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The next Zephyrhills Historical Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 1st 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 speaker for the March meeting failed to show, so Bill Kustes kindly stepped in to provide an open discussion mostly dealing with the history of Saint Joseph Catholic Church, which is in the process of celebrating it's one-hundredth year in our community. His discussion branched a bit from there into some general discussion about what life was like in Zephyrhills when he first came here in the early 1960s. We always enjoy ourselves whenever Bill gets going. We had a great time!



Our program in May will be a return performance by the Zephyrhills High School Chorus, under the direction of Luan Gore. This has become a tradition for us. I believe this will be the fifth May appearance for the group. The members of the group, of course, have changed, but Luan remains, and we have never been disappointed by their presentation. We enjoy ourselves each year. We'll have pizza and drinks for the students, as we have other years, but folks still need to bring in the usual food for our meeting. We hope you'll join us.

Tuesday, May 15th, 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.
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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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**THE PASCO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY will be meeting on
 Friday, May 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
 at the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village,
 15602 Pioneer Museum Road, Dade City, Florida 33523.**

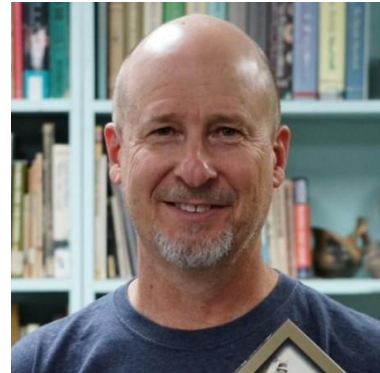
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SPEAKER:

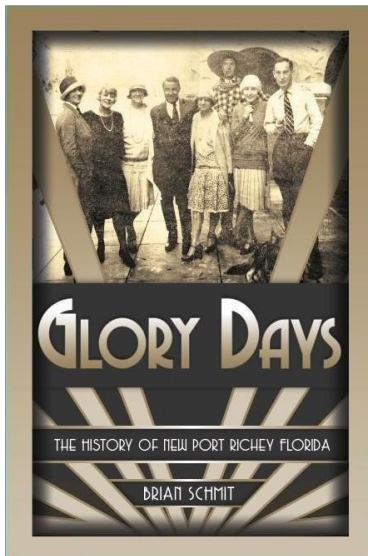
Brian Schmit, author of *Glory Days: The History of New Port Richey, Florida* will be the program speaker for the regular meeting of the Pasco County Historical Society on Friday, May 18, 2018.

His book tells the true story of what occurred in the early years of New Port Richey.

What actually happened in this little Florida town was magical. In the height of the roaring twenties, nearly one in ten residents boasted fame and fortune. The founding fathers made a valiant effort to create the "Hollywood of the East." These dreams came to a perilous end with the stock market crash of 1929. Nearly a century later their stories unfold to keep alive the memory of New Port Richey's glory days.)



Brian Schmit is the author of *Glory Days, A Friend of America, and Aide-de-Camp*. He has a degree in American History from the University of Minnesota, along with certification in secondary education from Augsburg College. He has been teaching for over twenty-five years, at the secondary and collegiate level, and has coached track & field. He currently is on the board of the West Pasco Historical Society where he does historical tours of the museum and the city of New Port Richey. He is also a docent for West Pasco Historical Museum and The Henry Plant Museum.



All books are published under Brian's own publishing company, Yankee Doodle Press.

DINNER: Covered-Dish

A covered-dish dinner precedes the program, so bring something special to share. Please bring your own cutlery for your personal use, disposable plate(s), and your beverage of choice. Also bring disposable serving utensils and serving plates, unless your permanent utensils and platters are clearly marked for easy identification

DIRECTIONS: 1.3 Miles North of Historic Downtown Dade City

At the corner of US 301 and Museum Road, turn east onto Museum Road and cross the railroad tracks. Go north (left) to Lemack Road to gate 4 turn right to the Mabel Jordan barn parking lot.

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Native Americans
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This article appeared in the Tampa Tribune on June 5, 2002.

By CAROL JEFFARES HEDMAN

NEW PORT RICHEY - The large limestone blends in the landscaping of the popular seafood restaurant along busy U.S. 19. Most who come to Johnny Leverock's Seafood House pass by without noticing the crude faces carved into the rock. The 8-by-4-foot rock dates back more than 1,500 years, to when aboriginal people occupied these lands.

The rock is thought to have been carved by Timucuan between 1 and 400 AD, according to Joe Fulghum, general manager of Leverock's. Fulghum discovered some information about the rock in the files when he first came to the restaurant two years ago. According to that history, the rock, which has two faces carved into it, is an effigy to local priest chiefs, perhaps sun and rain gods given human faces. A cavity indicates the rock was used for religious ceremonies at which food and other precious items were placed as offerings.



The rock was discovered in 1981 during construction of the Seamarket Restaurant. A miniature golf course had been located there before that. The restaurant was sold to the Leverock's chain in 1991. It has been left untouched since that day - not cleaned or otherwise altered, Fulghum said. It originally was thought the rock was in its original location. However, Fulghum said he had a visit from someone who grew up in the area. The resident, who wasn't named, related how a boating channel was dredged and rocks were lifted out with a crane and piled on the adjacent land.

The theory is now that the large rock was excavated during dredging of the channel. But most likely the carvings on the rock were the handiwork of the Timucuan, one of the groups of natives at the time of Florida's discovery by Europeans and the beginning of recorded history. Prior to that time is called prehistory.



The Greater Tampa Bay area was within the jurisdiction of the Timucuan, in the subdivision of Tocobago, according to a 1996 research paper by Charles Arnade of San Antonio, a history professor at the University of South Florida.

Tocobago was the name of a Timucuan village or chief or both, located at Tampa Bay, Arnade's research states. It was possibly the largest village, with the most important chief, in a cluster of villages. The Tocobago Timucuan lived a more sedentary life than their predecessors, building semi-permanent structures in small villages with a midden paralleling the shore. A midden is a pile of shellfish refuse that forms a mound. Those aboriginal peoples also had temple and burial mounds that formed a sort of central plaza that was clean of refuse and which was next to a ceremonial mound

that was flat-topped. The headman or chief lived on the plaza and presided over the village of as little as 10 and usually not more than 20 dwellings.

The Timucuan also had burial mounds in which they placed their finest pottery. By this time they had perfected the art of molding clay into useful objects, plus ceremonial pieces.

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They lived near water, gathering shellfish for food. They also hunted for meat. Other foods were grown, including roots, vegetables and fruits. But the cultivation here was not as much as that in northwest Florida by the time the Europeans discovered Florida in the 16th century.

The largest, and probably main village where Chief Tocobago lived, was discovered where Safety Harbor is now. Archaeologists call the Timucuan subdivision period between 1350 and 1513 the Safety Harbor Culture, which has been found over a 12-county area that includes Pasco.

The Calusas are often also said to have been in this area. But that information is now considered false, according to Arnade. The mistake probably goes back to 1575, when Hernando de Escalante Fontaneda in his memoirs gave the possible Calusa word “Tanpa” to what is now Tampa Bay. Tanpa - not Tampa - was probably a Calusa village in another area.

From that it was probably assumed that Tampa was Calusa territory, Arnade states. However, archaeological findings place the border between the Timucuan and Calusa people as Charlotte Harbor rather than Tampa Bay. There was very little difference between the two cultures, except linguistically. Both were part of the Woodland period of prehistory, dating from 1000 BC to 800 A.D.

The first human inhabitants of what is now Florida came probably in the Pleistocene period when Florida was shaped, Arnade’s research shows.

Florida was first covered by water during the Paleozoic period, 100 million years ago. It surfaced as a land mass much larger than today, only to practically submerge again. Sections of it emerged again to give it today’s shape. This left a large continental shelf, narrow on the east coast and wide on the west coast.

The first people of Florida, now called the Paleo-Indians, lived in small groups between an estimated 10,000 to 6500 BC. Most prehistoric people are not referred to as Indians.

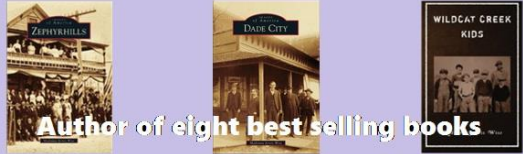

Christopher Columbus, thinking he had landed in the West Indies, mislabeled these people he encountered in 1492 when discovering America. Florida was recovering from the Ice Age during this period and the Paleo-Indians were nomadic, gathering plants, roots, berries and nuts to eat. They also would hunt enormous beasts like the mammoth and mastodon.

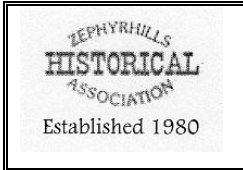
Near the end of this 3,500-year period in Florida, rainfall increased and large land animals died out, probably because of climate changes. The next period, Archaic, was about 6500 BC to 1000 BC. As ice melted across North America, the seas rose and rainfall increased. There was more fresh water and more variety of plants. But the largest animal these prehistoric people encountered was the white-tailed deer.

The Archaic people built shelters and semi-permanent villages along the coast and riverbanks. They had midden mounds composed of shells, animal bones and broken pottery. They began making clay containers, plus fishnets, and dug canoes from tree trunks.

The Mississippian, from 800 to 1500 AD, is the last time period of Florida’s prehistoric people. Their villages were larger. They built flat-topped pyramid mounds for burial and ceremonial use. The Mississippians also developed a government, with rulers and political leaders. Their pottery was decorated with designs.

When Europeans showed up in the early 1500s, the lives of these native Floridians ended. Many died of new illnesses that Europeans carried with them to the New World. Continuous recorded history began in Florida when Juan Ponce de Leon came in 1513. The Spanish recorded about 25,000 aborigines in Florida then. The population of what became the Tampa Bay area was between 1,000 and 2,000, Arnade estimates.

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ZEPHYRHILLS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES APRIL 3RD, 2018

The Regular Monthly Business Meeting of the Zephyrhills Historical Association was called to order at 5:32 P.M. by President Jerry Pricher who gave the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes from March were read by the Secretary, with a motion to approve made by Rod Rehrig, seconded by Al Stone and accepted by the group.

The Treasurer’s Report was given by Treasurer Andrew Nagy. Bill Kustes approved the report, seconded by Polly Gill and agreed to by all.

There were no new members or guests.

Old Business: Regarding Fundraising for Scholarships, Patty Thompson passed out flyers for dinner at Sergio’s on April, 24 anytime between 11A.M. and 9P.M. We generally meet together at 4 P.M.

Patty suggested we change the Fundraising dinners to every other month . There was discussion regarding changing it but there was no decision to change except to possibly skip July and August.

Regarding Scholarships, Louie Holt, who chairs the Committee, said the deadline for students to apply was on March 31. There are five applicants for the Rosemary Trottman Scholarship as well as two seeking continuing education help from the ZHA Scholarship Fund. A PDF file of the seven applicants has been made available via email to the Committee, which will be meeting the week of April16.

Clereen Brunty reported that the Zephyrhills Historical Association won for best car and truck entry in the Founders’ Day Parade for which we received a plaque. She also read off the names of participants.

With regard to the Depot and the Jeffries House, Clereen reported that Louie took files from two sets and put them on an Excel Spreadsheet, which will help in identifying and pairing items with donors. The next workday at the Depot will be at 10 A.M. on April 10.

Other Old Business: None

New Business: Regarding the usual birthday dinner outings, there was discussion about temporarily suspending them. Rod Rehrig made a motion that we suspend the monthly birthday dinners. Clereen seconded the motion with the majority agreeing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Kustes, seconded by Rod Rehrig and agreed upon by the group. The meeting concluded at 5:50 P.M.

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

Addendum: Clereen gave an update regarding Lyden Green. He is still recovering from spinal meningitis for which he had been hospitalized in January. His wife reports that he has good days and bad days.

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