

THE

Historical Society of North Brevard



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*Greetings From The
Historical Society!!*



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Hours:
10am - 3pm
Tuesday through Saturday

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What's

NEW
This
Month

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*Stop in -
We'd love to see you again.*

Message from the President



October is here! Time for the ghosts of Titusville to start haunting the museum. As many of you know, I have been working late into the night at the museum to get everything settled and I am pretty convinced that there is some mischief about.

While I was installing the new display cases, I heard many unknown sounds, creaks and groans that I do not have an explanation for. It can be pretty spooky in the museum in the middle of the night - the tales and stories ooze from the artifacts and uniforms.

If you have not been to the Museum in a while, I invite you to stop down and check out our new look. So far everyone has been pretty pleased with the new arrangements. We love to see you come by and we appreciate your feedback.

I would also like to remind you that if you have not sent in your membership renewal, now is the time. This is one of two (the barbecue is the other) major fundraising efforts for the Museum to raise the necessary monies to keep the bills paid. We also would like to say a big thank you to all the members who have raised their membership level from individual to a family membership. We are thankful to have such wonderful support.

I would like to take a moment to wish Charlie Durian a speedy get well. Charlie had a pacemaker installed and is on the mend. Please join me in wishing all the best to the Durians.

October is also time for the election of officers. This happens in October at our annual dinner at Dixie Crossroads on October 27th at 5:30 pm. If you would like to run for an office, please make your intentions known to us at the Museum or give me a call. Joan and I try to be at the museum every Tuesday.

There will be a sign up sheet in the museum for you to sign up for the dinner. You can also call the museum to R.S.V.P. This is a wonderful evening where we can catch up on all the news. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

The National Museum day went well. We did not get the materials to publicize it properly in time, but next year will be better. We did entertain a nice couple from Apopka who found us on the Smithsonian's website and made the drive. I would like to thank them for their donation.

I guess that wraps my column up for this month. See you at the Museum.

*~ Sincerely,
Edmund M. Kindle*

A note from the Vice President

If you haven't been in your museum lately, you owe it to yourself to see how great it looks thanks to our illustrious President Ed Kindle.

Please call in at 269-3658 to make your reservations for dinner at Dixie Crossroads. This is election time and you have the privilege of nominating your choice for any office. You must have the consent of your nominee first. Hope to see everyone there.

~ Helen Durian

According to the Vampire Research Center in Elmhurst, NY., There are 550 known vampires living in the United States.

~ Ripley's believe it or not

Volunteer Scheduling

We are trying to make the museum volunteer schedule as permanent as possible. If you are signed up for a day, that day and time are yours every month. If a conflict arrises, please call your partner and cancel so they don't make the trip to the museum only to find out that they have to close because they are alone. Remember, no one should be sitting alone.

Please exchange telephone numbers with your partner so you can stay in touch. If you cannot reach your partner, please call Joan Harper or myself and we will make a call for you.

If for some reason you have a conflict and need to change your day or time, please let us know so we can accomodate you. We need and appreciate each and every volunteer who staffs the museum and we want it to be easy and pleasant for you.

Without our volunteer staff, the museum has no face and cannot remain open. In fact, we are in need of more volunteers to help. If you can sit at the museum for as little as one shift a month - 2 1/2 hours - please let us know.

Oh, by the way, we are still looking for a volunteer coordinator to take over the scheduling duties from me. If I can do it, it can't be that difficult. See you at the museum.



Memorials



The memorial listing for September / October will appear in the November newsletter. We apologize for this and hope that it will not cause any hard feelings. We hope to have Helen back at her duty station soon.



A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.

~ Albert Einstein

Treasurer's Talk

Don't forget to send in your membership renewal - If you don't renew, this could be your last newsletter. Thanks to everyone for your donations, they go a long way to help the museum.

We are also looking forward to seeing you at the membership meeting at Dixie Crossroads. Don't forget to sign up at the museum or call to put your name and number attending on the sign-up sheet.

~ Joan Harper

After the release of the film Frankenstein in 1931, people tried to sue the production company for frightening them out of their wits

~ Ripley's Believe it or Not

**The Museum's new mailing address is
P.O. Box 5265
Titusville, FL
32783**

We need a volunteer coordinator for the Museum. If you are interested, Please call Ed @ 514-0096

Air America Foundation



Help...

We were in the position to help out a fellow museum. The folks over at the Air America Foundation at TiCo Airport (www.airamfoundation.org) - are in the process of restoring "Big Lou", a Fairchild C-123K "Provider" assault transport aircraft used extensively during the Vietnam war by the US Air Force and by Air America as well.

In addition to this task they have made a moving mini museum out of the nose of a C7 Carabou. This is the plane you saw on the trailer at our Afternoon in the Park at Fox Lake last year. This mini Moving museum needed some help and this is where we came in.

The new cases are installed and loaded and we have several of the others wired and lit now. - Stop in and check out all the new items and the new layout!

Thanks for new items.

I have purchased some Titusville Police Department Patches and put them on display - I have also added some new space items that I have recently acquired & a very nice card table featuring old Titusville business advertising - EMk

Union Jack ~ Dorman Lowry
Naval Chaplin Uniform ~ Captain Eileen O. Norrington, USN, Ret
Citizen's Bank, train bank ~ Karen's Magnolia Cottage

We have loaned a couple of our older unused display cases to the Air America guys and gals for the purpose of placing their historical AAF artifacts in. The cases will then be placed in the nose of the Caribou and travel with the crew to help educate people and to more accurately tell the role of Air America Personnel and aircraft in history.

If you have not been over to see "Big Lou" it is an amazing plane. The gang is most often at the site on Saturdays and I encourage you to go. They are located on the campus of Valiant Air Command.

-EMk

Thanks to Dorman Lowry and Joan Harper for sitting with me during the street party on October 3rd. We had approx 190 people through the museum - gained two members and got two renewals.

Donations

Ed Poe
The Norringtons
Jane Rose
The Walls
Dorman Lowry
Norma J. Gable



Welcome to our newest members

Loretta Austin
Bob Russell
Jon Andrews
Margarette Bird
Ron Morgan

Here are the days and shifts that we need volunteers for October. If you can help please sign up for a shift.

If you are not currently volunteering for a shift, please consider doing so. The museum must be staffed by two people each shift or it cannot open for that shift.

10-3	Pm	10-29	Am
	Pm		Am
10-4	Pm		Pm
	Pm		Pm
10-15	Am	10-30	Am
	Am		Am
10-18	Am		Pm
	Pm		Pm
	Pm	10-31	Am
10-25	Pm		Am
	Pm		Pm
			Pm

Bring a friend
to the North
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Oops!

My apologies to Kay Phillips - Kay has been doing a wonderful job as our Historian - getting many things filed and organized and I have neglected to recognize her as being on the staff. I am happy to correct this oversight.

Thanks Kay!

If at first you don't succeed, don't try skydiving. ~ Anonymous

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Museum Staff

**Historian - Kay Phillips
Volunteer Coordinator ~ This could be you! Do you have what it takes?**

