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### **Foundation for Historical Louisiana March and April Lectures Scheduled**

#### **Dr. Jonathan Roberts, "The History of the Charity Hospitals of Louisiana" Foundation for Historical Louisiana Heritage Lecture on Thursday, March 19, 2015**

The Foundation for Historical Louisiana's March Heritage Lecture and book signing will feature Charity Hospital and its history as told by former hospital administrator and co-author, Dr. Jonathan Roberts. Charity Hospital in New Orleans, empty since Hurricane Katrina, is the focus of a book on the significance of the hospital system, particularly "Big Charity," as it was once known. Dr. Roberts, former director of the Charity Hospital System and a Tulane public health alumnus, is the co-author of the new book on Louisiana's 10 public hospitals. It was co-written by Thomas Durant.

The event will be held in the East Room of the Old Governor's Mansion, 501 North Boulevard at 6:30 p.m. on March 19, 2015. A reception hosted by Calandro's Fine Cellars begins at 6 p.m. It is free for FHL members and \$10 for guests. Call (225) 387-2464 for more information.

"Ask anyone around the world if they've heard of the Charity Hospital in New Orleans, and they'll probably know something about it," said Dr. Roberts. The book includes interviews with political figures instrumental in opening the hospitals around Louisiana, discussion of the hospitals' unsatisfactory reputations and several little known facts pertaining to the hospitals' relationships with African Americans and women. In recent years, the hospital system renamed the institutions to avoid connotation linked to the word "charity."

#### **Leo Honeycutt presents new book on CenturyLink Founder on April 16, 2015 at Foundation for Historical Louisiana Heritage Lecture**

Leo Honeycutt, award winning journalist, author, and West Monroe native, will share his book, "Nice Guys Finish First: The Clarke Williams Story- How One Man's Belief in the Golden Rule Transformed a Small Phone Company into CenturyLink." Today CenturyLink is an \$18 billion communications giant, third largest telecom firm in the U.S. and is Louisiana's largest private employer.

Honeycutt said of Williams: “His is a fascinating, inspirational story inside the fascinating story of the chaotic way we got telephones in the first place. In many ways like Alexander Graham Bell, Clarke Williams always had faith when nobody else did. When the bank turned Mr. Williams down, the moment he prayed, an answer literally drove up in a pickup.”

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