

# **NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**PRESENTS**

**Mary Helen Berlanga**

**“The History of the Bonilla and Berlanga Families”**

**April 3, 2018, 7:00 p.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church, 430 S. Carancahua, Corpus Christi**



Having grown up in South Texas, Mary Helen Bonilla Berlanga is an attorney in Corpus Christi. She graduated from the University of Houston with a B. A. and then from South Texas College of Law. She was appointed to the State Board of Education by Gov. Mark White in 1984. Elected to the Board in 1988, she served continually until 2012 completing nearly 30 years of service. Due to her dedication to the education of children of Texas, Corpus Christi ISD named an elementary school in her honor. It is located at the intersection of Carroll Lane and McArdle Road.

**NCHS Mission Statement**-The Nueces County Historical Society is a 501(c)3 multi-cultural organization which encourages a deeper understanding and appreciation for the rich history of Nueces County, the Coastal Bend of Texas, and the United States of America, by members and guests of all ages. It accomplishes this through hosting regularly scheduled presentations with interesting speakers, sponsoring special events, and leading preservation efforts for the area sites of historical significance.

Check us out: [www.nuecescountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.nuecescountyhistoricalsociety.org) or find us on Facebook.

### **Upcoming Events:**

April 3 -NCHS Meeting, 7:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Corpus Christi

April 17-Texas Tropical Trail Region Partner Event, Pharr \*\*

May 1 -NCHS Banquet, Emerald Beach Hotel, Corpus Christi, 6:30 p.m.

May 12-Bayside Historical Society meeting, Speaker Amy Borgens, Texas State Marine Archeologist, 2:00 p.m. at Bayside Community Center, 909 First St

May 16-Texas Tropical Trail Region Partner Event, Sarita\*\*

\*\* For more info contact [nancydeviney@yahoo.com](mailto:nancydeviney@yahoo.com)

### **2017-2018 NCHS Officers:**

**Co-Presidents:** Allan Hayes and Dan Garza; **Vice President:** Kathy Wemer, **Secretary:** Karen Howden; **Treasurer:** Sue Ryland; **Hospitality Chair:** Jack Greene; **Bulletin Editor:** Penny Pillack; **Bulletin Administrator:** RudyTejano Peña; **Membership Chairpersons:** Janis Wood and Dottie Ewing.

**In late 2018, the *Bulletin* will be sent via email. Please be sure the Society officers have your email address.**



**“A Toast to Texas” was held at the Courthouse on March 2. Joel Smith was the keynote speaker. He portrayed James Power who was instrumental in having Sam Houston serve as the first President of the Republic of Texas and helped draft the Constitution for the Republic. Re-enactors dressed in Republic of Texas period clothing participated. Also pictured is Mike Pusley, County Commissioner, and Kathy Wemer, Nueces County Historical Commission Vice Chairperson.**



**NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
DANIEL E. KILGORE LOCAL HISTORY AWARDS BANQUET**

**Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 6:30 p.m.**

**Emerald Beach Hotel, 1102 S. Shoreline, Corpus Christi**

**TICKETS: \$35 PER PERSON**

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

**Tara Ivey**

**“The Early Life of Henry Lawrence Kinney”**

**PREPAID TICKET DEADLINE: APRIL 20**

**Please remit check with the completed form to:**

**Nueces County Historical Society, Kilgore Awards Banquet**

**P. O. Box 60003, Corpus Christi, TX 78466**

**Please circle entrée desired:**

**Roast Prime Rib of Beef OR Chicken Parmesan**

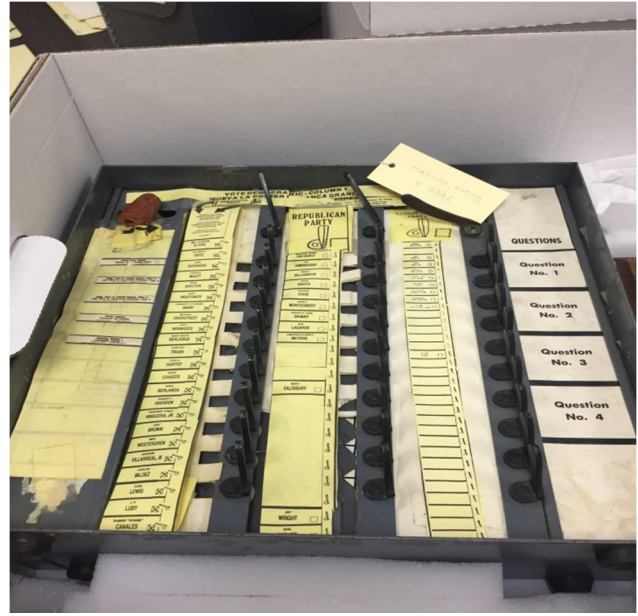
**My name \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib    Chicken**

**Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib    Chicken**

**Please contact Kathy Wemer to confirm attendance: 361-853-7034 or email  
[rboyd@stx.rr.com](mailto:rboyd@stx.rr.com).**

**Officer installation will be held.**

The Society visited the Bell Library on the campus of Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. The library houses over 6,000 postcards, personal papers, and collections from many persons, as well as numerous maps, and many books about Texas. This voting machine is part of the Dr. Hector P. Garcia collection. The public is welcome to conduct research in the archives.



The National Center for Preservation, Technology and Training recently held a cemetery workshop at Old Bayview Cemetery. Over 30 participants, from as far away as Alabama and Colorado, learned the best practice for repairing and resetting headstones, as well as surveying and prioritizing cemetery restoration efforts. There are now additional persons ready to go forward in preserving, restoring, and protecting Old Bayview.