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It's time to make plans and reservations for the
SAR Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting
October 13-15, 2017 at the Hilton Galveston Island Resort.

You won't want to miss the Ladies Auxiliary meeting on
Saturday, October 14. Our speaker will start at 3:00 pm,
followed by our business meeting.



Carolina Crimm will be our guest speaker at the Ladies Auxiliary meeting. Her topic will be Marie Felicite d'Estrehan St. Maxent de Gálvez.

Dr. Carolina Castillo Crimm holds degrees from the University of Miami, Texas Tech and completed her Ph.D. in Latin American History at the University of Texas at Austin. Among her many books and articles is the award-winning *De León: A Tejano Family History* (2004). During her forty years in teaching, she has won numerous awards including the prestigious Piper Award as one of the best teachers in Texas. She has recently retired and been honored as a Professor Emeritus in History from Sam Houston State University for her work with her students, her university and her community. She lives in Huntsville, Texas with her husband, Jack.

Marie Felicite d'Estrehan St. Maxent de Gálvez

In 1777 when General Bernardo de Gálvez arrived in New Orleans to take up his post as Spanish Governor of the province of Louisiana, he met a young widow, Marie Felicite d'Estrahan. In addition to being a wealthy young widow in her own right, Marie Felicite was the daughter of one of the wealthiest French traders in Louisiana, Monsieur de St. Maxent. Her sister had married the previous Spanish governor, so perhaps it was not surprising that she should marry the young General and succeeding Governor. However, the love affair that blossomed between the young couple was a romance for the ages. The story of their love affair and the subsequent trials and tribulations of Marie Felicite after the death of Bernardo in Mexico City and her move to Spain is the story of a powerful and resourceful woman who refused to back down even for the King of Spain.