



# April 2020

## CHEF Board Members

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## Taking Short-cuts

Have you ever stood at the microwave while something was heating and tapped your foot impatiently? Have you ever passed up someone on the road only to have them catch up with you at the next light? Have you ever gotten irritated with God because He didn't answer your prayer quickly enough? Do your children get things done as fast as you would like? In a world of technology that makes life easier and supposedly faster, why are we in such a hurry? Why do we want things to happen so quickly?

Prov 22: 6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Do you think we should continue training our child even when he/she is old? We must be careful as to not rush our children's education and training. There are no short-cuts to proper teaching, educating, and training.

Deut 6:7 "And you shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when thou rise up." Diligently is defined as persevering, persistent, persisting, and unflagging. Diligently is characterized by steady, earnest, and energetic effort; painstaking. This is home schooling, long term devotion and investment in our children. Who else will care as much as we do?

We need to realize that we are raising our grandchildren's parents!! Remember parents, our children are learning from us!

Don Gauthreaux  
Husband, Parent, President  
Matt. 20:27



## Urgent need

CHEF is in need of individuals willing to step up and serve on the Board. There are many needs in our group and we can continue making CHEF a great group if we work together. There are multiple positions available. We also need someone willing to coordinate field trips and our park play days. If we rotate positions, our group will continue moving forward and we will avoid burnout for our faithful volunteers. Let's set a good example for our children and teach them how to serve others! If your family is unable to serve at this time, we are open to ideas and suggestions to make our group as wonderful as it can possibly be! Please pray about where the Lord would have your family serve. Remember, by serving each other, we are serving God.

**Please contact Steve Olivier at 337-371-6979 if interested or if you need more information about what is needed to help make our group run smoothly.**

*Each of you received a spiritual gift. God has shown you His grace in giving you different gifts. And you are like servants who are responsible for using God's gifts. So be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other.* 1 Peter 4:10

# CHEF POSITIONS

Hospitality Coordinator-Organizes meals for families with new babies or significant hardships.

PE in the park coordinator-Schedules PE park day and organizes activities for each day.

Graduation coordinator-Assists with all graduate families to prepare graduation ceremony.

Finance coordinator-Responsible for raising funds for CHEF of Lafayette and sets annual fundraising goals.

Field trip coordinator-Responsible for planning monthly field trips during the school year.



## Announcement from CHEF

Ross Little (President) has decided to step down from the Board. We would like to thank Ross for his dedication and commitment to the homeschooling community, and coordination of many of the events CHEF has enjoyed over the years.

In the interim Don Gauthreaux (Past President) has agreed to fill in as President until the Board elections at our End-of-Year Fellowship. Don has also agreed to continue on as President if voted on by the members at that time. Please join in thanking Don for his continued commitment to serving CHEF of Lafayette.

Don would like to leave an open invitation to the group if you have any thoughts, questions or comments. Feel free to email him at [dongaux@bellsouth.net](mailto:dongaux@bellsouth.net)

## Mom's Homeschool Connection Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 23rd, 2020 at 6:30pm

**WHERE:** Online via Zoom. A link with the meeting ID will be sent before the meeting. You can download Zoom on your computer or your smartphone.

**RSVP with Monica Gauthreaux**

**(337) 207-0738 [monicagaux@bellsouth.net](mailto:monicagaux@bellsouth.net)**

Mom's Homeschool Connection meetings are a chance for moms to come together to discuss homeschool topics. We talk about struggles and challenges that we have faced, and also bring encouragement, especially from those who have been homeschooling for a long time. We usually share a scripture or two to go along with our topic for the night. Nursing infants are welcome. Join us to get your homeschool questions answered. We would love to see you there! Mom's Homeschool Connection Meeting is a CHEF of Lafayette members only activity. However, member moms can invite a friend to attend the monthly gatherings.

## Missions/Field Trip/PE Park Day

Due to precautions related to the coronavirus, missions, park day, and field trips have been postponed indefinitely. If this changes, you will be notified via e-mail.



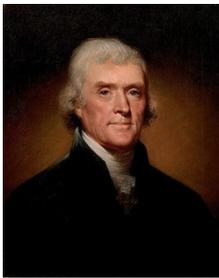
**Great News:** As of March 1, 2019, CHEF of Lafayette has been determined by the IRS as a public charity under IRS Section 509 (a) (2). Donors to CHEF of Lafayette can deduct contributions they make under IRC Section 170. CHEF of Lafayette is also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfer or gifts under Section 2055, 2106 or 2522.

# APRIL IN HISTORY

Submitted by: Donte' Gauthreaux, age 17, 11th grade

**April 3, 1860** - In the American West, the Pony Express service began as the first rider departed St. Joseph, Missouri. For \$5 an ounce, letters were delivered 2,000 miles to California within ten days. The famed Pony Express riders each rode from 75 to 100 miles before handing the letters off to the next rider. A total of 190 way stations were located about 15 miles apart. The service lasted less than two years, ending upon the completion of the overland telegraph.

**Birthday on the 13<sup>th</sup>** - [Thomas Jefferson](#) (1743-1826) was born in Albermarle County, Virginia. He was an author, inventor, lawyer, politician, architect, and one of the finest minds of the 1700's. He authored the American [Declaration of Independence](#) and later served as the 3rd U.S. President from 1801 to 1809. He died on July 4, 1826, the same day as his old friend and one-time political rival John Adams.



**Birthday on the 16<sup>th</sup>** - American aviation pioneer Wilbur Wright (1867-1912) was born in Millville, Indiana. On December 17, 1903, along with his brother Orville, the Wright brothers made the first successful flight of a motor driven aircraft. It flew for 12 seconds and traveled 120 feet. By 1905, they had built a plane that could stay airborne for half an hour, performing figure eights and other aerial maneuvers. Wilbur died of Typhoid fever in May 1912.



**April 18, 1775** - The [Midnight Ride](#) of Paul Revere and William Dawes occurred as the two men rode out of Boston about 10 p.m. to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British.

**April 19, 1775** - At dawn in Massachusetts, about 70 armed militiamen stood face to face on Lexington Green with a British advance guard unit. An unordered 'shot heard around the world' began the [American Revolution](#). A volley of British rifle fire was followed by a charge with bayonets leaving eight Americans dead and ten wounded.

**April 22, 1864** - "In God We Trust" was included on all newly minted U.S. coins by an Act of Congress.

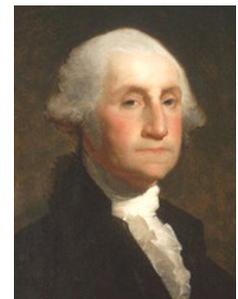


**Birthday on the 27<sup>th</sup>** - Telegraph inventor [Samuel F.B. Morse](#) (1791-1872) was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts. He developed the idea of an electromagnetic telegraph in the 1830's and tapped out his first message "What hath God wrought?" in 1844 on the first telegraph line, running from Washington, D.C., to Baltimore. The construction of the first telegraph line was funded by Congress (\$30,000) after Morse failed to get any other financial backing. After Western Union was founded in 1856, telegraph lines were quickly strung from coast to coast in America.

**Birthday on the 27<sup>th</sup>** - Civil War General and 18th U.S. President [Ulysses S. Grant](#) (1822-1885) was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio. During the war, he earned the nickname "Unconditional Surrender" Grant and was given command of the Union armies. He served as President from 1869 to 1877 in an administration plagued by scandal. He then went on to write his memoirs and died in 1885, just days after its completion.



**April 30, 1789** - [George Washington](#) became the first U.S. President as he was administered the oath of office on the balcony of Federal Hall at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets in New York City.



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# Etcetera

## April Birthdays

- 6<sup>th</sup>- Audrey Karaba
- 16<sup>th</sup>- Faith Leber
- 18<sup>th</sup>- Tasha Lamson
- 19<sup>th</sup>- Rose Karaba
- 24<sup>th</sup>- Tristan Iles
- 25<sup>th</sup>- Maliek Sinegal
- 26<sup>th</sup>- Robert Gavlas
- 26<sup>th</sup>- Andrew Lawrie
- 26<sup>th</sup>- Kenna Hebert
- 27<sup>th</sup>- Jennifer Ockmond
- 30<sup>th</sup>- Abigail Manning



## April Anniversaries

- 26<sup>th</sup>- Brian & Sophia Francis



## Important Upcoming Dates

**Missions**  
postponed

**Field Trip**  
postponed

### **Mom's Homeschool Connection Meeting**

Thursday, April 23rd, 2020 at 6:30pm

**PE Park Day**  
postponed

## Homeschool in Action



David Gavlas making ice cream cones in school (game to help learn concepts)

### Homeschool in Action

I would love to add pictures of our group's homeschooling days to our newsletter. Feel free to add pictures of your children and/or pictures of their artwork, projects, etc., and I will add them to the newsletter!

E-mail Natalie at [n\\_demoor@yahoo.com](mailto:n_demoor@yahoo.com)



### REMEMBER CHEF has a website!

The address is [www.chefoflafayette.org](http://www.chefoflafayette.org) Previously your username and password were emailed to you. This information is needed to enter the website. If you are not entering your username and password, you are seeing only the public side of the site. If you need this information resent to you, email Cindy North at [cf.north1207@gmail.com](mailto:cf.north1207@gmail.com)