

Famille Trahan

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ENSEMBLE ENCORE

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Joint Gathering scheduled for November 6, 2010

Presidents Corner

By Loubert Trahan

Well its's time again for a little get together, and again it is with the Broussard "Famille Beausoleil", and also the Thibodeaux's will join our group. The big thing on the agenda will be a discussion of what activities will be and how our individual families will participate in the October 2011 Great Acadian Awakening, know as "Grand Reveil Acadien"

This celebration will be held in four regions of Acadiana: New Orleans, Houma, Lake Charles, and Lafayette. We are looking for ideas and solutions of what our part will be, so naturally we will be looking for volunteers.

Lunch will be served at the Gathering on November 6th at the Woodmen of World Hall in Maurice. The menu is still under discussion, and there are several choices to consider, but we can guarantee a good meal.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 6th.

Please Remember to make your meal reservations if you plan on eating Lunch.

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MINUTES

By Rosie Trahan

Trahan Family Association met in regular session on April 24, 2010 in Maurice at the Woodmen of the World Hall in conjunction with Broussard Family Association. Corwin Broussard, President, Broussard Family Assn. presided. Don Lewis Broussard gave the invocation/meal blessing and Loubert Trahan led in Pledge of Allegiance in English and Charles Trahan led in French.

Broussard: Corwin told of the Great Acadian Awakening 2011 to be held October 7-16, 2011 – an event to awaken the realization that we are losing our language, culture, and coastal lands and to seek support, partnerships, solutions and concerted plans of action through large gatherings with Acadians from all over the world. Scheduled events: Oct. 7-8 - Unveiling of Acadian Monument and Showcase New Orleans area; Oct. 9-10 - Showcase Houma area; Oct. 11-12 - Showcase Lake Charles area; Oct. 13 - Ceremonies in Lafayette; Oct. 14 - Showcase Lafayette area; Oct. 15 - Festival des Acadiens et Creoles; Oct. 16 - Closing ceremonies. More info: www.gra2011.org.

Trahan: Loubert Trahan, President, Trahan Family Assn., made reference to GRA 2011 noting tha with the active interest of younger members and UL organizations and help from CODOFIL it should be a good event; also offered support toward an activity for Trahan/Broussard members at that time. Minutes of the

last meeting were circulated/received in newsletter; Treasurer Gloria Viator reported association membership is 192, of which paid membership is 108.

CAFA: James Bourque, President, said that at one time 40 family associations made up CAFA, but last year only 15 associations were represented. At the last meeting in St. Martinville for the Spring Festival only 6 board members were present. These members voted for CAFA to move under the umbrella of Louisiane - Acadie, Inc. To be able to use their 501C-3 status CAFA Treasurer Loubert Trahan explained the financial matters: CAFA will retain 1) the use of its money but a partial amount will be moved to an escrow account under Louisiane-Acadie; 2) the Treasurer; and 3) its board members to designate how the monies will be spent. Also, at the meeting straws were drawn for the Scholarship to St. Anne this coming summer - Haley Vincent from Kaplan received the first place drawing - since her family are members of Trahan Family Assn. asked for a motion that the Trahan Family Assn contribute \$500 to add to this scholarship - Margaret Trahan made this motion; Robert Trahan seconded; motion passed. The Boudreaux Family Assn. Is also contributing \$500 which will make a total scholarship amount of \$2000. Shirley Thibodeaux, President, Thibodeaux Family Assn., said she would keep her office until next year and asked that her association be included next year for the Great Acadian Awakening 2011. Warren Perron introduced visitors Daniel Theriot from Caraket a province of Nova Scotia, president of Festival Acadienne (to be held Aug. 1 - 15) and Jean Robert Fregal from New Brunswick who is helping out with Erath Museum. Perron said a group of LSU and UL professors studied the technique the Acadians used their system to clear the salt water out of their marshes and prepared this exhibit, Farming the Wetlands of Acadie, which toured for two years. The Erath Museum will be the permanent home of this project and an artifact, a piece of the aboiteau built by Beausoleil.

Don Arceneaux (Idaho) attended and gave remarks on the Thibodeau(x)/Broussard Reunion while at the Congres Mondial 2009. He was asked for photographs of his Broussard Ancestors for a book being written, "Look Into My Eyes", and appealed to each of us to collect photos of our ancestors and tp take a look into their eyes.

Gracie (age 11) and Julie (age 9) Babineaux and Neil Broussard entertained with music. Door prizes were drawn, meal was served, and the Gathering was adjourned.

Note: I would encourage all our members to support our schools; I suggest a way to support the schools without donating money, and with little time involved.

I refer to BOX TOPS for Education, printed on packaging of the following products: Kleenex, Pillsbury Products, Betty Crocker Products, Cherrios, Green Giant Products, Zip Lock Bags, Scott Paper Products, Huggies, and Hefty Products.

While I have listed several products that support the school program, there are many others; please check the products you buy, and if label or box top supports a school program, bring it to us.

Also Campbell Soup Labels support schools, and many of you already purchase many of these items.

The labels from Swanson products, including labels from their Chicken, Vegetable, and Beef Broth cans.

If convenient deposit the labels at Genealogy Table with Mitch.

Another option is to mail to Mitch Conover, 300 Strasbourg Drive, Lafayette, LA. 70506.

The labels and Box Tops will be delivered to Education Office.

Looking for someone to assume the role of Editor of "Famille Trahan"

I have been advised by Mitch that he will be stepping down as the Editor of "Famille Trahan" following our November Gathering. The belief by Mitch is that it is time for Someone else to take assume function, someone that can bring new ideas that will continue our coverage and at same time appeal to the younger generation.

It goes without saying, that this organization, as is true with all successful organizations, Require us to maintain our current membership, attract new members, and to attract more young members.

Anyone interested in being the editor can contact me by phone, e-mail, or at Gathering; note my contact information on previous page..

Invitation to all to attend “Living Legend” induction ceremony: Recent inductions included Lt. General Russel L. Honoré (Ret.), Bernie David, Camey Doucet, Tim Creswell, and Harold Schoeffler. Upcoming inductions are as follows: Kermit Miller on November 20th and Willis & Edith Granger on December 18th, Dr. John A. Bertrand on January 15th, August Broussard on February 26th, and Dotsie LeBlanc on March 12th. The programs begin at 4:00 p.m. at the Museum Café in Erath and include a Cajun music jam session beginning at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, (337) 937-0012.

- With the help of Dr. David Cheramie, Director of CODOFIL, and Sen. Eric Lafleur, Louisiana has again been invited to attend the World Francophone Summit October 20 - 25 to be held in Montreux, Switzerland. The Honorary Counsel-General of Senegal, Lynn Robinson, has arranged for the members of the Louisiana delegation to meet with the former President of Senegal, Abdou Diouf. We will extend an invitation to him to come to visit Louisiana and receive an Honorary Doctorate degree from Xavier University.
- The Acadian museum received a \$15,000 Save Our History Grant for its contributions to preserving our unique history.

Thanks,

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I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all that have contributed to make this Famille Trahan such a successful organization. I would start with those involved from the “Draft a President Days” (poor Charles!!) and include all who cared and shared their time and concern for this venture.

I think of Glady Trahan, now deceased, and his devotion; of Mike “T-Boy” Trahan and his many hours of putting together brochures and mailers; Julius Trahan, now deceased, who served as our first Vice President; Wilda Lantier Trahan and her contributions to genealogy; Glenn Ray Trahan who sponsored meeting and meal at his camp.

No list would be complete without naming Charles and Mona Falcon Trahan and their contribution (still on going), of Charles’s sisters and his in-laws; Ray and Brenda Comeaux Trahan, our second President, and his brother; and Loubert Trahan and his beloved Anna (now deceased) and the support they brought forth: the Red Barn, cooking, serving as Treasurer, and finally becoming our 3rd and current President.

John Dudley and Delores Trahan for the wonderful food and menus that they prepared and served at conclusion of most of our meetings.

And the man I most admired from the beginning, Judge Marcel Trahan, now deceased, of Quebec, Canada; his lovely daughter Anne-Marie carries on the tradition he gave us in 1986 at Trois-Riviere, Quebec. Yes, and Father Clarence d’Entremont, also now deceased, who provided insight to the Trahan Roots, and provided me with many answers on Trahan Ancestry (and Broussard).

I will continue genealogy support, but we now need a new editor for Newsletter.

My sincere thanks to all, and if I failed to mention your name, I haven’t forgotten your contributions.

Mitch

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My Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address (optional): _____

Dues Payments: 1 year \$10.00 _____ or 3 years \$25.00 _____ Lifetime \$250.00 _____

Mail completed application to:

**Famille Trahan
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Maurice, LA 70555**

Directions to Woodmen of World Hall in Maurice, Louisiana:

If you are traveling on U.S. Highway 167 from Lafayette to the South, turn right at Signal Light in Maurice (Hwy 92), and proceed approximately 1/4 mile, and Woodmen of World Hall will be on your left.

If you are traveling North on U. S. Highway 167 from direction of Abbeville to Lafayette, turn Left at Red Light in Maurice (Hwy 92), and proceed approximately 1/4 mile, Woodmen of World Hall is on your Left.

If you are traveling East on Hwy 92 toward Maurice, the Woodmen of World Hall is on your Right as you approach city limits.

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