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Gulfport Historical Society
3134 Beach Boulevard South
Gulfport, Florida 33707

THE GULFPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society is a voluntary, non-profit association whose objective is to preserve and to publish the history of Gulfport and the surrounding area.

Everyone interested is welcome to join. Dues per year are Individual, \$5.00; Family, \$10.00; Organization, \$25.00; Life, \$50.00 (one time).

Organization

President-Keth Hickman
Vice-President-Frances Purdy
Secretary-Judy Ryerson
Treasurer-Johanna Schneidt

Directors

Mary Atkinson, Doris Brown
Phyllis Plotnick

Curator

Jan Cook

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MEMBERSHIP MEMO

**We're happy to report that dues have been received from twelve members to date in 1988. This number includes the two new LIFE memberships of Ms. Tavia Pottinger and Mrs. Nina B. Anderson.

Thank you for supporting the Gulfport Historical Society in this special way.

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomes have renewed their membership despite their recent move to Seminole (7700 Ridge Road, Seminole, FL 34642, 398-4939). So glad you're staying on.

**We welcome two new individual members:

Mrs. Doris Kevan, 8080 32nd Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33710, 347-7091.
Mrs. Muriel LaBarbara, 1613 Gray Street S., Gulfport, FL 33707, 345-6741.

We are doing well receiving dues renewals and look forward to more in the near future. Please note this change: You will be considered paid for a year from the date we record your dues.

Frances Purdy
Membership Chairman



Our April Agenda

Annual Meeting and Program

April 7, 1988 7:30 p.m.

Members have been asked many times to suggest topics for our meetings and often I have been unable to turn their requests into reality because we have had to rely on volunteer speakers. Next year we hope to have authorization to offer a modest honorarium when that seems to me to be advisable. Following our annual meeting and election of directors on April 7, we shall have a panel of members share thoughts about WHAT NOSTALGIA MEANS TO ME. Their brief comments will be illustrated with items found in our museum. Perhaps YOU may never have seen these pieces of our Gulfport past. Nine or ten* young and older people will surely excite your curiosity. We anticipate a lively discussion will continue while Board Members serve light refreshments. **YOU ALL COME** and bring a neighbor for a real fun evening.

*Members accepting participation as panelists are to date: Ruby Walker, Jan Cook, Johanna Schneidt, John Arnold, Phyllis Plotnick, Erni Perrone and her son Toivo Strang, and Allean Davis. Fran Purdy will be our moderator.

Allean Davis
Program Chairperson

[COMMENTS BY AN ADMIRER]

Allean Davis continues to do a fabulous job bringing programs of interest to members the four months we meet.

E L E C T I O N O F D I R E C T O R S

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Kay Higgins, Anita Simonds, and Betty Belting nominate as members of the GHS Board of Directors the following:

Mary Atkinson - 2nd Term
Lois Cordasco - 1st Term
Phyllis Plotnick - 2nd Term

Nominations will be readily accepted from the floor at our April 7th Annual Meeting.

Betty Belting
Nominating Committee Chairperson

Museum Musings

Wednesday is the day to explore the Museum yourself or to bring family, friends, or out-of town visitors. Doors will be open from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Jan Cook, Curator, Lois Cordasco, and Frances Osgood are our docents par excellence.

Editor

Salvaging A Special Seal

An old, tattered and torn City of Gulfport flag came to the Museum looking for a home. Under the skilled hands of Lillian Hennessey, the damaged areas of the flag have been removed and her scissors and needle are in the process of preparing the flag's circular seal for hanging in the Museum.

Jan Cook

7th Annual NOSTALGIA DAY: Saturday, April 9, from 10:00-4:00

We will have several new features during Nostalgia Day this year.

*We will stage an old-fashioned shuffleboard tournament involving City employees, the Shuffleboard Club, and members of the Chamber of Commerce. Watch the Gabber for details.

*The Cabbage Patch Cloggers, those well-known youngsters, will perform in Western garb, and you know how we all love their foot stomping and sashaying around to the music.

*A spaghetti luncheon will be held at the Methodist Church from 12:00-3:00, since the City Firefighters decided they could no longer provide the ever-popular fish fry.

*The Scouts will set up tents behind Scout Hall and build a bonfire.

*A flea market, open to the public, will be held on the grounds.

*Trolley Rides will be offered again with guided tours of Gulfport and comments about olden times and places.

*The Museum will be open, staffed by our members in old-fashioned costumes. Look around at the changes and sample the butter-cream cake provided by the City of Gulfport.

*Nostalgia Day is co-sponsored by the Gulfport Historical Society and the City of Gulfport with the cooperation of several local groups. Come and bring your friends. Dress up, if you can, in old-fashioned clothes, anything from 1886 to 1986: long dress or mini skirt, short pants or plus fours, bonnet or boater. Or just come and enjoy a touch of the past and have a good time.

Betty Belting and Johanna Schneidt
1988's Nostalgia Day Chairpersons

JAY P. CLYMER
1896-1988

THE GULFPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY PAYS TRIBUTE TO MAYOR
EMERITUS JAY P. CLYMER FOR HIS 24 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AS
COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF GULFPORT. MR. CLYMER
WAS AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE GHS.

Quote of Note...On History

The essential matter of history is not what happened, but what people thought or said about it.

Naitland