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NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

President’s Message

by Bill Baldwin

We wish to thank everyone who participated in the voting for the new 2017-2018 Board of Directors. These are “your” leaders so you do have a vested interest. The announcement was made at the Oct. Member dinner meeting even though the attendance was a little smaller (that’s what happens when the Democrat meeting is held at the same time and same place).

The **last** Member meeting for 2016 will be held on November 28th at 2 p.m. at Dixie Crossroads. At that meeting the speaker will be Karlyn Shedowski who is active in the DAR society.



Your **NEW** Board

by Bill Baldwin



The October Membership meeting culminated with election and installation of a new set of Board members. We wish to extend a special thanks to Betty Mattingly and Lynda Siems for tabulating all the votes, Sarah Etheredge for handling the swearing and the Nominating Committee (June Hodson, Leigh Lorence, Ginny Campbell, Paul Marion) for creating the format.

The new Board is as follows:

- President Bill Baldwin
- Vice President Amy Spillers
- Secretary Judy Davis
- Treasurer June Hodson
- Past President Betty Mattingly
- Director Virginia Campbell
- Director Michael Knight
- Director Leigh Lorence
- Director Katie McQuade
- Director Paul Marion
- Director Esther Vulpius
- Director Herman Wattwood, Jr.

Congratulations to all!



Museum Dedication of the Mural

by Bill Baldwin

It’s Complete! On October 29th, the Museum’s dedication was held to finalize the “Reflections of Our Past” mural. On July 28th, the Mural Society held a dedication of the mural following the completion of Keith Goodson’s work. Inasmuch as the sponsorship plaques were not completed and installed, the Board felt that a “Museum Dedication” would be appropriate to show off the plaques with the mural in concert with the Titusville High School reunion.



This project could not have been accomplished without the donations from the members and actually, the membership underwrote the entire project. Also, a **Special Thanks** must be extended to those major donors who contributed from \$500 to in excess of \$2,500. Those include: Dollie Boggs, Betty Mattingly, Linda Hinkson, Lyn Birnbaum, THS Alumni Association, Pat Manning and Marcia Woolley, June Hodson, Laurilee Thompson, the Rodney Thompson Family, Helen Durian, Dot Hudson and the THS Old Dawgs.

Thank you to Dollie Boggs for coordinating the refreshments at the open house (THS alumni reunion weekend; and mural dedication) on October 29th by bringing refreshments and greeting our Museum guests. Special thanks to: Dollie Boggs, Esther Vulpius, Barbara Batchelder, Peggy Reichle, Betty Mattingly, Dale Marion and Katie McQuade. [And it was good seeing the Mercksons.]



Pictured left to right:

Dr. Patricia Manning, Marilyn Birnbaum, Betty Mattingly (THS Alumni), Dollie Boggs, Beverly Marsh (sister of Linda Hinkson), June Hodson, Dorothy Hudson

Membership Renewals

by June Hodson

Memberships are due January 1st. The renewal forms are included in this mailing. Check your address label for a green circle. If you find one that will indicate that your dues have been paid for 2017 and you owe nothing. All others will need to renew in order to maintain your membership.



Pictures from the Past

by Paul Marion

Does anyone recognize this lovely young lady whose picture was taken in 1965 at Eau Gallie High School? Answer on page 4.



House Tour Cancellation

by Paul Marion

As a result of Hurricane Mathew the 2016 *Historic House Tour* has been cancelled. Damage to properties, lost time preparing for and clean up after the hurricane put too much stress on homeowners to continue. With any luck, perhaps we can re-schedule for 2017. We would like to **thank** the homeowners, house leaders, organizers, and docents for their work involved in preparing for this event. An additional “**thanks**” must be extended to Tommy Norton, Kerry Kennedy, Graphic Press and Dusty Rose Antique Mall for their startup support.



Friday Night Live

by June Hodson

The November street party will fall on the 11th of the month. Since this is Veterans Day, we have decided to honor our veterans at the street party. We will have a short parade at 6:00 p.m., starting at the north side of City Hall and marching to Main Street. All veterans are invited to walk in

this parade. We ask that those who are able will be in uniform and assemble at the City Hall parking lot at 5:45 p.m.



Displays

by Amy Spillers

Does anyone remember Bayview Elementary School?



It was a stately looking institution with thick Coquina walls, a gymnasium on the top floor, a basement, and multiple grades attended classes there. My own sister went to school there. I remember the day my dad loaded us girls up in the station wagon and took us Downtown to watch the wrecking ball knock down that stately old school to make way for our City Hall. Lovey Pritchard serenaded the town on her organ with “Auld Lang Syne” and it was a big to do! Well, we all stood there and watched that big ole ball bounce right off those stately Coquina walls. What a bummer! No demo that day. And they said the school wasn’t structurally sound?

To our good fortune, a lovely lady named Brenda Douglas Garra saved a piece of Bayview history for us. She donated to the Museum, a very sweet old child’s tricycle from the old Bayview Elementary School. Brenda said on rainy days they would set up obstacle courses in the basement for the smaller children. They would use the tricycles to teach them to obey traffic signs. How cool is that! So stop on in and check out our new ride!



Oh, and here is an interesting tidbit to share: Ever notice the divots in the exterior walls of City Hall?

Did you know the entire building was supposed to be covered in marble but they ran out of money?

Work is continuing on with regard to changes inside the Museum. A wonderful group of docents have been working together to research, cross reference, re-label, share stories and write stories for Tour Topics. These Tour Topics tell stories about items of interest, families, events and places from the past. They will aide all docents in guiding visitors through our great little Museum and hopefully make everyone’s visit an enjoyable one.



Memorials

by Betty Mattingly

In memory of Joan Harper

Given by: Harry and Betty Bennett
Dr. and Mrs. Bill Walls
Ms. Alta Young
Bill and Kitty Baldwin
Marilyn Birnbaum
Joe Lee Merckson

In Memory of William E. “Bill” Kennedy

Given by: Bill and Kitty Baldwin

In Memory of Rodney Thompson

Given by: Marilyn Birnbaum
Wanda E Clark
Joe Lee Merckson
Betty Mattingly



OOPS X 50!!

by Betty Mattingly

With so much going on at the Museum all the time, we completely forgot that in September, the Historical Society should have celebrated the fiftieth (50th) anniversary of its founding.

It all started with a small group of people meeting at the home of Bill and Tina Kennedy in September of 1966. After that, monthly meetings were held “wherever” to discuss plans as to what they wanted to accomplish. All that planning resulted in what you are able to witness every time you go to the Museum or attend one of our events.

We definitely need to pay tribute to and recognize the following North Brevard Historical Society Founders: *Ruth Barnhart, Jack Horton, Bob Hudson, Tina and Bill Kennedy, Rod Northcutt, Kay Phillips, Truman Scarborough, Mary Schuster, Don Searle, Ray Smyth, Nita Steele, Marge and Carl Threlkeld.* Unfortunately, many of the above are no longer with us, but they have left their footprints in our community and we appreciate what they did for us so we can continue their efforts in preserving the history of North Brevard.



Matthew at the Museum

by Bill Baldwin

Hurricane Matthew had a lot potential for damage but left the Museum in pretty good shape. The front windows were covered so no damage there but several awnings on the rear of the building were bent and some support arms were damaged or missing. Paul Marion found a couple of support arms on the sidewalk. Obviously, some repair work will be necessary. Actually, we seem to be very lucky.



What an amazing place to volunteer!

by Leigh Lorence

You meet so many remarkable people. Barbara from N.Y. says "So well done it makes me feel old." Marie and Bruce also from N.Y. say "Good stop." Vito remarks "Thank you for being open. Nice stop." Fred from the Netherlands comments

"Keep this safe. It is important." Valeree from Melbourne remarks "Beautifully displayed & clean!" David from California replied "So glad I stopped."

Everyone who meets these remarkable people walks away with a new sense of well being. Unlike "Barbara from NY" (above), it makes me feel young. The Museum brings back memories of my childhood, my parents, grandparents, playing with my brothers and sister, neighborhood and school friends, the dog and cat, sledding, snowmen, holidays and summers. I love volunteering at the Museum. As always, thanks to all.



Social Media

by Judy Davis

Check us out on **Facebook** and on our website below. If you wish to be added to any of our occasional e-mails, please contact us. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments at all.

- Email: titusvillemuseum@aol.com
- "Like" us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/NorthBrevardHistoricalMuseum
- Website: www.nbbd.com/godo/history/



Pictures from the Past answer: Judy Davis



Dates to Remember

- **November 11th** Friday Nite Live (downtown event) and Veterans Parade
- **November 21st** Board meeting at 10 a.m. at the Museum.
- **November 28th** Membership meeting at 2:30 p.m. at Dixie Crossroads; the speaker is Karlyn Shedowski from the DAR Society.
- **December 19th** Board meeting at 10 a.m. at the Museum.
- There will be **no membership meeting in December.**
- **Membership dues are due now ... ☺**