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The Lancaster Historical Society will celebrate the close of a banner year with a New Year's Eve party at the Lion's Den on Sunday night, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Local favorite Chef Carlos of A Different Plate will cater, and good fortune for the new year will be a virtual shoe-in for those who partake of his delicious black-eyed pea soup and champagne at midnight. Entertainment will be provided by Top Tunes 4 U, whose work is known to many thanks to their recent appearances at 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday on the Square and Los Lupes Restaurant. Owners Don & Victoria Baker have opened a new location on the Historic Town Square, where they operate not only the karaoke/DJ business, but also Bella Balloons and a residential mortgage office as well.

Tickets to the New Year's Eve party are \$50 per person, which includes food, beer, wine, and soft drinks; cocktail set-ups will also be provided and guests are invited to BYOB. Make reservations by calling Lynnette Lakey Taff at 214-616-6961, or by sending an e-mail message to [info@lhsweb.org](mailto:info@lhsweb.org). The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, December 26th.

2006 has been a busy year for the Lancaster Historical Society. In addition to their regularly scheduled meetings featuring programs about local history, members of the organization have kept busy raising funds for the preservation and restoration of the historic MKT Depot, and have still found time to be gracious hosts for a variety of fun events. In August, the Historical Society participated in the Chamber-sponsored City-wide Garage Sale. In September, they had a table at 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday on the Square. In October, they held their first-ever OktoberFest, which brought visitors to Lancaster from at least six nearby towns. Earlier this month, the Historical Society held a Christmas Open House in conjunction with the Heritage Park Foundation's 2006 Lancaster Lights and Tour of Homes, and then served as co-hosts with Mayor and Mrs. Joe Tillotson and City Council Member Carol Strain-Burk and her husband Ted Burk for a Holiday Open House for City employees, City Council members, and members of City boards and commissions. And they still found time to enter a Model A Ford in the recent Christmas Parade of Lights, winning the award for Best Antique Auto.

The Lancaster Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to keeping local history alive and to preserving historic sites. The Society maintains the MKT Depot and Rose Garden for the benefit of the citizens of Lancaster. Meetings are free and open to the public, though LHS is always happy to add new members to its roster. Membership dues are only \$15 per year for an individual, or \$25 per year for a couple. For more information about membership or upcoming events, visit the Historical Society's website at [www.lhsweb.org](http://www.lhsweb.org).

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