



SARASOTA TIMES II

A SARASOTA HISTORY NEWSLETTER

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Stars and-Stripes donated by Bertha Palmer was raised to the top of the Five Points flagpole, June 23, 1917.

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A new era in the life of the Historical Society of Sarasota County began in the Crocker Memorial Church on May 23, when Arnold Berns accepted the duties of the Executive Director and Jane Kirschner-Tuccillo assumed the Presidency.

Arnie, as we all know him, will have an office on the 2nd floor of the Bidwell-Wood House from which he will plan, direct and schedule events for the House and the Crocker Memorial, oversee the maintenance and security of the two buildings and grounds, and report monthly to the President and the Board of Directors.



Jane has continually shown creative management skills as a member of the Board and Corresponding Secretary. She initiated the Historic Thursday's tours and the Historic Sunday in the Park at Phillippi this past year; the latter which she also developed and managed in knowledgeably efficient style. She is remarkably suited to hold the office of the President of the Historical Society.

Continuing his essential duties as Treasurer is our long-time Board Member and Historian, Pete Esthus. Bill Watrous, Brenda Lee Hickman, and Hans Johnsson (who initiated the Bertha Palmer Community recognition year of 2010) remain on the Board. New Board Members are Ramsey Frangie, Joann Lowe, Linda Garcia, Howard Rosenthal, and Fr. Jim Nilon.

At this time in our history the membership is requested to participate fully. If there is a particular job you feel particularly suited for, either to head a committee or to work as a part of a committee, or to serve as a board member, please let Jane know. Two of our new board members have already begun their tasks: Howard Rosenthal, Chairman of Docents Committee and Linda Garcia, Membership Chairperson. The following have signed up to assist Howard as Docents: Ted Bell, Mary Powers-Boss, Kathryn Chesley, Marsha Fottler, Ann Haddad, Brenda Lee Hickman, Kate Holmes, Joan Marcher, and Sue Sparagana. We are most grateful to the new board members and the volunteers for their willingness to serve.

SUMMER 2009

Potluck Picnic on the Porch!



Saturday, May 23, 2009 – An enthusiastic bunch brought their tasty food for all to enjoy; and enjoy we did. After the “business meeting” in the Crocker Memorial, all assembled on the front porch to fill their plates and discover the newly constructed back porch which featured cool breezes. Some took advantage of the “open house” to check on the progress of the Bidwell-Wood. If you have items you believe might further enhance the furnishings do let Jane know.

Photos By Jane Kirschner-Tuccillo



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH: Ed and Lois Greer. Thank you for painting all that beautiful blue trim, scrubbing pews and polishing windows in the Crocker Church.



And thank you Pete Esthus for the new mailbox!



Downtown Historic Sarasota Trolley Tour takes its last ride of the Spring with guide Sue Blue and passengers from All Angels By the Sea Episcopal Church of Longboat Key.

Photo By Arnold Berns

Sid and Mary Boss donated a historic chamber pot for the Bidwell-Wood House. (Arnie, it belongs in the bedroom; not your office).

In Memoriam

It is always difficult to report an absence from our HSOSC roles. Just last May Sharon Kaye Joyce was awarded a trophy in recognition of her years of service to the Society. She was a past-President and although she no longer served on the Board due to her increased working hours, she continued to help in any manner she could. On May 21st we unexpectedly lost Sharon. Her memorial service was held Sunday, May 24.

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