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SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

President’s Message

by Bill Baldwin

We’re *Baaaaack!* This newsletter officially marks the end of summer and the resumption of Member’s meetings for this year. Lotsa things happened during the past couple of months. For instance, the mural painting is complete (with the exception of the plaques), building 303 is undergoing major changes complete with new display cases and the Main Street parking fiasco has been declared a disaster zone. All of these topics should be covered in more detail with individual write-ups. By the way, *Quam’s Schoolhouse Burgers and Gyros* is now open and puts out some pretty good groceries.

Don’t forget, our next Member meeting will be September 26th at Dixie Crossroads at 2 pm. The scheduled speaker is Don Murphy, Director of the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Scottsmeer.



“Reflections of Our Past”

by Bill Baldwin

As you can see above in the paragraph title, the mural has been officially named. Keith Goodson has completed the painting portion of the Museum mural and the Mural Society (Luann Mulark and Reva Harris) had their dedication last month. The Museum has tentatively set October 29th (time TBD) as our own dedication date following the delivery/installation of our donor plaque from Awards Trophy Shop. The financing of the mural exceeded all expectations, with personal donations in excess of

\$17,800.00. We thank every one of you for making that happen. Only a couple of post-painting tasks remain. The Board would like to install a security camera (endorsed by the City and the Mural Society) to cover the mural during off hours plus finalize and install the donor plaque. In addition, we are in process of generating scene descriptions for mural cards.

*****Prints of the mural may be purchased in the Museum for \$10.00 each. *****



Pictures from the Past

By Paul Marion

Does anyone recognize this lovely young lady whose picture was taken in 1970 at her High School graduation? Answer on page 3.



Mural Funding

By Betty Mattingly

Now that the Mural has been completed and our donations continue to be calculated, we can say **“Thank You”**. The campaign was a success! The THS Match Challenge was a success! (The following calculations are all mine and may vary slightly from the official records). Counting all individuals, (couples included) there were 64 donors – of that number, 39 participated in my THS Match offer. It’s gratifying to know that the “Terriers and Terrierettes” met and more than exceeded my match offer. (Be sure to look for the Terrier the artist included in the painting of the school).

All of you donors can be proud of the fact that you supported the members of the NBHS and Museum who worked very hard to have something so beautiful to look at and carry on our purpose of Reflecting the Past of the North Brevard Area.



A Message from the Nominating Committee

Next month’s Newsletter will contain a ballot for all Member’s to vote on next term’s Museum leadership. It will also contain small write-ups on all candidates to give everyone an idea of who’s who. Voting directions will also be included. the final tally will be made at the October 24th Member meeting at Dixie Crossroads.

This means that anyone interested in running for any position (Officer or Director) should contact one of the Nominating Committee members to be included on the slate. The Committee members are Ginny Cooper (ph 321-267-7856), June Hodson (ph 321-431-8695) or Leigh Lorence (ph 321-383-7396).



Museum Insurance Coverage

by Herman E. Wattwood, Jr.

Our Commercial General Liability is covered by Covington Specialty Insurance Co. of Atlanta, GA and our Commercial Property Insurance is covered by Aspen Specialty Insurance Co. of Rocky Hill, CT. These quotes were obtained through J.W. Edens and Co. of Titusville, FL and are the most reasonable of seven companies contacted. It is getting more difficult to get insurance on our building because of its age. These two companies carry an "A" (Excellent) and an "A Plus" (Superior) ratings from the Ratings and Criteria Center. The combined cost of these policies is \$1,742.13 for the one year period. This is \$126.62 less than the same coverage last year.

Memorials

by Betty Mattingly

Donation to the THS Mural Fund was made in memory of Coach Kirk Stewart, by Kay Stewart. (The donation is listed in the *Remembrance Book* at the Museum)



House Tour Sponsorship Special Notification

by Bill Baldwin/Paul Marion

Since the December 2016 House Tour booklet must go to the printer the first of October, this will be the only newsletter **“call for personal sponsorship”** in support of the 2016 Tour. Like last year, the sponsor breakout is:

Gold	\$100 plus 2 free tour tickets
Silver	\$50 plus 1 free tour ticket
Bronze	\$25 (no tour tickets)

To be a sponsor, contact June Hodson at the Museum with checks made out to North Brevard Historical Society (NBHS). We would love to have your name in print.



Main Street Parking

by Bill Baldwin

The only words I have right now is “Good Luck!”. Seems the city has decided to go cheap with the placement of the new bike trail on the south side of Main Street. It appears that the Museum will lose a couple of near parking places plus the four parking places on Main Street between US-1 north and US-1 south streets. In case you have not been following this debate with the City planners, the City Council has endorsed leaving the bike trail next to the sidewalk on the south side of Main Street. Parking will be just north of the bike path followed by one-way traffic (west to east) down Main. Looks like a couple of parallel parking spots will be near the Museum, with most others in front of Badcock’s. It is possible the parallel parking spots along the north side of Main Street might stay. Looks like the City wants the downtown area to grow and they feel the bike trail is the answer but has absolutely no regrets about sacrificing safety and/or local business parking in the process.

Museum Mural Script

by Paul Marion

With the new addition of our Mural, we have had questions about the description or explanation of the various scenes in the Mural. After Katie McQuade and I drafted the original script, Betty Mattingly did a wonderful job of designing a handout to give to guests who ask about the scenes. This handout is to be given out by our Docents to guests who want to walk along the wall, and read from the script to give them further information. These handouts will be available to the Docents on the showcase next to the telephone.

If, for some reason, we have anyone who wants the Docent to go outside and walk along with them for the explanation, we will have two laminated copies with larger print giving the details of the Mural. This could be used mostly for larger groups (tours, Boy Scout troupes, families, etc.). These laminated copies would be kept in the museum and not handed out. They also will be kept by the telephone.



Guest Comments

by Leigh Lorence

It has been a hot and amazing summer! From out of State we have NC, PA, CA, WV, OH and TN. Out of the country is Spain, England and Denmark. Some fabulous comments as well. "An amazing insight into the past of Titusville. Very informative and welcoming staff." "Way to go Docents!" "Very cool to see the past of the place that I have loved for so long." "Enjoyed the window displays." "Good job Amy Spillers." "Every time I enter the museum, I surrender to its portal in time. It is a comforting feeling." "As ever, thanks to all members."



Research

by Betty Mattingly

For those of you who would like to know more about the history of the North Brevard Area, come in to the Museum and make use of our resources. We have notebooks, books, and files on all kinds of topics covering a lot of items, people, places, things. All you have to do is ask and someone will help you. We are constantly getting local and long distance calls asking for information that we can usually respond to. We have extensive files on schools, churches, houses, citrus, events, the 1967 Centennial, businesses that used to be in Titusville, old maps, and hundreds of pictures having to do with our area. Matter of fact, we also have pictures of people who were probably residents of Titusville we have not been able to identify.

With all the news about the Indian River and Lagoon, my intent for next month's newsletter is to write about the history of the Haulover Canal. It's pretty interesting. If indeed you are really interested in finding out about something, anything, my suggestion would be to visit the Museum on a Tuesday. Esther Vulpius has been working on the files for about three years now and knows quite well what is in the files. It's fun to read the files and say, "I didn't know that!"

We do appreciate donations of items that we can add to our files but please put names on pictures and dates, if possible. And be sure they are from the area up to the Volusia County line, down to Port St. John and west to the St. Johns River.



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: Dale Kathryn (Ahrens) Marion



Dates to Remember ~

- **September 19th** Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.
- **September 26th** Membership meeting at 2 pm at Dixie Crossroads.
- **October 17th** Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.
- **October 24th** Membership/dinner meeting at **5:30 pm** at Dixie Crossroads; and election of Officers and Board of Directors.
- **October 29th** Mural dedication; time to be announced.
- **November 21st** Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.
- **November 28th** Membership meeting at 2 pm at Dixie Crossroads.
- **December 3rd** historic House Tour.
- **December 19th** Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.



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OR PRESENT OCCUPANT

New Display Cases

By Amy Spillers~ Displays

If you haven't been to the Museum in a while, there is a new look on the outside of the building and on the inside too! Five new display cases have been purchased and we are in the process of stirring things up! Some items that were not really seen well, will now be displayed in a manner that all can enjoy! A big "Thank You" to the brawny men that moved the old cases out, assembled the new cases, and moved those into the Museum: Bill Baldwin, Brian Baldwin, Paul Marion, Mike Knight, Herman Wattwood and John McQuade. You guys are the best! And Thanks to my helpers: Dale Marion, Margaret Vessels, Judy Davis, Barbara Batchelder and Katie McQuade for helping me unload our millinery items from the old Kmart jewelry cases, so that we could ready the area for our new display cases.

We took this opportunity to assess items that are no longer in a condition to be displayed, cross-referenced catalog numbers, and rearranged items into more cohesive vignettes. It is still a work in progress. And Thanks Frank Russell, for taking care of that "Ankle Biter" for me! I'm not going to divulge that information...you'll just have to come see if you can figure that one out! LOL! Things are always happening down at the Museum! Please come on by and check out our new look! Here's a peek ...

