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

Speakers



Our speaker for July was Jeff Miller, who maintains the Pasco County History web site at www.fivay.org (see his ad on this page). He showed us pictures from his vast collection, and they were well received by the group gathered. The meeting ran a bit longer than is customary, but everyone, including Jeff, seemed to be having a great time! He also took advantage of the opportunity to scan some pictures from the museum he did not already possess. He posted some the following morning on Facebook, and this generated a great deal of discussion there. The public image of The Zephyrhills Historical Association was no doubt enhanced by this activity. Jeff is a good friend to have it appears. We are certainly happy to have him in our group, and we look forward to future visits.

Our speaker for August will be Jeff Cannon, author and local historian of the Pasco County Historical Preservation Society, who will be talking about the history of East Pasco cemeteries. Richland has the oldest cemetery in the county – Tucker Cemetery established in 1855. Jeff also maintains the Pasco County Historical Preservation Society web site at www.pascocemeteries.org.

Thursday, September 26th, is our Ruby Tuesday Scholarship Fundraiser

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Member Spotlight

A note from the editor:

The Member Spotlight will return next month. Next up are Nathan and Gail Smith Geiger. Clereen is putting the final touches on her writing. Given the rich heritage of both the Smith and Geiger Families in Zephyrhills it is possible that we will have to separate the articles from one another. Regardless of what's decided I know we will be happy to read about it. Anyone who was at the meeting the other night can easily see what an important role both these families have played in our history. There seemed to be ancestors of one or the other, or both, in several of the pictures Jeff showed us. Nathan and Gail are certainly valued members of our organization, and we'll be happy to learn more about them.

43rd Annual ZHS Alumni & Friends Luncheon

The President welcomed guests at a little before 1 p.m. and immediately called to the podium our youngest mayor, Danny Burgess (class of 2004) to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. He's also the son of ZHS grads, Danny Burgess (1978) and Beverly Tuscano Burgess (1983). Justin Aultman (class of 2003) was then invited to lead the gathering in a moment of silence for fallen classmates and to give the Invocation. The Chair then recognized two couples from our group for special recognition: Vance & Norma Forbes, celebrating their 75th Wedding Anniversary, and Coach John & Beanie Clements, celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary. These folks were invited to be first in line for our traditional covered-dish luncheon.



Shortly after 2 p.m. our business meeting started. The first item of business was election of officers. The same slate of officers was elected to continue their present positions. They are:

- President – Jerry Pricher, Class of 1969
- Vice President – Lenora (Pollock) Stokes, Class of 1964
- Secretary & Treasurer – Clereen (Morrill) Brunty, Class of 1973
- Historian – Sharon Geiger, Class of 1980
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Oldest and Youngest Grads:
Vance & Norma Forbes,
with Ashley Seekins, Ildys Cruz & Taylor Travis



Grad Traveling the Farthest
Steve Marshall (1983) who came from Japan,
pictured with his father, Bill Marshall (1951)

Cyndi Craig, Class of 1976 announced the 50/50 Raffle winner who was Dan Colandria of Venice, Florida, Class of 1966. Oldest Graduates Present were Vance Forbes, Class of 1933 and Norma Stone Forbes, Class of 1937. Youngest Graduates Present were Ashley Seekins, Ildys Cruz & Taylor Travis – Class of 2013. Graduate who Traveled the Farthest went to Steve Marshall from Japan, Class of 1983. The Most Family Members Present was not announced but was awarded to The Jarrett Family and The King Family as they had several in attendance.

Recognition of various classes in attendance was given, and then Nancy Lail, Scholarship Chair and Class of 1974, was invited to the podium to announce some of the ZHS scholarship recipients, and those in attendance were recognized.

The Zephyrhills CAPS Scholarship for ZHS Alumni Association

Our 1st Zephyrhills Community & Alumni Providing Scholarships Award was
Presented by Nancy Lail – Class of 1974 and Recipients were Ildys Cruz & Taylor Travis

The Paul W. Pattie Memorial Scholarship – Paul from Class of 1964

Presented by wife, Chere Crosby Pattie – Class of 1963
Recipient: Derek Rich

The Ron Cherry Scholarship

Presented by Ron Cherry – Class of 1965 & retired ZHS teacher & administrator
Recipient: Tylar Hochstetler

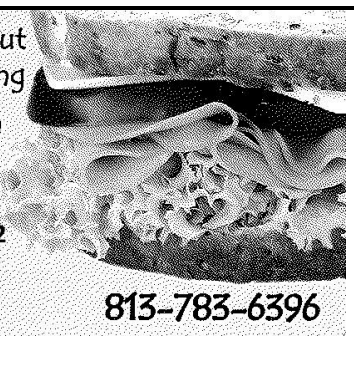
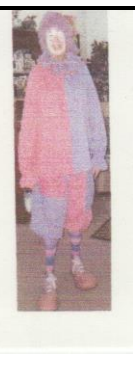
The Rosemary Trotman Scholarship – former ZHS teacher & founder of the Zephyrhills Historical Association

Presented by Jerry Pricher – Class of 1969
Recipient: Aisling Cooney

The ZHS Bulldog Booster Club Scholarship

Presented by President Kevin Bahr, Class of 1981
Recipients: John Cottrell, Ashley Gleaton, Tylar Hochstetler, Lindsey Knowlton,
Hannah Ungerer

Clayton & Lenora Pollock Stokes were given a standing ovation and praise for their hard work manning the kitchen duties. Starting next year Gail Fisher, a professional caterer and wife of retired ZHS football coach Tom Fisher, will be taking over this position with her own crew.

<p>Dine In – Take Out Delivery – Catering</p> <p>The Sandwich Spot</p> <p>39013 CR 54 Zephyrhills, FL 33542</p> <p><i>"Best Cubans in Town"</i></p> <p>813-783-6396</p> 	<p>Party with Patty Cake Clown</p> <p>Parties for children or for the young at heart Call Patty at 813-780-8559 for additional information</p> <p>Featuring Balloon Animals</p> <p>Member of Zephyrhills Historical Association, Ladies Shrine, and First United Methodist Church. Retired Teacher.</p> 
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Zephyrhills teachers, past and present, were then recognized. To close out the meeting Luan Gore and some of her chorus students came to the stage to sing the Alma Mater. The ZHS Alumni & Friends Luncheon is always held on the last Sunday in June at the Zephyrhills Lions Club. Hope to see you next year.



Teachers, Past and Present





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Class of 1973 – 40th Reunion



Class of 1973 with former teachers



Class of 1983 – 30th Reunion



Cyndi Craig and 50/50 winner Dan Colandria

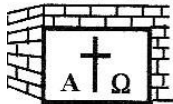


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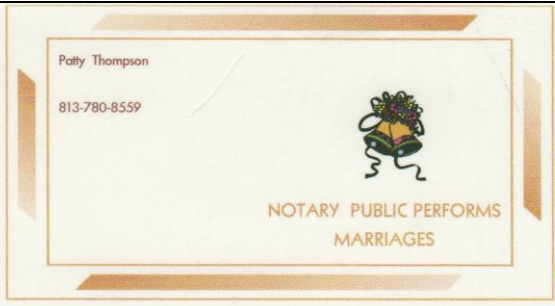
One of my mother’s close friends was Daisy Wingate. Daisy’s husband was Joseph Henry Wingate. He was a friend, too, but Dad and J. H. didn’t visit back and forth like the ladies did. My family moved to Zephyrhills from Dade City, FL about 1932 and actually lived in houses which belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Wingate. Jim, my twin, and I were born in Zephyrhills in 1934. I never knew Mr. Wingate’s given name, we always called him Mr. Wingate, called her Mrs. Wingate...but when I was an adult, I treated Daisy as an aunt and called her by her given name. How culture changes!

One of the Wingate houses we lived in was on Fifth Avenue and Fourth Street. It had a wrap-around porch with a swing on it. Our sister, Hazel Gill, said that she loved to swing us in that swing and watch the traffic go by. Our family also lived in a house that became the Home Economics building across from the school building. Our folks would turn the couch backwards and set us on it so we could look out the windows. The Wingates may have owned that house. We were too young to remember these experiences. We couldn’t have been more than about two years old when the family moved to 712 Third Street. We grew up there.

Joseph Henry Wingate married Daisy Louanna (mnu) in 1894. Their children listed in the Federal Census Records are: Daisy Lovenia (b 8/1897), Henry Jennings (b 4/1900), Lonnie B. (b 1904), Cathrine (b 1908), Stephen Woodrow (b 1912), Joseph Earnest (b 1916), Emma Rose (b 1920). Neither Cathrine nor Daisy Lovenia is mentioned after the 1910 census.

There were strong ties to Bartow. It is very possible that Joseph Henry Wingate was born there. His birthdate was July 27, 1870. The Wingates were farmers. They usually had a few swine, a few cattle and corn plus a vegetable garden. Several of the sons were long-distance truck drivers. When their trips brought them home, the family all got together. Mr. Wingate died January 20, 1956 and is buried in the Wildwood Cemetery, Bartow, Polk County, FL.

There are several things that I recall which involved the Wingates. Once when our family was visiting them at their farm on Chancey Road, Jim and I decided that we needed to gather the eggs in the chicken yard. The rooster thought otherwise. Jim was attacked by the rooster, but as he made his second trip around in the pen, I tackled the rooster and broke his neck. The ladies came out to see what was causing the disturbance, and all that was said was “I guess we’ll have chicken and dumplings for dinner tomorrow”. Another time I decided to taste the blossoms on the wax begonia that was so tempting in the pot on the front porch. The combined sour and sweet kind of attracted me. Before we left, there were no blossoms on the plant. I suffered no ill effects, proving that they were edible. Then, another time, Dad was visiting with Mr. Wingate at the hog pen. Just outside the pen was a small tree. I was told that it was sassafras tree and that tea was made from its leaves. I didn’t drink tea for a long time.

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I don't think that Daisy ever learned how to drive a car. I recall attending a celebration at the Florida Power office in the downtown Fifth Avenue office, either for an anniversary or birthday...75 rings a bell, so it must have been Daisy's 75th birthday in 1952.

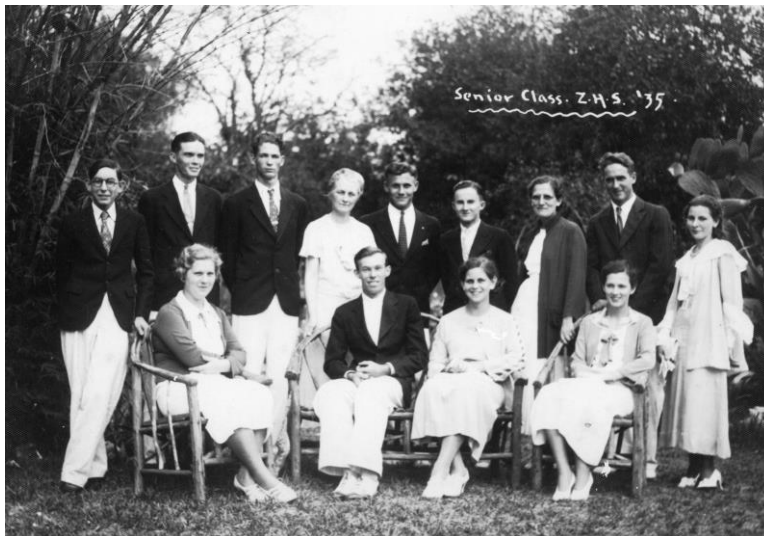
Daisy spent her last few years with Evelyn (her granddaughter) and Henry Wheeler in Deland. She had a foot amputated at a very old age but learned to walk again on the prosthesis. What a trooper!

My Connection to the Wingates

by Jerry Pricher

The Wingates lived next door to us on 20th Street. Our house and theirs were both built by Mr. Krusen in the late 1940s. The house they lived in was the victim of arson and no longer exists. I now own the property on which it once stood. I only vaguely remember Mr. Wingate. He died when I was 5 years old. I do remember seeing him in his garden. I remember he always wore long-sleeve white shirts, which I found odd for the heat of summer. Daddy explained to me about white reflecting light and how it might have made him cooler. I never knew Mrs. Wingate as anything other than Mamaw. She was very kind to me. Jon mentioned that she moved to Deland, and I remember visiting her once when I was a student at Stetson, probably in 1970.

I was also connected to the Wingates through their daughter-in-law, Frances Vogel Wingate, ZHS class of 1935. (In the photo she is the lady seated closest to the center. I understand Emil Reutimann is also in this picture.) She was my mother's closest friend. Family lore has it that



she and my mother were shelling peas the night I was born. I always called her Aunt Frances, even though I have a real Aunt Frances, sister of my mother. She later married Merle Bright, who was also an important mentor in my youth. I often tell folks that I had my first store-bought pair of pants when I was 13. That's when Mother and Daddy took me to the J. C. Penney store at Northgate Plaza in Tampa. Northgate was a big deal at the time, long before the area had

any malls. Up until that time I had always worn hand-me-downs of David Wingate, who was a year or two older than me. Ah, what memories!

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