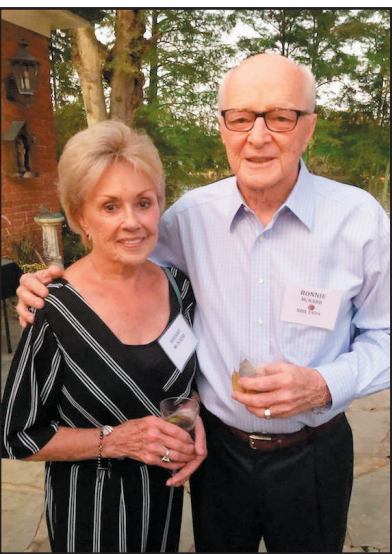
ABOVE: Jim Huggins and Betty Ann Nolan.



ABOVE: Susan Cage, Sydney Greenblatt and Sharon Brown.



ABOVE: Carol Cole and Carol Wroten.



ABOVE: Sherry and Ron McNabb.



ABOVE: Walter and Suzonne Hunter.



ABOVE: Andy and Linda Lou Schroeder.



ABOVE: Sherry and Ron McNabb and Ruth Ann Boggs Moore, class of 1959

Septieme Book Club meets

Septieme Book Club held their beginning of the year meeting recently at the West Ouachita Senior Center in West Monroe.

Everyone brought a covered dish. Members will be participating in the CASA program again this year. Also, attendees discussed the different activities for the year.

Members attending were: Camille

Adair, Amanda Barry, Liz Billings, Barbara Chelette, Bonnie Crowe, Freda Crowell, Gloria Daniel, Sandra Dufrene, Yvette Frantom, Linda Hobson, Anne McDuffie, Judy McIntosh, Kathy Pippin, Anne Pittard, Shirley Rogers, Marilyn Soignier, Susan Spears, Darlene Tippen, Linda Titus, and Dee Welch.

Fall festival

Parkview Baptist Church Fall Festival will be 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. The event is for preschool through fourth grade. The free event will have food, games and prizes.

The church is located at 1001 Forsythe Ave., Monroe. Information: 325-3174.

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