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**NEXT MEETING      MAY 30, 2026      1:00 PM**  
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**NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL ONLY**

**Happy belated Mother's Day to all mothers!**

Last month was our research meeting and we had a guest speaker; Marcelle Bienvenu. Marcelle was born in St. Martinville, LA, to Marcel Bienvenu and Rhena Broussard. Her father, Marcel, came from a family of 12 children. She attended Catholic School. She provided a fascinating presentation about her life and culinary journey. She shared the beginning history of St. Martinville, Louisiana, including a brief story of Longfellow's famous poem 'Evangeline', which resulted in a 1929 movie from the area. Her Grandfather was the Postmaster; while working there he started a newspaper "The Weekly Messenger". She grew up folding papers and assisted with the printing which started her writing career. She showed us family photos. Her Father was a fisherman, loved to cook, and took her everywhere. Her Mother enjoyed cooking as well. She discussed the Creole and Cajun cuisine noting the roux, the English bread pudding, the German French bread of New Orleans, and the Italian olive oils. She described herself as pure gumbo making. Either it was chicken or seafood. While in Washington, DC she was asked to make gumbo for Hubert Hoover. She wrote for the *Times Picayune*, *Time-Life Books*, *Southern Living*, and others. Ella Brennan influenced her writing and taught her about the restaurant business. She worked with Chef Paul Prudhomme at Commander's Palace. She met Carol Brunet who entertained them at a friend's home and she learned to dance. She assisted Emeril Lagasse with writing cookbooks and with television programs. She owned and operated her own restaurant for a few years in Lafayette. She taught at Nicholls Culinary School for 11 years. Marcelle was featured in many magazines over the years. Today, she continues to reside in St Martinville today, writes cookbooks, and has speaking engagements.

**OUR MEETING THIS MONTH WILL BE ON THE SECOND FLOOR IN THE D.E. ROOM.**

## GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker for this month is Attorney Warren Perrin, founder of the Acadian Museum, and is a skills professor at Loyola Law School. For 16 years he was President of CODOFIL and filed a petition for an apology from Queen Elizabeth for the Acadian Deportation resulting in the 2003 Royal Proclamation. Perrin was awarded the French National Order of Merit and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. He is the author of 12 books on French history and represented the US at Francophone Summits in Romania, Moncton, Quebec, Vietnam, and Switzerland. He was inducted into the Louisiana Justice and the Lafayette Parish Bar Halls of Fame, is a visiting lecturer at Yale University, received the UL's Outstanding Alumni Award, LEH awarded him the Lifetime Contribution to the Humanities and appointed to the Diocese of Lafayette's Historical Commission which prepared reports for the Vatican for the canonizations of the "Little Cajun Saint" Charlene Richard. Stop by and visit us!

## EVENTS

**The Genealogy Club** hosted by Kevn Allemand will meet on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 9:00AM at the Lockport Library in Lockport, LA.

**Books + Beer**, Wednesday, June 24, 2026, German Coast Beer Company, Luling, LA at 6:00PM. GACHGS President Jay Schexnayder will present a history presentation about the Troxler – Troclair - Troclair family.

**The National Genealogical Society 2026 Family History Conference - America** at 250 - May 27–30 2026 | Fort -Wayne, Indiana. For more information <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org> .

## REMINDER

Our newsletters are only sent electronically. If you are a member, we would like to have your email address so that you can get the newsletter.

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<b>2026 MEETING SCHEDULE</b>				
<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ROOM/FLOOR</b>	<b>BOARD</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>
4-25-2026	North Branch	Large Rm		1:00 PM
5-30-2026	Main Branch	D.E. Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
6-27-2026	Main Branch	D.E. Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl		1:00 PM
7-25-2026	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
8-29-2026	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl		1:00 PM
9-26-2026	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
10-31-2026	Main Branch	Large Rm 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
<i>No Meeting in November</i>				
12-12-2026	Main Branch	D.E. Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl		Noon

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