

DISPATCH FROM THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2010-11

The Board of Directors, elected at the Sept. 22 annual meeting, include:

Ray Chavanne (2010-13)
Ruby Davis (2010-12)
Bob Hayes (2008-11)
Don Elfert (2010-12)
Daniel Iyoub (2008-11)
George Kuffel (2008-11)
Loretta LeBato (2010-13)

Board positions will be decided upon at the first board meeting scheduled for Wed., Oct. 20, 2011, 3 p.m. at the University Police conference room.

MSU RETIREES

Congratulations!

Kathie Bordelon
Joe Cash
Merry Chandler
Jerry Denny
Anne Dye
Mark Ethridge
Brian Ezell
Robert Hebert
Monique Nagem
Stella Nesanovich
Betty Robertson
Judy Savoie
Theresa Wilfert

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Shangri La Botanical Gardens & Nature Center

Since the publication of the book *Lost Horizon* in 1933, the term "Shangri La" has represented a place of beauty, peace and enlightenment. In Orange, TX, a modern Shangri La has been recreated with the best of both nature and gardens.

Nestled within 252 acres in the heart of Orange, TX, Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center is a program of the Nelda C. and H. J. Lutcher Stark Foundation, a private foundation whose mission is to improve and enrich the quality of life in Southeast Texas and encourage and assist education.

The formal Botanical Gardens contain more than 300 plant species in five formal "rooms" as well as four sculpture "rooms." Adjacent to the Botanical Gardens is a bird blind which allows visitors to observe nesting birds in Shangri La's heronry.

The Nature Center includes a hands-on exhibit called the Nature Discovery Center, a laboratory, and three outdoor classrooms located deep in the cypress swamp. The Orientation Center includes an Exhibit Hall, Discovery Theater, Exhibition Greenhouses, The Star and Crescent Moon Café and Garden Store.

As one of the most earth-friendly projects in the world, Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center offers a glimpse of how people can live in harmony with nature. The combination of gardens and nature at Shangri La presents a serene oasis for retreat and renewal, as well as the opportunity to explore, discover and learn. Visit Shangri La and rekindle your sense of wonder.

Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010

**Meet at University Police on Ryan St. at 8:45 a.m.
Travel to Orange, TX by McNeese Passenger Bus
Return to Campus Approximately 3:30 p.m.**

**Outriders Members—\$45 Guests Welcome—\$55
Cost includes transportation, lunch, snacks and entry fee.**

RSVP to Jennifer at 562-4191

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010, *Our Hurricane Kaleidoscope and Wine and Cheese Social*, 6:45 p.m., Abercrombie Gallery prior to play/Shearman Fine Arts for play.

Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010, *Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center*, 8:45 a.m., meet in University Police parking lot.

Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010, *Homecoming Parade Stands*, 6:30 p.m., across from President's home.

Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010, *Homecoming Game*, 7 p.m., Cowboy Stadium (request tickets by calling Jennifer at 562.4191).

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010, *Christmas Party*, 6-8 p.m., La Jeunesse Room.

Date and time to be announced, *Fifth Annual Picnic*, President's Home.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Mr. Anthony and Dr. Loretta LeBato

Being a mother to three active children can be a full time job, but when you add to that teaching at McNeese State University while completing your graduate studies, one has to wonder where you find the time.

Dr. Loretta LeBato joined the faculty at McNeese in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science degree in health and physical education, and with dual Masters degrees in education, administration and supervision, and health and physical education. She continued her studies with support from her husband, Anthony, receiving a doctorate degree from Texas Women's University in 1970.

The importance of education wasn't lost on their three children. One child became a lawyer, one child became a physician and one child became an air traffic controller. Dr. LeBato retired as department head of health and physical education (health and human performance) in 1992 after 26 years of service.

Since retirement, Loretta and Anthony have spent their time traveling to China, Italy, Spain, Turkey, Greece, Portugal, Russia, Africa and many other destinations. Their trips have included air, rail and water transportation. When not traveling, they spend time with their children and six grandchildren. Their granddaughters, ages 7 and 10, spend the summers with them. Other favorite pastimes include gambling for Loretta and gardening for Anthony.

While Loretta misses the people she worked with, she doesn't miss the day-to-day workload.

Anthony and Loretta celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in August 2010.

OUTRIDER PICNIC HISTORY GAME

Clearing Up the Controversy

QUESTION: What was the female counterpart to the ROTC?

ANSWER: MACs (McNeese Auxiliary Corps)

Excerpt from *McNeese State University, The College Series*, by Kathie Bordelon

When the ROTC was formed on campus in 1942, the female students promptly voted unanimously to organize their own training program. Dolive Benoit became the supervisor of the MACs, who drilled regularly, organized a drum and bugle corps, participated in Red Cross activities, and studied ways in which women could help with the war effort. After the war, the organization served the college and the community by assisting in school and civic projects.

Excerpt from the *Lake Charles American Press, McNeese Girls Become MACS—Name is Chosen for Drill Unit*

The women students of McNeese Junior college have chosen the name MACS as the official title for their war service organization.

Suggestions for naming this organization were submitted the first three days of this week in a name contest sponsored by the "Contraband," school paper.

Thursday, a committee, chosen by the editor of the paper, and made up of Major Sanford Brown, Miss Miriam Callender, Miss Dolive Benoit, Lila Lee Miller and Juanita Greene, selected the names which seemed to best cover the purpose of the war service program. These suggestions were then submitted to the women students, and were voted on.

The name MACS stands for **Military** service for physical fitness; **Academic** training for mental fitness; **Cultural** training for social fitness; and **Scientific** training for professional fitness.

This special war service program for McNeese women has been operating approximately one month. The program consists of military drill twice a week and special war service classes the remaining three days. The name MACS was the choice of the women students because it covers not only the drill unit, but the war classes as well.

The drill unit has now advanced to the point where the women can have their own officers. These women officers will be appointed within the next week. The unit will also be in uniform in a week's time.

SOURCES:

McNeese State University 1939-1987, *A Chronicle*, Joe Gray Taylor (p. 18)

McNeese State University, *College History Series*, Kathie Bordelon (p. 79)

Lake Charles American Press, Friday-Dec. 4, 1942

Outriders Members

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| Ilene & Charles Ardoin | Damary & James Edmonds | Victor Monsour, Sr. |
| Marylyn & Eldon Bailey | Don Elfert | Sandra & Nolan Moore |
| Brenda Birkett | Mark Ethridge* | Wilma & Roy "Toddy" Moore |
| Natalie & Hubert Boales | Sharon & Brian Ezell* | Ivy Mouton |
| Judy & Tommy Bogle | Linda Finley | Monique Nagem* |
| Kathie & Bruce Bordelon* | LeVergne & Charles Fogleman | Betty & Curtis Nelson |
| Darilyn & Eugene Bouquet | Fern Foster | Stella Nesanovich |
| Mary Ann Ogea & Avie Bourque | Joanne & David Frantz | Catherine and Kermit Pilgreen |
| Lydia & Joe Cash* | Judy & William Gardiner | Nancy Pullig |
| Merry J. Chandler* | Anita Fields and Maurice Gold | Jo Ann & James Reed |
| Billie & Raymond Chavanne | Marguerite Hall | Beverly Reina |
| Barbara & Gene Coatney | Adrienne & Russell Ham | Betty Robertson* |
| Phyllis & Spence Cuevas | B.E. Hankins | Billie & Stearns Rogers |
| Susan Kelso & Peter Dart | Annette Harlow | Judy A. Savoie* |
| Ruby Davis | Nell & Bob Hayes | Adreinna and Charley Sparks |
| Jerry & William Denny II* | Lilly Ann & Robert Hebert* | Billie F. Spencer |
| Marlene & Larry DeRouen | Nancy & Frederick Himel | Maxine Steckelberg |
| June Devall | Mary and James Hooper | Lalitha & Sundaram |
| Lawrence Dilks | Ursula & Daniel Ieyoub | Swetharanyam |
| Helen & Wilridge Doucet | Cora & Roy Johnston | Helen Taylor |
| Judy Dronet | Nancy & Ed Khoury* | Sena & John Theall |
| Virgie Dronet | Nancy & George Kuffel | Robert Turner |
| Brenda Dugas | Loretta & Anthony LeBato | Joyce & John Vaughan |
| Irene Dugas | Doris & J. Bennett Lewis | Charles Whitman |
| Jo Anne Durand | Barbara & John Lowin | Theresa & Leonard Wilfert* |
| Anne & Joe Dye* | Maria & Mike McCall | Mary & Charles Zebley |

**Denotes 1st-year retirement*

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The family of George Hall, husband of Marguerite Hall
The family of Robert Hankins, son of Dr. B.E. Hankins
The family of Ben Harlow, husband of Annette Harlow

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