



Calling All Cajuns!

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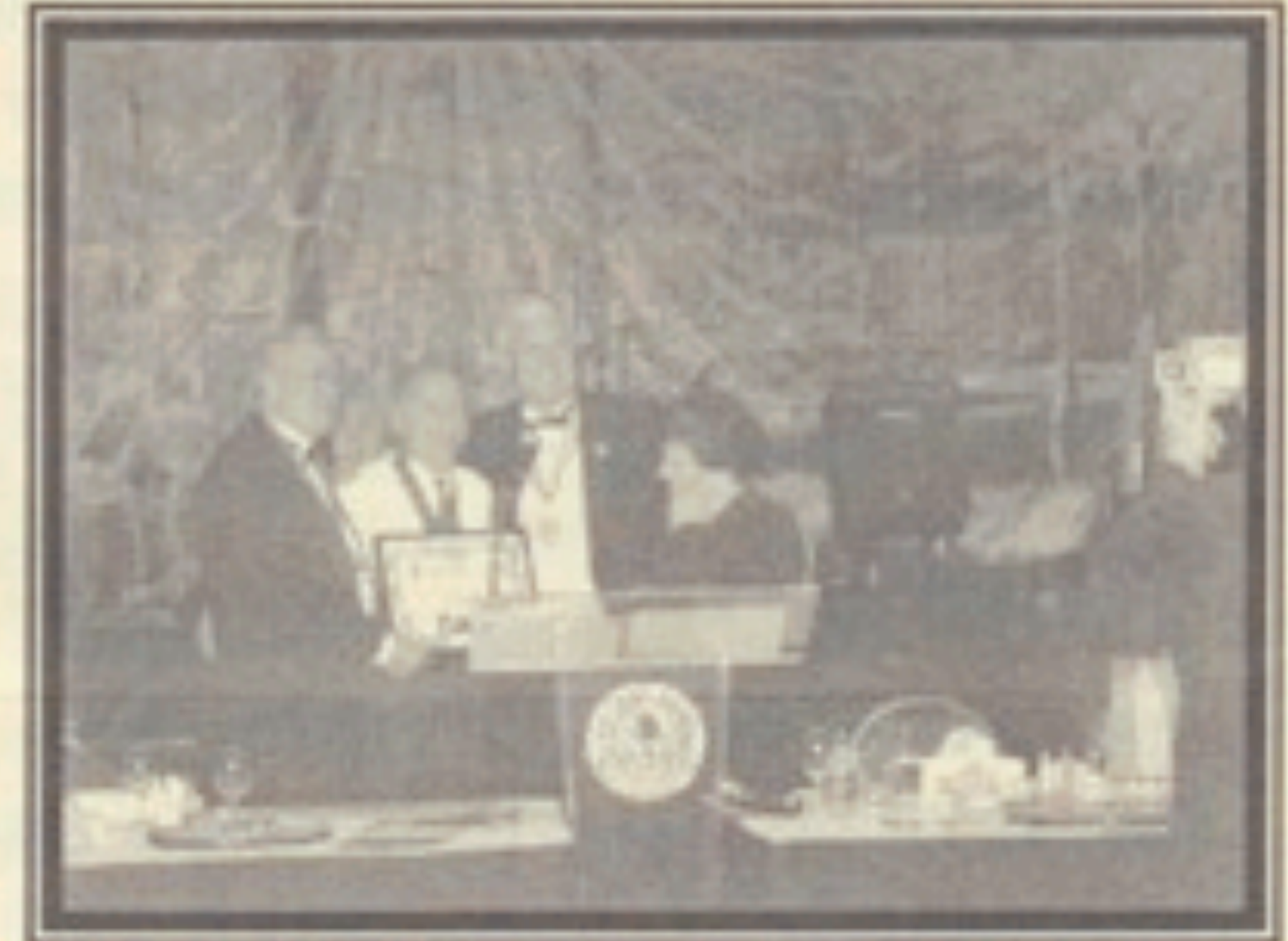
L'Ordre Du Bon Temps - Louisiane 2006

On October 27, 2006, the first celebration of L'Ordre Du Bon Temps – Louisiane 2006 was held at the Cypress Bayou Pavilion. It was a grand night with all attending in their finest attire.



Chef Philippe Parola of Baton Rouge along with the Acadian Memorial chefs began the program by parading into the hall with platters of food just as it was done in 1606, when Champlain established L'Ordre Du Bon Temps in Acadia. President Shirley LeBlanc was surprised when Chef Philippe invited her to twirl with him on the dance floor. Shirley commented, "Now you have to realize I don't know how to dance...but Chef Philippe made me look good and I thank him for that."

Special guest Warren Perrin commended our efforts to promote the history and the culture of our Acadian forefathers. Jean Douglas Comeau from St. Anne University, Church Point, Nova Scotia, an authority on the history of L'Ordre Du Bon Temps, inducted Preston Guillotte as the first Grand Master of L'Ordre Du Bon Temps Louisiane 2006. Preston in turn inducted the charter members of the organization



John Albert Landry wrote and directed a skit, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Jay Jackson, as Chief Maque Chou and his daughter Princess Petite Chou, Renée-Claire Borne, greeted the first Acadians arriving with Beausoleil Broussard played by Richard Landry. Al Landry played the ghost of Samuel de Champlain. It was a great history lesson told in a very entertaining fashion.

Mr. Carroll Langlinois and his band, *Moi-J'aime Ca Comme Ca / I Like It Like That* was great and ended the delightful evening with "Jolie Blonde."

The Acadian Memorial Foundation is very proud to have showcased another event in Acadian history in order to preserve the rich heritage, which was passed down to us by our ancestors. This celebration will become an annual event, along with the Acadian Memorial Festival, which will celebrate 400+ years of Acadian Men Cooking, honoring all the great Acadian chefs.

The following sponsors made our first L'Ordre Du Bon Temps Gala possible.

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Bonjour,
Two thousand and six, a year committed to memory! Despite the tragic storms that surrounded our community, the Acadian Memorial ends this year

with many blessings! This was a difficult year yet a perfect time to find new ways to preserve our Acadian heritage for the local Cajun families, children and tourist around the world.

The efforts of the Acadian Memorial and supporters created a national awareness about our history! A message of acknowledgment from author of "To Honor Our Veterans: A Trilogy," Jason Theriot, applauds our success, "I want to thank you and your volunteers and donors for taking the "Acadian Revival" and preservation movement to a new level—a national level—where others will learn that our history is more than just crawfish, hot sauce and Evangeline. It is about survival, adaptability, ingenuity and longevity. I believe your efforts and that of the Acadian Memorial Foundation will have a generational impact. Fier pour être L'Acadien! (Proud to be an Acadian)"

All who worked on projects this year have much to be proud and grateful for! Read below just a few of our major accomplishments & highlights during 2006.

The History Channel's \$10,000 Save Our History grant and the \$10,000 Lowe's Honors Award gave local junior high students an opportunity to become "detectives" as they studied the history of deported Acadian children. This project, created by Sylvia Bienvenu, brought a major impact on the interpretation of the story of Acadian children's deportation experience!



The White House Preserve America Initiative, First Lady Laura Bush, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, U.S. Department of Education, the History Channel, Save Our History and Cox Media, recognized us nationally. How wonderful that teachers have the opportunity to use the curriculum / project guide, recognized by these

major national organizations, to engage future students in learning through this "active hands-on" classroom approach. For more information, Click on: [Let the Children Speak](#) By Sylvia S. Bienvenu, Ed.S. An Educator's Guide to researching and writing the history and genealogies of Acadian children who arrived in

Louisiana in the late 1700's after being deported from Nova Scotia by the British.

The Acadian Memorial's 2nd Annual Festival offered an added program with the re-enactment of the Acadian's arrival on the Bayou Teche. Two Acadian family names, Hebert and Broussard were honored and this year, on March 17, 2007 the LeBlanc and Trahan families will be honored during the festival. Thanks to the idea of the Festival chairman, Ray Trahan, we can teach the story of the Acadian's settlement in Louisiana through this live visual program.

The Acadian Memorial Foundation initiated a fundraiser organization based on a 400-year-old social eating club called "L'Ordre Du Bon Temps".

In 1606, Samuel de Champlain started this eating club to provide entertainment and satisfy hearty appetites during the long, harsh Acadian winters for his 15 men company. Each took a turn being host for the day by designing his menu on the day's hunt and paraded with their creative dishes before serving.

Christy Marist, past Acadian Memorial President, created the idea to celebrate the anniversary of "L'Ordre du Bon Temps" for a means of bringing our Cajun nation of people together. Now the Cajuns of Louisiana will be a part of the "first club of its kind" in Louisiana.

Join us to enjoy "400 years of Acadian/Cajun Men Cooking: 1606 Acadian/Acadie - 2006 Louisiana /Louisiane. We invited our fellow supporters and Cajun cooks of game and fish to join this chapter just as the first Acadian settlers did. Charter members hope you will participate in the two "soirées" a year to enjoy fellowship and great eating.

The progress accomplished at the Acadian Memorial during a year where many Acadians suffered greatly yet survived, says a great deal of the Cajun people, who are all about "survival, adaptability, ingenuity and longevity" as Jason Theriot's message indicates!

Bon Noel et Bon Année 2007
Brenda Comeaux Trahan
Acadian Memorial Curator/Director

The Acadian Memorial website is now under the process of changes and additions. Karen Reader Theriot and Stanley LeBlanc, Genealogists, have volunteered to research the names on the "Wall of Names" in the Acadian Memorial Hall. Stanley has created an "Addition and Correction" page to the Ensemble Encore database. If you have any additions or corrections to the database please contact either Stanley cajun@thecajuns.com or Karen KATheriot@aol.com. The Acadian Memorial Foundation thanks both Karen and Stanley for volunteering such an undertaking. Visit the Acadian Memorial website www.acadianmemorial.org.

Calling All Children of Acadian/Cajun Descent

THIS IS FOR ALL THE CHILDREN OF ACADIAN/CAJUN DESCENT!



THE ACADIAN MEMORIAL NEEDS YOUR HELP AND WE AT THE MEMORIAL KNOW THAT YOU CAN HELP SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

LATELY WE HAVE BEEN HEARING THIS STRANGE LITTLE CRYING THAT SOUNDED LIKE LITTLE OINKS. WE SEARCHED AND SEARCHED ALL OVER THE HALL AND JUST COULD NOT FIGURE IT OUT. UNTIL ONE DAY WE REALIZED IT WAS OUR LITTLE PIG ON THE "ARRIVAL OF THE ACADIANS IN LOUISIANA" MURAL.

WE ASKED THE PIG "WHY ARE YOU CRYING" AND GUESS WHAT SHE TOLD US? SHE TOLD US SHE WANTED TO HAVE A NAME SO THAT SHE COULD BE REMEMBERED AND OF COURSE SHE WANTS TO BE AN IMPORTANT PIG, WHICH WE ALL KNOW SHE IS ALREADY, OTHERWISE SHE WOULD NOT BE ON THE MURAL.

NOW HERE'S WHERE YOU OUR ACADIAN/CAJUN CHILDREN CAN BE OF GREAT HELP. 1.) YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN A PIG NAMING CONTEST. WE



WILL ANNOUNCE OUR LITTLE PIG'S NAME DURING THE 3RD ANNUAL ACADIAN MEMORIAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL ON MARCH 17, 2007, ST. MARTINVILLE, LA. 2.) YOU CAN BE PART OF A SPECIAL GROUP OF KIDS BY SPONSORING OUR LITTLE PIG; SHE NEEDS A TOTAL OF \$2000.00 BEFORE SHE IS OFFICIALLY SPONSORED. SO SEND YOUR PENNIES, NICKELS AND



DIMES TO HELP MAKE HER FEEL VERY IMPORTANT BY SPONSORING HER. SHE'S COUNTING ON YOU!

BECOME A PART OF THE HISTORY OF THE ACADIAN MEMORIAL BY SHOWING ACADIAN/CAJUN KID POWER BY SUBMITTING THE FOLLOWING FORM.

YOUR NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SCHOOL: _____

PIG'S NAME: _____

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THIS NAME?

IF YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TOWARDS SPONSORING OUR LITTLE PIG, HAVE MOM OR DAD MAKE A CHECK OUT TO THE ACADIAN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION AND MAIL TO:

**ACADIAN MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
P.O. BOX 60188
LAFAYETTE, LA 70506-0188**

Preserve America Summit, New Orleans, LA, October 11, 2006 Sylvia Bienvenu, grant writer and educational director, along with 10 students and one teacher attended the Preserve America Student Summit in New Orleans at the U.S. Customs House. The students who had participated in the Acadian Memorial Save Our History Grant for "Let the Children Speak" were invited to attend. Attending were: Peggy Feehan teacher, students: Alex Cormier, Emily Guidry, Amy Hanks, Alex Cormier, Melissa Pesson, Jolena Broussard, Emily Taylor, Jonathan Armentor, Rainey Guidry and Macy Boudreaux.

Conducted by Chief Historian of the History Channel, to make history education more engaging and fun. The History Channel and the U.S. Dept. of Education will incorporate all of their suggestions into lesson plans and other initiatives!

In her address, First Lady, Mrs. Laura Bush, included the following comments: "Thanks to each and every one of you for what you do every day to protect our special culture and soul of the United States. The historical narrative we preserve must include the contributions of many cultures, and tell the stories of all Americans. And as we protect our country's history for our children and grandchildren to enjoy, we also must educate American children so that they'll continue our work when we're gone.

Many of you have already been hard at work on this task. You've shown how we can encourage young people to be good stewards of our historical and cultural treasures, by encouraging their teachers to use historical sites as educational resources. And you've discussed how communities throughout the country can use their cultural attractions to benefit local economies."

Brenda Comeaux Trahan, Curator/Director, Shirley Thibodeaux LeBlanc, Foundation President, and the entire board of the Acadian Memorial Foundation are extremely proud of the work that was done to deserve this honor. We encourage you to visit the Acadian Memorial, and listen to the children on the mural tell their stories in both English and French. This project, entitled "Let the Children Speak", received a \$10,000 grant from the History Channel, and also won the top honors in Washington, D.C. for best project, which was an additional \$10,000 award from Lowe's.

Let the Children Speak! An Educator's Guide to researching and writing the history and genealogies of Acadian children who arrived in Louisiana in the late 1700s after being deported from Nova Scotia by the British By Sylvia S. Bienvenu, Ed. S. can be found on our website www.acadianmemorial.org.

[Lesson 1 - Who Are the Acadians? Am I one?](#)
[Lesson 2 - Life in Acadie & Louisiana](#) [Lesson 3 - A Field Trip to Discover Acadian History](#) [Lesson 4 - Researching & Writing About the Acadians](#)
[Bibliography](#) [Early Acadian Resource List](#)
[Kids Scoop](#) [Jean Mouton](#)

See **Save Our History: The History Channel** for info on the Acadian Memorial Grant and selection of Jodie Suire, 6th grade teacher, Catholic High School New Iberia, as a 2006 Teacher of the Year.

With these facts and developing their stories, the students have preserved the history of the lives of actual children listed on the "Wall of Names" within the Memorial. The children are now speaking. Whether you have or have not had the opportunity to listen to the children tell their story the Acadian Memorial Foundation encourages you to make plans in the near future to listen to what the children have to say. Their stories are very moving and one you will never forget anytime too soon.



Don't forget March 17th - 3rd Annual Acadian Memorial Festival. 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M., St. Martinville, LA. Wearing of Acadian costumes is encouraged. If you would like to sponsor, volunteer or have a booth contact Ray Trahan - beaufile@bellsouth.net for more information.

The Acadian Memorial Foundation and CAFA have joined forces in planning a bus/plane trip to the Acadian Peninsula for CMA 2009. More information will be coming in the near future.



Calendar of Events

All events are subject to change. Check the Acadian Memorial's website www.acadianmemorial.org for updates.

Feb. 14th - 4:00 P.M. Showing of the 1929 film, "Evangeline". - Acadian Memorial Conference Room
6:00 P.M. - "Calling All Lovers" for a reception at Old Castello Hotel / La Place de Evangeline B&B to honor all lovers who were engaged or married under the famous Evangeline Oak. Learn about Longfellow's influence on St. Martin Parish. Join in the fun and win prizes. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Feb. 27th - 10:00 A.M. - unveiling of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882) plaque. A commemoration and remembrance of Longfellow's 200th birthday and his influence on St. Martinville, Poem "Evangeline", 1929 film "Evangeline" and the writings of Judge Felix Voorhies' true Evangeline, "Acadian Reminiscences."

March 17th - 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 p.m. - Acadian Memorial Cultural Festival showcasing food, music, customs and the reenactment of the arrival of the Acadians honoring the Trahan and LeBlanc families. 2007 Theme: Commemoration of Longfellow's Influence on Cajun history". Wearing of Acadian Costumes is encouraged.

April 17th - Francois Paradis of Portland, Maine, author of "Longfellow" will show the Evangeline film and present a slide show on the film.

April TBA (during week of Festival) - CMA 2009 Question & Answers.

May 1st - May Day to honor the Blessed Mother, patron saint of the Acadians

May TBA - Christy Maraist - Who is Emmeline Labiche and Louis Arceneaux? Lecture on Evangeline and Acadian Reminiscences.

June - TBA - Annual Membership Meeting & Election of Acadian Memorial Foundation Board Members

July 28th - Day of Remembrance when the English signed the order to deport the Acadians

Aug. 15th - 12:00 to 8:00 pm - National Day of the Acadians celebration

Sept. - TBA

October 7th - 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. - Marquis de Lafayette International "Quilts on the Bayou Teche" Festival

October 8th - 14th - Acadian Heritage Week to encourage the study of Acadian/Cajun History

October or November - TBA - L'Ordre Du Bon Temps Celebration - 1606

November 2nd - All Souls Day

December - Cajun Christmas Celebration

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