Viator is the first woman president of the Shrimp Festival Association

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The 32nd annual Shrimp Festival will be Dolores Viator's first as president; and she will be the festival association's first woman president. But according to her there will be no major adjustments; Mrs. Viator accepted the president's gavel from the former president Joe Chapman after 12 years as the association's treasurer.

Formerly Dolores Thibodeaux, Mrs. Viator and her husband Ernest Viator have a combination of over 40 years with Delcambre's shrimp festivals. She refers to her husband as 'the cook.' "He's been boiling shrimp at the festival for many, many years," she said.

Mrs. Viator and her husband are the parents of two children, both married. Mrs. Viator is employed at Howard Trucking in New Iberia.

According to Mrs. Viator, the association works year-round on the upcoming festivals. Meetings are held every month and every other week in July.

To promote and inform other communities about the Shrimp Festival, each year members of the association plan what is called a Good Will Tour. This year the tour to the Port Arthur area, two buses will visit Galvaston, LA to swap and compare ideas with the Seafood Festival Association there.

Mrs. Viator mentioned some of the Shrimp Festival Association's projects of recent years: a brand new scoreboard for Delcambre High; playground equipment; and the association provides the use of the festival building for many church and civic functions free of charge. For instance the building is used as a voting facility during elections, and it is used by the Golden Age Club. Remaining funds are used for additions, renovations and general maintenance of the festival building.

"I feel it's an honor to be president," said Mrs. Viator. "I have a lot of backing. If it weren't for the other members, I couldn't make it."

Joe Chapman honored for 10 years as Shrimp Festival Ass'n. president

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When Joe Chapman resigned after serving ten years as president of the Shrimp Festival Association, officers and members of the association honored him with a plaque and a program dedicated to him in recognition of his hard work, leadership and dedication.

When Chapman came to the Delcambre area in 1965 he liked the area and almost immediately became involved. He became familiar with many families as a teacher and coach to their children at Delcambre High. He joined many organizations and became involved in community affairs. Chapman's idea of being a part of the community is being involved.

Although he's been retired since 1980 he remains active in the Boy Scouts.

Delcambre bids farewell to Fr. Sheerin and gives welcome to Fr. Charles

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Father Jack Sheerin, S.V.D., who has been pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish here, was honored by parishioners of St. Martin and Our Lady of the Lake churches with a covered dish supper-reception on Aug. 8.

Sheerin has been appointed pastor of St. Jules Parish in Franklin and will be assuming that post on Aug. 15.

The appreciation of the Delcambre community for Father Sheerin's ministry to both church parishes was expressed by Father Edwin J. Bourg, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake parish.

Welcomed at this was Father Frank Charles, S.V.D., who will be the new pastor of St. Martin de Porres. Father Charles gave assurances that he will continue to minister to the whole Delcambre community, as Father Sheerin had.

Best of Luck to our Shrimpers

Visitors welcome to attend our big Shrimp Festival Aug. 18th thru 22nd.