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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Members:

This Christmas Season brings Joy and Happiness to all those involved in making the West Pasco Historical Society and New Port Richey Museum outstanding contributions to the cultural life of New Port Richey and Pasco County. We are looking forward to an even greater 1988.

The Officers and Board of Directors join me in wishing you the Blessing of the Holidays and may the coming year bring you Health and Happiness.

Alex Acey
President

TWO RED-LETTER OCCASIONS! Mark your calendars and hold these dates in reserve for some golden encounters.

THE MINIATURE ART SOCIETY OF FLORIDA extends a special invitation to you to attend the Thirteenth International Miniature Show at Kapok Tree Restaurant, Clearwater, January 10-23, 1988.

Mr. Alex Acey, President of West Pasco Historical Society, will present the Historical award at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 10, at the opening ceremonies.

There will be a delightful interlude of accordin music rendered by Adele Gregos preceding the awards ceremony.

VALENTINE FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

Saturday, February 13th - 12:00 Noon

Seven Springs Country Club

\$7.50 ea.

Chairman - Dorothy Acey

Co-Chairman - Jeanne Kennedy

"Fashions by Sophisticated Shirtail"

For Reservations Call:

376-0359

For the sponsorship of this Newsletter we are again indebted to:

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BREAD UPON THE WATERS

On Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21, this Society held a very successful rummage sale at the New Port Richey Recreation Center. The net revenue amounted to \$585.00. This feat was achieved through the combined effort and dedication of many loyal officers, members, and friends and the wonderful cooperation and assistance of the New Port Richey Recreation Department.

At the conclusion of the sale many items remained unsold. Under the aegis of the New Port Richey Fire Department, this material was released to the local Goodwill Industries Center. The Fire Department will refer the unfortunate victims of disaster and adverse circumstances to the Goodwill for donations from this stockpile. The Richey Suncoast Theatre group and several charitable and civic related agencies also benefit from our sales. Thus our Society has engaged in philanthropic work in the community that many of us were unaware of. Many items given to the Society are placed with groups where they will do the most good--Disabled American Veterans Chapter 78, Richey Elementary School (Smithsonian magazines). Another rummage sale is contemplated in April 1988.

Credit is due many for the success of these ventures and particularly Gene Sniffen who seems to be a veritable fountain of energy, planning, and untiring industry.

A bake sale was held at the museum in conjunction with the Celebration of the Arts in Sims Park on Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22. This project netted \$154.00. Again our thanks to those who baked cakes and cookies and assured the success of this endeavor. Our special thanks to Ceil Zubrod for championing the bake sale.

CURATOR

During the Antique Car Show our Museum hosted more than five hundred persons over the two-day period. We also welcomed several hundred persons during the Pasco Art Show. We were delighted to show all our treasures.

In December we are showcasing "Madonnas of the World." A special "open house" was held on December 6. There will be NO OPEN HOUSE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20; the Christmas party will be held on December 17 in lieu thereof.

Thanks to all who have been taking a turn at sitting the Museum. We can always use more names on our docent list.

Adele Gregos, Curator

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MEMBERSHIP

Our efforts to achieve a fully paid up membership are nearing realization, however, a few members are still delinquent. If there is a red dot on the mailing label of your Newsletter, it means that this has escaped your attention. We want to keep all our current members. Please send your checks to P.O. Box 1855, New Port Richey 34656-1855.

Membership Committee

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LIBRARY

The Library held the book sales at our rummage sale, resulting in a profit of \$77.40. Included were many good books for young people--discards from the Public Library. Some that remained were taken to the Salvation Army to be given to the Child Abuse Center. A carton of large print Reader's Digests was donated to Heather Hill Nursing Home where it was gladly received. We gave two cartons to the Hacienda Home.

Jessie Hyde, Librarian

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COUNTRY STORE

The Country Store is doing very well so far this year. I wish to thank everyone who has contributed articles for the store. I have given our Treasurer for deposit \$180.00 plus tax. Now our store needs replenishing as our cupboard is growing bare so please keep the lovely items coming so we can do as well next year. Don't forget to stop and see the store the next time you are in the Museum.

Audrey O'Neil, Chairman

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C H R I S T M A S P A R T Y

Thursday, December 17th 6:00 P.M.
Community Congregational Church, Andrus Hall
325 Circle Boulevard, New Port Richey



Celebrate the Festival of Advent-Christmas with conviviality and friendship.

Potluck Supper - Each one bring a dish to share and own place setting.
Auction - Bring something of value to auction.

Leonard Carr, auctioneer - Joey Arnold, Courier

Queries to Julie Chenoweth, Chairman - 863-4226.

MONTHLY MEETINGS, 3RD THURSDAY *

December 17 CHRISTMAS PARTY.
January 21 A BIT OF NOSTALGIA
Ida Brunner &
Fanny Hatcher.
February 18 SHOW AND TELL.
Bring something to
show and tell about.
March 17 Open.
April 21 Open.
May TBA ANNUAL BANQUET.
Installation of new
officers.

OPEN HOUSE, 3RD SUNDAY *

December 20	NO OPEN HOUSE. Museum will be open Thurs. & Fri. in December EXCEPT CLOSED 12/25-26; 12/31, 1/1/88. DISPLAY OF LOVELY MADONNAS.
January 17	WEST PASCO ART GUILD will demonstrate in various mediums; SHOWCASE OF OLD SHEET MUSIC (Back into 19th century).
February 21	CHILDREN'S VALENTINES, ESSAYS BY OLDER CHILDREN.
March 20	WEST PASCO MODEL RAILWAY ASSN. (Two weekends).
April 17	HAPPY HOLIDAY CHINA PAINTERS.
May -	NO OPEN HOUSE - Annual Installation Banquet.

* Program topics are subject to change due to unforeseen contingencies.



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GENEALOGY

Who are you? Have you established your personal identity in the world? You may be interested in developing this process through the structure of family pedigree charts and family group sheets.

Join our genealogy class on Saturday afternoon beginning January 23, 1988, 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M., held at the West Pasco Historical Society Museum in Sims Park. This will continue for a six-week term. Remember your ancestors are part of history. Record your family history now for the future.

Are you looking for German roots? Write to Dr. John Achenback, Eichen Str. 13, 8802 Sachsen, West Germany. Enclose \$1.00 for postage.

Query: Louise Meichner, 847-6370, looking for any person with the surname of Nerger or Chartier.

Louise Meichner, Chairman

GREEN CHRISTMAS IN WEST PASCO

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"The first public Christmas Tree in Sims Park was placed in front of the Civic Clubhouse in Sims Park in 1916 by the women of the Civic Club. This was to become a yearly tradition. A press release of 1935 notes that a lovely tree, complete with electric lights, was placed at the edge of Orange Lake. In later years, it was to become an annual feature for the tree to be placed in the center of the lake on a float with its lights reflecting into the water. Strings of colored lights were also strung around the lake.

"A display of large, framed paintings of Christmas scenes painted by an early settler, Mr. Charles De Boer, were also set up around the lake, making the holiday season in this area especially beautiful.

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Excerpted from West Pasco's Heritage



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NORMA NELSON
Youth Program
DOROTHY ACEY
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Fashion Show
JULIE CHENOWETH
Christmas Party

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy Hines
A beloved member
who recently
entered the
Father's House.

