

NUECES COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESENTS

“Barnstorming Bernie”

Speaker: Shirley Thornton

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

7:00 p.m.

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



Shirley Thornton is a retired English teacher with a love of local history. She currently serves on the Flour Bluff ISD Board of Trustees, as president of the Flour Bluff Citizens Council, and as secretary of the Flour Bluff Business Association. She writes for a local print newspaper and an online news blog. Her presentation will be on Bernie Coffman Arnold, the first woman to fly out of Meacham Field in Fort Worth. Bernie moved to Corpus Christi, and later Flour Bluff, where she owned and operated the A&H Sporting Goods Store.

NCHS Mission Statement-The Nueces County Historical Society is a 501©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.

The Nueces County Historical Society meets the first Tuesday of the months of September-April. An Annual Local History Awards Banquet is held in May. Members and interested guests are encouraged to attend enjoy a wide-range of speakers and programs focused on the rich local history of Nueces County.

Check us out: www.nuecescountyhistoricalsociety.org or on Facebook

Upcoming Events:

February 6-NCHS Meeting, 7:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Corpus Christi

March 2-"A Toast to Texas", Nueces County Courthouse, TBA

March 6-NCHS Meeting, 7:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Corpus Christi

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

May 1 -NCHS Banquet, More information forthcoming

2017-2018 NCHS Officers:

Co-Presidents: Allan Hayes and Dan Garza; Vice Pres: 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.



The “Author’s Row” gathering in December showcased the talent of twelve local/area authors. There was a silent auction of collectible books, maps, and sheet music. A good time was held by all!

NCHS board members Debbie Zuniga and Kathy Wemer visited with author, Dr. James Klein.