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March 2013

Melbourne and Eau Gallie Then and Now

Presented by Karen Raley

Saturday, March 9, 2013 - 3:00 P M

Melbourne Public Library
540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne



View of Melbourne across Crane Creek from the south – then and now

Come take a walk down the streets of the little towns of Melbourne and Eau Gallie in their earliest years, return again as they grow with World War II and Space Race, and end up in the present day, looking at the City of Melbourne as it is now. Spend a little time with local historian, Karen Raley, as she gives an audio-visual tour of our South Brevard area, starting with the tiny pioneer settlements along the river as they grew with businesses, churches, schools, the railroad, US highways, the Naval bases, and space age technology and industry. Follow them through the efforts to encourage agriculture, then tourism and finally an economy suffused with electronics and retirement residences. We'll see patterns and stages of development along with maps and photos of the area as well as additional displays.

Ms. Raley taught history for many years at the University of North Carolina. She and her sister, Ann Raley Flotte, grew up in Melbourne and are the authors of the local history, *Melbourne and Eau Gallie*, published by Arcadia Press.

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS....

It's a pleasure to announce that the SBHS is partnering with the Florida Historical Society to produce a new volume of Weona Cleveland's special feature historical newspaper articles.

Funding will be provided by the Kellersberger Fund of the SBHS. Publishing, marketing and sales will be dealt with through the expertise of the FHS.

During a recent conversation with Miss Cleveland I became aware of something I had noticed about her articles but had never quite been able to define. She spoke of the importance of "giving voice" to many of the people she had interviewed and it was then that I realized her special connection to the "story" of history.

The most important part of history is not the official data, the photos, or the artifacts....it is the people in their own words and from their own experiences. Her point of view is why many, like myself, compulsively clipped her articles and why many of you still ask if her previous books are available for purchase. Thank you Weona Cleveland.

Carol Andren
SBHS President (321-725-4115)

The members of the SBHS extend their sympathy to founding member Bob Gross and members of his family on the loss of his mother Mrs. Ann Gross.

UPCOMING SBHS PROGRAMS

April 13, 2013

Seeing Florida with a Priest: The Growth of Catholicism in East Central Florida in the Early 20th Century

Presented by Ben DiBiase, The Florida Historical Society

May 11, 2013

Growing up in South Melbourne

Presented by Eugene Johnson

All programs at the Fee Avenue Melbourne Public Library
540 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne, Florida

AROUND BREVARD

Sat. March 16, 2013 2: 00 PM

Silver Glen Run before The Yearling, Dr. Kenneth Sassaman, University of Florida Florida Public Archaeology Network – FPAN Florida Historical Society Headquarters 435 Brevard Avenue in Cocoa Village. For information call: 321.690.1971

March 29- April 7, 2013

The V Centennial Celebration of the Discovery of Florida by Ponce de Leon in Melbourne Beach

Presented by VIVA Florida 500/United Third Bridge, Inc. & The Florida Puerto Rican Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. See website for schedule of events.

<http://utbunitedthirdbridge.com>

Month of March, 2013

Melbourne's Logging Era: 1912-1932

Ed Vosatka's exhibit includes photographs, maps, & artifacts along with a diorama of the sawmill. Melbourne Public Library, 540 E. Fee Ave.

EAU GALLIE HISTORY COMES TO PBS

SBHS member and local historian, Ann Raley Flotte, has been interviewed by the Kentucky Educational Television and will appear in a PBS special about the Kentucky Military Institute. Ann is an expert on KMI history when its winter headquarters was in Eau Gallie in the early 1900s. Col. C. W. Fowler, superintendent of the school, was one of Eau Gallie's movers and shakers during its formative period. After devastating fires in the 1920s, the school closed. Later it reopened and moved its winter headquarters to Venice, Florida. There are several structures in Eau Gallie that date to the earliest era in its local history, including one remaining KMI cottage, now a private home, and the Rossetter House Museum of the Florida Historical Society. Filmmakers shot on location in Eau Gallie for the KET/PBS special. The film will premier at a private showing during the KMI reunion in Venice in April. Broadcast dates have not been announced.

EAU GALLIE FOUNDERS DAY FISH FRY



Ed Vosatka (left) tells tales of the railroad, while SBHS President Carol Andren greets visitors to the SBHS booth at the Eau Gallie Founders Day Fish Fry on February 16th. The event celebrated the town of Eau Gallie's historical roots with lots of good food & music.

2013 SBHS MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS DUE

Membership renewals were due in January. If your dues have not been received to date, a red dot has been placed on the mailing label of your newsletter. To remain current with your membership and continue to receive this newsletter, please send in your renewal form with a check. Contact Kathi Harbaugh at 321.254.8511 with questions.

The SBHS thanks AAA Malabar Mini-Storage, located across the street from the Malabar Town Hall, for their generous donation of air-conditioned secure storage for the Society's collections and archives. We also wish to thank Y. (Rusty) Rutstein, SBHS member and owner of *A Better Copy*, located at 102 East New Haven Avenue, for providing discounted printing services for the newsletter.