



NEWSLETTER

Fall/Winter Volume 1

1996/97

From the President

Old Island Days are upon us and as usual OIRF has a great schedule of events planned for the season.

Our Holiday House Tour was a big success thanks to Chair Momy Ortiz-Benavides and all the gracious homeowners that shared their holiday trimmings with OIRF. Anyone interested in being a volunteer for any of the upcoming tours, please contact Friday Limbert.

Many thanks to Chair Mary Kathryn Taylor, Rose Marie Barrett, Rita Kemp and Eileen Evans for all of their efforts in producing the Old Island Days Brochure.

Our Small Grants Committee, Chaired by John Weachter, has awarded the Waterfront Playhouse with a grant to assist them with a new handicap entrance.

Nancy Jameson helped coordinate the reprint of the Pelican Path as well as the Candle Light Tour at the Wreckers' Museum / Oldest House. Sarah Fowler and her

wonderful volunteers have started receiving Key West Visitors at Hospitality House.

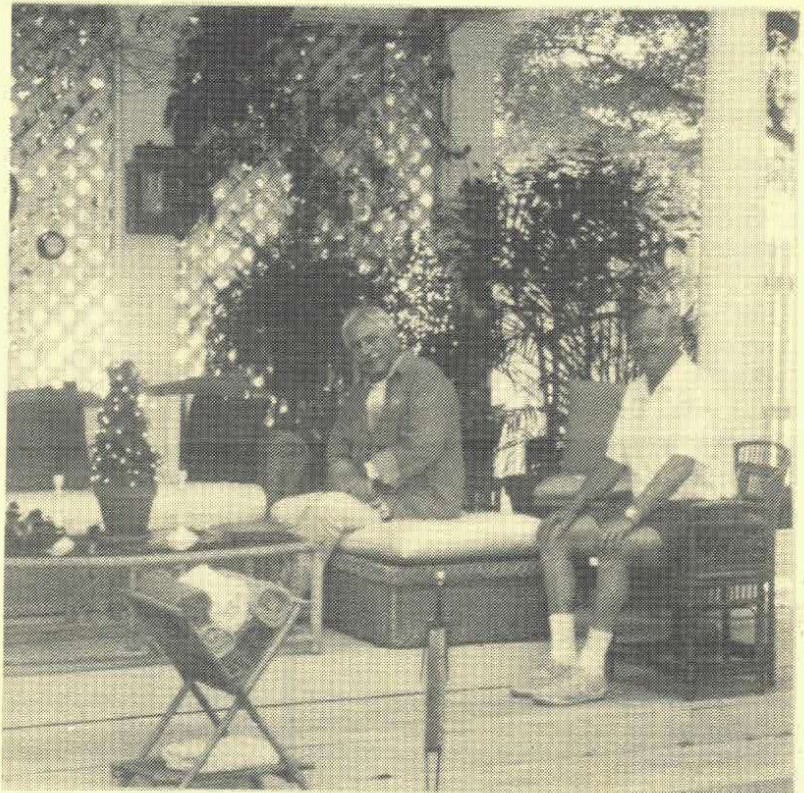
Another successful Fantasy Fest Party and parade was shared by all at the Wreckers' Museum/Oldest House thanks to Chair Hal Walsh.

J.C. Hennessy and Sal Zappulla have started the OIRF membership drive. I know that every member will work hard to bring in a new member/volunteer.

Chair, Trip Hoffman along with the House Selection Committee Chair Lucille Feaker have 3 exciting House and Garden Tours lined up for 1997. Remember, all of our efforts and monies go towards the restoration of the Wreckers' Museum/Oldest House and continued preservation throughout the City of Key West.

May you and your family share a special Holiday Season and much good health and happiness for the New Year.

George



Zero Gecko Lane, home of Stevan Little and Lamont Smith

Holiday Tour Chairperson-- Momy Ortiz-Benavides

Volunteer Chairperson - Friday Limbert

Houses on Tour were:

1709 Atlantic - Mark Barauck

George Cotten - Head Host

904 Washington - Tony & Helen Crimmins

Helen Crimmins - Head Hostess

625 Margaret- Shirlee Steinman

Rose Marie Barrett- Head Hostess

532 Grinnell- Michael Pelkey

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Zero Gecko Lane- Stevan Little & Lamont Smith

Sheila Bilbrey- Head Hostess

A special thanks to all of the Homeowners, Head Hosts, Hostesses and Volunteers that helped make our Holiday Tour so successful.

DUES ARE DUE

New members on the Board of Directors

Richard R. Reynolds - received a B.A. in Music from Milton College and a M.A. in Speech Theatre from State University of Iowa. He attended the U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School and started acting in theatre and television. His public relations career lead him to work for Holiday Magazine, Bamberger's a division of R. H. Macy and Co., Marshall Fields, Wanamakers, Hechts, Gimbels, and the Broadway, to name a few. In the past twenty five years Dick has restored four homes in Sag Harbor, New York. He has been a resident since 1988 and a frequent visitor since 1979. Dick also makes a mean shepherds pie at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

Sal Zappulla - has a B.S. in Accounting from St. Johns University, New York. Prior to moving to Key West he was the Manager of Cash and Investments for Westvaco Corp. He was a senior auditor for KPMG Peat Marwick Certified Public Accountants. He has an extensive financial background in the areas of Cash Management, Audit, Tax Portfolio Management, and Computerized accounting applications. He has a special interest in the preservation of Key West and is fascinated with Parrots.

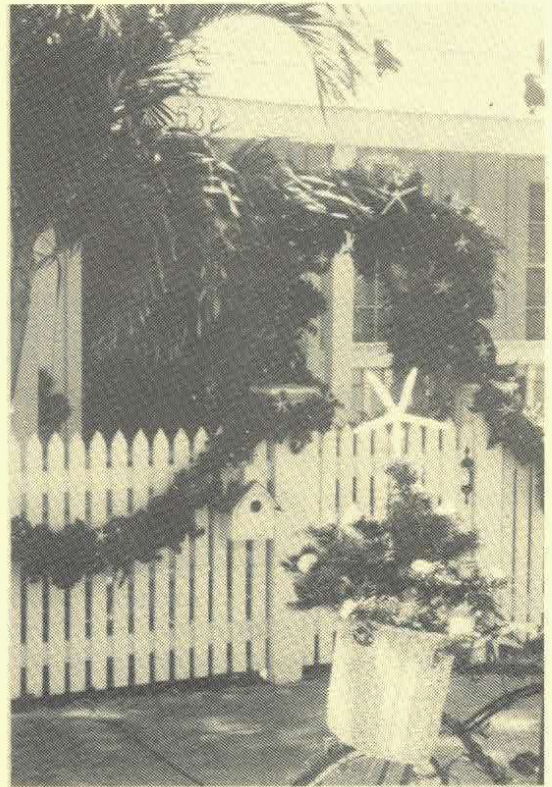
Another peek into one of our Holiday Tour Homes

Another home featured on the Holiday House Tour was this delightful home of Michael Pelkey.

This charming original cigar makers cottage recently received a complete makeover using re-milled lumber and blacksmith forged hardware. The owners collection of antique copper cookware and ironstone pudding molds adds a dramatic touch to the interior.

This home was one of the five homes presented during the December 20 and 21st Holiday House Tour.

If you were not in the holiday spirit you were after making the tour of these beautifully decorated homes.



A Special Thank you to this year's Benefactors and Patrons
From the Board of Directors of OIRF

Very special thanks to Joan Wilson Dalbey for the \$1,000 donation from
the Wilson Foundation
Lifetime (\$500 plus):

Key West Loses Part of its Heritage

As we were preparing this newsletter we received the sad news of the death of two very dear friends, Mary Spottswood and William Conkle.

Mary was well known to everyone in the community, even people who had not personally met her. Her devotion to her children and grandchildren were her greatest trademark. For many years Mary provided home baked hams and rolls for the OIRF Members Appreciation Party.

Bill Conkle was a member of the Board of Directors of the Old Island Restoration Foundation and had served for many years and chaired many committees as well as making Fast Buck Freddies available to sell tickets for any benefit that was being presented.

Key West and OIRF will miss these two very devoted friends of the community.

M/M Louis Avner
M/M Ira Baldwin
Dr. & M Alfred Bowen
Joseph M. Bryant, Jr.
William Conkle
Redford R. Crane
Michael Dively
M/M Robert Doty
M/M George Drescher

Jeff Erickson
Erickson Builders
Tony Falcone
Joseph J. Famularo
Dr./M Marvin Gorman
Jan Harve
Matthew Helmerich
Ann Johnson
Ed Knight

Stevan Little
M/M Ross McKee
Scotti Merrill
Charles Munroe
William Ruegge
M/M Robrt Schettig
M/M William Sellers
M/M Thomas Vetter

Benefactors (\$250 plus): 1996/1997

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George J. Cotten

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Resolution passed by OIRF

Initiated by Hal Walsh, the Board of Directors of Old Island Restoration Foundation, Inc., unanimously voted to pass the following resolution:

OIRF is opposed to the use of public spaces under any circumstances for monuments or structures that are either directly or indirectly advertising or promotion for private business.

Therefore, just as OIRF has been committed for thirty-six years to the preservation of the historic structures of Key West, the Board of Directors of OIRF affirm that the organization is committed to preserving what remains in Key West as open public space as such without commercial encroachment.

Passed at the December 10th meeting in 1996

Next Board of Directors meeting is January 8 1997

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Patrons (\$100 plus):

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William Thompson M/M Will Watkins

M/M Ralph Williams

Hal Walsh

Ralph Wright

Calendar of Events House & Garden Tour information Schedule for 1997

Tour # 1

January 24 - 25, Friday & Saturday,
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Conch Train available thanks to Historic Tours of America. Call ORIF, 294-9501 for reservations

Tour # 2

February 14 - 15, Friday & Saturday,
10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. Self-guided tour.

Wreckers' Museum Benefit

Black & White Ball

February 22 -- 6:30 p.m.

Tour # 3

February 28 / March ,Friday & Saturday,
10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. Self-guided tour.

Conch Shell Blowing Contest

March 22, 1:30 p.m.

Members Appreciation Party

March 26, 6:30 p.m.

Annual General Meeting , April 8. 6 p.m.

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