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HISTORICAL-NOTE

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HISTORY OF SMUGGLING; FLORIDA STYLE

We're in for a very entertaining evening, Wed., Nov. 14, 6:00 pm, at Selby Downtown Library Auditorium, when Stan Zimmerman, author, broadcaster, journalist, tells us about the "wildly colorful and economically crucial" story of smuggling in Florida. Zimmerman says that smuggling, quite possibly, has done more for Florida's settlement and growth than tourism, citrus or "swampland-to-Yankees real estate deals. From the years of the Spanish Conquistadors to slavers and blockade runners to present day drug dealers Zimmerman reports on the ramifications of all this illicit trade. If you already have a copy of Mr. Zimmerman's book on



smuggling, bring it along and he'll autograph it for you. If not, you may want to purchase a copy from the author on the 14th. **6:00 pm.**

FAREWELL TO OUR FRIEND

Ann Shank always gave us a personal as well as historical look at Sarasota history and her last program for us on October 19 was no exception. Beginning with a picture of the childhood home in Connecticut where she developed her first interest in history, she then showed us the Sarasota scenes that continue to captivate her attention. We have appreciated so much her insight, her sincerity, and the sharing of her knowledge. We wish her many happy retirement years.

The evening concluded with the presentation of a plaque to Ann from the Historical Society of Sarasota County and the sharing of an appropriately decorated cake. (Thank you, Ed and Lorraine Orr, for providing the refreshments.)



TWO STEPS FORWARD – ONE STEP BACK

If you've been reading the Sarasota Herald Tribune lately, or, if you drove past the Bidwell-Wood/Crocker Church site on 12th Street a couple of weeks ago, you may have read about, or seen first hand, the results of some vandalism; broken windows, graffiti and missing copper piping. Your editor wrote a letter to the editor of the Herald-Tribune after reading of the police protection being afforded Payne Park (boys arrested for riding their bikes through the park before the official opening) inviting the police to drive over to Pioneer Park where they just might make more worthy arrests. The newspaper became interested in this topic (my goodness, we are controversial!) and published a huge picture of Arnie locking (or was that unlocking?) the Crocker Church door with an accompanying story. So, we have made the news. Our need to do more about ensuring security for those buildings is imperative, and will cost more money than we'd planned on spending at this time. That's one reason that I, for one, am so grateful to one of our members, Millie Headdy, for the following letter. Please consider her proposal; act on her idea and feel warm and cozy during the coming holidays. Your editor.

HOLIDAY FUND RAISER by member, Millie Headdy

The Society has had a wonderful year relocating and working on restoring The Crocker Memorial Church (1901) and the Bidwell-Wood House (1882). We have continued to take major steps forward in the restoration of the two buildings. We will soon be entering the season of sharing and giving so let's give our historical buildings holiday presents! We have almost 300 members and if we each give a \$10 gift we can raise \$3,000. The gifts are tax deductible and the funds will continue the restoration in the New Year of 2008. Please send your check payable to the Historical Society of Sarasota County , P.O. Box 1632, Sarasota, FL 34230. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

PAYNE PARK OPENS – and HSOSC was there!

(Pictured; the Dwayne Mountain Mountain) Mea Culpa – In the last newsletter I made a grievous error. Ed Smith Stadium did NOT become Ed Smith Stadium until the ball park moved FROM Payne Park. Editor strikes out and blames late night blindness.



PIONEER DAY “PICNIC”



Thank you, Rotary Club of Sarasota , for continuing to sponsor this event and for inviting HSOSC to display pictures, newsletters and books. Sue Blue, Larry Kelleher, Bill Watrous, Jane Kirschner-Tuccillo, Arnie Berns (pictured) and Pete Esthus participated.

As this newsletter is being prepared the LaBarge tour set sail. Pictures and story will be available next newsletter. Bon voyage!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – PLEASE NOTE

Tuesday, January 15 we meet at THE PINES, 1501 N. Orange Avenue. The program features Dolly Jacobs and Pedro Reis; Circus Sarasota Then and Now! Don't miss! Drive north on Orange Ave. to 12th street, turn left into THE PINES driveway, say the magic words "Historical Society" to the gate attendant and continue to the ample parking lot. The area is very well lit and we'll put out signs giving directions. Walk on the covered boardwalk to the Administration door, step inside, and there we are in Cullers Hall. Meeting begins at **7:00 pm**. See you there!

COMING EVENTS! Historic Downtown Sarasota Trolley Tour Season begins Saturday, 10:00 am, December 29. Guide – Sue Blue, Sarasota native. Call Brenda Lee, 921-9392 for reservations.

Historic Thursdays begin with Historic Manatee, Thurs. Jan. 10, Guided tour of Manatee Village Historical Park, lunch at Charmes and Gamble Mansion Tour. Call Jane at 320-7773 for more information and reservations. More Historic Thursdays tours in February and March!

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our new Historical
Society sign at
1260 12th St.
Come see!



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HI FOLKS! This President's letter tells about the Good, the Bad and The Ugly.

The Good: Our October general membership meeting was great; we helped open Payne Park; Pioneer Day was a lot of fun; and the LeBarge tour excellent! (Thank you John McCarthy). The Bad: Vandalism has been partially repaired. The Ugly: Maybe preserving History for the Sarasota Community isn't glamorous enough. The Arts Council has rejected us again and we just heard the Selby Foundation flatly rejected our recent application for the monies which would have helped us open. We are so close to opening; need about \$25,000. We will not quit. Help us with whatever donations you can afford. Talk to your friends and relatives. And, participate in our monthly meetings and tours. See you soon! Sincerely, Arnold Berns, President

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SARASOTA COUNTY MEMBERSHIP FORM

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**Is it time to renew your membership? We have lots in store over the coming year,
so don't miss out!**

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