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HISTORICAL NOTE

Payne Park was named for Calvin W. Payne, Standard Oil Company developer, who deeded the land to Sarasota in 1925. Historic pro baseball greats such as Babe Ruth and Ted Williams played in the park's Ed Smith Stadium which was closed in 1988.

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PROGRAMS AT SELBY

WED., OCT 17-Ann Shank



We are losing our good friend Ann Shank. She is retiring from her position as Historian with the History Center at the end of this month and will be moving to Virginia early next year. Her position at the Center will not be filled. Actually, it would be impossible to find anyone who could fill Ann's shoes. She has consented to give us one more really good show; **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 6:00 PM AT SELBY LIBRARY AUDITORIUM** when she will

tell us all about her experiences, "**From Grandma's Attic to Sarasota History**". Everybody, come thank Ann for all she has done for us and wish her a happy retirement.

NOV. 14-Stan Zimmerman

Stan Zimmerman says, "Something is always being smuggled in Florida." He's going to give us a brief history of smuggling activities as he summarizes unbelievable but true stories from his book, "**A History of Smuggling in Florida**", **Wednesday, Nov. 14, 6:00 pm, Selby Library Auditorium.**

Zimmerman has received awards from the National Press Club, Society of Professional Journalists, and the U.S. Naval Institute. He has a graduate degree in journalism from The American University, Washington D.C. He is currently working on a maritime history of Florida.

We are certainly privileged to welcome him as our guest speaker. This is a very special program you don't want to miss. Bring along your pen or pencil. He's promised to autograph his book for you!



EVENTS



Big celebration at Payne Park, Saturday, October 6 beginning at 1:00 pm. HSOSC will have a table with pictures, historical data and items to sell so be sure to drop by. We'd appreciate volunteers to "man" the "booth". If you can give us an hour or two on that day call Sue 365-5204. (picture: Ed Smith Stadium with Tin Can Tourist community in background – 1940's)

Grab your water wings! It's not too early to make your reservations for the annual LeBarge tour featuring the expert narration by John McCarthy. Boarding time will be 10:30 AM on Sunday, November 4. The ship leaves the LeBarge slip that is south of Marina Jack's, on Sarasota's Bayfront at 11:00 and will return at 1:00 pm.

To arrange your reservation contact Brenda Lee at 921-9392 or, you can make our your check payable to Historical Society of Sarasota County for the correct amount; \$30 per person (include your phone number and the names of every person traveling with you) and mail to Brenda Lee Hickman, 2110 Lusitania Drive, Sarasota, FL 34231.

Visit Manatee Historical Village! This HSOSC tour is set for Jan. 10, 2008. A 10: AM tour of the village is the first item on the day's agenda which will be followed by a catered lunch at Charms, 100 year old Victorian house, now an Antique shop in Ellenton. At 2:00 PM we'll tour the Gamble Mansion. The cost is \$27 for the entire day. Jane is not asking for firm commitments immediately but do call her (or e mail) if you're interested and would like more information. 366-1322, or jane@jjaskdesigns.com

Catch the History Bus to Fort Myers on February 21. This visit will include tours of the Edison and Ford mansions, the gardens, laboratories and the newly opened Caretaker's Home. Lunch? Still a question. We could do a boxed lunch and picnic on the grounds or partake of the specialties at an old Victorian home restaurant. Before returning to Sarasota there will be a conducted tour of their Historical Society's renovated Train Station. Circle this February date on your calendar now! More particulars will follow.

HSOSC PRESIDENT SAYS: Restoration of our two historic buildings is moving along. The A/C, electrical, signage, porch and column work...almost done. HSOSC is historical! The first organization to receive a written certificate of Appropriateness from the City. Sue Blue, newsletter editor, says I must keep this message short; we're full of news. So, must close with a reminder to contribute whatever you can afford. I hate to keep harping on this subject but we need to finish the restoration and open for business. Have Pride...History gives you that...Respectfully, Arnold Berns



The Crocker Memorial Church says “Look at me! I have a new porch and steps and I’m waiting for my white columns to be installed. And, won’t you please take off that ugly ply wood from my windows and front door? Let some sunlight in here! I’m looking forward to greeting all of the Historical Society members in their meeting hall here on 12th St.”

MONEY STILL MATTERS!

In the last HSOSC newsletter I wrote a two page editorial (with pictures) entitled MONEY MATTERS. The response was really quite UNDERWHELMING. The Bidwell-Wood House (1882) and the Crocker Memorial Church (1901) are our projects.. They are ours to save. Nobody else; no individual, no organization, no institution is going to do this for us. It really is up to us. Please pledge your help today. Come on team, make an old gal happy. Call Jane, Arnie, Pete; Or e mail!
Carrier pigeons welcome.- Sue

The Crocker Memorial Church says, “The historic plaque is nice. The city gave that to me a long time ago. And I think I’ve aged quite gracefully but... Look, I have some boards on my sides that really need replacing. And I absolutely need a paint job. Couldn’t you help me out? It won’t take much and then I’ll be all pretty again!”



The Crocker Memorial Church says, “ Yuck; that light fixture is awful; can’t we replace that? And, somebody, please, take that padlock off my door and let the people in!”

There’s a brick waiting for your name. Come on and be a part of our memory wall.



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