

# Flagler Beach Historical Museum, Inc.

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## Nearly 1000 Guests Visit Museum this Spring from Students to the DAR!

An experiment at the Museum this Spring has resulted in expanded visiting hours. Formerly open Tuesdays through Fridays from just 10a.m. to 2p.m. and Saturdays from noon until 3p.m.; the Museum extended their weekday hours to 4p.m.

The number of Spring visitors increased over last year by 30%.

Nearly 600 visitors signed last year's guestbook from March through May; this year the number jumped to 956. The increase was accomplished without advertising the time changes. Saturday hours remained unchanged. The extended day required a dramatic



Catherine Wilson (L) with Donna Carruthers of Dallas, TX

increase in docent participation as four hour shifts had to be extended to six hours or split in half -- resulting in a need for twice as many volunteers.

Museum guests this Spring included students from F/PCHS's Project: Mission History (see page 3) who attended a special tour/lecture by Museum President Catherine Wilson and 1st V.P. Rob Creal.



Margaret Russell (L) with Grace Pierce

Another special presentation was held for over 25 D.A.R. members who enjoyed a lecture/tour after their April lunch meeting at City Hall. They raved about the site, the displays and their tour guide. "I was extremely impressed with both the Museum and with Catherine's presentation," said Margaret Russell. "I can't wait to get my husband John down there to see it all. It was very informative."

Grace Pierce said, "It was all wonderful. There were so many lovely displays that are very well organized. I learned a lot about Flagler County." She added, "I wish I could have stayed even longer, but I'll be back."

## What's New at the Museum...



**Museum Gala Planning Underway!**  
**Save the Date: September 23, 2006**  
**For More Information - See Page 8!**

## Announcing New Visitor Information Center!

Now there are new reasons to visit the Museum as we've recently partnered with the Flagler Beach Chamber of Commerce to become the city's Visitor Center. If you are looking for fun ways to spend your leisure time, stop by the Museum and pick up brochures about the area's state parks and other attractions. (Note: Chamber administrative functions are served at their office in Helm Financial - Suite 101 at 300 South Central Avenue or by calling 439-0995.) Come in to the Museum yourself or send your guests when they arrive to visit. The Museum and Visitor Center will be open Tuesday through Friday 10a.m. to 4p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 3p.m.



Project: Mission History Students Take Museum Tour

# WE TREASURE OUR VOLUNTEERS

## “The Team is our Theme!” @ 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Appreciation Luncheon

An air of camaraderie prevailed among the 50 volunteers gathered for the Museum’s 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. President **Catherine Wilson**, being the wonderful hostess as usual, presented awards to three deserving individuals for their unselfish contributions to the museum during the past



year – “Road Show Joe” **Kovalyak**, 1st Vice President **Rob Creal**, and “Our Girl Friday” **Angie Black**.

Catherine emphasized that all volunteers are VIP’s and THE TEAM is the theme for the museum. She explained, “It takes many people working together to make the museum such a success. It is necessary and helpful to have so many people involved to make the museum work. All volunteers, no matter how many or few hours they can contribute, are needed. If one is interested in Flagler Beach and Flagler County history then it will be a rewarding experience.”

Also in attendance were longtime supporters of the Museum: City Clerk **Angela Apperson** and RSVP Director **Judy Stetson**.

A big thanks was given by the group to **Woody’s Bar-B-Que** for their chicken and to **Food Lion** for their spiral ham. Table decorations from **Barefoot Florist** (formerly Karen’s Flower Shop) were a huge hit and the bamboo plants door prizes were much appreciated by their winners. ~Barb Kelly

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## JOIN THE FUN - YOU CAN HELP!

**Will we see you at next year’s luncheon? Begin volunteering this summer or fall as a Museum docent. From as few as 3 hours a month to a few days a week, whatever time you have to offer is greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Teri Pruden at (386) 439-6262.**

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**2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

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**The Museum Board meets at 2PM on second Tuesdays each month at the Mosby Fire Hall. Please feel free to join us. Upcoming dates are June 13, July 11, August 15 and September 12. For more information, call 517-2025 or 439-6262.**

## FLAGLER COUNTY HISTORY BOOK

Flagler County Adult & Community Education is hard at work on a Flagler County History Book. If you have photos or stories from the early days of Flagler County, please help with this fabulous project. Call Teri Pruden, Museum Director at 439-6262 or email [teri@visitmemorylane.com](mailto:teri@visitmemorylane.com)

## FLAGLER COUNTY LIBRARY ON-LINE

Did you know? The Flagler County Library has a great website full of fantastic Flagler County History. Webmaster Bill Ryan is a history buff who has become the go-to guy for Flagler history. Visit his website: [www.flaglerlibrary.org](http://www.flaglerlibrary.org) and click on Flagler History or Flagler Memories Videos.

Happy Birthday to the Museum's Eldest Member:  
Miss Bessie Wickline Minton turned 104 on May 22nd!

Community pride, history, and education go hand-in-hand at the Flagler Beach Historical Museum. Now celebrating our 6th year, the Museum is visited by over two hundred visitors each month. Your membership will help us grow and continue with many exciting projects including:

- \* Expanded Hours of Operation / Quarterly Newsletter
- \* Popular Student Field Trips - Junior Historian Program
- \* Update of Flagler County History Textbook for 4th graders
- \* Oral History Program Training - High School Students
- \* Oral History Program Archive - Videotaping Flagler County Elders
- \* Partnership Program (Other Civic and Historic Organizations)
- \* Family Movie Nights at Wickline & Special Events: Gala Fund-raiser, Annual Birthday Festivities, Holiday at the Beach, Fourth of July Celebration, and more...
- \* Downtown Historic District Identification & Walking Tour
- \* Building On-Line History Research Center

## Project: Mission History Students Take Honors!

As reported last quarter, the Museum has partnered with students at F/PCHS to assist with their endeavours in Project: Mission History. We've excitedly tracked the progress of both their project and their advancement through the competition. We congratulate them on their success! **(Students pictured below presenting to the Flagler County Historical Society.)**

*Our team, Mission History, placed 2nd in the category of "Civic and Cultural" at the International Community Problem Solving Conference, a part of the International Future Problem Solving Program. Over 2,500 students world-wide participated in this conference at Colorado State University.*

*The team was also the senior level nominee for the E. Paul Torrance Beyond Award. They scored 54 out of 56 points. This award is given for creativity, perpetuity, and accomplishment to the community above*

*and beyond all other projects. This is the first time our school was every nominated for this prestigious award.*

*In the upcoming school year, the students will now focus on the collection of oral histories partnering with the Museum, the Flagler County Historical Society, the Service Learning Students (see page 7) and*

*the community at large. The school's media center has provided a room, and their technology team has provided hardware and software for the digital storytelling as well as the creation of DVDs of the collected histories. ~Information provided by group advisor Diane Tomko*



# MEET YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS!

A funding trifecta thrilled Museum devotees when loyal supporters, Richard and Regina Clemons recently increased their personal membership to the \$100 Bronze level. They also donated a \$200 Silver Membership for Flagler Beach Main Street, Inc., an organization that shares the Museum's goals of historic preservation. The coup de grace was a Gold Membership for Richard's business: Clemons Publishing, Inc.

Flagler County property owners since the 1970s, the Clemons finally "retired" here in 1998. Both grew up with an affection for coastal living. Richard is originally from Maine; Regina hails from St. Augustine and Savannah, though as a military brat, she lived in both the Orient and Europe before returning to the U.S. in 1964.

Regina began a career in mortgage banking and investment finance that took her to Wall Street and back. Richard developed and marketed diagnostic imaging radionuclides and nuclear instrumentation before investing in a number of successful small business operations

When they finally left Maryland to come south it was for peace, quiet and a little bit of fun. "As everyone knows, that is not exactly what happened!" says Regina. "Neither of us could sit still for long." Richard started a monthly real estate publication and a graphic design company. He also became involved with Enterprise Flagler and enrolled in the County Chamber's Leadership VII Program.

Here in Flagler Beach, he is dedicated to improving the city's economic development and preservation. Richard has served on many boards and committees including the Chamber of Commerce, the Vision Committee, Strategic Planning, and

Community Redevelopment. In an effort to enhance downtown as a more friendly pedestrian community, Richard championed the city ordinance for a Bureau of Historic Preservation - the Main Street Program.

Regina wasn't sitting still either. Her downtown businesses include A1A Mortgage Company and her title company; plus a business begun with her sister Renee: the "Bizarre Sister's Beach Bazaar" on South Central right across from the Museum. The shop is in a complex that she and Richard renovated and rented to 8 successful shops. "We want to help improve the aesthetics of a walkable downtown," says Regina of her "Village Shops."

She adds, "I hardly ever cross the bridge any more. We find almost everything we need right here in the community: unobstructed coastal views, enjoyable friendships, natural amenities, the beach, gas, haircuts, great restaurants and shopping!"

While enjoying everything Flagler, they also bought the old Gardner House at 109 South 6th Street and spent 2 years renovating. The attractive "old Florida" house style, two-story building is actually now a professional office complex. Says Regina, "The building exemplifies what can be accomplished with proper partnerships, personal downtown investment and city pride."

To celebrate that pride, Richard and Regina host several local festivities including Community Christmas Dinner Dances, Spring Luau, and through the Main Street organization and with help from city staffers: their legendary Mardi Gras Festivals. Richard and Regina both say, "We love this town." ~Teri Pruden



Richard & Regina at 2005's Bandstand Boogie. See p.8 for news of 2006's Gala a Go-Go!

**Let us feature you in "Meet Your Fellow Members!" Just tell us how you found out about the Museum and why you joined. Call 439-6262 or e-mail: [teri@visitmemorylane.com](mailto:teri@visitmemorylane.com)**

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**Members are the foundation of the Flagler Beach Historical Museum. Please continue your support by renewing your annual dues and by spreading the word. Give a friend this newsletter and the application coupon below. When you show someone the benefits of membership and they join the Museum, we'd like to thank you both. Stop by and receive a gift of appreciation for your support.**

## **Thank You March through May New & Renewing Members!**

### **Individual (\$12)**

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Jane Cate  
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*\*A very special Welcome to these New Museum Members!*

### **LEVELS OF MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP**

- = Individual \$12.00
- = Family \$20
- = Small Business \$24.00

### **LEVELS OF PREMIERE MEMBERSHIP**

- = Patron \$50.00
- = Bronze Member \$100.00
- = Silver Member \$200.00
- = Gold Member \$500.00

### **BENEFITS OF MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP**

- = Free quarterly newsletter
- = Recognition in newsletter
- = Discounts on museum merchandise and special events
- = Advance notice of new displays and upcoming events
- = Free gifts for bringing in new members

### **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR PREMIERE MEMBERS**

- = Recognition in **every** newsletter
- = Private viewing hours available

### **Member Application / Renewal Form**

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Can you volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **Flagler Beach Historical Museum**. Mail to: **P.O. Box 2136, Flagler Beach FL. 32136**

# The History Corner

## Flagler Beach Fire Department -- Early History

On April 25, 1925 just after the Town of Flagler Beach was incorporated, the Town Commission formed a police and fire committee composed of **L.O. Upson**, **H.W. Sessions**, and **R.W. Raulerson**. On October 2, the Town Commission authorized the purchase of a fire truck from the **Obenchain-Boyer Company** located in Logansport, Indiana. The truck cost \$2750 - with the first payment on the note due in 14 months.

The fire truck was received in December and it was a chemical truck. It did not have a pump, pressure for the hoses was supplied by a chemical reaction similar to the old style soda acid fire extinguishers. During the early part of 1926 the **Flagler Beach Garage** and later **Mrs. S.A. Baker** (owner of **The Casino**) were paid \$5.00 per month for storage of the truck.

**J.J. Rheiner (Jr.)** was appointed as the first Fire Chief on February 19, 1926 and was given the authority to select assistants as needed.

In June of 1926, the fire and police committee was authorized to find a suitable location for housing the fire truck. Later that month, **L.S. Raurk** was paid \$11.25 and **F.L. Shepherd** was paid \$20.00 for labor on the fire department garage. There is no mention of the location of the garage or the cost of materials in the town commission minutes. In July of 1926, **R.L. Fuquay** was paid \$20.00 to paint the fire department garage. Also, in June of 1926, the Town Commission instructed the Town Clerk to write to the Obenchain-Boyer Company concerning the unsatisfactory condition of the fire truck.

On October 15, 1926 the Town Commission accepted the resignation of J.J. Rheiner (Jr.) as Fire Chief and appointed **Louis Upson** as his replacement.

In November of 1926 the Town Commission adopted the first fire prevention ordinance in Flagler Beach. It called for streets, alleys, and lots within 50 feet of a structure to be grubbed and cleared. The lot owner was responsible for the clearing of lot(s) and the Town would pay the cost of clearing the streets and alleys. If the owner failed to clear their lot, the Town could clear it and charge the owner.

In January of 1927 the Town made the first payment on the fire truck in the amount of \$100.00. During 1927 the Town paid for several repairs on the truck including paying John Warner \$40.00 for replacing the axle and Flagler Beach Garage \$21.70 for unspecified repairs.

In June, 1927 the Boyer Fire Apparatus Company called a note in the amount of \$585.00 due on the fire truck. The Town Commission authorized the Town Clerk to request an extension to January 1, 1928 provided that the Town pay \$100.00 plus interest at this time. In July, 1927 the Town Clerk was instructed to advise the Boyer Fire Apparatus Company that owing to the taxes being paid so slowly, the Town would be unable to pay their note and if the note could not be renewed, Boyer could take the truck back and cancel the Town's indebtedness. Later in the month of July \$100.00 was paid to secure the extension.

On October 25, 1927 **Charles Teebe** was appointed as Fire Chief.

In February of 1928 the Town was once again negotiating with the Boyer Fire Apparatus Company concerning payments due on the fire truck. After the company refused to take the truck back



First Flagler Beach Fire Truck

and cancel the debt, an agreement was made to pay the truck off over a nine year period. Checks for the payments were to be held in escrow by the **Bunnell State Bank**.

Charles Teebe resigned as Fire Chief on September 1, 1928 and **Adolph Deen** was appointed as Fire Chief.

The information above was taken from the minutes of Town Commission meetings from 1925-1928. **Catherine Wilson**, while doing research for her book [A New Beginning](#), found that the disagreement between the Town and Boyer Fire Apparatus Company went on for over 25 years.

It is unclear if the truck was ever completely paid for. I remember hearing a story shortly after I joined the fire department in 1972 that the truck was destroyed in a fire.

~Rob Creal

*Editor's Note: Creal was Flagler Beach Fire Chief from 1976 - 2002.*

**WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are looking for photos of Flagler Beach's firetruck used in the 50s and very early 60s. If you have a photo of the 1925 American-La-France truck, contact Rob at 503-6974.**

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**Do you have a question or subject for  
The History Corner?**

**Call 517-2025 or e-mail:**

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# Your Museum's Partner in Preserving History:

## The F/PCHS Service Learning Program Students



The Museum is proud to partner with the F/PCHS Service Learning Students as they interview longtime Flagler County residents. Museum volunteers had begun videotaping residents nearly three years ago and will eventually provide a library of DVDs available for viewing at the Museum.

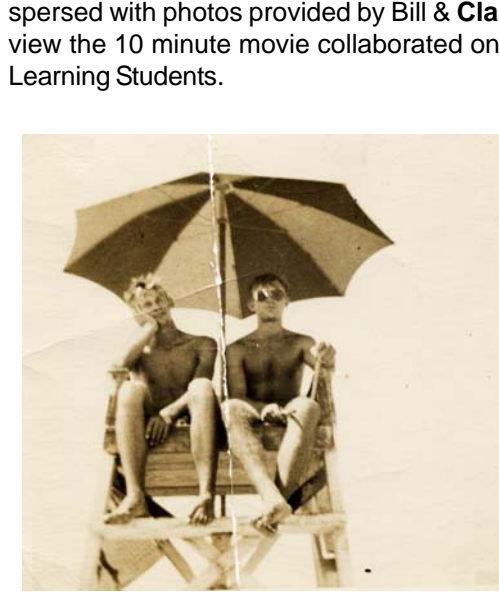
This spring we met with and provided materials to three students under the supervision of

instructor **Bobby Bossardet: Allen Rutherford, Ashley Caraner, and Rhett Crist.**

A mini-training included discussions on the importance of pre-interviewing the subject, video techniques for optimal lighting, sound, and composition, and how to ask open-ended questions that encourage anecdotal responses.

The first interview took place in May when Flagler Beach lifeguard Allen Rutherford interviewed Flagler's 1st lifeguard **Bill Babbitt** who protected the beachgoers starting in the late 1940s.

Museum volunteer **Dan Bayerl** has produced a DVD of the interview. It is interspersed with photos provided by Bill & **Clarice Babbitt**. Stop by the Museum soon to view the 10 minute movie collaborated on by the Museum and the F/PCHS Service Learning Students.



*Photos. Top Left: Allen Rutherford (L) interviews Bill Babbitt. Top Right: Bill on the job. Bottom Left: Students (L. to R.) Crist, Caraner, and Rutherford. Bottom Center: Babbitt with friend Stanley Deen. Bottom Right: Babbitt was joined by wife Clarice who reminisced about meeting him during his lifeguard days.*



### Our Thanks to Other Partners in Preserving History:

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### Please Share Your Stories and Photos!

If you have a tale or two about Flagler County in days past, we want to put you in the movies... or at least in print! If you or your family members have photos from the early days of Flagler County, we would like to scan them. Help us record local history with photos, your stories in the newsletter, or by allowing us to videotape you or an elder family member. E-mail [teri@visitmemorylane.com](mailto:teri@visitmemorylane.com) or contact Teri at 439-6262 for more information.



We're  
Where  
It's  
At,  
Baby!



**The Early 60s were Fab, Far Out, Righteous, and Out-of-Sight!**

On Saturday, September 23, 2006, the Museum will present its 5th Annual fund-raiser: "Gala A Go-Go" - Home to the Rat Pack Lounge. When **Flower Power** 101 meets **Andy Warhol** all will be copasetic and keen-o!

A nation was jazzed in the early to mid 60s by **Beatniks, Bonds** and the **British Invasion** -- which brought us **Herman's Hermits**, **Petula Clarke's** "Downtown", and **Tom Jones' "What's New Pussycat."** Martinis were "shaken, not stirred" when ordered by Bond -- James Bond. And every radio in town was playing **The Beatles!**

Homegrown hits included "Whipped Cream and other Delights" by **Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass**. Top 10 tunes filled the airwaves with songs by **The Supremes, Frankie Valli, Roy Orbison, The Beach Boys, Brenda Lee, Shelley Fabares, and Pat Boone.**

A nation mad for fads and 45s danced The Hully Gully, The Jerk, The Watusi, The Frug, The Swim and the Bossa Nova. The early to mid 60s showcased the debuts of **Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Simon & Garfunkel and Sonny & Cher.**



In Vegas, "Ol' Blue Eyes" **Frank Sinatra** ruled with the **Rat Pack: Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr., Peter Lawford, and Joey Bishop.** The **Whisky a Go-Go** nightclub opened and non-swingers hit the passion pits to watch movies: **Dr. No, Goldfinger, A Hard Day's Night, Funny Girl, Viva Las Vegas, and Lilies of the Field.**

**Ed Sullivan** brought his "really big show" into American living rooms and teens were dits if they missed "**Shindig!**", **Dick** and his stirrup-panted **Laura** were tops on the "**Dick Van Dyke Show.**" From the Stone Age to the Space Age, "**The Flintstones**" were as popular as "**The Jetsons.**" From the "**Dating Game**" to "**Dean Martin's Goldiggers**" television was hip!



Young girls debated which "**Patty Duke Show**" twin cousin was their fave: Cathy or Patty. Boys argued over which "**Gilligan's Island**" castaway was hotter: Ginger or Mary Ann. Everyone weighed in on which household was creepiest: "**The Addams Family**" or "**The Munsters.**"

Astronauts were heroes; stewardesses were all the rage and would be featured a few years later in the naughty book, **Coffee, Tea, or Me.** Mature women followed the fashion lead of **Jackie Kennedy** with pill box hats, exotic sunglasses, and dresses adorned with belts, buttons, and bows, while men considered the Rat Packers as wildly stylish.

Young women emulated **Twiggy** and discovered **Mary Quant**, mini-skirts and baby doll dresses, go-go boots, shiny pants suits and belted blouses. Male youth found pants ran the gamut from skin-tight beatnik or leather pants to pajama-style widths with bold prints and stripes, paired with either tight turtlenecks or large, multi-patterned shirts unbuttoned to show off brightly colored ascots or chunky pendant necklaces.

So what's "choice" in your closet? Come 60s style or come to watch, eat, drink, and dance, but call 439-0134 or 439-6262 now to get dibs on the best seats for Gala a Go-Go! We'll all be there to shake it -- not break it. Right On!



The Flagler Beach Historical Museum Newsletter is published quarterly and mailed free to members. Address questions/comments to editor Teri Pruden at 439-6262 or [teri@visitmemorylane.com](mailto:teri@visitmemorylane.com)

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**Warning:** No Hippies Allowed at Gala a Go-Go! Hippies evolved in the late 60s, so save your "Purple Haze" for next year's gala - a Woodstock Lovefest coming to Flagler in the Fall of 2007!

