

THE

Historical Society of North Brevard

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*Greetings From The
Historical Society!!*



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What's

NEW

This

Month

- ◆ Message from the President
- ◆ Vice President's message
- ◆ Treasurer's talk
- ◆ April Meeting @ Dixie Crossroads
- ◆ New members
- ◆ New items
- ◆ Donations
- ◆ Misc fun stuff
- ◆ Barbeque update

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

Message from the President

Wow! What a great event we had. The Afternoon in the Park was once again a success thanks to all the folks who rolled up their sleeves and got to work. I want to thank Linda Nolen who stepped up to take over as our new kitchen supervisor. Everyone in the kitchen really did a great job getting everyone fed and worked hard to get the kitchen cleaned up afterwards.

I want to say thanks to the folks who volunteered to help from Lead Brevard. Both Charlene and Meridith were a big help. Mike Ramer did a great job selling 50/50 tickets and Tina Kennedy and the ladies at the dessert table once again did an outstanding job. Thanks to everyone who baked and donated desserts for the event.

There are so many people to thank. There is no way in this column that I can thank everyone for your part to make this event happen each and every year. Please know that you were noticed and appreciated.

We had some great exhibitors and vendors this year. We tried something new with the Chinese auction, but I am sad to say the concept did not work as well as I had hoped. I am not sure what we will do for next year. If anyone has some fresh ideas for fund-raisers please let me know. I am thinking we might be able to do a Historical Society members cookbook. Maybe your favorite or passed down historical recipe. What do you think?

I would like to thank our wonderful entertainment. Chris Kahl, The Parrish Health and Fitness Belly Dancers and The John Woods Bluegrass Pickers. These wonderful people gave up their Saturday to help support our event. I want to say how grateful I am to each of them.

I am pleased to say that we were able to raise some much needed funds, but have come shy of the amount needed to pay our insurance. Hopefully we can have another event this year to make up the difference.

In the museum, we are still shifting a few things around and getting things into their final spots. I will do my best to keep everyone posted. I have started replacing the commodes, but have found a bit more damage to the floor than I expected, so I will have to do some extra work, but I am confident that it will end up fine.

Our insurance woes are back again. The company that insures the museum is raising our rates per Florida law again. We have nearly 300 members. If every member gave an extra 25.00 a year, we could pay our insurance and put our fund-raising efforts towards improving the museum proper instead of the insurance. Something to think about.

See you soon and thanks to all our great volunteers. Come on down to the museum and bring a friend.

*~ Sincerely,
Edmund M. Kindle*

A note from the Vice President

Many thanks to Bob Hudson for two wonderful informative programs. We are indeed indebted to him.

Kudus to all the ladies who donated their delicious desserts for the "Afternoon in the Park" We had a great time.

Please remember to make your reservations for Dixie Crossroads on Monday, April 27th at 5:30pm.

A blessed Easter to everyone.

~ *Helen Durian*

13 Names for a 12 inch sandwich.

Hoagie - Zep - Hero - Grinder - Submarine - Italian - Rocket - Torpedo - Bomber - Cuban - wedge - Po' Boy - & Dagwood



What ever happened to...? **Mending.**

Up until the 1950's, many mothers spent their evenings patching worn knees on pants, fixing shirt collars, and mending holes in dresses. Nothing was beyond fixing if money could be saved by not having to buy something new. Even socks were saved. The hole was stretched over a "Darning Egg" and a series of stitches filled the gap. But as women increasingly worked outside the home from the 1960's on, working mothers didn't want to spend what little extra time they had mending holes in socks. At the same time, mass-produced clothing was becoming less expensive and more disposable. Today rips in pants seldom get patched and holes in socks rarely get darned. The old garments just get thrown away. (from Uncle John's Bathroom reader)



Memorials

In Honor of ~ Donor

No Memorials this month.

Treasurer's Talk

I was invited to speak on March 24th to the retired and active teachers in Titusville. There were about 30 - 35 teachers in attendance.

On March 26th I spoke to a group at the Whispering Pines Trailer Park.

I would like to thank everyone who helped at the Barbeque this year. It was a great event.

See you at Dixie Crossroads on the 27th.

~ *Joan Harper*

New Meeting Location!

Due to the space constraints at the museum, and parking issues with US 1 construction pending, our fall membership meetings are scheduled to be held at the Titusville Public Library. We are hoping this will be convenient for everyone.

The first flea circus took place in New York City in 1835.

First American novel to sell a million copies: Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe (1852)

First drive in movie theatre: Opened in Camden, NJ in 1933 (Wives Beware starring Adolphe Menjou was the first movie shown.)

Dinner at Dixie Crossroads

This month is our annual volunteer appreciation dinner at Dixie Crossroads. The date is April 27th at 5:30 PM. All volunteers and members are invited for this great evening where we present the annual award for volunteer of the year.

This award goes to the person picked by the board to have made a selfless contribution to the society and museum across all the facets of the organization. This includes donations, support, volunteer hours and general abilities.

Having won this award in the past, I can tell you it is a great honor. This award allows the officers and board of directors the opportunity to tell our volunteers how much you are appreciated. I hope to see you all there!

I would like to thank the Titusville Collector's Club for their wonderful donation. The club donated the funds for the purchase of our map drawers from the county sale. We are very pleased that the collector's club continues to support our society and museum.

I appreciate everyone's patience during the relocation of items at the museum. Once everything has a permanent home again, we will post an update to let everyone know where everything is. This will include where all the lights are, where supplies are, and where to keep everything. We are having a few growing pains, but we will keep moving forward! Thanks!

Welcome to our newest members

Liz & Frank Steele
Martha Stewart
Joan Horner
Paul Marion
Donna Fox
Willa & Jim McGarrity
Celia Marceau
Helen Geisler
Christopher Larson
Amy Borland
Mrs. D.B. Downs

Donations

Titusville Collector's Club
Jess Parrish Medical Foundation
Whispering Pines Trailer Park
Delta Kappa Gamma - Alpha Theta Chapter

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

Bring a friend to the North Brevard Historical Museum

There are shifts available at the museum - Check the calendar on the desk or call Barb Batchelder to sign up - Thanks!

New Items!

Florida History Books
~ Bob Hudson

Vintage Horse Drawn Hearse Lights
~ Mims Auto Salvage

Vintage Hand Made Indian Dress
Dorothy Geiser

I would like to thank Mike Ramer and the Brown family for the loan of a very old projector. It was made by S.S. Brown (Mike's Grandfather) and has been in the family for almost 100 years.

I would also like to thank Mr. Peter Gray - The Great Great Grandson of Col. Titus for sending us the Titus Genealogy and a Story about Col. Titus by his daughter Minnie Titus. It is at the museum on the conference table.

Famous Last Words

"I don't need bodyguards"
Jimmy Hoffa

"What? The flames already?"
Voltaire

"So much morality still clings to me; I wanted most desperately to live and still do."
Thomas Wolfe, author

"To die, to sleep, to pass into nothingness, what does it matter?
Everything is an illusion."
Mata Hari

Tomorrow, I shall no longer be
"here."
Nostradamus

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Florida History in April

April 6, 1818 The Spanish fort at St. Marks (near Tallahassee) was approached today by Major General Andrew Jackson and his army of 2,000 plus troops. In these early months of the First Seminole War, Jackson was on a mission to put down the Indians (who were more or less allied with the British in the War of 1812) and to return any slaves to their "rightful owners." He was convinced as long as the Spanish had control of Florida there would never be peace. The Spanish commander of Fort St. Marks protested but he was ignored and the next day Jackson's army moved in, using the fort as a base of operations for his Apalachicola campaign.

April 20, 1952

The Eccleston Crippled Children's Home and Hospital was dedicated in Washington Park. The home was the first of its kind in the country established for handicapped African-American children. It serviced children from 11 Central Florida counties.

April 24, 1965

Orlando celebrated John Young Day. The first John Young Award was presented to the astronaut himself. Young made history as Orlando's first citizen in space. Many gathered for the parade and ceremony held downtown. There was also a special fly-by with jets from the Sanford Naval Station. Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey took part in all the festivities.

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Ask us!**



**Got an idea?
Let us know!**