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Fire Prevention Month

By: Steve Ham, Lofton Safety Services

The U.S. Fire Administration reports that fires kill more than 4,000 Americans each year and injure approximately 20,000 more. U.S. fire departments respond to nearly 2 million fires each year, with three-quarters of them occurring in residences. This month, make sure your home is protected from a fire. Here are a few simple tips to help you avoid fires and reduce the risk of injury should one occur:

Smoke Alarms: These are still a very important addition to your home. Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home and test it monthly.

Prevent Electrical Fires: Don't overload circuits or extension cords. Cords and wires should never be placed under rugs or in high traffic areas. Avoid loose electrical connections by checking the fit of the plug in the wall outlet. If the plug loosely fits, inspect the outlet right away. A poor connection between the plug and the outlet can cause overheating and can start a fire in minutes.

Keep Plugs Safe: Unplug all appliances when not in use. Follow the manufacturer's safety precautions and use your senses to spot any potential disasters. If a plug is overheating, smells strange, shorts out or sparks, the appliance should be shut off immediately, then replaced or repaired.

Portable Heaters: Make sure there is ample space around any portable heating unit. Anything that could catch fire should be at least three feet away.

Positioning Appliances: Keep TV sets, kitchen and other appliances away from windows with curtains. If there is a wiring problem, curtains can spread a fire quickly.

Clean Dryer Vents: Clean the lint filter every time you start a load of clothes to dry or after the drying cycle is complete. Make sure your exhaust duct is made of metal tubing and not plastic or foil.

Fire Extinguisher: Keep a portable fire extinguisher on hand for emergencies. Use the **PASS** method: **P**ull the pin – **A**im the nozzle at the base of the fire – **S**queeze the lever slowly – **S**weep from side to side.



Officer Kudos

As you all know, Hurricane Harvey caused a lot of destruction throughout the Texas area. It also caused some of our security staff to miss work hours. During the event, **Site Supervisor Anthony Amos** stayed in constant contact with his officers even though he was displaced from his own home due to flood waters. Way to go Anthony! This attention to our people is what sets Lofton apart. Keep it up!

Shout-out to **Officer Tremeka Youngblood**, Gonzales branch. Tremeka found someone's debit card on the property. Tremeka called the number on the back of the debit card to cancel the card. After several inquiries, Tremeka found the owner of the card who was flabbergasted that someone is so honest. *"I truly appreciate you canceling my card and your honesty."* Great job, Tremeka, for going the extra mile to ensure the protection of someone's identity!

Another shout-out to **Lt. Cornelius Paul Climax**, **Officer Monchelle Emanuel** and **Officer Jonathan Bibbins**, Gonzales branch. While on duty at a facility in Geismar, 13 board members came in to tour the facility. These three employees received accolades from the plant manager for handling his guests in a professional manner and conducting a smooth visit for everyone. Thanks to Lt. Climax, Officer Emmanuel, and Officer Bibbins for representing Lofton and it's client in a professional manner.

Welcome Mike VII

Louisiana State University welcomes their newest Mike the Tiger. Mike VII, formally known as Harvey, is a 1-year old tiger cub from a sanctuary in Florida. Mike the VII has quickly become a fan favorite with his playful behavior in his new habitat. Be sure to visit Mike VII on your next visit to Baton Rouge.



What's Happening This Month

October 9
Columbus Day

October 16
Boss's Day

October 31
HALLOWEEN





Proud to be a Member of the LSU Alumni Band

By: Glenda G. Lofton, Ph.D.

As a member of the "Golden Band from Tigerland" and the first group of Golden Girls back in 1959, I never dreamed that 58 years later I would still be dancing on the field with the LSU Alumni Band. When the band began its annual reunions back in 1986, I was one of the first to return from the original group. (Then and now being one of the "original" group sounds better than being one of the "oldest" group. And, I have learned to be proud when the younger Golden Girls want to introduce me to someone because they can't believe how old I am.)

When we were told at the second reunion that we would go out on the field, I thought we would walk out on the field and wave to the crowd as I had seen other bands do, but I was wrong. Since 1987, much to the delight of the LSU fans, the Alumni Band annually performs on the field with the LSU Marching Band. At the 50th Anniversary in 2009, eight of the original Golden Girls and our choreographer (now 92), Dr. Norckauer, returned. This year there were only four of us, all long-time friends—Shirley Piper Lichtenstein, Dale Melancon Norred, Jo Ann Hamilton Davis, and me. (It was Jo Ann's first reunion. A graduate of Istrouma High School, Jo Ann knew Tommy Lofton when he was a "soda jerk" at Dayton's Drug Store on Plank Road. After leaving LSU, Jo Ann moved to New York where she used her talent in the entertainment industry.) We are already recruiting others for the 60th Reunion in 2019!

At this year's reunion September 23, we were at practice for 8:15 am, and, in keeping with an

LSU tradition established by Dr. Bill Swor, Band Director, 1964-1976, we practiced until "we got it right!" He designed the band's much loved pregame show and was director when the band received the award as the All American College TV band in 1971. I can still hear his voice when he was invited back to lead the Alumni Band: "You are here to uphold the tradition of the Golden Band from Tigerland!" How thankful I am to be a part of that tradition of excellence and to share that legacy with the 400+ Golden Girls who have come after me.



Ready to march downhill to Tiger Stadium.

Pictured L to R: Dale Melancon, Glenda Lofton, Shirley Piper Lichtenstein and Jo Ann Hamilton Davis.

The bond between past and current Golden Girls has been strengthened by the creation of a Golden Girl Alumni Group which meets with and provides support to the current Golden Girls and band. We meet twice a year, once at a luncheon preceding the fall Band Reunion and then again in the spring. I continue to be impressed by their dedication to LSU, to each other, and to God. Prayer always precedes our meals and our half-time performances. Because the group models many of the beliefs on which Lofton Staffing

was founded (have fun and be better; when we help others, we help ourselves; we are all called to serve; and why we do what we do—for the joy of it) I asked Debbie Kuehne, Golden Girl from 1974-75, who led our prayer at the fall luncheon for a copy to share with you:

Glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Thank You for the joy of this sisterhood that stems from Your gift to us of praising You through dance. You do not exist, Lord, to make much of us. We exist to make much of You! Saturate our souls with the Spirit of Jesus and all His greatness. Lead us to inspire a joy-seeking world of people who do not know that they are starved for the gladness of God in Jesus Christ.

We pray for President Donald Trump and all of our national, state and local leaders. Please pour your wisdom, courage, and humility into our leaders to know how best to deal with North Korea, Iran, natural disasters, and every challenge presenting itself to these, our United States. Revive and restore us to once again truly be one nation under Your name.

Bless this food which we receive thankfully from Your holy hands. May it nourish our bodies and fan into flame our sincere thanksgiving for all that You provide for us and desire to accomplish through us. May our dancing tomorrow be a celebration of Your goodness and passionate love for us, which was manifest through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ our Lord.

In His beautiful and powerful name we pray. Amen



Local Haunted Houses

The 13th Gate: Baton Rouge, LA

The artists behind the massive 13 room dark attraction are experts at blurring the lines between horror and reality, and guests frequently wonder between screams whether what they are experiencing is real or not. \$28 ticket

The House of Shock: New Orleans, LA

These two attractions, The House of Wax and incredible 3D funhouse Laff in the Dark, take you through New Orleans unique past. The haunted experience also includes a full service bar, live music and an infamous stage production. \$30 ticket

The Mortuary Haunted Mansion: New Orleans, LA

Once an actual mortuary, The Mortuary is considered one of the best and scariest haunted attractions in the America. \$30 ticket

The Lost Hollows: Lake Charles, LA

Take a journey through haunted woods in an undisclosed location on the outskirts of Lake Charles. Do you dare board the shuttle? \$22 ticket

Evil Visions: Monroe, LA

You've heard the stories, felt the fear... Now experience the EVIL like never before. What unspeakable atrocities occurred within these walls? That's for you to find out. \$20 ticket

Rise Haunted House: Hammond, LA

Risewell Asylum, Haunted House AND Zombie Paintball! Yes, I said paintball! \$15.00 per attraction

The Haunted Hotel: Beaumont, TX

Rosehill Asylum is the all new attraction for 2017 with 5,000 sq. ft of pure insanity. Once you check in...you may never check out! \$22.50 ticket

Phobia Haunted House: Houston, TX

Consistently rated America's top haunted house, Phobia uses hundreds of terrifying animatronics. Terror lurks at every turn, with crazed zombies and wack clowns. \$15 ticket

Fear Factory 501: Jacksonville, AR

Where Darkness Never Sleeps! Offering two attractions: Featuring Fear Factory and Skully's 3D Playhouse. \$15 ticket