

November 17, 2011 Update

It has been an honor to coordinate www.evergreenla.org since prior to the 2008 reunion and it's growth and development has been a source of deep satisfaction and personal fulfillment. Thank you for all of your assistance, support and encouragement during the past four years.

Please know that the financial support of our reunions and the website was provided by those included on the [Donors Page](#). They are to be acknowledged, as they are very much appreciated. With a "barebones" approach, much has been documented (at little cost) through information and pictures. At this time, there are no outstanding incumberances which have not been addressed and funds remain in the Evergreen Reunion/Website account with the Evergreen Civic Club (Nettie Jans, Treasurer) to meet future financial needs.

A special acknowledgement is extended to outstanding volunteers: Dale Descant, our host and webmaster, and Ryan Rabalais, who edited hundreds of pictures. Please visit the [Contact Us](#) page for a listing of key volunteers, plus a host of photographers who are identified in each gallery. Their numerous contributions are acknowledged and appreciated.

Dale Descant and I wish to thank all who sent information to be posted. Your involvement and participation make the website what it is. Please continue your efforts to document the rich history of Evergreen - may it always remain green.

For some time, there have been discussions about a change in leadership for www.evergreenla.org and from me and Dale to someone who resided in the Evergreen area...someone who had the desire and skills for the conduct for such a responsibility.

Pelicans are indeed fortunate that such a person has been identified - someone who has exceeded our fondest expectations. He has accepted not only the coordinator's position, but he will be the webmaster and host. This change goes into effect immediately.

Mike Tanner, who chaired the 2010 Evergreen Reunion, and assisted in other reunions and in the website, is agreeable to assume responsibility for the website. What a wonderful blessing and omen of things to come! We wish Mike and Kay the very best as they accept this responsibility and thank them for all of their previous efforts to benefit the Evergreen area and its various entities.

What was done from 2008 through 2011 is simply a beginning. I am confident Mike will bring the website to new heights. I hope and pray he will have the full support of all Pelicans and that many of you will review the many opportunities available to you to post information on the site.

Attempts will be made to send Mike the Evergreen Email Address Book. However, to make certain he receives current contact information for each Pelican, **please email him from the email address you wish him to use** at mike@evergreenla.org Thank you.

My email addresses ead9743@louisiana.edu, athleticnetwork@louisiana.edu and Ed@EvergreenLa.org will remain active.

Peace, Ed Dugas,
EHS Class of 1958

Greetings Fellow Pelicans,

It is with great anticipation, humility, and a bit of apprehension that I accept the position of coordinator of www.evergreenla.org.

Ed and Dale have done so much with so little to start with and build from! I can not say that there is any place to improve what they have built, but TOGETHER WITH ALL PELICANS we can build more to go with what they have done.

I am looking forward to hearing from any and all Pelicans who have ideas on how we can add to and enhance the website. And by 'we' I mean I invite and will need volunteers willing to help with the various functions of managing, caring for, and feeding (providing information for) the website.

No matter what your area or interest or expertise, how much time you can contribute (a little or a lot), what your connection to Evergreen is, or where you currently live (internet is a great communication tool), please let me hear from you if you can contribute to the website. This includes occasional or ongoing contributions. Areas to consider:

- * News stories about Pelicans now living in other parts of the country (yourself or someone you know).**
- * Digging up stories and photos from times passed - school, church, or civic/community activities.**
- * Editing photos.**
- * Monitoring newspapers in your area for obituaries of Pelicans.**
- * Any other way you think you might be able to contribute to the website.**

As I am building a new address book of Pelican contacts, **if you would like to continue to receive Pelican updates please email me at Mike@evergreenla.org from the address you wish me to use. Include your name(s), ties to Evergreen, and if you wish, your snail mail address and a phone number (both optional).**

Please feel free to email me with any questions, ideas, or of course, offers of assistance.

Michael (Mike) Tanner
Mike@evergreenla.org

Dear Pelicans,

The primary purpose of this Update is to wish all Pelicans and their families a Happy Easter. Remember, HE is the reason for the season.

Since the April 3, 2011 Update, a neat picture and caption of our Evergreen City Government sent by Brother Trimbur has been posted. Please [click here](#) to view. Brother has some type of mystic to have "all smiles" in such a picture. Thanks, Brother.

Please check the Prayer Requests and Obituaries for additions.

On March 8, 2008, a meeting was held at the Evergreen Museum to discuss a possible reunion in 2008. The reunion was held on May 17, 2008 and you may [click here](#) to view what was reported on that reunion.

By early April, 2008 Dale Descant moved to establish a website for the Evergreen Reunion and shortly after the May reunion, he agreed to design and host www.EvergreenLa.org

With the mission statement below serving as our guide, we attempted to design and develop www.evergreenla.org
The mission of the Evergreen website is to document the past, celebrate the present, and plan for the future while reliving memories and creating new ones.

You may follow the chronology of those developments in the Update Link - 60+ of them - from July 17, 2008 to this Update.

Prior to the reunion, I made a three-year commitment to coordinate the website and was joined by Dale Descant and Ryan Rabalais. Their countless hours of dedicated caring efforts to the building of the website are noteworthy and appreciated. Along the way, other volunteers joined in and they are identified in the "Contact Us" link. A special thanks is extended to all included on that page and the countless others who send information and pictures.

My tenure as coordinator culminates at the end June and new leadership should be in place prior to that time...someone younger, more talented, certainly more skilled and who enjoys the benefits of living in the Evergreen area.

That person will be announced at the appropriate time and will be provided needed assistance and information in order to function at a high level.

Once the transition is over, my plans are to continue to contribute to the Evergreen website and assist and compliment the new leaders in any way possible - without looking over their shoulders.

I wish to thank all of you who communicated with me and provided information. We may have started from scratch building the website, but your contributions have allowed us to go beyond the scratch. It could be characterized as a good start. My hopes are that the new leaders will grow the website beyond its current format and engage all of the area residents to become part of the experience.

Please know that I always felt honored and blessed at the opportunity to have been part of the website and the Evergreen Reunions.

Best wishes to all Pelicans.

Peace, Ed Dugas
EHS Class of 1958

April 3, 2011 Update

Dear Pelicans,

Reminder: Click on News for “[Knockin’ on the Bayou Easter Festival.](#)”

Since the February 21, 2011 Update, several obituaries have been posted. These are in chronological order, so just click on obituaries and scroll down as needed.

Those passing away included Baillio, Tanner, Attales, Clopton, and Belko.

Please click here <http://www.evergreenla.org/News/Obituaries/main.htm> for full names and obituaries.

Brandi Tanner Chambless has posted a special addition to her Memories Page, entitled, “Say What You Need To Say.” It is about the passing of her dad and the fond memories she has of him. Thank you, Brandi. Please visit her website (included in her Memories) for some wonderful recollections of her life in Avoyelles and the unique personalities she remembers...10 stories are posted.

Through the efforts of Lynn Belance, three entries for Roberts Family Connections have been posted. Some date back to the mid-1800. Thank you Lynn for providing this information on your family.

All Pelicans are encouraged to submit information for the wide variety of links available.

We aren’t asking for you to give until it hurts...but, it should tingle a little when you contribute your information.

A special thanks is extended to all who have provided information for posting...that is what makes the website.

Watch for a picture on Evergreen City Government coming soon.

Peace, Ed

February 21, 2011 Update

Dear Pelicans,

Since the last Update on Oct. 22, 2010, three News Stories have been posted. Please click here <http://www.evergreenla.org/News/Main.htm> to view the stories, including one which contains [Civic League](#) information.

Fifteen obituaries have been posted. These are in chronological order for your review.

Updates have been made to the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church and United Methodist Church pages.

[Maurine Bordelon Lacour](#) Memories Page has a powerful addition posted.

A new Link entitled, "[Pelican Websites](#)" has been added to the home page. Please click the link and see what is available in that area.

In the "[Where Are They Now?](#)" link, Lionel Aldredge, former Green Bay Packer Great, who hails from Evergreen has been added. Several links are contained in his story, so please click on each for the full story.

Please forgive the delay for not providing timely Updates, but the additions to the website were received in intervals which created delays. My apologies!

Happy Presidents' Day. Please keep them in your prayers.

Peace, Ed Dugas