



Gulfport Historian

September 2007

Meeting and Event Schedule 2007/2008

Sept. 11th
General Meeting
Guest Speaker
Randy Dearing Gulfport
Elementary
Mentoring Program
7:00 pm

Oct. 13th
Birthday Bash
at Museum
3 pm - 9 pm

Nov. 13th
General Meeting
Guest Speaker 7:00 pm

Dec. 11th
General Meeting
Holiday Party at Museum
7:00 pm

Jan. 8th
General Meeting
Guest Speaker
7:00 pm

Feb. 29th
Decade Celebration
Roaring 20's !!!
Casino

March 11th
General Meeting
Guest Speaker
7:00 pm

April 8th
Annual Meeting
Potluck Dinner 6:30 pm

SEPT. GENERAL MEETING

Plan now to attend the General meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 11th at 7:00 pm. Our guest speaker will be Randy Dearing from Gulfport Montessori Elementary School. Mr. Dearing will be bring us up to date on the school and the Mentoring Program. Refreshments will be served.

MOONLIGHT, MULLET & MUSIC

We will be celebrating Gulfport's **97th** Birthday on Saturday October 13th 2007, at the Museum and on the surrounding grounds with a new approach to the entire event. The hours this year will be from 3 pm to 9 pm. The events start off with the Old time Trolley tours from 3 pm to 6 pm, Childrens sidewalk art contest, bounce houses, Mullet Toss and special sewing demonstrations in the Museum. A fish fry dinner will begin at 4:30 pm until 8 pm or sold out. Live music will begin at 6 pm with the Island Boys followed at 7:30 by the Bobby Tess Jazz Combo. So plan now to attend and be ready to enjoy great music and dancing on the handball court after a great fish dinner. You are encouraged to bring a comfortable lawn chair or a blanket to sit on and listen to the music under the moonlight. We are also looking for people to set up for arts and crafts as well as flea market tables. (There is no charge to set up.)

DECADE CELEBRATION **ROARING 20'S DANCE AND SHOW**

As promised plans are under way for our annual decade dance and show at the Casino on Friday, February 29th, 2008. I hope all you flappers and their best beaus are getting ready to roar and Charleston in your 1920's best. Tickets are still only \$15.00 and will go on sale Jan. 2nd!

Gulfport Historical Society and Museum

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**Museum Hours
of Operation
Monday - Friday
2 pm - 4 pm
Saturday
10 am - 12 Noon**

ANTIQUE SEWING MACHINES

In our last newsletter we were looking for someone to help resurrect one or both of the old treadle Singer sewing machines at the museum and get them in working order. Johanna Schneidt came forth and helped with needed work. It turns out soaking the moving parts with machine oil, patience, cleaning with everything from toothpicks to cotton swabs did the trick. New belts were found, very cheaply, locally and replaced. Both machines are now in working order and will be demonstrated at the Birthday Bash. We even went on line with the Singer Company and found out the exact date each machine was built! Find out more in the Museum.

100 YEARS AGO

In 1907 the Chicago Cubs won their first World Series (they won their last in 1908).

Eleven year old Marjorie Kinnan (Rawlings) won a writing contest and sold her first story to the *Washington Post* for \$2.00.

On June 21, 1907 Rebecca Arnold Slaughter Barnett died after a fall in her home. The woman, Lynne Brown called the "Eve of Gulfport", left over 40 grandchildren who went on to become the grandparents and great-grandparents of many people still living in Gulfport today.

ARE YOUR DUES UP TO DATE?

Dues annually: **Single \$5; Family \$10; Business or Organization \$25; Life Time \$100** and can be mailed to Gulfport Historical Society, P. O. Box 5152, Gulfport, FL 33737 **THANK YOU** for your support!

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