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Note from the Editor: The Palm Coast Historian will now be published three times per year: January, April/July combined issue, and October.

Garage Sale Success

By Mary Ann Canfield

On February 15th we had a very successful garage and bake sale. We realized a profit of \$650. Thank you to our bakers and especially Bob and Kathleen Crocetta who worked very hard to prepare a special display of homemade cookies and nut bars which the children loved.

Our volunteers not only donated articles and priced them on Friday evening, but came back the next day to man the tables for the duration of the sale. We thank all of our volunteers who made the fund raiser a success!

Jon Netts and Ronnie Lyons who did a magnificent job at the cashier's table. Milbrey Bartholow who not only worked all day, but donated a beautiful set of china. Jean and Skip Sedlak, Betty Rhatigan and her sister and brother-in-law George and Maureen Bosnich – we even recruited people's house guests as volunteers. Anne Howell and her generous donation of grapefruit which sold out quickly. Peter Donlan, Art Dycke and Jack Holt who transported donated articles in their vans. Kay Stafford, Debbie Heywood (master baker), Claire Sheekey, Jim and Mary Ann Canfield, Jane Culpepper, Therese and John Schwartz. John is our master clean-up man and the center looked perfect when we left. Last, but far from least, our human dynamo, President Debby Geyer who coordinated the planning of the day.

Grand Opening of our Office

By Kay Stafford

Wednesday, March 12, 2003. Finally in our new office! Hallelujah! Located at 5 Hargrove Grade, it is space rented from Family Matters, more commonly called the Teen Center. After the meeting, members and guests were treated to wonderful goodies provided by the club and Bob Crocetta.

Special guest Richard Louttit, President of the Friends of Washington Oaks, spoke about the history of the park, which at one time, had been part of the Fernandez

Plantation. The property later belonged to Owen DeYoung, CEO of General Electric who also founded RCA. In 1929 Mr. DeYoung was named Man of the Year by TIME Magazine. His accomplishments will be featured in the park's Visitor Center. Their new Interpretive Center is designed to help educate visitors on the history of the Washington Oaks which was donated to the state in 1965. He stated that a Partnership in Parks program of the state will provide \$40M after the Friends raise \$60M from private sources.

Welcome to our New Members

Jim Cannon

Captain Donald Finch, USN, Ret.

Mrs. Leonard Flanagan

Jack & Anne-Marie Pitman

Harry & Luger Schaller

Richard & Virginia Skinger

Pat Sturtz

Very Special Thank You to Jim Miskelly

By Debby Geyer

On February 11, Jim Miskelly, for the second year, installed the officers and directors of the Historical Society for 2003. Chuck Warren, our scheduled guest speaker, had to cancel due to a death in the family and Jim agreed to be our speaker. Jim is "Mr. Palm Coast" and he delighted the audience with his personal history of Palm Coast. Thank You!

Meeting and Event Schedule

August 13 - Our office at 5 Hargrove Grade

1:30 PM Historical Society Monthly Meeting

September 11 - Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Mtg.

7:30 AM Art Dycke's Slide Presentation.

September 22 - P.C. Community Center Evening Mtg.

6:30 PM Speaker will be Chuck Warren

October 8 - Our office at 5 Hargrove Grade

1:30 PM Historical Society Monthly Meeting

85 Charter Members - May 1, 2003

Atkins, John & Anne	Meyer, William
Bartholow, Milbrey	Millar, Meryl L.
Bradley, Jim & Roseann	Mulligan, Richard and Phyllis
Canfield, Mary Ann & Jim	Mylis, Ed & Anita
Cannon, Jim	Neveras, Theresa
Carter, Ralph	Netts, Jon & Priscilla
Coale, Starr	Norris, Mary & David
Corbin, Evelyn	Nunziata, Orlando A.
Crocetta, Bob	Oddi, Vincent and Joanne
Crowell, Dale & Susan	O'Neill, John
Culpepper, Jane	Perry, Dexter & Kim
Davie, Margaret	Pitman, Jack & Anne-Marie
Delaney, Jim & Anna	Rende, Stephen
DeMeglio, Donna	Reisman, Dave & Lee
DeVito, Donald & Laura	Rivers, Joseph and Lorraine
Donnelly, William	Rochette, Cliff
Dycke, Art & Louise	Ryan, Mike & Rita
Finch, Captain Donald, USN, Ret.	Schwab, Hildegard
Flanagan, Mrs. Leonard	Schwartz, John & Therese
Friedman, Sandra Rose	Sedlak, Richard (Skip) & Jean
Full, Jerry	Schaller, Harry & Juger
Geyer, Debby	Shamas, Tom and Louise
Godkin, Barbara Sue	Shane, Randall & Melissa
Grech, George & Ellie	Sheekey, James and Claire
Hanzel, Joseph (Skip)	Shipman, Frank & Gloria
Heatherly, Katherine	Simmons, Elizabeth B.
Hennenlotter, William & Judy	Skinger, Richard & Virginia
Herrera, Ed and Fanny	Sloan, Jeanne
Heywood, Debra	Smith, Frances
Holland, Jim	Smolen, Alan
Holt, Jack	Spitz, Joan
Horvath, Connie & Andy	Stafford, Kay
Howell, Norman & Anne	Stan, Leonard
Jones, Al	Steighner, John and Sheila
Kanbar, Blair and Brenda	Sturtz, Pat
Kent, Judith	Trayer, Tom and Oradel (Del)
Kervel, Arlene	Vazquez, Gladys
Kelton, Richard	Walter, Beatrice (Bea)
Levine, Arnold and Maxine	Walters, Marie
Lyons, Veronica (Ronnie)	Weiss, Trudi
MacLean, Mary	Werner, Ellen
McGovern, Patricia	Wolf, Edward
McLean, Martyna (Marty)	

The Sheekeys Looking Back to 1975/76 by Claire Sheekey

Having bought our property in 1972 it was an exciting adventure into the unknown for us. Knowing very little about Florida, we took a chance with little knowledge of the area.

When the Sheraton Resort on A1A was completed it gave us an opportunity to visit and vacation at this very lovely resort "at very good rates" for property owners. We took advantage of the opportunity until we had our home built in 1977 by Bratloff Construction.

The facilities at the Sheraton were super-fine dining, music, tennis, and a lovely beach and swimming pool for our use and pleasure.

We also had the opportunity to visit the surrounding area - Daytona Beach, St. Augustine, etc and really acquaint our selves with the neighbors of Palm Coast.

Staying at the Sheraton Resort was a very happy experience and a little sad when it was taken down for the Hammock Dunes construction. But, that is progress and at least we had the pleasure of vacationing at the lovely complex.

Getting to Know our Charter Members

Bob Crocetta, Treasurer and Charter Member was born April 10, 1922 in Gloversville, NY. He served as a Ranger in the Army during World War II as a machine gunner. He was wounded in combat while in Italy and received a medical discharge.

Prior to coming to Palm Coast, Bob was the owner of Chippers, a retail store in Gloversville. He eventually owned five retail stores, a four-star restaurant in Albany, NY and a home building construction corporation.

Bob moved to Palm Coast with his wife Kathleen in 1997, joined the Home Rule Coalition and has been an active member of Palm Coast since its inception. After the citizens voted overwhelmingly for incorporation in September 1999, Bob was one of the people selected by Flagler County officials to guide the city through a three month transition period before the first mayor and council members were elected.

Bob co-chaired the first and second annual Holiday parades, was in charge of the swearing in ceremony of the new council members, and has attended every city council meeting and workshop for the last three years. Bob and his wife Kathleen have four successful children and have been married for 61 years. He considers that his greatest accomplishment.

Milbrey Bartholow, Charter Member, was born and raised in Wilson, NC. She graduated from High Point University with a degree in math and worked for 28 years in the Department of the Navy before retiring. She then became a tour guide at one of the historical sites in Fredericksburg, VA for 4 ½ years. In 2001, Milbrey, her husband, and 2 cats had enough of the cold and snow and decided to move to Florida. They scouted

St Augustine due to the historical aspect of the area and then discovered Palm Coast.

She actively participates in the Historical Society's programs and is a member of the Palm Coast United Church where she participates in the hand bell choir, is active in the United Methodist Women, and works with the children's programs. Milbrey and her husband have 2 children, both still living and working in Virginia.

Picture Book Deadline Looms! Work Continuing on a Larger History of Palm Coast

My June deadline for completing the accumulation of approximately 200 "Images" of the history of Palm Coast is rapidly approaching. The response to my appeal for pictures was enormous! At the end of this article there is a list of recent contributors and a sketchy description of a much larger amount of material that was submitted. I am so grateful to you all.

I am making a last minute appeal for more post 1979 pictures. I am especially interested in the pictures of the following: religious, business, civic, social, clubs, education, neighborhood groups and significant event pictures with named people in the pictures. Please call me at 446-8636.

- Group and individual pictures are needed. Especially the pioneers of Palm Coast.
 - Opening of businesses such as Terry's Barber Shop, Albertson's, etc.
 - Opening of new neighborhoods such as Woodhaven Condos, Cypress Knoll, etc.
 - Clubs and organizations, past and present, with names of officers.
 - Events in Palm Coast history such as ribbon cutting, ground breaking, etc.

Please understand that the rush is only on the pictures immediately needed for this book. The long term goal of the Historical Society remains the accumulation and preservation of Palm Coast historical materials and to make them available to the public. COPCHS President, Debby Geyer, and other members, is undertaking a compilation of the history and pictures of religious, business, civic and social groups, clubs, education, neighborhoods in Palm Coast. The long range plan is to provide a much larger, more inclusive history of Palm Coast in the years to follow. All donated pictures will be saved and used in the future. We will duplicate old photos and slides, then return the originals to you. Please identify all of the people in the picture.

Thank you again for your contributions and assistance.

Art Dycke, Co-Historian and Director

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Contributors, 2003

Contributor	Contribution
Jim Miskelly	Reporter and photographer. Many, many pictures of active Palm Coasters, especially sports in the 1980's.
Terry and John Neveras	Pictures crossing intra-coastal on ITT Tour Boat from A1A boat dock to Welcome Center on Club House Drive. Also pictures of "chasing alligator".
Ann Tillard	Early pioneer in first golf course homes. Many memories and old newspapers of the time.
Jack & Anne-Marie Pitman	Pictures in Observation Tower overlooking Model Center and other main canal lots in early 1970's.
Connie Horvath	Memories of earliest Palm Coast land development by ITT-Levitt offices in Cement Plant.
Fanny and Eduardo Herreva	Founder of International Food Festival. Bought original Exclusive Properties located near early Convenience Center.
Mary Pauly	Pictures as early Nurses Association President and many, many issues of 1970's weekly <i>News Journal</i> and <i>The Palm Coaster</i> .
Frances McLamb	Pictures of opening of Sheriff's Substation at Emergency Response Building, early Women's Club and grand opening of Publix.
Barbara Sue Godkin	Formerly Bobbi Brown, writer for the <i>Flagler Tribune</i> . Many, many memories and pictures of individuals in Palm Coast. Primary source for founding of Temple Beth Shalom.
Betty Simmons	Longest living earliest settler of Palm Coast on first street, Cooper Drive. Social writer for <i>Flagler Tribune</i> . Contributed newspapers and articles.
Claire & Jim Sheekey	Memories of early Palm Coast life and pictures of Sheraton by the ocean. Volunteers providing COPCHS with much needed ExxonMobil grants.
W.E. (Captain Bill) Donnelly, Jr.	Many memories, materials, and anecdotes of early Palm Coast living and Civic Association and political activity. Picture of Bill on beach canal where his boat should have been.
John & Theresa Schwartz	Pictures of Sheraton on ocean in 1976 and opening of new Sheraton in 1987.
Janis Brink	Outside agent (realtor) working for ITT from Fairfax, VA. Many maps and realty books. Memories of flights bringing customer to Palm Coast for land sales.
Faye M. Goldstein	Memories of early life on Casper Drive. Pictures of husband Bert planting and fishing. First builders of Shangri La Condominiums.
Jim Martin	Book entitled <i>Palm Coast</i> - often quoted early lots were sold for "...lots and lots of money". Memories of civic activism,
Clarence P. Custer	Olympic Torch Bearer. Pictures and commentary showing torch at Elementary School, Mayor Canfield and Tom Gullikson.
Paul St. Jacques	Photographer. Donated a CD full of interior and exterior pictures of Princess Place.
Frances O. Smith	Pictures of the 1985 fires.
Jack & Barbara Abadji	Pictures of Palm Coast Yacht Club participation in parade opening the Hammock Dunes Bridge in 1988.
Terry "the barber" Conley	Memories of beginning of Publix shopping and vast knowledge of individuals in our community. Pictures of early and later shops.
David Siegel	Political and senior citizen activist. Center for Senior Services was just renamed the David I. Siegel Center for Senior Services.
Alan Smolen	Former ICDC President. Freely contributes his time and knowledge to benefit the Historical Society and the general Palm Coast community.