

**LOS Spring Meeting, Cameron
First Baptist Church
Minutes
Friday, April 29, 2011**

President Linda Stewart Knight welcomed members and especially New Members. She thanked those who worked to organize the meeting: Joanne Nunez and Cyndi Sellers, Judith O'Neale, Elouise Mullen, Eva Lydick, Joelle Finley and Ken Harris, The Cameron Police Jury for free passes to the East Jetty and The Cameron Parish Tourist Commission.

Linda introduced Gay Gomez who spoke about the success of the recent re-introduction of Whooping Cranes into the White Lake area. Donation forms are available on the registration table for those wishing to make a donation to the project. The annual report will be given to all who make a \$100 or more donation.

Linda introduced the speaker. Bob Loudon, a long time member of LOS, is retired from a career in industrial automation and instrumentation. His retirement vocation is photography. Bob says "Some folks have bass boats to go out and catch that trophy fish, or hunting camps and fine rifles to bag that big buck. I have chosen to let my subjects live on so I can capture them again and again in the wonderment of life's action play." Bob and Joy joined a group of LOS members on a recent trip to Cuba. His presentation was "The Birds of Western Cuba: A Study of Endemic and Non Endemic Species".

Linda announced that Saturday's field trip will be led by Ed Wallace. Meet in the parking lot of the Cameron Motel at 7:00 AM. Judith discussed what areas are open for birding.

Linda announced that Saturday's meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted by:
Joelle Finley, secretary
May 4, 2011

**Minutes of the LOS Spring Meeting
First Baptist Church, Cameron
Saturday, April 30, 2011**

President Linda Stewart Knight called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed members, guests and especially any new members. She thanked those who helped organize the meeting: JoAnn Nunez and Cyndi Sellers, Judith O'Neale, Elouise Mullen, Eva Lydick, Joelle Finley and Ken Harris, The Cameron Catering Ladies for preparing the meal and the Cameron Police Jury for providing free passes to the East Jetty.

Linda introduced the officers and board of directors of LOS: Linda Stewart-Knight-President, Ed Wallace-Vice-President, Judith O'Neale-Treasurer, Joelle Finley-Secretary, Nancy Menasco-Past-President, Board Member Jackie Duncan-SW/Central LA, Steve Pagans-North LA, Curt Sorrells-SE LA, LOS NEWS Editor-Bob Hamilton and JLO Editor- Jennifer Coulson.

Linda introduced Marty Guidry who presented the 201a LOS Awards. The President Awards to Jane Patterson and The Cameron Parish Tourist Commission (Capt. Sammie Faulk and Jo Ann Nunez) and the George H. Lowery, Jr. Award to Dr. Jennifer O. Coulson.

Linda introduced Carrie Salyers from the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries for an update on the Louisiana Whooping Cranes. There are 10 one year old Whoopers, one of whom is residing on his own. Donations can be made to the LA Wildlife and Fisheries and a "support endangered species" car license plate will soon be available. Trips can be made to see the Whoopers for \$300/day, up to 15 people. Carrie also mentioned that the American Flamingo had returned to Cameron and could be found in Grand Chenier in the back yard at 4253 Hwy 82. Judith presented a donation to the project from LOS, LABA and others..

Linda introduced the evening's speakers, John and Cindy Hartgerink from Baton Rouge. John and Cindy have amassed over 200,000 photos of the Bluebonnet Swamp in Baton Rouge. John from Zeeland, Michigan and Cindy from around Opelousas met while working at ExxonMobil and are both retired after 35 years. Their presentation tonight will be "Window on Bluebonnet Swamp: What Birds and Birders Find."

VP Ed Wallace called the check list, 176 species.

Judith drew for door prizes and announced the Yellow Rails and Rice Festival would be held October 27-30.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectively submitted by
Joelle Finley, secretary, May 4, 2011