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BAGS Annual Holiday Luncheon at
South Shore Grille
(in the back room)
on Saturday, December 8 at 12:30pm
located at 2800 Marina Bay Dr. (a.k.a. FM 2094)
League City ([online map](#))
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Please renew your membership
by December 31 to be included
in the Society's yearbook.

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*To You And Your Family,
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*

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Welcome New Member!



Claudia Rose Aguilar is researching the surname
Fletchers family.

A BIG Thank You goes to



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for the additional donations to BAGS

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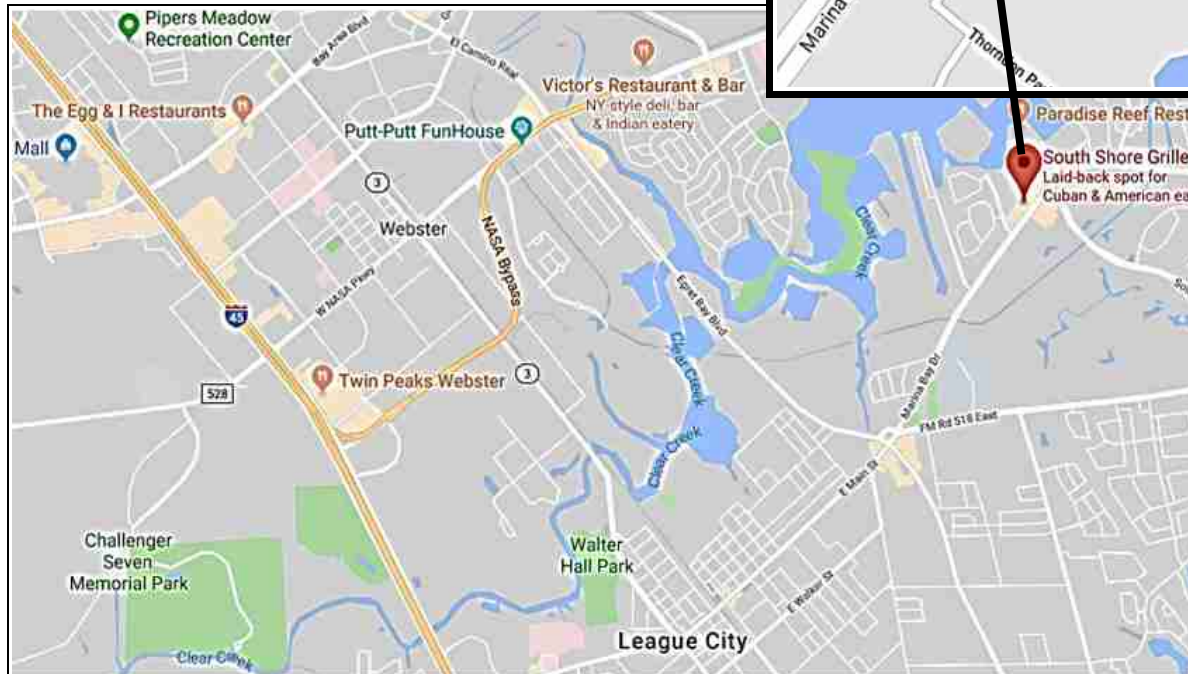
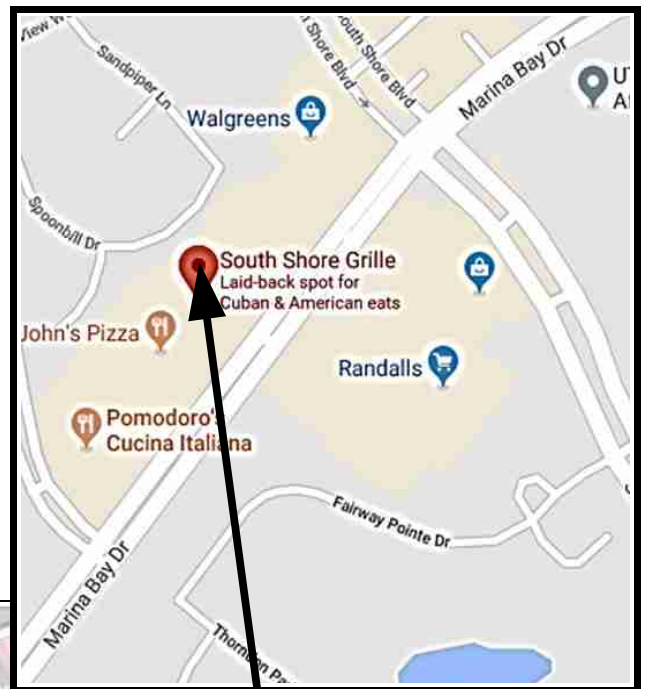
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The lunch is dutch, order off the menu.
Menu choices are listed online at
www.soshoregrille.com/menu_main.html



2019 BAGS Calendar – Save The Dates!



General Meetings

Sunday, January 13 at 2:00pm

Doryn Glenn, Director of Governmental Affairs, District Clerk Galveston County will discuss Historic Immigration Records.

Friday, February 22 at 7:00pm

Susan Kaufman, Manager of Clayton Library, discuss preparing to research at a repository.

Saturday, March, 16 at 2:00pm

Speaker is Lois Gibson, forensic artist for Houston Police Department and 2017 Guinness World Record for most identifications by a forensic artist.

Thursday, April 25 at 7:00pm

Devon Noel Lee, Family History Fanatics, will discuss methods to organizing your research.

Friday, May 31 at 7:00pm

Potluck Dinner and members share research tips and books.

Friday, June 28 at 7:00pm

Friday, July 26 at 7:00pm

Friday, August 23 at 7:00pm

Annual Show & Tell with Potluck Dinner

Friday, September 27 at 7:00pm

Friday, October 25 at 7:00pm

Friday, November 22 at 7:00pm

No meeting in December.



Board Meetings

Held at the University Baptist Church in room EB105. All members are welcome to attend.

Resumes in January.



Research Bus Trips

Wednesday, January 16 to Clayton Library. Mary “Anthony” Startz will assist with Spanish research.

Wednesday, March 20 to Rosenberg Library Galveston and Texas History Center (<http://gthcenter.org>)

If you want to participate in a bus trip, please signup by contacting Deborah Gammon by phone 832-425-9319 or e-mail gammondc@gmail.com. This free resource is provided by the Harris County Senior Program. A minimum of nine people must sign up per the county regulations. Board the bus at the Clear Lake Community Association and Recreation Center, 16511 Diana Lane, Houston, TX 77062 ([online map](#)).



November 2018 Trip – members and friends visiting the Clayton Library



Member Helping Member Research Sessions

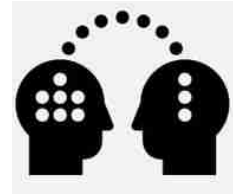
At the Friendswood Family History Center located at 505 Deseret Dr, Friendswood, enter the back of building.

Wednesday, January 16 at 10am

Wednesday, February 20 at 10am

Wednesday, March 20 at 10am

Wednesday, April 17 at 10am



Kim Zrubek
Education Chair

Members Helping Members Research and General Meeting Recap Sessions

These research and recap sessions at a local library in 2019.



In January, BAGS will begin hosting research sessions once a month at the Friendswood Family History Center (FHC), located at 505 Deseret Dr, Friendswood, enter from the back of building. Come take advantage of the electronic databases and books that are only accessible from within the FHC. Attendees will receive individualized attention for their research questions from fellow genealogists. We thank the Friendswood FHC volunteers for sharing this resource with us. The first four meeting dates are:

Wednesday, January 16 at 10am

Wednesday, February 20 at 10am

Wednesday, March 20 at 10am

Wednesday, April 17 at 10am



Anthony Startz and
Susie Ganch

November Program Recap – The Cuban Papers

The Cuban Papers are the “Americas” Spanish government papers dating back to 1570's and maintained in Havana, Cuba before they were archived in Spain. The Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research has a portion of this collection on microfilm that focuses on the Gulf Coast between 1703 and 1823. Anglo surnames and freed slaves appear in the content which includes militia, settlers, immigrants, legal proceedings, indian treaties, tax lists, and censuses. Anthony Startz stressed American Revolutionary support came from men living on this Spanish land. She has dug into this resource and published her translations to support the Daughters of the American Revolution work. Several researchers have explored the microfilm rolls and developed indexes to help the rest of us access specific material. Look for your surnames and locations using one of these resources:

- *Bernardo De Galvez Services to the American Revolution* by Sons of the American Revolution Louisiana Chapter online at www.lassar.org/uploads/3/0/4/5/3045123/churchill_pt_1_1-20.pdf
- *Descriptive catalogue of the documents relating to the history of the United States... in the Papeles Procedentes de Cuba deposited in the Archivo General de Indias at Seville* by Roscoe R. Hill at Clayton Library call# 973 H647 USA
- *The Spanish régime in Missouri* (2 vols) by Louis Houck at Clayton Library call# H835 MO
- Clayton's finding aid *How to Search the Cuban Papers using PARES* by Chloe Bailey.
- *How to Navigate the Cuban Papers, 1571 – 1820* slide show by Robert de Berardinis includes other Research aids online at www.slideshare.net/Robertdeberardinis/cuban-papers-2055370
- Cuban Papers Facts Sheet by Don Pusch
- Portal to Spanish Archives <http://pares.mcu.es> (use Chrome web browser with translator plugin)

Thank you to Anthony Startz for sharing her knowledge and enthusiasm to demystify this unique resource. View her presentation and speaker notes from the BAGS website (www.TxBayAreaGen.org). Click on **Members Page**, enter password, click on **Archived Meeting Handouts** and then on **2018-11-30** links.

★ **During the BAGS Bus Trip to Clayton Library on January 16, Anthony Startz has graciously agreed to assist any of the attendees with Spanish research!**

- ★ Melodey Hauch has mailed copies of the *Journal* and *Yearbook* to members that paid the extra \$5 with their membership to have them delivered at year end.
- ★ Thank you to Shirley Lindquist for agreeing to serve as the Awards Committee Chair.
- ★ Teresa Rundell is creating a scrapbook documenting BAGS Society year. If you have any extra scrapbooking material for a 12x12 album you are willing to donate, please contact Teresa.
- ★ Mary Martin has settled in Austin, Texas. If you would like to call her or send a note, please contact Kim Zrubek for the contact information.
- ★ BAGS needs a volunteer to serve as the Member Services Committee Chair. If you are interested, please talk to one of the Board members. This group is responsible for:
 - Assemble New Member Packets as requested by the Registrar.
 - Arrange rides for those members who indicate a need as identified by the Telephone committee.
 - Review new member applications for research interests and the "I need help with" response.
 - In cooperation with the Education Chair, connect members to BAGS mentors or recommend educational opportunities that may address their needs.

Please Renew Your Membership

Please consider continuing to support this organization and renew your membership. We have some wonderful programs planned for 2019. The 2018-2019 Society began September 1, 2018 and ends August 31, 2019. Per our bylaws, the *BAGS Yearbook* will include all members that have renewed by December 31, 2018. The renewal rates have not changed from last year. A single membership is \$20 and a family membership is \$25. Please fill out a membership application form with your renewal. One is available online on the BAGS website (www.TxBayAreaGen.org) home page. Either mail the form, or bring it to the next general meeting. Please note that the Registrar's address is P.O. Box 590853, Houston, TX 77259-0853. Blank forms will be available at the Registrar's table during the general meetings.

Available at the general meeting for a donation at the general meetings:

- Laptop Brief Bags (\$25)
- USB drives (\$10)
- Cookbooks (\$10)
- Pens (\$1)



BAG\$ Report by Bill Mayo, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance on 30 September 2018	\$5,745.54
Deposits	\$180.00
Expenditures	<u>\$317.36</u>
Balance on 31 October 2018	\$5,924.18

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Value on 31 October 2018	\$3,856.36
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