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Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 20, 2010

10 a.m.

From the President

At the Annual meeting this month, we will be reviewing the year with committee reports and my recap of what we accomplished this past year. We will also hold our elections for new officers.

The nominating committee recommendation are as follows: President, Ray McLeod; Vice President, Francina Boykin; Secretary, Jerry Weiss; Treasurer, Jack Douglas; Curator, Belle Gilliam and Librarian, Mary Elizabeth Wheeler.

With the by-law changes approved at the last general meeting, the 3 directors were eliminated in favor of having the Standing Committee Chairs appointed by the President become voting members of the board. These committee chairs are: Membership, Education, Public Relations, Ways & Means, Historic Preservation and Technology.

Our guest speaker will be local author Joe Biletti, who will talk about his new book **Recall...a sequel**, which includes some local history about the Pirie Estate (now Errol Estate), and will sign copies afterwards.

Larry Leudenburg, President

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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 Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1- 4 p.m.

Wanted !!

If you have old photos or other artifacts that you would like to donate or lend to the Historical Society, we will be glad to accept them. We can also make copies of photos or documents so you can keep the originals.

We are looking for anything to do with the foliage industry, muck farming industry, family histories of pioneer families, early settlers, lumber industry, citrus industry, turpentine industry, railroad industry, Lake Apopka fish camps, Rocks Springs, Wekiva Springs and any other places or things that have to do with Apopka, Zellwood, Plymouth and Tangerine.

This will help us to build on what we have and expand into other areas.

Recognition of historic homes and building a huge success.

Over 150 people attended the September event to honor 42 historic homes and building. Angela Nicols and the committee did an outstanding job, insuring that each owner was well received.

During the presentation of the plaques and certificates, Ray McLeod read a short bio of each property as a photo was displayed on the screen.

As a result of this event, the Apopka Chief will feature these properties in future issues of the paper.

RICHES — A regional Initiative for collecting the history, experiences and stories of Central Florida

It is an umbrella program housing interdisciplinary public, history projects that bring different at UCF with profit and non-profit sectors of the community to explore Central Florida's diverse past.

Ray McLeod and I met with Dr. Connie Lester, Associate Professor & Editor of the Florida Historical Quarterly, and interim director of RICHES. UCF is seeking our partnership, as well as all the other historical societies in Central Florida.

We will be inviting her to make a presentation at one of our upcoming general meeting to let everyone know what this project is about and how we can contribute and benefit from it.



A Festival of Trees Is Coming

Mark your calendars. December 5, 2010 at 7 p.m. will kick off the Festival of Trees. Chairman, Betty Ann Huntsman promises that this year's event will be the "best ever".

Highlights include: Santa Claus, who will be available for photos with the kids; A great Santa's Gift Shop and many raffle items; A cake walk, and of course the trees which will be decorated by local business and civic organizations. The local schools will again be decorating wreaths which will be included in the bidding this year. The winning wreaths in the elementary school division and the middle/high school division will be awarded the amount of the highest bid on a wreath for its category.

Trees and wreaths will be on display for bidding and gift buying Monday thru Friday, December 6 to 10, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The awards ceremony and final bidding will take place on Sunday, December 12, starting at 7 p.m.