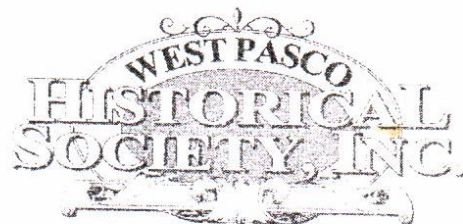


NEWSLETTER

Museum and Library 2nd Quarter 2005



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I hope you're all having a good summer. The summer months, usually quiet, have been quite active and very good to your Society. I am pleased to announce that the New Port Richey Rotary Club has generously donated

\$3,000.00 to the Society for our building and maintenance fund. The board has not yet determined where we will spend this very nice donation, but I am sure it will be put to excellent use.

Membership continues to grow and the Society heads into the fall season on a very strong footing, both financially and in terms of quality volunteers and board members.

I look forward to assisting this organization through another record-breaking year!

Leon Flood



LIBRARY NEWS

by Bea Baum

The Cookbook is still being worked on by a dedicated team of people who are typing the recipes. Be patient, we will see it in publication soon!!!

There are a number of new people who have expressed an interest in working in the library as assistant librarians. We always have room for more. A training session will be conducted for any and all who are interested at 1:00 pm on August 13th at the Museum. Call 841-6933 for more information.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

The annual general meeting was held on June 4th for the purpose of electing officers for the year 2005-2006. The following slate of officers was elected unanimously. Installation of the newly elected officers was conducted by New Port Richey City Manager Scott Miller.

Officers and Directors 2005-2006

President	Leon Flood
Vice President	Adam Carozza
2nd Vice President	Antonia Miernik
Treasurer	Wendy Brenner
Secretary	
Corres. Secretary	Laura Helm
Director (2 year term, ending 2007) ..	Susan Eckstein
Director (2 year term, ending 2007)	Terry Kline
Director (2 year term, ending 2007) .	Michelle Flood
Director (2 year term, ending 2006) ..	Ann Buchanan
Director (2 year term, ending 2006)	David Prace
Librarian	Bea Baum
Curator	Midge London-Prace

following the Installation was a reception with a sheetcake donated by Southgate Publix.



GIFT SHOP NEWS

by Audrey O'Neil

We would like to take steps to improve the quality of items in our Gift Shop, or should I say Thrift Shop. Years ago we were among the first to sell donated items, now Thrift Stores are every where. The Historical Society depends on your donations. The funds from the sales help pay toward the Museum expenses. So don't forget we always need donations especially jewelry.

ANTIQUE TIDBITS

by Eleanor Schoepflin

Banks with no mechanical action are known as Still Banks. The first still banks were made from wood, pottery or gourds. Redware and stoneware banks made by America's early potters are prized possessions of today's collectors. Still banks reached "golden age" with the arrival of the cast iron bank. Leading manufacturing companies include Arcade Mfg. Co; Hobley, J & E Stevens and A.C. Williams. The banks were often ornately painted to enhance their appeal. During the cast iron era, banks and other businesses used the still bank as a form of advertising to attract customers. The tin lithograph bank did not reach its zenith until the 1930-1955 period. These became important premiums whether it be for Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer or Gerbers Orange Juice. Most tin advertising banks resembled the packaging shape of the product. Almost every substance has been used to make a still-bank; diecast – white metal, aluminum, brass, plastic, glass, etc. Many of the early glass candy containers converted to a bank when emptied of the candy. The still banks which attract the most attention and the highest bids from collectors are painted cast iron banks in the shapes of buildings, churches, temples, and military forts of the 19th century. They range in price from \$100 to \$9,000 and everything in between. Register banks are considered still banks although they do have an internal moving part that shows how many coins are in the bank. Perhaps some of you had a register bank as a child - I know I did.



THE CURATORS REPORT

by Midge London-Prace

Donations received in May, June, July 2005

- *A period style dress donated by Fran Martin
- *An Army issue "Cammo" uniform and boots from Iraq donated by Pithlachascotee DAR
- *A Brothers desktop publisher donated by John Stratton

*A Hewlett Packard Laserjet printer donated by Dannee Brooks

*A picture of Moon Lake Lodge interior, postcards donated by Mary Jane Prichard

*Brochure of 1st Baptist Church, Directory from 1973,74;PascoCo School District, 1973-4, Gulf Harbors maps, newsletters from 1977 donated by Robin Richey Williams

*108 issues of The Florida Genealogist, starting with Fall of 1977 thru Spring 2005 donated by Mr. Charles Blankenship

* A framed period picture of the Statehouse in Tallahassee donated by Joan Rees

* A framed painting of Cotee River by Patricia Watts donated by the Community Hospital Volunteers



THE TUESDAY MORNING GROUP REPORT

We have had a group of volunteers coming in on Tuesday morning this Summer. The obit project is continuing to make headway. The 50's are now being recorded, but sometimes we get side-tracked reading the news of that day. There has been some very interesting visitors dropping in lately. One person was a visitor named "Richey." He came from Illinois and was visiting in Orlando. He believes his Great Grandfather was a brother of our Aaron Richey, so we were able to send him home with more information about his family.

We have had a number of tours this summer. The Red Hatters have found us, so far two groups have visited us and another one will be coming on July 27th.

John Miernik was contacted by the Marine Institute this summer and agreed to give classes on how to properly conduct an archaeology dig. After his classes finished he brought the students to the museum and conducted a tour of the museum. From the enthusiasm shown by the students John did an excellent job and deserves our grateful thanks.



SEASON OPENER

by Adam Carozza

The 2005-2006 season of the West Pasco Historical Society will open with a bang on September 10th. Our featured speaker will be Professor Gary Mormino who will discuss his new book, "**Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams: A Social History of Modern Florida.**" Gary Mormino holds the rank of full professor at the University of South Florida, where he has taught history since 1977. A graduate of Millikin University (B.A.) and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Ph.D.), Mormino has written extensively on immigration and urban America. In 1986, the University of Illinois published *Immigrants on the Hill: Italian-Americans in St. Louis, 1882-1982*. The following year the University of Illinois Press included in its inaugural *Statue of Liberty Series*, *The immigrant world of Ybor City: Italians and their Latin neighbors in Tampa, 1885-1985* (with George Pozzetta). In 1980, he taught at the University of Rome as a Fulbright scholar.

Professor Mormino has also been engaged in the history of Florida. He has involved himself with local historical projects, such as teacher workshops and the publication of curricular materials. In 1991 he co-edited, with Ann Henderson, *Spanish Pathways in Florida, 1492-1992* (Pineapple Press). Presently he is completing a history of World War II in Florida.

The program will commence at 1:00 pm at the *Little Old Schoolhouse in Sims Park*, 6431 Circle Boulevard, New Port Richey. Refreshments will be served at the end of the program. The public is invited.



HONORARY LIFE MEMBER AWARD

This year the honorary life member award was given to Terry Kline. The following bio was given by David Prace who then awarded Terry with a beautiful engraved clock:

The recipient of this years Honorary Life Member award goes to a member who has worked for the betterment of the

Museum and the Historical Society for many years. This person, while not a native, come to the area as a very small child and went all through the Pasco County school system. During his growing up years this person developed an interest in Indian artifacts by visiting sites that were being developed. As a boy he would roam these lands and inspected the Ancloste and Oelsner Mounds. He remembers going down Pine Hill past the large sand platform mound (good for a slide) to the dump on Congress, to say hi to Mr. Baker and poke around a little, then on to the large shell mound not far away which he loved to climb. Dr. Wilfred T. Neill, who was his hero, and who he sometimes followed around (not because of his vast knowledge, but because he liked snakes) told him the mound had been made by the Indians. Dr. Neill told him that they used the mound in their ceremonies but he just thought they ate a lot of oysters.

This individual has built and maintained our collection of Indian artifacts and has displayed many of his own collection pieces. He serves as our Chasco Fiesta coordinator and has expanded the Chasco Memorabilia exhibit each year. He is our Native American expert in residence. Let me quote something that he has written that emphasizes his love of what he does, "My young son Donald and I were looking for fossils and he kicked up a small point in front of me. I was awe struck with this beautiful carved stone. Working with my hands all my life I knew I found a virtual Swiss Army knife: a point to drill with, an edge to cut and scrape, a weapon, and a digging tool. But what struck me the most, by making a tool in his everyday endeavors, this man had left a legacy that had endured the test of time and was still useful today. I was hooked."

Your Society often host groups of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the like. This person conducts the lecture in the Indian Room for each of these sessions and I can assure you that the kids hang on every word he says. By now I'm sure you have guessed who we honor today with this award. Will the person who best fits this description step forward.



Have you seen our front porch? The benches have been painted! The floor has been painted! The double doors have been painted! Our entrance look beautiful for the coming season. Thanks goes to our member, Joe Parsolano, painter par excellent! Thanks Joe.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

September 10th, 1:00pm

Speaker will be Gary Mormino, author of "**Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams**"

October 21st, 22nd, and 23rd

Founders Day weekend

November

TBA

December

Annual Christmas Party TBA



ADDENDUM TO DIRECTORY

2005 #2

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Walter J., Jr. & Patricia Mallett
to Life Member

DECEASED

Margaret Albrecht

Elwood Kisby

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