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**May Dinner:**  
**Author Catherine**  
**Campanella**  
**"Historic Lake Ponchartrain &**  
**Metairie"**  
**Details inside**  
**Andrea's Resturant**  
**Tuesday, May 20th - 6 PM**

## Chairman's Column

As the 2007-08 term winds down, it's time for me to thank all of those members who contributed to making this term a successful one. Our Co-Vice Chairmen, **Tony Carollo** and **Monte Shalett**, deserve a big hand for coordinating and arranging an interesting series of luncheon speakers who provided varied presentation topics for the meetings. **Reese Pinney**, our Treasurer, kept us out-of-hock and did an excellent job of managing the Chapter's funds. Thanks to his advice and actions, our surplus funds are now generating market-rate interest in a well-established money market fund. Our Secretary, **Jim Zotkiewicz** performed admirably providing the recordation of monthly Board meetings and submitting quarterly updates of our Chapter activities to the National Newsletter. As everyone noticed, our local Newsletter Chairman/Editor, **Tom Klekamp**, re-designed the appearance of the Newsletter and ensured that it was timely distributed in both electronic and hardcopy formats. He also coordinated his efforts with **David Broadbridge**, our Webmaster, so that the Newsletter appeared on our website, [www.sipesneworleans.org](http://www.sipesneworleans.org). **David Broadbridge** also was responsible for re-designing the website and creating a historical archive for our Chapter's essential documents. Our National Director, **Ken Huffman**, ably provided our local representation on the National Board, and his combined efforts with **Jeanne Phelps**, Convention Chairman, will ensure the success of the SIPES National Convention in New Orleans in a few days from now. Last, but not least, **Carol St. Germain** and **Ed Barry** both deserve notes of gratitude for their assistance on the administration of our Chapter. In addition, thanks to the membership for making my term as Chairman an enjoyable one. Everyone please have a safe and healthy Summer 2008.

*Al Baker*

## OUR MAY DINNER SPEAKER

A native of Fort Ord, California, Catherine Campanella's anomaly of birth was reconciled at the age of six weeks when her father was discharged from the Army and returned with his wife and two children to New Orleans. Just a few years later the family moved "way out" to a new suburb on the western edge of Metairie surrounded by large tracts of open land where blackberry picking and hiking through woods were childhood pastimes. Having grown up witnessing Metairie change and grow Cathy developed an interest in its history which is the subject of this new book.

An L.S.U. graduate with a B.A. in Fine Arts, Cathy chose a career in teaching (M. Ed., University of New Orleans) where she became a Technology Coordinator and early proponent of the educational value of the Internet. New Orleans History ~ Lake Pontchartrain (www.pontchartrain.net) was her first attempt to compile a cultural overview as a pictorial history of the lake. **Lake Pontchartrain** (Arcadia Publishing, 2007) culminated this endeavor in a print edition. Now a retired educator, Cathy's interest in writing and research has grown to include **Metairie** (2008) an Images of America pictorial history also published by Arcadia.

Campanella has written for Scholastic Instructor, Read-Write-Think, and Every Day with Rachel Ray. Married to Mike Azzarello and the mother of two grown children, Cathy hopes her new book will not only provide reminders of times past but also increase awareness that Metairie's history is not only interwoven with that of the city of New Orleans but that each contributed to the other.

*Our speaker will have copies of **Metairie** and **Lake Pontchartrain** available for signing after her talk. These books make ideal gifts for anyone interested in the culture and history of our area.*

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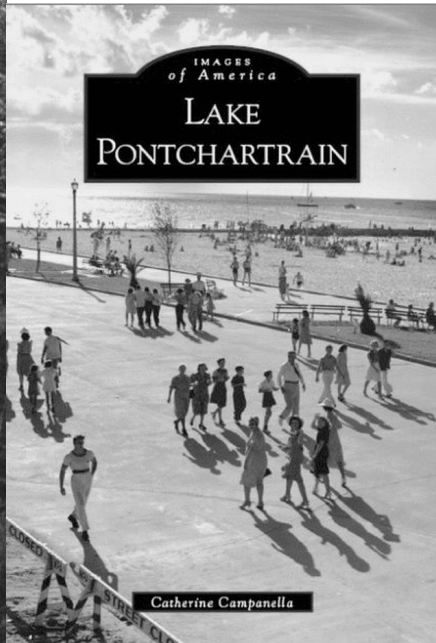
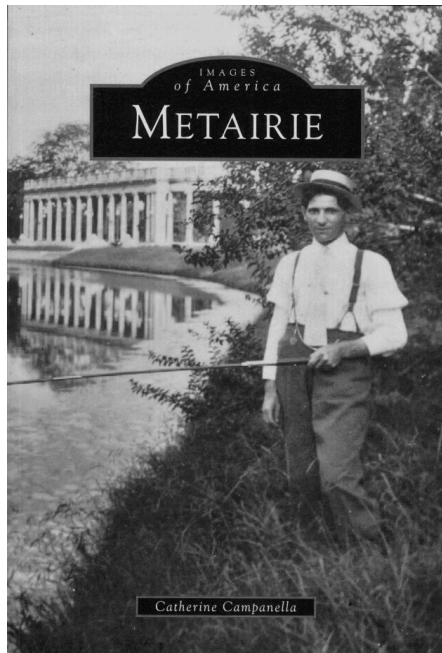
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*Catherine Campanello will bring both of her books for sale and signing at the dinner. You can show your support of a local author, as well as say 'thanks' for donating her time to address our Chapter by purchasing her books at the meeting. After hearing the talk you will definitely want to have them for your home. Also, they make fine gifts for birthdays and special occasions.*  
*Tony Carollo*

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