



# TRACKS OF TIME

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The next Zephyrhills Historical Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7 at the Zephyrhills Depot Museum at 39110 South Avenue. Business meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. and program at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.



## Speakers

Our guest speaker for the January meeting was Kevin Bahr. He talked about the many changes that have taken place since his family first came here in 1968 and about the strong ties he feels to this community where he grew up. Kevin gives back to the community with his committed involvement with the ZHS Booster Club. He and his brother also have a very successful business. He talked with great pride about his employees and about serving the community. One member in attendance who was singled out in gratitude was Bill Kustes. It's not the first time he's been mentioned by speakers at our monthly gathering. As a teacher, coach, and owner/operator of golf courses he has been a great mentor and friend to countless young people in our community. He gave many of us our first job. We salute Bill, and we were very happy to hear from Kevin. All in attendance enjoyed his presentation.

Irene Dobson informs us that our speaker for February will be Bobby Winters, who probably needs no introduction to readers of this newsletter. He's a lifelong resident of Zephyrhills, a graduate of ZHS, and he and his family has been a big part of the growth of our fair community over the years. We look forward to hearing from him. Come and join us.

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#### ZHA Mission Statement

The mission of the Zephyrhills Historical Association is to research, gather, and share local historical information with all generations, through our literature, programs, and scholarships, and to volunteer assistance to the Zephyrhills Depot Museum and WWII Barracks Museum.

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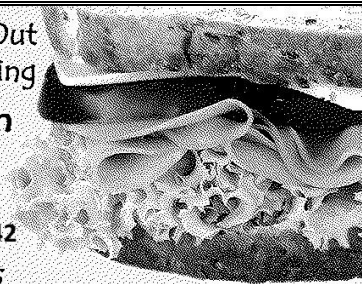
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Post Office

**Sources: (From Fivay.org)** The lists of postmasters with dates of appointment were taken from the U. S. Postal Service web site, except for Ashley, Bee Tree, Carmel, Cedar, Hopeville, Fivay City, Pleasant Plains, and Fort Taylor,



which were taken from pascocemeteries.org. Other historical information on this page was provided by Eddie Herrmann.

**ABBOTT - HEGMAN - ABBOTT - ZEPHYRHILLS.** SE 1/4 of S11 T26 R21 (from 01-09-1888 P.O. application). Established February 2, 1888. Changed November 22, 1890 to Hegman. SW 1/4 of S11 T26 R21 (from 01-05-1891 P.O. application). Changed February 3, 1892 to Abbott. According to research by Eddie Herrmann, on May 31, 1910, the Abbott post office was discontinued and the Zephyrhills post office was established. The USPS web site merely shows a change of name from Abbott to Zephyrhills on that date. The USPS web site has "Hyman," rather than Hegman; this seems to be incorrect. On Nov. 21, 1924, the *Dade City Banner* reported, "The post office has been moved into the building on Fifth Avenue recently built by the postmistress, Mrs. Frazier. This building, when fully completed, will insure better lighting and more room for the post office. It will also be possible to have the flag hoisted over the buildings, as is usually done at all post offices when the building is owned by the government.

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| Mrs. Amanda M. Isaacs     | Postmaster        | 02/02/1888 |
| William Mote              | Postmaster        | 03/03/1890 |
| William Mote              | Postmaster        | 11/22/1890 |
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| William Mote              | Postmaster        | 09/29/1897 |
| Mortimer P. Arnold        | Postmaster        | 07/26/1900 |
| Willis M. Geiger          | Postmaster        | 04/13/1901 |
| Josephine B. Hennington   | Postmaster        | 05/10/1905 |
| Josephine B. Hennington   | Postmaster        | 05/31/1910 |
| James L. Geiger           | Postmaster        | 07/25/1913 |
| Mrs. Edith H. Frazier     | Postmaster        | 03/18/1922 |
| Malcolm M. Maner          | Acting Postmaster | 10/07/1926 |
| Malcolm M. Maner          | Postmaster        | 12/21/1926 |
| Mrs. Lola D. Gall         | Acting Postmaster | 09/15/1934 |
| Mrs. Lola D. Gall         | Postmaster        | 02/11/1937 |
| Charles J. Bentley        | Acting Postmaster | 12/31/1955 |
| Carl Davis Lippincott Jr. | Acting Postmaster | 07/26/1957 |
| Carl David Lippincott Jr. | Postmaster        | 09/06/1957 |
| Anthony Cueto Jr.         | Officer-In-Charge | 03/28/1977 |
| Merrill K. Mersel         | Officer-In-Charge | 08/12/1977 |
| Warren B. Taylor          | Postmaster        | 01/28/1978 |
| Richard H. Sherman        | Officer-In-Charge | 03/20/1981 |
| Richard W. Dupre          | Officer-In-Charge | 05/21/1981 |
| John J. Finnerty III      | Postmaster        | 08/22/1981 |
| Thomas H. Testa Jr.       | Officer-In-Charge | 01/31/2002 |
| Thomas H. Testa Jr.       | Postmaster        | 09/07/2002 |
| Shelah Marsh              | Officer-In-Charge | 11/08/2004 |
| Russell Holland           | Officer-In-Charge | 03/21/2005 |
| Douglas M. Fiedler        | Postmaster        | 06/25/2005 |
| Catherine A. Merritt      | Officer-in-Charge | 05/10/2010 |

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**ZEPHYRHILLS COMMUNITY EXHIBIT AT TAMPA BAY HISTORY MUSEUM  
FROM JANUARY THROUGH FEBRUARY**

The Tampa Bay History Center will feature a community exhibit showcasing Zephyrhills from January 10<sup>th</sup> through February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Tampa Bay History Center's Community Show Case is funded by Wachovia Foundation and offers neighborhoods in the Tampa Bay area an opportunity to 'tell their story' via visual and educational display. The Tampa Bay History Center's Community Outreach Manager, Manny Leto, worked with Clereen Morrill Brunty and Madonna Jervis Wise to schedule the Zephyrhills exhibit. Clereen exclaimed, "We are so excited to be the first community in Pasco County to be featured in the elegant and expansive eight feet high by fourteen foot wide display case that adorns the second floor of the museum."

The community exhibit consists of posters, artifacts and memorabilia graciously contributed by various local sources. Providers include: The Zephyrhills News, Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Zephyrhills, Inc., Zephyrhills Skydive City, Zephyrhills Bottled Water Company (Nestlé Waters North America), Zephyrhills Historical Association, Zephyrhills Depot Museum,, Zephyrhills High School, Printing Zone of Zephyrhills and individuals: Rick Moore, Clereen Brunty, Madonna Wise, Brenda Welcher, Vonnie Mikkelsen, and Gina Granger.

The 60,000 square foot History Center is located in the Channelside District of Tampa. The Museum features a simulated journey which follows the footsteps of the first native inhabitants, Spanish



conquistadors, pioneers, and many more. A theater presentation also makes history come alive. The state-of-the-art museum opened in 1986, has an academic partnership with the University of South Florida and hosts more than 15 million annual visitors. The center is located near Fort Brooke Reservation, the birthplace of modern Tampa, and contains 60,000 square feet of exhibits depicting almost 500 years of recorded history and 12,000 years of human history.

The community is invited to visit the display throughout January and February. Zephyrhills Resident Days with an admission discount during a specified weekend in February. Flyers for the "Zephyrhills Resident Days at the Tampa Bay Museum" will be available at various local businesses including: Zephyrhills Rotary, Zephyrhills Daybreak Rotary, Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Zephyrhills, Library, City Hall, Zephyrhills News, Zephyrhills Water (Nestlé Waters North America), Skydive City, Zephyrhills Depot Museum, local banks and local mobile home parks. Regarding the Zephyrhills Day, the museum will offer a buy-one-get-one 50% off deal for residents. Note that a regular adult admission for two people would be \$18 instead of \$24. Two seniors would be \$15 rather than \$20. The museum also hosts thousands of students through school field trips, coordinated through their education department. At a rate of \$6 per student, the Curator of Education at the Museum is available to schedule fieldtrips for children in the area.

The large community show case will capture the 100 year history of Zephyrhills from the 2010 centennial celebration. Clereen and Madonna located the Zephyrhills Centennial logo, the photo of one of the original Depots on loan from the Zephyrhills Depot Museum, an original school desk from first Zephyrhills School which also celebrated 100 years, photos & artifacts from the famed Skydive City, Zephyrhills Water (Nestlé Waters North America), Zephyrhills High School and several other local historians. Rick Moore, Zephyrhills Public Works Director, a renowned local historical collector, loaned many framed photos/postcards of the town that he has collected for over forty years. Rick and his wife, Barbara, were very involved in the local historical activities during the recent centennial.

The Museum has an online site at: [www.tampabayhistorycenter.org](http://www.tampabayhistorycenter.org) and is located at 801 Old Water Street, Tampa, FL, 33602 (813) 228-0097.

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**ZHA Scholarship Fundraiser at Ci Ci's Pizza**



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On Monday, January 16, 2012 the Zephyrhills Historical Association sent two crews to bus tables at Ci Ci's Pizza, under the direction Patty Thompson. All tips and a portion of the sales for the evening went to our fund for the Rosemary Trotman Student Scholarship, a \$1000 scholarship award for Seniors at Zephyrhills High School. Crew #1, including Clereen Brunty, Gail Geiger, Margie Partain, and Patty Thompson, covered from 4-6 p.m. Crew #2 consisted of Jerry Pricher, Cris White, and Jo White. They covered from 6-8 p.m. We collected over a hundred dollars in tips alone that evening. A figure on the sales has not yet been calculated or sent. Our thanks go out to Ci Ci's for handling this event and to Patty Thompson for organizing it. We will repeat this effort at least two more times, on the third Monday of each month February and March. Come join us as crew or customer. It's for a good cause.



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**Monthly Dinner Out**



Several members meet for dinner at a local restaurant once a month. We meet at 5 o' clock on Friday, a week and three days after our regularly scheduled meeting. This past month we met at Razzles. We enjoyed good food, good service, and wonderful conversation. Our meeting place varies each month. Usually whoever is having a birthday in that month gets to decide where we meet. It's great fun!

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