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The Future is my Challenge.*

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**General Meeting**

**Saturday, March 19, 2011**

**10 a.m.**

*From the President*

Having served as President of the Apopka Historical Society less than three months, every week I learn more about the Society and how many people are required to make all of the functions run smoothly.

The primary reason I agreed to be President was the many promises received from those who have long served the Society and our Community as I recognize that I do not have the wealth of knowledge or experience to anticipate needs and to plan for the future.

As an immediate goal, I will continue to work with the City of Apopka and its leaders to improve our relationship to be able to keep the Museum open in a regular and established schedule.

Also, in the next year, the Society needs to continue to increase scholarships awarded to area high school students and to encourage students of all ages, wherever they attend school, to come to the Museum to learn about our community and its history.

Thanks to all and I look forward to the remainder of the year as we as a Society continue to be involved with the betterment and understanding of our community and its history.

A special thanks to Commissioner Fred Brummer for acquiring the tickets to the Magic game in the County luxury box that we auctioned on eBay. The auction raised \$2,000.

Ray McLeod, President

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**Hours of Operation**

Thurs -10am to 4 pm

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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.

**Quarterly Meeting—March 19 at 10 a.m.**

Dr. Connie Lester, Associate Professor & Editor of the Florida Historical Quarterly, and interim director of RICHES, will present a program on how UCF is seeking our partnership, as well as all the other historical societies in Central Florida.

**RICHES** is 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 departments at UCF with profit and non-profit sectors of the community to explore Central Florida's diverse past.

Central Florida has often been associated with large-scale, commercial tourism and housing development. While those aspects of Central Florida are important to the economic growth of the region, much of its history has remained unnoticed and under researched. The Public History program at UCF links many projects under one initiative to promote the collection and preservation of Central Florida history. By facilitating research that records and presents the stories of communities, businesses, and institutions in Central Florida, RICHES seeks to provide the region with a deeper sense of its heritage. At the same time, the initiative connects the UCF students and faculty with the community and creates a foundation on which Central Floridians can build a better sense of their history.

To see more about this program, visit the web site at: <http://riches.cah.ucf.edu/>

Francina Boykin, our Vice President, will also present a

**A Tribute to Pioneer Black Families of Apopka**

By Francina Boykin, Vice President

Henry & Hannah Williams arrived in 1915 from Nashville, Ga. worked at the Saw Mill (Consumer Lumber and Veneer Co.)

David Wesley Stokes and Carrie arrived in 1911 from Smoke, South Carolina (Waterburg County) worked at the Saw Mill (Consumer Lumber and Veneer Co.)

Samuel Small, Sr. & Nora arrived in 1895 born in South Carolina moved from St. Cloud, Florida to Apopka, worked in Turpentine and for the Eldridge Livery Stable, lived in Meade's Bottom, located in the current location of Highland Manor Restaurant.

Cato and Ella J. Sanders arrived in Apopka in 1898 from North Carolina worked at as a Hackman (carriage or coach for hire) the Eldridge Livery Stables and School Teacher.

George and Hattie Rand arrived in Apopka 1902 from North Carolina, worked in Citrus and for Starbird Utilities, helped put up street lights.

Monroe and Frances Neil arrived in Apopka 1916 from Archer, Florida worked on the farm.

John and Lucy Hickey arrived in Apopka 1920 from Ocoee, Florida, refugees from infamous Ocoee Election Day Riot, worked as Laborer.

Michael and Bessie Gladden arrived in Apopka 1910, born in Charleston, S. C. moved from Jacksonville, Florida worked as a Wood Cutter at Consumer Lumber and Veneer Co., later branching out and opening the once prominent Gladden General Store.

Will and Lula Davis moved from Apopka Sumpton County South Carolina in the 1800's did carpentry work.

Contributions made by these families were documented by the late Mildred Board, Educator, Historian and native Apopkan and Marie Gladden, wife of Michael Gladden Jr. and Educator and Historian and Community leader from Sanford, Florida. These two great women were long time and devoted members to Apopka Historical Society gathered information from descendents and family bibles. This project was not completed, because there were more than 100 black pioneer families in Apopka from 1800s and early 1900s.

We the members of Apopka Historical Society honor the contributions made by these great people.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE**

If you know anyone who go to either Apopka or Wekiwa High School, have them go to the web site and download the application.

This year we are giving three \$1,000 scholarships to some deserving young man or woman.

**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, Membership 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.

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**Upcoming Events**  
\* Apopka Art & Foliage Festival—April 30 to May 1  
\* Magnolia Park Blue Grass Festival—May 7  
\* Quarterly Meeting—June 11  
\* Volunteers are needed for the two events in April & May  
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