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General Meeting
Sunday, April 7, 2013 **2 to 4 p.m.**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to use my first opportunity to write a message in this space to say thank you once again to members of the Apopka Historical Society Board for inviting me to serve as president of the Board. It will be both a privilege and an honor to work to help create more awareness of what a great resource our community has in the Museum of the Apopkans.

For those who don't know my history, here's a brief capsule: My father, Joe Sr. moved our family to South Orlando in 1968 when he went to work for a company related to Tupperware in Kissimmee. I attended Orange County Public Schools and graduated from Boone High in 1975. I earned a journalism degree from UCF in 1979 & got a job at The Orlando Sentinel. I ended my newspaper career in 1999, having launched the Internet beat in 1994. Today, I am self-employed as a public relations /public affairs consultant to companies that do business in Florida. I moved to the Apopka area in 1988 & was elected to the Apopka City Council, Seat 3 in April, 2012. As I campaigned last year, I often told voters: "Apopka's future is rooted in its history." I believe that more than ever. My goal in the months ahead is to help make people more aware of how many resources our museum has & how integral our museum can be in shaping Apopka's future.

Joe Kilsheimer-President

PROGRAM: Topic–The History of the History Center

The speaker will be Sara Van Arsdel, Executive Director of the Orange County Regional History Center.

This will be a very informative program. Try to attend the General Meeting on Sunday, April 7, 2013 2 to 4 pm.

MEMBERSHIP

Renewal forms went out before the end of 2012 to 96 members. The response was good. 75% renewed. We are fortunate to have 175 members-of which 79 are Lifetime members. We are looking forward to an exciting year with two new officers in place - Joe Kilsheimer President and Betty Ann Huntsman as Vice President. Joyce Hayward-Membership Chairman

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TECHNOLOGY We now have the scanning system from i/o Trak up & running, but we are waiting for them to send us a flat bed scanner that will work with the system so we can scan larger items. We can start offering to our membership the ability to digitize their old photos. We will scan for free a maximum of 25 photos up to 8.5 x 11 inches & save them on your DVD or flash drive. Additional photos can be scanned at a nominal charge. This service will be available on Tues. & Wed. afternoons, but please call to insure a volunteer will be available to do the scanning. We are looking for volunteers to scan the many scrapbooks & photos that we have in our archives; so, if you are interested, please call or email.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Special thanks to President Joe Kilsheimer for his donation of the combination TV VCR & CD Player. This will enable the museum to show tapes & CD's.

News from the Library Committee

If you are looking for inspiration for something different to cook, there is help at the Museum. Janet Connelly's family donated some of Janet's recipe books to add to several church cookbooks from local churches. These are tried and true, old fashioned and new and the museum's own edition, "Preserving the Big Potato" cookbook. A copier is available if you don't want to write recipes on cards.

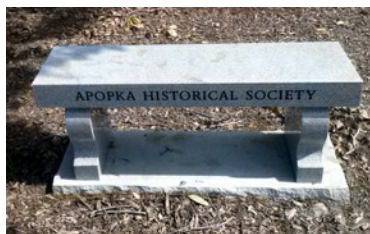
EVENT PARTICIPATION

The AHS set up at the following events:

Old Florida Festival, Art & Jazz Festival & The 1st Annual Birdapalooza. These events offered great exposure to our museum because of the many people in attendance.

BENCH AT MAGNOLIA PARK

A bench was erected by the Apopka Historical Society pictured below.



Upcoming Events

General Meeting--Sunday, April 7, 2013 2 to 4 pm.
 Apopka Art & Foliage Festival-Saturday & Sunday
 April 27 & 28, 2013, at Kit Land Nelson Park
 Next Board Meeting-Thursday, April 11, 2013 4:30 pm.
 Artist Spotlight-Sunday, May 19, 2013 2 to 4:00 pm. at
 Open House at The Museum of Apopkans.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Newsletter – Historic Preservation

Angela Nicols

As always, we have been working on numerous projects to help ensure that the wonderful heritage of Apopka and the surrounding communities of Northwest Orange County are preserved for future generations. **Postcards of Apopka and NW Orange County:** Margie Grinnell introduced me to Clayton Bishop of Eustis, FL and a Collector of post cards. He loaned us two large loose-leaf books with hundreds of cards. Over 400 postcards from Apopka, Clarcona, Lockhart, Plymouth, Tangerine and Zellwood have been scanned and placed on the computer at our Museum to be enjoyed by all.

"Black Heritage Part 1: Apopka and Surrounding Areas", written by Olivian Peterson-Brown, has been donated to the Museum collections. Olivian interviewed many Black people from the area so that their story could be told. So often, the younger generation has no idea what their parents, grandparents and friends had to go through so that they could enjoy more in their life. At my request, Sherry Brunson of the **Apopka Chief** interviewed Olivian for an article that appeared on 2/15/2013. The book is now on display in the Black History display at the Museum. **Zellwood Inn – Visitor's Books and papers (Shared gift of Zellwood and Apopka):**

Our archivist, Marjorie Corcoran, has almost finished working on this project. Rick Letsinger, the grandson of the owners of the Zellwood Inn, gave these artifacts to us to preserve in proper storage medium so that they can be displayed. Several of the items are personal to the Letsinger family, as well. Margie Grinnell has been called to view the results. As Zellwood is moving forward with their Museum, we will offer them to care for these artifacts. If they refuse, we will place them in PastPerfect as a Shared Loan.

Perrine Slim's Articles in 'Apopka Chief': It is our intent to have these articles published in a book. Two new volunteers, Olivian Peterson-Brown (adult), Marcus Abrahams (high school senior) have read and categorized the articles into Family Life (F), Community Life ©, Religious Life ®, School Life (S), Work Life (W). Other volunteers are Meg Little (adult), Jordan Hibbert, Austin Vasquez, Sabrina & Sophia St.Hilaire (all high school students).

These categories will be placed into the Perrine Slim database, with a short synopsis of the article. It will also be verified that we have the digitized article from the **Apopka Chief**. After that is complete, the database will be sorted by category. Then we will complete the application and submit it to 'The History Press', one of the publishers being considered. Dr. Phyllis Olmsted will be contacted, as she has asked to be considered when publishing the book.

Historic Preservation Committee: Much work is required before we will be able to have another 'Celebration of History' for the historic houses built after 1905. Linda Laurendeau has volunteered to take current pictures of the next historic houses built after 1905. Meg Little, another new volunteer, will start organizing the computer files for the historic houses built after 1905. Please let us know if YOU would like to help, too!

SAVE THE DATE

It has just been learned that the Zellwood Historic Society and Museum is having a fundraiser. They will be offering a breakfast and a tour of the historic house built for James Laughlin, Jr. in 1904, one of the buildings on our 'Northwest Orange County Register of Historic Places':

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2013 Place: 'Sydonie'

Breakfast: 9 am to Noon Cost: \$60.00 Tour: Noon to 4 pm Cost: 20.00

Apopka High School Yearbooks & Memorial Jr. High that have been scanned are available on CD disks for \$10 (plus postage if mailed).

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: Historian, Ways & Means, Volunteers.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact President Joe Kilsheimer 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.