

# THE NORTH BREVARD HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

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## NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

*(Newsletter Editor – Judy Davis)*

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### Dates to Remember

- **November 12<sup>th</sup>** Membership dinner meeting at 5:30 pm at Dixie Crossroads. Please call the Museum and make a dinner reservation. Thanks in advance.
- **November 18<sup>th</sup>** Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.
- **December 16<sup>th</sup>** Board meeting at 10 am at the Museum.
- **January 20<sup>th</sup>** Board meeting 10 am at the Museum.

*Members are more than welcome to attend the Board meetings.*

As usual, there will NOT be a newsletter published in December.



### Facilities Update

*by Bill Baldwin*

The Museum is undergoing a couple of changes/upgrades. Late this year, the warped metal double doors at the rear of the building are being replaced. Plus we are re-doing the two old unused restrooms at the rear of the building (most people don't even know they exist) to create more much needed storage. Let's not forget that we had APEX come in to treat the dry wood termites found in the archway between Room 1 and 2. .



### President's Message

*by Bill Baldwin*

I guess this should be sub-titled "Rainy Day at the Park". It seems our annual Fox Lake BBQ could have been washed out but it wasn't. A couple hundred people made it to the covered pavilion to enjoy the food, crafts, music and presentations. Additionally, per the BBQ committee's request, the Museum's outing for **2020** is scheduled for October 24, 2020. However, we did submit a request for "no rain".



### Membership News

The last membership meeting for this year is a **5:30 pm Dinner meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>** at Dixie Crossroads. All members are more than WELCOME.

### 2019 AFTERNOON IN THE PARK

*by Susan Nelson*

I'd like to say that this year's BBQ was the most successful one we've ever had. If success is counted in dollar signs, than that would not be true. But if success can be judged by the hard work our members and friends of the museum put in, the folks who showed up even when there were several tornado watches issued by the National Weather Service, or the sunny smiles that were plentiful during the day, then we can wrap this one up as a success.

I'd like to thank everyone who came out to enjoy the day and help things run smoothly. Ed Mezick did another fantastic job wrangling the food and

readying things in the kitchen and on the grill. Erich Konjevich has the ability to see something that needs being done and jumps in to do it. He always lives up to Docent of the Year without even being conscious of it. I'm sure Margaret Vessels made Betty Bennett proud with the way she handled the servers. She is such a smooth talker that she had folks working for her that weren't even members, as well as some of the regular crew, and managed to train and coordinate efforts to make the lunch line run smoothly; and she couldn't have done it without her kitchen co-teammate, Vickie Miller and all the ticket-takers and servers: Mike Knight, Debbie Melvin, Martha Jane Long, Helen Miller, Rick DeVries, Donna Gardner, Beverly Meyerer, Kathy Galena, Elaine Gerwe, and Vicki Hare!. (Maybe she can convince those non-members to join the museum?!) Kudos to the kitchen and serving crew!

Katie McQuade and John Autry, along with Ginny Cooper kept everyone hydrated with coffee, ice tea, and lemonade this year. Many thanks, ladies and gentleman!

Gini Campbell did a wonderful job with the bake sale, and she was singing Marie Braswell's praises as a super helper. The bake sale brought in about \$125 this year, and there was nothing left over.

Judy Ball and her 50/50 crew managed to sell about \$240 tickets, and the gentleman who won the raffle donated his portion back to the museum. Bernie and Karlyn Shedlowski did an awesome job on selling the raffle tickets for the butterfly quilt and the Fleetwing sled with ice skates that had been on display in our window at the museum for the last couple of months. \$265 was brought in from the sale of those tickets, and Millie Ross (new member) won the quilt, and George Kidder (aka Santa) won the sled. Speaking of George, he was the only person who entered the car show that showed up that day. He drove all the way from Osteen (near DeBary) in the rain with his purple 1966 Dodge Charger. Of course, he won the first place trophy and the gift basket from Crescent Coffee Company and a gift certificate from Playalinda Brewery. What a good sport he was to brave that wet weather! We also gave

away about 20 gift certificates from local merchants (most of them from downtown).

Thanks to Judy Davis for promoting the event through our Facebook site, as well as getting our info out to the city, Senior Living magazine, and many other venues as well. Linda Siano did a great job with keeping all of the incoming and outgoing monies accounted for as well as keeping the list of paid mailed tickets tallied. Lynda and Steve Siems worked their magic at the gate with selling and validating tickets for all who came. We were even blessed to have Betty Mattingly show up and spend some time with her friends. Debbie Coughlin was there to lend a hand wherever needed, and she looked mighty fine in her period costume a/k/a Mary Titus!

I have to give a special thank you to Amy Spillers, who in all reality was a Co-Chairman with me. Amy has strengths that are my weaknesses and had my back the entire time. She coordinated the entertainment, ran the cakewalks (which brought in almost \$100), made announcements, was instrumental in getting the demonstrations and displays, as well as Happy Cheeks face painting. She did so much more than what I listed, and I just want her to know how grateful I am for her time and friendship.

I probably have left someone out in my thanks, and please do not take offense. I just know that none of this would have been possible without the coordinated effort of everyone who volunteered in whatever capacity. That's what makes this work, and makes it a joy to be part of the North Brevard Historical Museum.



### **PLEA for Docents!**

Seems it is becoming harder and harder to get docents for support and keep the Museum open four days a week. Most of it is due to members leaving the area, physical issues with our aging membership and vacations. So, if you feel you want to become a docent or you can add another monthly shift, please call or email Judy Davis. It would definitely make her scheduling much easier.







AFTERNOON IN THE PARK ~ OCT 19 2019

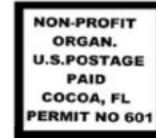
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## OR PRESENT OCCUPANT

### YEARBOOKS for SALE!

*by Debbie Coughlin*



Looking for an old Yearbook for yourself... or to surprise a friend or family member? The museum is currently in possession of several duplicate copies of old Yearbooks from Titusville High School and Astronaut High School. For a limited time, these duplicate Yearbooks will be made available for purchase. The Yearbooks will be sold at the museum during normal viewing hours. The cost of each Yearbook is \$5.00. The following Yearbooks are available for purchase:



**1900's:** '40(3 copies), '45(3), '50, '51, '52, '53(3), '54(4), '55(2), '60, '61(3), '62, '63, '67, '84, '90, '91, '92, '94, 97, '98, '99

**2000's:** 00, '01, '03, '08

**Anniversary Editions:** 60th (1927-1987), 70th (1927 - 1997), 80th (1927 - 2002)



**1900's:** '75, '84, '86

**2000's:** '07, '08