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FIELD TRIP ON MARCH 13, 2021

What a gorgeous day 21 seniors had on this trip to Rosenberg, Wharton, and Bay City!! The sun was out, but it was windy.

First, we stopped at Rosenberg Railroad Museum, where we learned so much from our tour guide. The Garden Railroad was a sight to behold. It is a G gauge model train layout, a historical depiction of Rosenberg and surrounding areas during the 1950s. These model trains are in the "car barn" attached to the building's back to keep the trains cool with air conditioning!

The Caboose was built in 1972 and ran under the Missouri-Pacific Railroad. Their job was to monitor the train's surroundings from its rear, which Conductor, Flagman, and Brakeman did. People lived in this Caboose as it furnished to accommodate all manner of basic human needs. It retired in 1984 but was purchased for display in 2006. Then, in 2018, its exterior was restored to its current state.

Then, we took a walk to Tower 17. It was built in 1903 to monitor the trains coming and prevent collisions. The guide explained the controls they had to watch. This Tower retired in 2004.

Next, we walked to the Quebec that was built in 1879 as a passenger car. Later in the 1920s, it was repainted to its current green and officially named Quebec. It was retired in 1962 due to poor condition and left to rot in a junkyard.

Last, we entered the Education Building where we saw displays of various model types of trains! That was remarkably interesting, and we enjoyed watching those trains go everywhere. The building opened to the public in the Spring of 2020! They even had a Discovery Room for children to play with an assortment of toys and activates (Jim Dermon had so much fun in that room!).

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The Garden Railroad



The Caboose



Tower 17

Next, we stopped at 9er's Grill in Wharton for a delicious lunch. Some of us sat outside to enjoy the weather while others ate inside.

Then, we headed to Wharton Southern Pacific Depot. William Locke was our guide, and he has a deaf Aunt and Uncle. He explained the days when the trains were running through Wharton. It was interesting. We enjoyed walking around the grounds.



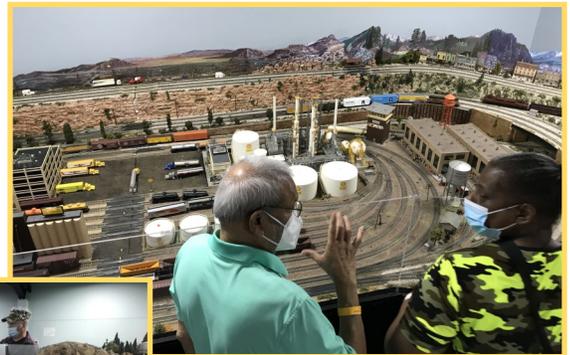
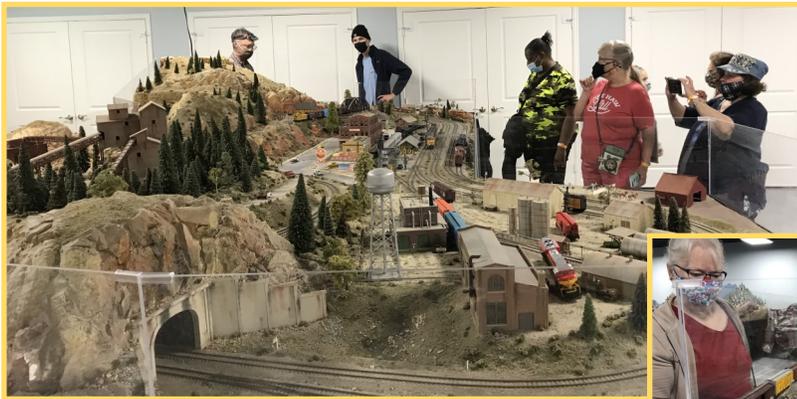
Quebec



The last stop was to Matagorda County Museum. This building was a Post Office that was built in 1958 till they moved to a larger facility in 1989. Then, Matagorda County Museum Association began a campaign in 1990 to raise the money necessary to purchase this building. After renovation and restoration, the building opened to the public in 1992. The Children's Museum is in the basement. On the 1st floor, we were able to view the La-Belle room where this ship sunk in a storm. All the artifacts were extracted and on display. We learned all about Sieur de La Salle, who was the leader of an expedition to locate the Mississippi River but went off course and landed in Matagorda Bay. It was interesting to read about the history of that time.

Then, we headed to Buc-ee's for refreshments. It was an enjoyable trip for the day!!!

Written by Nancy Morris



Education Building



Wharton Southern Pacific Depot



Special Thanks to Ann Hornbeak for interpreting.



Matagorda County Museum



Field Trip to Port Arthur, TX

Saturday: April 10, 2021

Cost \$5 Deadline: April 7th

- Museum of the Gulf Coast
- Pompeiiian Villa
- Luncheon on Your Own (Casa Ole)
- Sabine Pass Battleground Site



Contact: Jim Dermon—936-828-4013

Meet at Woodhaven at 6:30 AM

Bus Leaves at 7:00 AM



FIELD TRIP POMPEII HOUSTON MUSEUM

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Cost: \$5.00 Deadline: May 1st

Luncheon on Your Own at
Cleburne Cafeteria

Contact: Jim Dermon

936-828-4013

Meet at Woodhaven at 8:15 AM

Bus Leaves at 8:45 AM



It looks pretty after putting it in at 350° oven for 20 minutes. It is elegant and can be used often. Thanks to Jan Dermon who taught us how to paint many pictures on mugs. We enjoyed it.

Happy Patrick's Day!!

Christine Johnson

Renewals:

Mike Clifton, Margo Jarreau, Sheila Kennedy, Clifford Menard Jr, Lydia Minor, Troy/Margie Graham, Ann Wheeler, Gertie Session

New Subscription— Valeria Gomez

Gift Subscription — Regina Castillo (Nancy Morris)

Donation to Project Love Fund — Lydia Minor

On behalf of HDSCFLF board, we want to thank you for your kind donation. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of Houston Deaf Citizens. Thank you again for your kindness.



Jim Dermon, Treasurer



ZOOM
Conference Schedule
1:00—2:30 PM
April 14th

Jim Dermon, host, will send the meeting ID# and passcode the day before. If you want to join, please contact Jim at 936-828-4013.

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Cookie's Story--Spring Wanderings

For more than two weeks, I walked with my human Mom to a pond as part of our daily walk. I also enjoyed seeing the domestic ducks at this pond. One day I noticed that three ducks seemed to be always together, two white ducks and a smaller, colorful male mallard with a green head. Each time I went to the tiny pond, I noticed more about this odd three-some. Often, I saw them sitting together as if friends, but the little one would sit between them. The mallard was not letting the twice bigger white male with a dark head get near to the other all-white duck. It would seem an excellent pair to have two white ducks "marry off." But that determined mallard wasn't having it. He was busy all day steering the other male away. A few days ago, I found a white duck, now obviously a female, sitting on her nest, hidden in the bushes. Next, I wonder what the ducklings will look like. Stay tuned!



Written by Carolyn Dill
Photo by Jan Dermon

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