



Thibodaux-Loudun Visit—2009



A sharing of ideas between Thibodaux and Loudun during 2007 visit to Thibodaux



The Mayors of Loudun and Thibodaux in 2011 in Thibodaux

Getting in Touch with Cajun Heritage



**Become a Part
of the 2013
THIBODAUX
Twinning
Visit to
LOUDUN**

For more than 30 years, a group of people from Loudun, France, and Thibodaux, Louisiana, have become like family. Actually, for the people of this area, it has been a return to the home of their ancestors. Many of the people who live here can find their roots near the town of Loudun. Indeed there is a museum in the area that contains lots of information of interest to ardent genealogists and casual researchers alike.

In April, 2009, a group from the Thibodaux area traveled to Loudun to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the twinning, and in April, 2011, a group from Loudun visited Thibodaux, continuing the tradition that began in the 1970's. In these twinning visits, guests visit area sites and sample what each area has to offer, but the most rewarding aspect of the twinning experience is the renewal of friendships and the family atmosphere that pervades. Guests, whether they are in Loudun or in Thibodaux, Houma, or Labadieville (or anywhere in Lafourche, Terrebonne, or Assumption parishes), stay with host families and truly become a part of the culture of the area, albeit for a short time. The friendships that are forged, however, remain. When the group from Thibodaux returned from Loudun in 2009, they brought back with them gifts and greetings for those who were unable to go on this trip. Their "families" from Loudun shared similar experiences in their 2011 visit and look forward to our visit in 2013.

Whether you are a French-speaking Cajun or someone who is interested in learning about another culture, you are invited to come on the 2013 trip to Loudun. You need not be a Thibodaux resident to partake of this experience. If you would like to be a part of the planning and the visit, please send your name, address, phone number, and/or e-mail address so that we can contact you to mbreauxtoups@yahoo.com. Join our association, the Thibodaux-Loudun Twinning Association.

Below are links to articles about the twinning of Loudun and Thibodaux:

<http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20090425/articles/904249784> (This article relates the story of the most recent visit by people from this area to Loudun in 2009.)

<http://www.dailycomet.com/article/20071003/NEWS/710030310>

<http://www.dailycomet.com/article/20080816/articles/689377002>

<http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20091101/ARTICLES/911019964?Title=Paintings-commemorate-twin-city-arrangement>

<http://www.houmatoday.com/article/20110422/ARTICLES/110429807>

Below is a link to the official Loudun website where one can find information about the twinning (*jumelage*):

<http://www.ville-loudun.fr/index.php>



Visitors from Loudun in Thibodaux in 2007