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HISTORICAL NOTE

July 4, 1923, on
Siesta Key
Mr. O'Neal rode
his Harley down
Crescent Beach at
112 mph, coming
within 3 mph of
breaking the
world's record

SUMMER 2008



Courtesy Arnold Berns, Photographer

Pictured are Harriet Stieff at the podium and her husband, Lorin Stieff, at the computer, presenting the HSOSC April program at The Pines. Mrs Stieff kept her audience enthralled while speaking of her father, pioneer Sarasota developer, Owen Burns, her family, and early Sarasota. The personal photos presented on the screen further enhanced one of the most enjoyable and informative programs ever experienced by HSOSC members and their guests. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Stieff and thanks also to Bill Watrous for helping the Stieffs with the computer graphics. Thank you, Ginger Daniels for the refreshments. We are also most grateful to The Pines for offering us such comfortable surroundings in which to present our programs and hold our monthly membership meetings.

*The Historical Society extends its heart-felt condolences to
Viola Goldberg on the passing of her husband, Arthur Goldberg.*

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A few words from our traveling Prez...The Historical Society has recently lost three of its long-time members. Our sincere sympathies go out to the families of Bill Markman, John Browning and Arthur Goldberg. They will be missed by all. Congratulations to Sue Blue who has just been appointed to the Sarasota County Historical Commission. Summer may seem like a slow time of the year but your HSOSC is busy at work. We're planning our programs for next season. Weren't this past season's programs just great? We have Sue Blue to thank for all her hard work in putting them together. On another front. We held a volunteer Saturday wherein we had 4 carpenters and 5 painters including Jane Kirschner-Tuccillo and me. We are starting the restoration of the west wall of the Crocker Church. More volunteer days are needed; the next one in July. If you have carpenter experience please call me at 924-5224. Thanks to Bob Lewis, Ramsey Frangie, Ed Greer, Milton Rauch, Doug Hamblet, Dwight Clay and Del Henson. Stay well; have a great summer! Yours truly, Arnie



A picnic in May! Here we are, on the front porch of the Bidwell-Wood house. Following a brief business meeting the tasty goodies that all had brought were blessed by Fr. Jim Nilon and we were ready to eat...and eat...and eat. This was an especially gala occasion for Mr. and Mrs. Gould (pictured far right in the foreground) as they were married in the Crocker Church 60 years ago!..1948!

Our president, Arnie Berns, thanks our own special Boy Scout, Vince Melesi. Vince earned his Eagle Scout status by creating the design for the shell and brick patio-walk in front of the Bidwell-Wood house and his installation of the shell and bricks. Result? It looks terrific! You must come and see. Thank you, Vince and thank you to your friends who helped. Our historic, engraved bricks are being prepared to place in that front walk.



Arnie presented a thank you plaque to Sharon Joyce in recognition of her years of service to the Historical Society. Besides serving on the board, Sharon was a president for two terms. Although remaining a faithful member and an assistant to Brenda Lee during the LeBarge tour preparations, Sharon will not be able to continue as a board member due to the addition of work hours at her business. Thank you, Sharon!

Pictures courtesy of Arnold Berns, Photographer



The west wall of the historic Crocker Church receives much needed attention thanks to our volunteers of the day: Ramsey Frangie of Ramate Construction with Doug Hamblet, Dwight Clay and Del Henson. HSOSC members Ed Greer and Milton Rauch are priming and Jane Kirschner-Tuccillio wields a hammer! (watch out, fellas). You can join the fun in July.



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A Special Historical Society Event is being planned for February of 2009 to take place at Phillippi Mansion. In order to reduce the rental fee for our event we may volunteer some time and act as co-sponsors at the mansion during their month-long Clyde Butcher Photography Display and Sale. As you may know, Clyde Butcher is world famous for his environmental black and white photos of Florida landscapes. The Butcher exhibit is being planned by the Friends of Sarasota County Parks to benefit restoration of the 1918 clapboard farmhouse, the original building erected on the grounds. Docents are needed from Sat. Oct. 25 through Sun. Nov. 23. The exhibit hours are Tues – Sat 10 am to 4 pm and Sun noon to 4 pm. Closed on Mondays. Four volunteers are needed every day: to man the door and take tickets, to handle the sales, and to be informed host/hostesses. Every minute a HSOSC volunteer works at the Mansion reduces our rental cost in February. (The HSOSC special event will be announced later). At the same time, we will be helping out another restoration effort. Remember, conserving our heritage is our primary concern. Call Jane Kirschner-Tuccillio at 366-1323 for more information and to volunteer as a docent for the Clyde Butcher Photography Display.

Not too late to Buy a Brick! Call Pete 366-0787. And, to view your newsletter in living color, sit down at your computer, go on line and dial us up at HSOSC.com. You must see Larry's Florida History Alive, also on line. Great job, Larry. Wonderful pictures and well written stories by our own board secretary.

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