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ATTENTION MEMBERS: Anyone wishing to put a carving in Oschner Hopital display should bring it to the meeting on Wednesday. The display will last till December.

We have just learned that Aime Weaver, daughter of Chris Weaver is in East Jeff Hospital in ICU with an undetermined illness. We are asking all members to keep Aime and the Weaver family in your prayers

NOTICE
Our General meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at Piccadilly Cafeteria 2222 Clearview Pkwy. Metairie, La.

Show & Tell

Right: Chris holds a collectable glass fishing buoy with rope around it for protection which would have a fishing line attached.



Right: Joe holds a picture of an unknown trapper taken by Lynn Sibley a famous photographer from the 1930's.



Below: left to right: Gene Hebert, Mr. Gerard Ruth, Mr. Jimmy Fried and his wife who were guest of Mr. Ruth. Mr. Fried will be 100 years old in December. He is a veteran of WWII and was awarded many medals during his years of service.



Above left: Jamie Holds a whale tail carving he purchased from a Hawaiian carver. Money Lavica is a carving tradition passed down for generations. Right: Clayton Dickson shows a rig of Blue Wing Teals which he carved with the help of Kal King-smill. They are his first rig and made of tupelo

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
FOR WEDNESDAY MAY 29, 2019**

Gene opened the meeting by introducing and welcoming guests. Mr. Ruth brought a family member Mr. Jimmy Fried, a WWII Veteran wounded at the Battle of the Bulge with General Paton's Army. Gene also welcomed Mr. Eric Hutchinson, a long time member and carver. His dad was one of the founders of our club, He then welcomed members Dr. Ken Margolis and his wife Judy from Maryland.

Gene reminded everyone that our shows coming up and asked Richard to give a report on the Ward Show. Mitch took a Best in Show and Lonie took a Second Best in Show. He said we got a lot of response from people about our show.

Gene reminded us that the Cajun Heritage Festival is on June 8th and 9th. He said he will take a table there. Ducks unlimited is in July and he called for a table there and Gene will donate a decoy. Blue Bonnet Festival in Baton Rouge is on the 19th of August and they will be honoring Curt Fabre.

It was suggested that we update our current club shirts with a little nicer fabric. We will have more information at the next meeting.

Gene thanked Lydia for volunteering to help Dickey with our sponsors. Lydia brought up attendance at our show and said she thinks that most of the attendance at our show was from Slidell and Mississippi. Chris said he thinks advertising on the Don Dubuc Show and 2 hunting and fishing magazines, Bayou Wild and Hunting & Fishing helps attendance. Dickey said we have been doing them for a

while. Lydia said Don Dubuc came to the show this year, Gene said he has been there for 2 years.

Gene said Decoy Magazine contacted him and asked if we wanted to do an ad like we did last year. Kathy suggested that we put on our post cards we send out a free entry if they bring the card with them to the show. It was decided that we will put a \$2.00 discount off the entry into the show on the post card this year.

Mike suggested we need a graph over the years showing the increasing or decreasing in categories, carving attendance, states attendance, etc. A member said that he felt the TV ads helped attendance. Members agreed and it was decided that we will do the TV ads again this year. It was voted on and approved.

Gene said he had some cut out decoys donated by Deek's Ducks if anyone wants to do one for the auction. Leave your name if you take one so we will know what to expect for the auction.

It was brought up that if we can get our auction pieces in earlier we could advertise them before the show. Mike said we've never been able to get it done. Kal said we could hold a silent pre-auction bid. It was suggested that we put some of the auction pieces out on a display during the show to give anyone who could not attend the auction an opportunity to bid on the piece. The Auction would start off with that bid. This was tabled till next meeting. Oschner Hospital will once again be displaying our carvings. Won't be in the same display; it will be in the main hall this year.

See Show and Tell in this issue with pictures.

Prizes were given out and the meeting adjourned at

