



West Pasco Historical Society, Inc.

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NEWSLETTER

February 1984

January 16, 1983, the New Port Richey Museum was officially opened. The following is a brief outline of our activities since our summer-break:

*****MUSEUM*****

The Museum re-opened its doors September 29. It is scheduled to be opened two days a week, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M.

The 3rd Sunday of every month Adele Gregos schedules a special program from 2:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M.. The programs and tour of the Museum have drawn many visitors. Purpose of the Museum is to cultivate interest for West Pasco County to display their collectibles or antiques for a month and to create regular visitants to the Museum. Anyone interested to display collectibles call Pauline Matthews..Home-849-3881 or at the Museum--849 0680.

---Pauline Matthews

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*****WAYS AND MEANS*****

Auction scheduled for February 27, at Community Congregational Church. Rev. Wiggins will act as auctioneer. All objects for auction will be delivered to the museum before Sunday, February 26, and taken to the church that Sunday for auction on Monday February 27 at 7:00 P. M.. Inspection of items from 5:00--7:00 P. M..

Style show is scheduled for Saturday, April 7 at Congregational Church. Charlotte Tupes in charge.

(Charlotte and Pauline Matthews are investigating cost of having show catered).

Ice cream festival to be held March 31, the day of the Chasco Fiesta Boat Parade. Plans are under way to obtain the services of the Hudson High School jazz band to play from 1:00--3:00 P. M.. Members will be asked to bake cakes. Coffee will also be served.

Kenneth Carter Chmn

B. Lewis

Charlotte Tupes

*****LIBRARY*****

The Members' Library, housed in the Museum Building is the depository for much of New Port Richey's Historical Past. It houses the complete minutes of past organizations, such as Cotee River Boat Club, Grandview Hospital Guild,..West Pasco Allied Council,..New Port Richey Womans Club,..Pithlaschascotee River Improvement Assoc., and bound copies of the New Port Richey Press from the 20's with unbound copies in the 30's and 40's. It houses also many of the volumes which are the work of Dr. Elroy McKendree Avery who founded the first library in New Port Richey (c.1920.)

This material is available for research only and can be used by the general public, but cannot be removed from the building. Also, available is the Roscoe Henderson collection of old photographs and post-cards of New Port Richey and the Cotee River. All other material

is available to Members of the West Pasco Historical Society who wish library cards and is made up of volumes in all areas from Encyclopedias to Fiction.

The Historical section contains excellent material on Florida and general American History and the administrations of many Presidents. The library contains approximately 2,000 volumes and is open three days a week, Wednesday through Friday--11:00 A. M.--4:00 P. M..

Anyone interested in learning more on the library's services and operation, please contact the librarian.

----Janet Lewis

*****PROGRAM CHAIRMAN*****

Highlights of programs held at our regular meetings:

September 15; Dot Reynolds, curator and director of the Safety Harbor museum. Ms. Reynolds brought a "Mini-Museum" of early Florida history, and also spoke on Florida Indians.

October 20th; Ms. Francee Melf, librarian of the Land O Lakes School brought a video tape made by the students of the pioneer residents telling of their early days in the area.

November 17; Co-founder and Past-President Julie Obenreder presented a program on early New Port Richey history, the mayors, the voting and politics of that era.

December 15; the annual Holiday Pot Luck Dinner was held. Also, a silent auction. Proceeds from the auction brought in \$58.00. The members voted to take up a collection for three meetings, and donate the funds to THE COMMITTEE FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY. This collection amounted to \$71.00.

January 19: "Show and Tell". The members brought in antiques, heirlooms and other interesting objects that were displayed and discussed. The collection for the Statue of Liberty this night was \$37.00.

Shirley Ann Joyce, President of the Chester McKay Post, Auxiliary and her officers, held a presentation ceremony, and presented a 4' x 6' American Flag to our Society

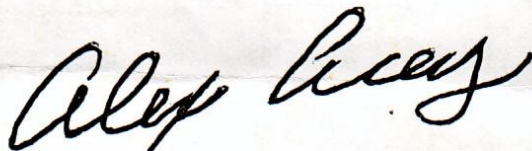
!!! MORE TO COME!!!

The February 16th meeting will bring us HAMPTON DUNN from the Peninsula Motor Club (AAA). He will have a slide presentation titled "Florida--From the Huguenots to the Astronauts".

For the remaining monthly meetings, we expect to have speakers on Andersonville, the Civil War, Railroading in Florida, Florida History and Politics, and finally Egg Decorating. --Leonard Carr Chmn

WPHS now has 293 members (many family)--55 since May

Our Museum is in full swing. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT at our meetings and activities. THIS IS YOUR MUSEUM. BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND ENJOY IT!


Alex Acey, President