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### Mardi Gras in Cajun Country

## MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT By Carol Doucet

To all of our members and your families, we wish *une Bonne et Heureuse Année* (a Happy and Prosperous New Year). Did you receive any *étrennes*? Do you know someone who has gotten *étrennes*? Check the article in this newsletter for an explanation of *étrennes*.

Read the fine articles written by our LDDM board members. They do come up with interesting material. See how you can get involved.

We are sending two membership/renewal forms to each Les Doucet du Monde member. One is for you to renew if you have not done so yet; the second is for you to pass on to a Doucet or Doucet descendant. If you have renewed, give the forms to two interested persons.

Please give the five business cards enclosed to interested persons so they can contact the LDDM board to receive more information about our Doucet family organization or to get a membership form.

So that LDDM can better serve our members, please let one of the board members know what you would like us to add, for instance, on the web site, in the newsletter, or activities. What can we do differently? What changes do you want?

Those of us who have been active in Les Doucet du Monde since the beginning have seen major additions: newsletters which now include a queries section where members can seek help in their Doucet genealogy, membership certificates, our LDDM logo, T-shirts, a constantly improving web site, activities/get togethers. Feel free to send comments and suggestions to the board so that we can continue to improve our Doucet family organization, Les Doucet du Monde.

### **GENEALOGY QUERIES**

We would like to have as a regular feature in each newsletter a section for members to submit genealogy queries. If you have reached a "brick wall" in your research and would like to seek help from other members, submit your query, including as much information as possible. Include your name, address, E-mail address (and phone number, if you wish). We will publish it and ask members to reply to you. Please advise our web master Dean Doucet (see contact info on page 1) of any information you receive so it can be added to the Miscellaneous Section of the Genealogy Section on our web

I am looking for genealogical background on Marie Louise Doucet, b. abt. 1737, daughter of Pierre Doucet and Marie Francoise Pago. Marie Louise Doucet married Pierre Fontenot dit Bellevue in Mobile, Ala. Abt. 1755. This couple had a daughter Angelique who married Noel Etienne Soileau s/o Noel Etienne Soileau and Marie Josephe Richaume in New Orleans, LA on June 30, 1771.

Harold Prejean, Jr. 116 Vieux Orleans Circle, Unit B Lafayette, LA 70508-5041

By: Jacqueline Auclair

At the beginning of February, my husband, Gary and I, along with friends from CA and Maine, attended an Elderhostel in Lafayette, Louisiana. This particular Elderhostel was to introduce us to the Cajun culture of food, music, and the partying that leads up to Ash Wednesday every year. Our opening evening event was a young man (compared to the rest of us) named Ryan Brasseaux who spent 21/2 hours explaining Cajuns vs. Creoles, then onto the evolution of the music in Cajun country, and next the Cajun Mardi Gras with its various costumes, music, and local customs. With degrees in both Anthropology and Francophone studies, he was excellent in his presentation, and the majority of us didn't want him to leave as we had so many questions about his various subjects. Our dinner that night introduced us to the first sampling of Cajun foods such as gumbo, boudin, and cracklins (too hot for this northern girl). Our first King Cake was also introduced this night, and a Queen and King were crowned according to who found the baby in the cake. King Cake was initiated to celebrate the Christian celebration of Epiphany or (Little

the name of King's Day. It is oval in shape, and decorated with the colors of green, yellow and purple which is meant to represent the gifts of the Wise Men.

Christmas) on January 6, which also goes by

A small plastic baby is placed in each cake as a symbol of "Finding the Baby Jesus". This has become a Mardi Gras tradition and whoever finds the baby in the cake becomes the King or Queen for that day, and is responsible for bringing a King Cake to the next celebration.

The next morning, our first field trip took us to the Jean Lafitte Culture Center where most of the group were introduced to a history that they were not aware had taken place--the Deportation of Acadians in 1755. The film was an eye opener to many of them and there was even a tear or two when the film was finished. The Acadian Museum at the Center was very well done. We then traveled to the Acadian Village where Acadian homes from 1820 to 1900 were open for viewing along with a small original church. Because the settlers were taxed if they had a stairway inside the home, most of the stairs to the second floor were outside the house on the front porch. Our day was rainy and cold so I can imagine that living conditions in those homes must have been very difficult for the early settlers.

The third day was extremely exciting as we had Lou and Cal Courville, a Cajun couple, give us dance lessons on the Cajun waltz, two-step, and a jig. Most of us did pretty well with the waltz and two-step as long as the music was fairly slow, but when the music cranked up to a faster pace, well that is another story. Lou and Cal made it look so easy! An unusual instrument was introduced to us that morning. It was a washboard (frottoir) that hung on one's body like a vest. To make the beat, one used something metal and went up and down the board, but one hand had to go one way and the other the opposite way. Not an easy procedure

especially when you want to keep the beat of the music being played. Our next field trip was to Crowley, LA (Rice Capital of LA) where the Crystal Rice farm was located, and where the crawfish were harvested in the rice fields. The wet rice fields are used for the dual purpose of growing rice and crawfish. The crawfish we consumed for lunch that day were from those fields. It is quite an interesting process they have put into practice, and Cajuns just love their crawfish when they are in season.

They love their music just as much and it is an extremely important part of the Cajun culture in Louisiana. Fiddles and accordions are the basic instruments. We visited the Martin Accordion business and were treated to some extremely great Cajun music by Carl Martin and his family. His six-year-old grandson who was learning the washboard was quite a hit. The Cajun accordion is not a keyboard type of accordion, but a button accordion, and all the Martin accordions are this type. They are put together entirely by this family, and have a high reputation for a quality product. Many are used by well-known personalities throughout the world. There is no known written music for the button accordion, and therefore, all of the accordion music the Cajun's play is music that has been passed down through the years.

Saturday morning was a field trip to rural Church Point to view the old Mardi Gras tradition of the chicken chase. This particular one was the "Children's Courir" and it started at 6 a.m. with the children being transported from farm to farm asking if they could catch a chicken. The young captains would approach the owners seeking permission to go on the property. Once granted, a chicken would be hoisted into the air and the chase would begin. There were many different age groups and all the children were in costume. children did the chase by age groups (unlike the adults), and once a chicken was caught, it was time to go to the next farm. This tradition goes way back in rural country, and each chicken caught Cajun was to be killed and used for the gumbo gathering that evening. The farm we were at was hosted by some Acadian descendents and it was such fun talking to the family members. We left this gathering and went to La Heritage where we heard some great Cajun music, and had a history lesson on the fiddle and accordion. Bob Reed, and his son Mitch, who is a fiddle player but also is classically trained on the Cello presented the lesson to us. I think the building shook a little from all the foot stomping! One of the tour people happened to find Mama Redell's Cook Book in the gift shop and of course a number of us had to buy it. Come and visit and I'll attempt Cajun Food or at least her bread pudding. The Catholics in the group (about 70% of us) attended Saturday afternoon Mass at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral in Lafayette, where we were fortunate to have the Bishop celebrate the Mass. This particular cathedral is extremely beautiful and well

worth visiting.

Earlier in the day our ULL (University of Louisiana at Lafayette) bus driver thought he was picking us up later than planned so that was the beginning of "Mama said there'd be days like this", and it continued until after King Bonaparte's Parade that evening. This was our first parade, but not our last. Parades start right after January 6 and continue through Fat Tuesday. One bystander told me that you don't take your Christmas tree down until Ash Wednesday, but on January 6 the Christmas decorations go away, and Mardi Gras decorations adorn the tree. I doubt many of them have live trees for this custom. I think there had been about three parades during this particular day. Many bands and "Krewe" (Mardi Gras social clubs) floats had the members tossing beads constantly to the spectators along the parade route. All Krewe members on the float were in costume, and the decorated floats were nicely done. It was such a kick trying to catch the beads. Our final "Mama said there'd be days like this" adventure was next to come. We got aboard our Red Raging Cajun ULL bus to head back, and the local police directed the bus down a narrow street. Only problem was that people were all partying up and down the street, and there was only room for one vehicle. As we attempted to take a jammed corner, everyone heard a big thump. We couldn't back up and we couldn't go forward. We had hit a truck! Mama Redell had to call the police, and we were stuck there for over an hour, but all was not lost. We were stuck in front of a house where a full swinging party was taking place, and we, getting in the spirit, started throwing our beads out the window to the young adults, and then one of them boarded our bus and entertained us with jokes. We kept saying, there's a Priest on board (there was), but he was very cautious in his language so Fr. Charlie wouldn't be telling him to go to confession. With some clever maneuvering we got the bus free and were able to leave our predicament. Mama Redell stayed behind with the police to file the report, and guess what? We were not at fault. The driver of the truck was parked in a no parking zone next to a fire hydrant. A big no no.

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de Mardi Gras" which also started at 6 a.m. We had hoped to see the men take off from the David house, but fate was against us again. We ran into the Eunice Mardi Gras parade and had to wait until this finished. I think there were at least 75 floats in the parade so we got off the bus to view them. Of course, we acquired more

beads, which tend to get heavy after a while. We made it to the farm where the men would have their last Chicken Chase. Now many of the costumed men were

on horseback and had been consuming beer since 6 a.m. so needless to say they were having a great time. One had



to be very careful when the chicken was tossed as horse hooves were flying, and people running here and there. All the men had costumes and some were pretty risqué. Lunch was close by and consisted of gumbo again, (like spaghetti sauce, every gumbo is different, but always spicy) and we got to practice our new dance steps in the music hall. The locals know how to really dance fast. We had a small farewell ceremony in the evening where we all became "Honorary Cajuns," and on Monday most of the group left except for eight of us in my group who had decided to stay for Mardi Gras on Feb. 8 at the suggestion of Carol and Eldine.

Monday morning, Carol and Eldine became our tour guides and took us to St. Martinville where there is a small Acadian museum, and other Acadian history. We went into the "Spider Museum" (Musée du Petit Paris) and saw many of St. Martinville's former Mardi Gras Queens and Kings outfits. Extremely elaborate and very beautiful. I'll save the Spider Museum and St. Martinville story for the next newsletter.

The morning of Fat Tuesday, we viewed the Gabriel and Evangeline parade in Lafayette which turned out to be one of the better parades that we had seen. The floats were very pretty, and this parade provided us with some very unusual beads along with other trinkets. Tuesday evening after a light dinner with Carol and Eldine, the four remaining couples donned our fancy ball dresses, and the men got into their tuxedos for the Gabriel and Evangeline Ball. This was a public ball, where all the other balls that take place in the Krewes are private. Eldine's friend was able to get tickets for all of us. We first viewed the King and Queen Pageant and were very impressed with its elegance and beauty. The 12 maids in waiting were all dressed in different long fancy white dresses with long white gloves. After the pageant, we went into the dance hall and proceeded to dance to a full swing band. The King and Queen made their grand entrance with their court, and many people went to talk to them on their throne. Gary and I went up and introduced ourselves and told them we had come all the way from CA for this event. They were impressed. A grand night was had by all.

Mardi Gras in Cajun country is definitely the way to go!! Give it a try, as one cannot beat southern hospitality.

## MORE NEW FEATURES ADDED AND CHANGES MADE TO LDDM WEB SITE

By: Lou Doucet

Since the last newsletter Dean and I have made more changes to the web site. A new feature has been added to the opening page, where you can see a list of the recent changes to the web site. On a site like ours it makes it nice to be able to see where new things have been added, so you don't have to jump around to find them. Another new addition, along this same line, is a form where you can register to get an email notification when the web site has been updated. Non-members, who want to request written information on the Association, can do so by using this form.

New content has been added to the following:

- New information has been added to many of the Germain generations.
- Several new Links have been added to the Links section.

Another project we are looking into is adding photographs from the 1999 Reunion, in Louisiana. Photos of the events are needed. If you have any photos that you would like to share with others, let me know. We need to have them in digital format if possible. They can be from digital camera, or they can be scanned from photographs. One important thing is, do not reduce them to low resolution. If you scan photos, scan them at 300 Dots Per Inch. If they come from a digital camera, send them without any resizing or modifications. You can email them to me, or burn them to a CD and mail them. Also if you can identify any of the people in the photos please do so. Just give me the photo number (file name), and name the people from left to right.

Please visit the web site and check out the new additions. If there is anything you would like to see added, please let us know. Also, if you have any questions about the web site, contact Dean at <a href="mailto:ajcajun@mchsi.com">ajcajun@mchsi.com</a> or me at <a href="mailto:ldoucet@fsfa.com">ldoucet@fsfa.com</a>. Please, send Dean your genealogical line. If you have already submitted your family's line, send in any updates which you may have. The information, which you submit, may be just what someone has been looking for.

# YOUR FAMILY HISTORY COULD LAND YOU ON TV

Submitted by: Jim Gaboury

(This interesting announcement from "History Detectives" appeared in the "MN Families" newsletter of the Minnesota Genealogical Society, Volume 36, No. 1)

January 5 Did your family make its mark on history? Your genealogy research could land you on History Detectives, the hit PBS program, produced by OPB TV, which returns for its third season this summer.

Is your family history connected to a significant moment in America's history? Let History Detectives in on the story! If your genealogy research has turned up clues that your ancestors played a key role in a history-making event, History Detectives wants to help you piece the puzzle together. You

and the ghosts of ancestors past could appear on PBS's hit series this summer!

History Detectives will also feature a school-kid History Detective this summer along with their cool case. Kids are urged to ask relatives if there is a family mystery that needs solving, then grab a parent and go to the History Detectives Web site where you can submit it together. The detectives are looking for stories about old houses, family heirlooms, or local legends that might contain a fascinating mystery from our nation's past. If your story is chosen, you'll appear on the programs and solve your mystery right alongside our detectives on TV:

### SUBMIT YOUR MYSTERY ONLINE AT

pbs.org/historydetectives

### OR BY MAIL:

History Detectives, Oregon Public Broadcasting, 7140 SW Macadam Ave., Portland, OR 97219

### IT'S ALL RELATIVE

By: Pat Hayes

One of the best moments of our Nova Scotia trip last summer was the opportunity to meet so many cousins at the Doucet Reunion and to have the chance to put a face to many individuals with whom we had corresponded or whom we had heard about. A lot can happen in the five years before the next Acadian reunion in 2009. To keep those fragile kindlings of friendship and camaraderie alive, we are proposing a new column for our newsletter called "It's All Relative."

We invite you to send in to us by regular mail of E-mail notice of events that are significant in your life. These could include births, marriages, deaths, promotions, retirements, trips or any other items that you would like to share with your Doucet cousins through the LDDM newsletter. News of a trip might best be sent after the event, as we don't want to advertise an unoccupied home.

We welcome your notices at Pat's E-mail address or Les Doucet du Monde, 1 Lougheed Court, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 5K8, Canada.

## IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2005!

ENLOSED ARE TWO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORMS. USE ONE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND GIVE THE SECOND APPLICATION BLANK TO ANOTHER DOUCET COUSIN AND INVITE HIM TO JOIN.

WE HAVE MEMBERS FROM ALL OVER THE US AND CANADA AND FRANCE AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST:

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ARIZONA
BRITISH COLUMBIA
CALIFORNIA
CONNECTICUT
FLORIDA
FRANCE
LOUISIANA
MAINE
MASSACHUSSETTS
MINNESOTA

NEVADA

NEW BRUNSWICK
NEW HAMPSHIRE
NEWFOUNDLAND
NORTH CAROLINA
NOVA SCOTIA
OREGON
ONTARIO
QIEBEC
TEXAS
VERMONT
VIRGINIA
WISCONSIN



### ACADIAN/CANADIAN CHAPTER NEWS

### By: George Doucette Acadian/Canadian Chapter President



Happy 2005 to everyone from the home of the 2004 Doucet Family reunion, beautiful Nova Scotia. As most of you who attended the festivites of last summer know the reunion was very well received and the attendance was fantastic. To see so many Doucets/Doucettes in one area at the same time was a good thing for us all. We met new cousins, reunited with old cousins and generally had fun rehashing stories we haven't heard for many years. To see the various ages there proved that people are interested with family history.

One lady with whom I personally had a long conversation was from Texas, I believe. She was in a wheelchair and on her lap was her family tree. Hand drawn on bristal board she showed and explained to me her family from Germain on down that had about six different splits and all came down to her. It was a joy to see all the work she had put into this tree and she was very proud to show it off to anyone who took the time to stop by and talk to her. I for one thank her for bringing this with her on her journey.

The LDDM booth that was set up with the help of many wonderful people, was kept busy through the day with many inquiries about the group and with Dean and Lou answering questions about the web site and family trees it made for a very successful display. We did in fact attract quite a few new members and hopefully this is a trend that will continue well into the future. Good job to all and keep up the good work.

A few of us decided to take a journey to Port Royal so they could see where our ancestors began their lives in a new land. Jim Gaboury, Darlene Nielson, Gary & Jackie Auclair, and my wife Bertha and I traveled to the Habitation where we were greeted by a cousin Joel Doucette. We all had a look at the way life was back then with the small rooms and sleeping quarters, not what they are today. We then proceeded to raise a cup at the banquet table where the Order of Good Cheer was celebrated and made famous. I encourage anyone who visits Nova Scotia to take a drive to the Habitation; it is a must see for history buffs.

We then went to Annapolis Royal and the site of Fort Anne. We did not get a chance to actually go inside the museum as we were entertained by some actors recreating some drills outside the Fort. They demonstrated some marching skills and we were also treated to the firing of a cannon. Again another good stop on your tour agenda. We then proceeded to leave town when we spotted a local heritage building that housed some wonderful family history. The people inside were very helpful and had we had more time we would have stayed and gotten more information on some of the Doucet activities of that early era.

Back at the reunion we all listened to Stephen White and his topic on the Doucets. He was a very interesting speaker and one who, given the time, could really tell us more on the lives of the Acadians. His research has been a blessing for all Acadians and we should be thankful for his knowledge. As some of you may have read some letters from a gentleman who is making some claims Germain may have come from Belgium and that we may have to have DNA tests done to clear up who we are, one thing for me is clear, I AM Acadian and proud of it and no matter where Germain may have been born and until I see documented proof I will continue to be descended from Germain.

I do hope all Doucets/Doucettes continue to support the LDDM and write to any of the members of the board with any suggestions you may have to make this your Family Organization of choice. We need people like you to help keep this group focused on what matters to you, what is interesting to you, how can we improve, let us know, because without your input and continued support we would not exist. We want to continue to piece all the Doucet/Doucettes together and one day say we are completed, so we need your help to make this dream a reality. Please give us your thoughts and suggestions. We are here for you.

I would like to take this time to thank all members of the LDDM for your continued support. It was truly a good meet and greet last summer and Carol and Eldine thank you for your many efforts, and your visit was wonderful for me to finally meet the man who has been our leader and editor of a excellent newsletter.

### ACADIAN RECIPE CORNER -TRADITIONS REMEMBERED By: Michele Doucette

I have many positive memories with regards to my Grandmother Feeley (née Breau) and her farmhouse, complete with woodstove. As coordinator of the Acadian GenWeb, I find that I am quite eager to share Acadian recipes.

As they say in Louisiana, the heart of Cajun country, "Laissez les bons temps rouler."

### **Molasses Cake**

(From The Acadian Pictorial Cookbook)

- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 cup lard, melted
- 1 cup molasses
- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup boiling water

Beat together egg, sugar and lard. Add remaining ingredients and beat well. Pour into a greased pan and bake at 350° for one hour.







## CAJUN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CUSTOMS

(The following articles by Jim Bradshaw appeared in The Daily Advertiser, Lafayette, LA on December 28 and December 31, 2004)

Santa didn't begin to visit Cajun children until the late 1800's. Before then, *le petit bonhomme Janvier*, sometimes called the Little January Stranger in English, delivered gifts at New Year's. If the children were good during the year, he left them fruit and perhaps a bauble or two. But if they had been bad, he turned trickster and left them ashes.

There were also some remote places in Louisiana's bayou country where, until relatively recent times, Christmas was not celebrated until February. Some people may still remember that February 25 was called "Trapper's Christmas."

The real Christmas fell in the middle of the trapping season, when the men of the trappers' families were out in the marsh. So the families waited until after the trapping season to celebrate Christmas. That way, Papa was home for the celebration, and so was the money he got for his pelts.

It made for a better celebration.

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In Acadiana, New Years' Day, not Christmas was the day for family reunions and the time when *le bon St. Nicolas* brought good children *les étrennes.* 

The celebration on the first day of the year goes back to Roman times and the celebration of the Kalends. Romans exchanged good wishes, gave presents to friends and children, and made donations to the poor. In the earliest celebrations, the presents included boughs from the groves of the goddess Strenia. Strenae, the Roman word for the presents, found its way into French as *étrennes*.

In Acadiana, older servants were also given *étrennes*. They wished the givers good health and prosperity in exhange, ending always with, "Paradise to the end of your days." This was a translation of the customary French New Year salutation between family members for "Bonne année, bonne santé, et le paradis à la fin de vos jours."

## ACADIAN FLAG WILL FLY Submitted by: Jim Gaboury

To commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Deportation, the City of Boston, MA has agreed to fly the Acadian Flag on July 28, 2005. This is the same day that the Canadian Government will remember the Deportation of the Acadians.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Please let us know if you know of any other commemorations of the Deportation]



### COMMEMORATE 250 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPORTATION OF THE ACADIANS

(POSTPONED January 19 AT GOVERNOR'S REQUEST RESCHEDULED DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR WHEN SHE CAN ATTEND) Opening of year long Commemoration of 250 Year Anniversary of Acadian Deportation; Dedication of Louisiana Acadian Governors' family mosaic coats of arms (Governor K. Blanco Tribute): Robert Dafford, artist of the Acadian arrival mural will sign mural prints.

February & March Acadian Memorial & Museum of the Acadian Memorial Opening of "Spirit of Evangeline" Exhibition collection of Dr. François Paradis, Maine author

March 19 – 10:00 a. m. to 6:00 p. m. First Annual Acadian Memorial Festival "CALLING ALL CAJUNS", 2005 Theme: "Commemoration of the Acadian Deportation"; Reunion of all Acadians for: Theatre, Cultural Activities, Music, Food; Genealogy, Lectures: History of Cajun Veterans by author, Jason Theriot & more; Twinning Reunion between Nova Scotia Grand-Pré National Historic Site & Evangeline Oak Park REQUEST ALL DRESS IN ACADIAN COSTUMES

April, TBA – Art gallery exhibit of Acadian Artist

Holy Thursday, the Acadian Memorial will observe the Catahoula Lenten traditions of "Tarte á la Bouillie". Please join us at 9:30 AM. at the Acadian Memorial to help us remember the old

May 1 – Day of the Patron Saint of the Acadians Celebration / St. Martin de Tours Church, Mother Church of the Acadians

June 15 – 5:30 pm - Acadian Memorial Foundation Annual Membership Meeting / Unveiling of Acadian Mosaic coats of arms / Celebration & Refreshments

July, Date TBA – Lecture: Deportation of Acadians, Ceremony on Queen of England's apology to Acadians, Grand-Pré & Evangeline Oak Park Reunion

August 15 – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.- National Day of the Acadians / Celebration of music, traditions, and culture featuring lectures, supper on the Bayou Teche, Acadian names flag parade to St. Martin de Tours for a French Celebrated Mass Acadian Memorial Choir

September, 3rd week – Acadian Heritage Week, / "FIDDLES AND SPOONS: Journey of An Acadian Mouse" Read Daily at 10am. & 2pm with Costumed Character

October, Date TBA – Lecture by Dr. Mark Rees of Archeological Dig of St. Martin Parish, Acadian, and Bayou Teche Region

**October, Date TBA** – Folkways and Tales of Acadian traditions and livelihood

November 2 – 10 a.m. All Souls Day traditional ceremony, Acadian Memorial Meditation Garden

November 2 – 6:30 p.m. - A Tribute concert to the Acadians/Cajuns by Belgium Jazz Musicians, "Odyssey for Friends Big Band Jazz " Duchamp Opera House, Main Street/Refreshments, Cash Bar

**December, Date TBA** – Evening Christmas Celebration, "Cajun Style" featuring Acadian Memorial Choir and Theatre presentation.