



Spring 2010

THE
Deerfield Beach
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Upcoming Events:

- April 12 Board of Director's Mtg.
5:30pm Old School
- April 21 History at High Noon
12pm-1pm Old School
Guest spkr: Helen Landers
Shares Broward Co. history
- April 24 Ice Cream Social
1pm-4pm Butler House
\$5 per person/bring a chair
- May 1 Mother's Day Tea
2pm-4pm Butler House
\$15 per person
Reservations required
- May 10 Board of Director's Mtg.
5:30pm Old School
- May 19 History at High Noon
12pm-1pm Old School
Guest Spkr: Lisa Manners
Sharing history of
Deerfield's library

Words from your executive director...I hear this winter has been the worst in South Florida history. I know many of you are ready for spring, as I am. Our winter is usually so brief I must say I have enjoyed wearing long sleeves and jackets on several occasions! So, what's been going on at the Historical Society?

It's hard to believe at the time of the last newsletter mailing we were preparing for our Fall Ball. I feel like I blinked and now we are awaiting the Ice Cream Social. Mark your calendars for the **Ice Cream Social**; it is the most relaxed event of the year. Bring your lawn chair or a quilt and relax under shade of our giant Banyan tree and enjoy an old fashioned social with your friends. Our friends from the Model A Antique Car Club will have fabulous antique cars on display and we are even going to churn some homemade ice cream. We may even dig up some old yard games. What's your favorite homemade flavor? Mine is peach, mmmm.

MAP update...you will remember from our last newsletter I told you we were applying for a **Museum Assessment Program** grant. We were awarded the grant and are now in the middle of the process. This is the easy part. After the workbook is completed, the real work begins. We will have professional surveyors come to our site and help us put together a strategic plan to help us understand how we compare to standards and best practices in the field; share how other institutions deal with similar challenges, provide suggestions for improvements, help set priorities and allocate financial resources wisely while building a strong case for support. The grant is due April 30, 2010. This important grant is offered by the American Association of Museums and is free to us.

Look for us on FaceBook; we've joined the technology generation. First the World Wide Web, now FaceBook; who know's what's next...maybe even Twitter! Don't worry; if you don't facebook or twitter that's okay, we still use good old mail service, which by the way, was first established in 1898 to a town of 20 settlers! *My how we've grown!*

Many thanks to TARGET for funding our "Let's Read! Book Club". I can hardly believe we only have two more meetings left. We have a great group of kids ages 6 to 12 and they are enjoying learning about Florida History. I am enjoying it as much as the kids and the books are great. Amie Kay Tanner has done a terrific job with the crafts and **PUBLIX** generously donated a \$100 gift card to provide healthy snacks for each meeting.



Mother's Day Tea is Saturday, May 1, 2010. Reservations are required due to limited seating. Come and experience the quaint charm of our beloved Butler House. From finger sandwiches to petit fours, we hold nothing back. This year is no exception. We will have a special guest that will offer an array of affordable jewelry in a fun "fashion show" experience. Bring your favorite tea cup. Admission is \$15 per person.

Historical Lectures continue to generate a faithful following! We've begun planning History at High Noon for next season. Our focus is on Florida and South Florida history. If you have an idea you want to share, please give the office a call.

As you know, History at High Noon is on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from September to May. We meet from 12 noon until 1pm at the Old School Museum, 232 NE 2nd Street (across from the tennis courts, next to city hall). We encourage you to bring a bag lunch and enjoy historical lectures from historians, authors, artists, storytellers and more!

Calendar sales have been great and we have a few left. They are beautiful and are loaded with our rich history. They are available for sale at the Butler House Monday thru Friday (9am – 4pm) and at any event we may host. We've reduced the price to \$10 or 2 for \$15. If you haven't already purchased one, stop by soon. We also have ladies and mens t-shirts and hats with the Deerfield Beach Historical Society logo. Shirts and hats are \$10 each. It is about sharing the word and inviting others to the Historical Society. If you purchase a shirt or hat – you are our walking advertisement and we THANK YOU!

On Tours... If you belong to a group that meets on a regular basis have you considered a field trip to one of our historic properties? Or invited your group to a brown bag lunch and History at High Noon and if you are still not convinced, how about we come to you? I enjoy speaking to groups and sharing a bit of Deerfield history. I recently spoke to a great group from Century Village, Lindhurst H at their annual meeting at Brooks Restaurant. Now I ask you, if you were invited to have lunch at Brooks and speak to a nice group of people wouldn't you say YES! It was also an opportunity to bring exposure to our Historical Society and from that meeting we have a great contact in The Village! Win-Win!

In closing, I hope to petition you for our need for your continued support. With huge cut-backs in the city we are facing tough times too. Ways you can help: #1 membership dues; #2 donations (some financial institutions match donated funds); #3 support our events; #4 encourage your friends/neighbors to join and finally, volunteer. There are many ways to help and I'm certain we can match your interests to some of our needs.

Remember, YOU have always been our most valuable asset!



Membership Renewal
September 2009 – September 2010

Member Name(s): _____

(Please print)

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Contact: _____

Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

We are working on ways to expand our programs and share our history with visitors and our community. Involving ourselves in civic organizations, partnering with local schools and working with our city through events and programs, we are growing and your support is needed to continue our mission of preservation and education.

If you have time to volunteer, *we need you!* Volunteering with school tours, open house and other events is fun and you will meet new people and make new friends. If working quietly on single projects suites you best, you may want to help with archiving and identifying photo collections as well as putting exhibits together. Call the office to see how you can make a difference.

Dues: ___ Individual \$40 ___ Family \$50 ___ Professional \$100
 ___ Memorial Bricks \$100 _____

Inscription

Corporate sponsorships are available; please contact the office for more details.

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