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APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

(Newsletter Editor – Judy Davis)

President’s Message

by Bill Baldwin

Okay, here we go again. On April 23rd, Dixie Crossroads will host our 2018 second quarter dinner meeting at 5:30 pm. The part nobody likes is when we ask anybody that plans to attend to call the Museum and let the docents know that you plan to have dinner with us. All we are trying to do is get a head count, which ultimately will determine the room in which we will dine. Also, we will be presenting the *Volunteer of the Year* so don’t miss it. We hope you help us on this and we’ll see you there.



Pictures from the Past

by Paul Marion

Does anyone recognize this high stepping drum majorette, whose picture was taken in 1973? Answer on page 3.



25th Annual Afternoon in the Park (2018)

by Susan Widick Nelson, Chariman

I don't remember the exact date that the *Divine Miss M* (Betty Mattingly) asked me if I would chair the 2018 Afternoon in the Park. My excuse was that I had only been to my first BBQ; how was I supposed to know how to lead our museum's volunteers in putting on the Silver Anniversary edition of this fundraising event? If I had realized what a great team of experienced people who were willing to once again rise to this occasion, I wouldn't have even hesitated. I want to thank everyone who turned out and supported the effort with their time and knowledge. **Ed Meziak** pictured with **Chef Andrew Huppert**



was the new leader in the kitchen; and from comments made by Paul Marion, he used his restaurant management skills to ensure that the food was prepared correctly, on time, and with all health and safety regulations in place. Harry Bennett mentored Erich Konjevich in the baked bean preparation, giving Harry a well-deserved break from this task. Betty Bennett once again led the serving line and everything ran smoothly. All of the behind-the-scenes workers in the kitchen worked together like a well-oiled machine to prepare, cook, serve, and clean up ~ Kudos to all of you! Seasoned professionals **Herman Wattwood** and **Ginny**



Cooper kept the masses hydrated with their dispensing of liquid refreshments, while training Katie McQuade and John Autry to fill that position next year. **Lynda and Steve Siems** (pictured with **Betty**



Mattingly) did a great job of selling and validating tickets, while saddled with the additional task of handing out ballots for the car show. Thanks ~ nobody does it better! **Barbara**



Batchelder was the perfect ambassador for the Museum's "store" ~ costumed appropriately and doing a wonderful job of selling merchandise to the attendees. The bake sale table was run by Gini Campbell, co-staffed by Esther Vulpius and Marie Braswell. Many thank you's go out to all who answered the calls for donating baked goods. The tables were well-stocked and these ladies were kept busy. A special thanks to



Amy Spillers who was key in getting our entertainment and coordinating (juggling?) the schedule as well as hosting and introducing the cake walks , kids' hula



hoop contests, **Dancers**, the **Fox Lake Bluegrass Pickers** **Line**



and various raffles. Amy was a pleasure to work with; I am grateful for all of



the work she did. **Judy Ball** and her gang did a great job of talking people out of their money for the 50/50 raffle. The lucky 50/50 winner was



Jacob Strickle (Oviedo FL) who took



home \$242. The *rolling duffel bag* for the other raffle netted \$62. And in case anyone missed the drawing for the *\$50 gift certificate from Dixie Crossroads* ~ June Hodson was the lucky recipient. Congratulations to all! We had some really nice displays and demonstrations this year:



Judy Brooks had a wonderful stained glass display and demonstration. **Dan Meyers**



brought out his collection of antique oil cans (which was a nice touch to go along with



the car show). **Trudi Widick** (yes, my sister) displayed her sea beans, sea glass, and "treasures" collected from Neptune's backyard (the beach). David Celli



of **Central Florida Fossils** had an educational and fascinating display of fossils and artifacts he has collected in Florida. He even had a hands-on "fossil dig" for the kids to search through and find fossils themselves. And to add some more flair and color,



Maria with **Happy Cheeks face painting** worked her magic on many kids (and adults who wanted to be kids) by decorating faces, arms, and hands with her artwork. A new addition this year was the



Antique Car



Show. This exceeded my expectations and seemed to be a genuine



crowd pleaser. All BBQ ticket holders were eligible to vote for the *People's Choice Award*, and we had 264 votes cast on the 27 cars that were registered in the show. The incentive to vote was enhanced by the chance to win one of 10 door prizes, drawn from ballots that had been tallied. The *People's Choice Trophy* and \$25 gift certificate from Hotpoint Boutique was won by



Mary Ellen Torres



with her 1967 turquoise VW Beetle; **Dan Linder** and his 1928 Ford Model A pickup roadster ("Ursula") won 2nd; **Steve Griffin** with his 1956 Willys Wagon took 3rd; and **Wayne Conforti** took 4th place with his 1959 Chevy Apache pickup. An estimated 350+ folks viewed this amazing collection of antique vehicles on this perfect spring day. Many thanks to **Sarah Etheredge** and **Dot Hudson** for tallying the votes and fielding questions about the car show. Varied activities and entertainment played a key role in guests staying around a lot longer after eating. The whole atmosphere was more festive, and it seemed that folks were enjoying themselves. What made me feel good was to see the smiles on our members' faces, even after working the entire event. THANK YOU to ALL who volunteered with the BBQ! There are too many to list here, but you all deserve our appreciation!

Meet your "Board"

by Bill Baldwin

The Board wants to introduce you to another Board member but this time one with a lot of longevity. **Paul**



Marion was elected to the Board in October 2009. His resume is limitless since he has been involved in just about everything. He is a primary planner/worker at the "Afternoon in the Park" festivities as well as the launch parking projects. Paul is the *main man* in all the Historic House Tours and has his arms wrapped around the physical operation of the Museum. We all respect his opinion when Board decisions are made. Way to go Paul!

Memorials

by Betty Mattingly

In Memory of:
Joe Lee Merckson

Donated by:

- Gertrude Metzger (Titusville)
- Athens Travelers, Loretta M. Swofford (Athens, TN)
- Orlando Utilities Commission (Orlando)
- Steve and Vicki Miller (Mims)
- Thomas and Teresa Grimm (Titusville)
- Margaret L. Vessels (Mims)

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, or have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Pictures from the Past answer: Amy (Beckett) Spillers



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Dates to Remember

- **April 16th** Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.
- **April 23rd** Membership dinner meeting at 5:30 pm at Dixie Crossroads. Please call the Museum and make a dinner reservation. Thanks in advance.
- **May 21st** Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.
- **June 18th** Board meeting 10 am at the Museum.

Members are more than welcome to attend the Board meetings.