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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To our Members and Friends:

The past year has been progressive and rewarding for the West Pasco Historical Society and Museum. Our gratitude is extended to the many dedicated people whose loyal service brought this about:

Adèle Gregos, Curator, and her able staff for the acquisition of many antiques and historical items throughout the museum.

Jessie Hyde, Librarian, and her staff for a bigger and better Library.

Ida Brunner, Treasurer, for implementing our fiscal policies and husbanding our financial resources.

Ceil Zubrod, Publicity Chairman, For effective press releases and for highlighting our activities.

Bill and Elna Dunlap, Editors of our Newsletter, for a good job.

Our recognition of other active members for their fidelity and zeal:

Glenna Vickers, Program Chairman and Corresponding Secretary.

Gene Sniffen, Community Services.

Julie Chenoweth, Recording Secretary.

Howard Chenoweth, Director and Museum Manager.

Norma Nelson and Joseph Arnold, Directors and Chairmen, Youth Program.

Andrew Gregos, Membership Chairman.

Louise Meichner, Genealogy classes.

Frances Mallett, Director.

Frances Dee, Director.

Audrey O'Neil, Chairman, Gift Shop.

Our sincere thanks to many others serving as docents and volunteers throughout the year.

Again our thanks to first Florida Bank of Pasco County for sponsoring this publication.

Alex Acey
President

This Newsletter has been underwritten by:

FIRST FLORIDA BANK OF PASCO COUNTY, N. A.
4041 Rowan Road
Elfers, Florida

CURATOR

During February the museum "showcased" historical documents which made our country a great nation. Along with these we have proudly displayed an authentic land grant signed by President James Monroe. We thank Joan Rees for lending this and other old documents for all to enjoy.

The showcase for March is a beautiful collection of fans on loan from Martha Carlson.

In April the showcase feature will be Happy Holiday China Painters. There will be no open house in May. Have a pleasant summer and rejoin us with élan in the fall. Once again we thank all who have been sitters. Wouldn't you like the pleasure and satisfaction of adding your name to our volunteer staff?

Adèle Gregos, Curator

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GENEALOGY

The genealogy class was very successful with approximately 20-25 people attending each class on Saturdays.

A shelf in our Library has been acquired for books on genealogical sources. You may read these books while visiting the Library. They are a special collection, not for circulation. "ANCESTRY'S GUIDE TO RESEARCH WITH CASE STUDIES," by Johni Cerney and Arlene Eakle, is a good book to guide you through the world of genealogy.

Looking for your British ancestry? Use this company for all your British research needs: Ancestral Heritage, Ltd. (Dept. 28), 21 Church Road, London SE 19 2TE, United Kingdom. You may also write to John A. Warren, 50 Herons Way, Pembury, Kent TN2, England, for research in England - central and parish records, census, wills, etc.

Louise Meichner, Genealogy Chairman

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LIBRARY

Attention is invited to some notable, recent additions to our Library:

"THE STORY OF FLORIDA" by May McNeer, beautifully illustrated with lithographs by C. H. DeWitt, Harper, c 1947 (now out of print).

A lovely children's book.

(Donated by Mr. & Mrs. T. Griffin, Cincinnati, Ohio).

"WATER, PREY AND GAME BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA" by Alexander Wetmore, National Geographic Society, publisher. 600 full color illustrations. (Donated by Winifred Harris).

"SONG AND GARDEN BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA" by Alexander Wetmore, National Geographic Society, publisher. 324 species in color and fully described. (Donated by Winifred Harris).

"AMERICAN BRILLIANT CUT GLASS" by Bill and Louise Boggess, Crown Publishers. c 1977. A collector's guide. Over 600 pieces illustrated. (Donated by Ellen Kleckner).

Many of our biography and history books were donated by Andrew Gregos.

Jessie Hyde, Librarian

Bake Sale omitted due to press of other activities.

COUNTRY STORE

As only a few months remain before the summer doldrums, our store needs the adrenalin of more profitable sales items. How about that unique something--a dish, vase, figurine, almost new jewelry, unused greeting cards or whatever is marketable. Good sellers are 25-cent greeting cards and note stationery. A new assortment is anticipated soon.

We envision a sellout during the Chasco Fiesta. Bring in your treasures!

Audrey O'Neil, Chairman

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At the February 21 opening, awards were presented to Pasco County students for best essays on "WHAT PASCO COUNTY WILL BE LIKE 100 YEARS FROM NOW."

1st Place, \$25	DAMIEN WILSON
	<u>Gulf Middle School</u>
2nd Place, \$15	SUZY CORS
	<u>Hudson Middle School</u>
3rd Place, \$10	DEBBIE JACKSON
	<u>Hudson Middle School</u>
Honorable Mention	WISTA ADAMS
	Gulf Middle School

Mrs. Mittye P. Locke, former principal of Elfers Elementary School (later renamed in her honor), was present and recognized for her valuable contribution to the civic and educational life of the area.

Thanks to all who helped.

Joseph Arnold
Chairman, Youth Committee

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3/12 and 3/19 - On these two Saturdays we will serve SLOPPY JOES in Sims Park in conjunction with the CHASCO FIESTA.

INSTALLATION BANQUET

May 19 Thursday
Magnolia Valley Country Club
\$10.00 - Includes gratuity & tax
Choice of entree

RUMMAGE SALE, Saturday, March 26
New Port Richey Recreation Center
9 AM - 4 PM

This is not only a fund raising scheme for our Society, but also a venture in charitable and civic service to the community.

We should have access to the Recreation Center at 3 PM, Friday, March 25. Those willing to assist on Friday and/or on Saturday should contact the museum or Gene Sniffen at 848-7563.

Gene Sniffen, Chairman
Community Services

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3/17 Meeting, Museum, 7 PM.
Slide presentation, HISTORY
OF INDIAN TOTEM POLES by
Mr. Robert Dewar, prominent
woodcarver, founder of Calusa
Woodcarvers, and member of
West Pasco Art Guild.

3/20 Open House, Museum, 2-4 PM.
Program on FANS by
Mrs. Martha Carlson.

4/17 Open House, Museum, 2-4 PM.
HAPPY HOLIDAY CHINA PAINTERS.

4/21 Meeting, Museum, 7 PM.
WEST PASCO THEN AND NOW by
Frances Mallett. There will
be a pot luck supper. Bring
a dish to share and your
place setting.

MEMBERSHIP

This is the last Newsletter of the current fiscal year. Our
 winter residents will be embarking for northern climes before the
 new dues year begins. Members who would like to prepay their
 dues may use the form attached, forwarding their checks for the
 proper amount to the Society.

Andrew K. Gregos, Chairman

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WHO WERE FLORIDA'S FIRST SNOWBIRDS?

People are always saying Florida is a newly settled state and doesn't have much history. When did people first come here?

About 8,000 to 10,000 years ago, when the Indians first arrived. By 2,000 B.C. large groups had settled all over Florida. Some groups founded small empires and others developed elaborate religions. By the time the first Europeans came, the Apalachee and Timucua were living in permanent walled towns that enclosed large houses. The first European to see Florida and go home to brag about it was Juan Ponce de Leon in 1513. Spaniards colonized the Pensacola Bay area in 1559.

Ponce de Leon discovered Florida in 1513.
Historia General, Havana, 1728, Rare Book Division,
NYPL and AMERICAN HERITAGE



MERCI BEAUCOUP!

Julie Chenoweth expresses thanks to everyone for making our Christmas party buffet such an eye-filling, glorious success. Every dish bore the aspect of a culinary delight. Though what to bring is never specified, we always achieve a happy blend of gastronomy, salads and fruit bowls included. Thanks to all who helped with the buffet, including our president and his wife.

LOST AND NOT FOUND

ONE LARGE STAINLESS, PIERCED TABLESPOON AND FOUR TABLESPOONS (DESSERT OR SOUP) were not gathered up to be washed following the last Christmas party. Will all who were present please search their flatware for these items. If found, kindly leave at front desk in museum or phone Julie Chenoweth at 863-4226.