

# DANCING RABBIT GENEALOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MARCH 2014

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

1:00 PM  
Carthage Public Library  
114 E. Franklin St., Carthage, MS

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## *President's Message*

As this year gets under way, we need to remember that our membership dues are due and payable on the first of January. Let's encourage each member that you come in contact with to come to the meetings and to pay their dues. As I continue to get my feet on the ground as your president, I'm open and will appreciate any suggestions on ways to improve the society to make it the best that it can be in 2014. One of our top priorities should be increasing our membership. Ideas on how to accomplish this will be welcomed.

We need a volunteer to write and place a notice in the Carthaginian for two weeks prior to our meetings, stating place and time of the meeting with a short informative history of the program and the presenter. Also, an article about the program meeting should be submitted the week following the meeting. This is an important way to inform the community as to what we as a society are all about and to create interest in it. Marilyn, Mona and Kathy have been publishing our newsletters and have been doing a terrific job. I would like to say a huge thank you to them.

As of January we asked our members to present a program or get someone to present a program for them for one meeting in the year. We need to get our program sheet filled in for the year. Be thinking about what you might do and sign up on the program sheet. It is a very important part of the society to have a program for every meeting. As the weather improves, I'd like to see us do some field trips. There are numerous historical cemeteries, old homes, etc. in Leake and surrounding counties. I know a number of them that would not be too far away. Kathy mentioned that she wasn't from the area and would enjoy visiting some of our old home places. This would be an exciting and educational adventure for us as well as creating community interest in the society.

As I continue my research about my ancestors and find a land deed, marriage records or a grave that I've been searching for, thoughts and questions flood my mind. Especially when I go to a cemetery, I would like to ask them what the times were like when they lived, what type of person they were, what their interests were, how they