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The Future is my Challenge.

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General Meeting

Sunday, March 11, 2012

2 p.m.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Each time I go to our Museum, I find something new so I encourage all members to take time on a regular basis to come in, to browse, and to ask questions to increase your knowledge of the history of our community.

It is also important that you attend our membership meetings not only to learn more about our works in progress but to be able meet and network with your neighbors.

Please try to attend our general membership meeting on Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 p.m. - we have a program that will be educational and fun.

Ray McLeod-President

MARCH PROGRAM

Frank Ridgway of The Mid Florida Historical Society will do the presentation. He will talk about what the Indians would have used, made and how they lived from 9500 to 500 years ago. Tools, arrowheads, jewelry–what they are made of & how they are constructed. He will display some of the items on tables. Everything on display was found around the Apopka and Zellwood areas. He will also take any questions.

Museum of the Apopkans

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Tuesday thru Friday 12 noon — 5 p m

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VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Many of you have offered to volunteer where needed on committees, at events, and at the Museum.

For this, we are deeply appreciative. If you are retired, looking to be a part of something, or have an expertise to share, let us know. You can also volunteer for three hours shifts weekly or monthly as a docent or helping with projects on Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., from noon to 5 p.m.



The Festival of Trees was a big success thanks to volunteer and member Joyce Hayward and her committee. The museum made an estimated profit of \$1,655.00.

A note to all the membership:

The 'Museum of Apopkans' is now on 'Facebook' thanks to Phyllis Olmstead.

Tribute to Midwives of Apopka:

Exodus Chapter 1:20 "Therefore God dealt well with midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed mighty". Apopka Historical Society honors midwives of Apopka for their great contributions in birthing generations in our community, they were sanctioned by our dedicated servant, the late Dr. Thomas E. McBride, M.D.

Most notable midwives were Emma Dixon coming from Alachula County, Florida, Ms. Pickett, an Apopka homesteader who farmed between SR.436 and SR.441 near Sheeler Road, Ms. Barbara Philpot, the daughter of John Hickey, a refugee of Ocoee Race Riot, Epsy Williams of Clarcona who is a relative of former Coucilman Alonzo Williams and Rosa Barnes of Clarcona, the wife of Thomas Barnesa great benefactor of Phyllis Wheatley School. Midwives birthed children from all races, creed & colors until around the early 1950's. Iam sure there are more & at press time we can only honor those whose names were submitted. We

Upcoming Events

thank you. By Francina Boykin-Vice President

Apopka Art & Jazz Festival-Sat., March 3, 2012 10 a.m. To 4 p.m. At Apopka Amphitheater General Meeting—Sunday, March 11, 2012 2 p.m.

Apopka Art & Foliage Festival—April 28 2012 9 a.m. To 5 p.m. & Sunday April 29, 2012 9 a.m. To 4 p.m. At Kit Land Nelson Park Magnolia Park Blue Grass Festival—May 5, 2012 Volunteers are needed for all events.

EDUCATION

The education committee has made a proposal to explore the feasibility to use funds set aside for scholarships for high school seniors to pay for buses that would allow local school children to visit the museum and other local areas. Since school funds are not always available for field trips, we felt this would be a good use of the funds and help to stimulate children's interest in our local history.

Historic Preservation

<u>Cemetery Repair:</u> As of the December 2011 financial report, we have received \$705.00, thus far.

Zellwood Inn: Application for National Register of Historic Places: Angela must still work on incorporating the information from the disk from Louise Fortunato into the application.

Perrine Slim's Articles in 'Apopka Chief': The chronological index of the works of William Gladden is still being completed. Francina and Angela will have to group the articles so that they can come up with an outline for the book to be published by 'The History Press'. Then the application can be submitted. By Angela Nichols

I/O Track Digitizing Progress

I/O Trak has been working on digitizing our AHS yearbooks. So far they have done everything from 1946 to 1981. The rest of the 80's will done shortly. They have also digitized our AHS history file which contains old school photos and records. A presentation was made at the January Board meeting to show us what they are doing with our scrapbooks. You will be able to view these (and yearbooks) on the internet and also add your own photos and other artifacts to the web site. We will let you know when the site is up and running (probably several months from now).

If you are interested in getting copies of the yearbooks that have been done. A cd will cost \$7 (several years will fit on a cd, so you can have several on one disk) These files are in PDF format and are fully searchable.

A Lifetime membership was given to Joan & Jack Christmas. Remember that the Jack Christmas Book <u>Tales of The Big Potato</u> is now on sale at the museum & at city hall For \$25.

Want to be more involved?

The Apopka Historical Society is seeking qualified individuals who want to be more active and have input into the Board.

At the present time the following Departments are lacking chairmen: Technology and Ways & Means.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact President Ray McLeod or any other officer.

REMINDER

If you have any old ink or laser cartridges you want to get rid of, you can bring them to the museum for disposal..