

TRACKS OF TIME

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The next Zephyrhills Historical Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7th in the meeting room of the *Zephyrhills Public Library*, 5347 8th Street. The business meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and the program is at 6 p.m. Refreshments include drinks, which are provided, and food brought in to share by members.

Speakers



Our speakers for the October meeting were the First brothers, Greg and Gary. In a change of pace, Gary did most of the talking, and Greg jumped into the conversation at appropriate points. They brought along some pictures which added much to the conversation, particularly the ones from past Founder's Day activities. Duke Chadwell was a surprise guest, and is now our newest member. It was he who volunteered to answer a question from the audience about Mr. Krusen. We all had a great time!

Our main speaker for the November meeting will be Damien R. Pickett, Sr., current president of the Zephyrhills Athletic League. He may bring others with him. I've only asked him to bring along David "Flip" Giles, my former student and head coach of the flag football team my grandson played on this year. I attended some practices and some games this year, and I was deeply impressed by the dedication of the people I saw working with these kids. Those of us who have coached in the Zephyrhills schools over the years receive a great deal of credit, and while that feels wonderful, it must be remembered that, as my mentor John Clements once said when they were considering naming the football field after him, we were getting paid for it. That is not the case for these fine young people working in the Zephyrhills Athletic League, and believe me they put in the hours. I am convinced that the work they do, with little credit, is a large part of the success currently being enjoyed by Zephyrhills High School and Raymond B. Stewart Middle School in football. I'm looking forward to this presentation, and we hope you'll join us.



Tuesday, November 28th, is our next Give-Back Scholarship Fundraiser
at **Sergio's Italian Restaurant** on Hwy. 54 West in **Zephyrhills**. We are meeting at 4 p.m.
Contact Patty Thompson (813-780-8559 – pattycakeclown1@aol.com) for information.



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Member Profile
Interview with George and Anna Boone
By: Clereen Brunty

New members to the Zephyrhills Historical Association are George and Anna Boone. I enjoyed the visit with them to hear about their life’s story.

George Gaylon Boone was born on August 16, 1940 in Alamo, Crockett County, Tennessee, which was a small community of around 1,200 residents. The county was named after Davy Crockett who was killed in the Battle of the Alamo in 1836. George’s parents are George Smith Boone and Addie Sue Baker Boone. Who knows – George could be a descendent of Daniel Boone who once lived in Tennessee too!

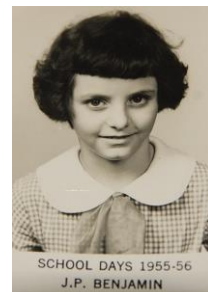
George has a brother, James R. Boone who now lives in Franklin, Tennessee with his wife, Rosemary. After his father remarried, he gained 3 sisters, Lana, Marie and Janice who all grew up in Hampton, Virginia.



He attended Alamo Elementary School and Alamo High School in Tennessee. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force as a jet mechanic and was based at Cannon AFB in Clovis, New Mexico. The history of the base began in the late 1920’s, when a civilian passenger facility, Portair Field, was established on the site. Portair, a terminal for early commercial transcontinental flights, flew passengers in the Ford Trimotor “Tin Goose” by day, and used Pullman trains for night travel. In the 1930’s, Portair was renamed Clovis Municipal Airport. After 3 ½ years, George received an honorable discharge.

George then attended Freed Hardeman College, a Church of Christ school, in Henderson, Tennessee for a year to study ministry which had very strict rules and the academic discipline was very tough. He moved to Lexington, Virginia to help the Church of Christ group establish a congregation in that town. He also was an independent contractor in the construction industry. George worked 9 years at Sears and 3 years at J.C. Penney Department Stores as a Retail Displayer.

Anna Virginia Rangel Boone was born in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida to Tiofilo Perez Rangel and Virginia Blackburn Rangel on January 17, 1947. Anna’s dad was from Stockdale, Texas which is near San Antonio and became a diesel mechanic when he came out of the Army after the war. Her mom is from Hampton Springs, Florida, which is near Perry. Anna’s grandfather was a timber worker in Florida. Her parents met at a dance in Sulphur Springs, Florida, which is now a part of Tampa.



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She has a younger sister, Judy Rangel VanBremen, who now lives in Dade City. As a child, Anna and Judy enjoyed playing board games such as checkers & bingo and loved to play house with little tea parties as well as playing Cowboys and Indians. Those were the good old days of making your own fun without electrical devices and TV.

Anna attended several schools in different towns. Her 1st and 2nd grades were at Collier Elementary School in San Antonio, Texas; 3rd and 4th grade at Judah P. Benjamin Elementary School in New Orleans, Louisiana; 5th grade at Carrollton Elementary School also in New Orleans. For 6th grade, Anna attended Robert E. Lee Elementary School in Tampa. Then she attended Sulfur Springs Junior High School in Tampa for her 7th, 8th and 9th grade years. The family moved to Atlanta, Georgia where she attended 10th grade at Roosevelt High School and completed her 11th grade at Fulton High School in Atlanta. They returned to Tampa, Florida where she completed her senior year at King High School.

After high school graduation, Anna’s first job was at the General Telephone Company in Tampa as a telephone operator. Her next job was part-time work as a bookkeeper for



Tampa Automotive Warehouse and then spent several years being a homemaker and taking care of the children. She decided to attend Erwin Technical College in Tampa to become a nurse. When she earned a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) degree, she worked 3 years at Woodlands Nursing Center in Tampa while she was working on her LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) degree. Anna’s favorite job as a CNA was at Trilby Manor Agency in Dade City which was housing for the WWII POW’s. She felt pride and satisfaction in caring for the home-bound patients with their daily needs, light housekeeping, getting groceries and listening to their stories. She got a job at University Community Hospital which is now known as Florida Hospital Tampa which helped her with courses to obtain an RN (Registered Nurse) degree. She completed her degree at Regent’s College at the University of New York. Anna worked in the nursing field from September 1988 through January 2011 when she decided to retire.

George and Anna met each other in December 1964 while both attending the Florida Avenue Church of Christ in Tampa where George was her Sunday School teacher. Anna was already dating another guy for 5 years but George must have impressed her enough that she chose to be with him. They were married on March 19, 1966 in the same church that they met. Anna’s sister, Judy, was her Maid of Honor and she had 3 bridesmaids who wore pink and rose colored gowns.

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They spent their honeymoon in Crystal River and attended the Church of Christ where George was a lay minister. Six months later they took a trip to Alamo, Tennessee for Anna to meet George’s mother and family. When back in Florida in the 1970’s, they attended the Zephyrhills Christian Church.

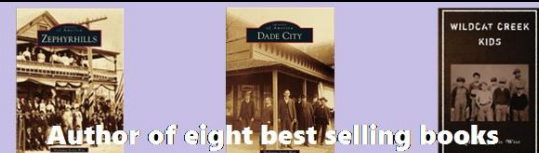


They have 4 children: Nathan Boone who is a musician is married to Shea who is a hairdresser and they live in Zephyrhills; Aaron Boone who is a firefighter is married to Heidi who is in the banking industry and they live in Clover, South Carolina; Anna Laura Boone lives in Zephyrhills next door to her parents and works in Lakeland as an analytical chemist; Justin Boone, a cabinet maker, married Alexandria LaTullippe who is a bookkeeper and lives in Christmas, Florida. Nathan, Aaron and Anna Laura all graduated from Zephyrhills High School while Justin attended Thomas Weightman High School in Wesley Chapel after the county divided students to help with overcrowding based on where they lived. They have 4 grandchildren – Twins, Ethan and James Boone, sons of Aaron & Heidi; Justin Shumpert, son of Anna Laura and Elijah Boone, son of Nathan and Shea.

George joined the Zephyrhills Historical Association in 2012. He is a much appreciated donor to the Rosemary Trotman Scholarship Fund. Something you may not know about George is he is a Socialist and loves politics and in 1993 ran for Governor of Florida against Lawton Chiles. Even though he received several votes, he didn’t make the cut.

He enjoys wood crafting, reading, political commentary, history, fishing and R/C airplanes. George took care of the home – cooking, cleaning and taking care of the children – while Anna attended school to get her nursing degrees. He believes that both partners have to be flexible enough to make a family work out.

His favorite color is green as he says it matches his eyes (sometimes!) and enjoys listening to music by Neil Diamond, Barbara Streisand, Whitney Houston, Willie Nelson, Loretta Lynn, Janis Joplin, Dolly Partin amongst others. His favorite movie is The Bedford Incident (1965) directed by James B. Harris and starring Richard Widmark, Sidney Poitier and James MacArthur as well as Gone With The Wind (1939) directed by Victor Fleming, George Cukor and starring Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh. George says it’s the time period and history of the Civil War that gets his attention in this movie. Clark Gable is one of his favorite actors. A favorite restaurant that George enjoys is the Tin Fish Restaurant in Port St. Lucie. He says it the best seafood restaurant with Catfish Johnny’s in Lake Panasoffkee coming in second.

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Anna has been a member of the Zephyrhills Historical Association since 2015 and has served as Secretary for the last two years. She also was selected to work on the Scholarship Committee in 2016 and 2017. In her younger years she was a member of the Brownie Scouts in New Orleans and the Girls Scouts in Tampa, for many years she served as Treasurer for the political organization, Green Party, and enjoyed being a part of the Cuba Vive' group and the Action Network for Social Justice during the Persian Gulf War to aid the Cuban people during the Peace Movement as well as the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice serving as nurse for the Peace Camp. She attended the Church of Christ and transferred to the First Christian Church in Zephyrhills in the 1970's.

Anna enjoys reading, sewing, movies, gardening, cooking, listening to music and attending live music concerts. Her favorite color is aqua, her favorite song is Las Golondrinas, a traditional Mexican song by Mexican composer Narciso Serradell, written in 1862, and that has become an anthem for Mexican expats. Her favorite book is All Is Quiet On The Western Front written by Erich Maria Remarque. PeeWee's Great Adventure, starring PeeWee Herman, is her favorite movie and she loves to go to Mexican Restaurants, especially in Crawfordville, Florida as well as the one on West Hillsborough Avenue in Tampa.

Anna's final comment was she joined the Zephyrhills Historical Association to accompany her husband as she loves any Florida history and culture. George says he has over 50 years of tenacity and endurance to survive and couldn't love anyone else but Anna.



Bill Kustes – The Big Nine Zero

Clereen sent along this message and some pictures. I'm happy to share them with you.

"The family of Bill Kustes held a celebration Saturday, October 21, 2017 to honor his 90th birthday at Wedgewood Manor Clubhouse in Zephyrhills. A proclamation by the city was read and presented to Bill by City Manager, Steve Spina on behalf of Mayor Gene Whitfield who couldn't attend. Happy Birthday, Bill, from all your friends in the historical association!!!"



Bill & Steve Spina



Clereen Brunty & Bill

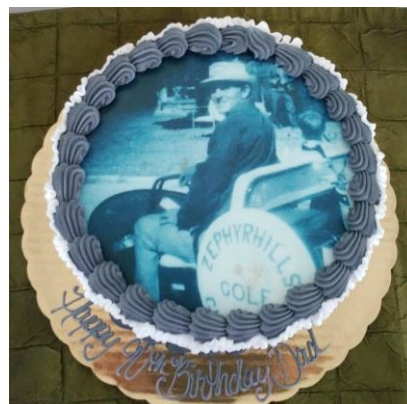


Bill's Family

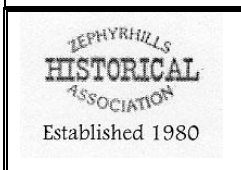
Janette Dunnigan, Judi Dunnigan, Rob Kustes, Bill, Dennis Kustes, Thea Dunnigan Johnson



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Bill driving golf cart in Zephyrhills Founders Day Parade in the 1970's.



ZEPHYRHILLS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 3RD, 2017

President Rod Rehrig called to order the Regular Monthly Business Meeting of the Zephyrhills Historical Association on October 3, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

The Minutes from the September 5 meeting were read by the Secretary. The Minutes were amended as Beverly Holmes pointed out that the newsletter she had from Michigan should read Otsego instead of Oswego. There was a motion to accept the amended Minutes by Jerry Pricher, seconded by Beverly and agreed to by all.

Treasurer Clereen Brunty gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Andrew Nagy to approve, seconded by Judy Gibson and accepted by the group.

New guests and members introduced themselves. We are glad to welcome Lori Brightwell, the new Librarian, as well as Lori Cooper who has attended once before. She likes history and she also works part time for Angels Unique as a companion to a disabled individual.

Old Business: Patty Thompson brought in flyers for the Rosemary Trotman Scholarship Fund Raiser which will be at Sergio's Italian Restaurant on October 24, any time between 11A.M.-9 P.M. though, we meet to eat and fellowship together at 4:00 P.M.

Clereen spoke about the member profiles she is working on. She has presently done an interview and other profiles are in progress.

Regarding Association offices that need to be filled for 2018-2019, there are volunteer nominees, Jerry Pricher for President, Rod Rehrig for Vice President, and Andy Nagy for Treasurer. So far, no one has come forward for the Secretary's position. Jerry made a recommendation for an exception to be made regarding the two year limit as stated in the by-laws. The Secretary has agreed to stay until someone else volunteers. The Association will need to approve the recommendation for making an exception at the November meeting. Patty, Polly, Tenci and Clereen agree to remain on the Board.

Other Old Business: None

New Business: We will be decorating a tree again this year at the Florida Hospital Christmas display. The theme of our tree is to be Tennessee and a list of ideas was brought in. The date is December 3 at noon. Patty is in charge of the tree decorating committee with assistance by Clereen and Anna as well as anyone who will join in.

Other New Business: Regarding dining out for birthdays, Polly and Bill are our October birthday people and have decided on the Sunrise Eatery. The date is October 13 at 4 P.M. Bill will be celebrating 90 years.

Jerry made a motion that we adjourn, seconded by Art Besinger with the approval of everyone.

Respectfully submitted, Anna V. Boone, Secretary, Zephyrhills Historical Association

Our guest speakers for the evening are Greg and Gary First who have played important roles in serving the community.