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APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

President’s Message

by Bill Baldwin

The upcoming April membership meeting will be held on the 24th at 5:30 pm at Dixie Crossroads. Yep! It’s our dinner meeting and we would like everybody to attend. The Volunteer of the Year is to be named and it’s definitely not a Board member. Also, if you plan to attend, please place your name(s) on the “expect to attend” sheet in the Museum located on the counter near the phone, or call the Museum to have your name added. This is **VERY IMPORTANT** since the number of signups determines where we will be seated at Dixie.



HELP Wanted - ASAP

by Bill Baldwin

Our present treasurer, June Hodson, has decided that she has been there long enough and has a lot on her plate now. So, what we have is an opening that we would like to fill. The job description is as follows:

- Flexible hours which averages 5-6 hours per week.
- Write about 10-15 checks monthly (a few more for projects).
- Track dues coming in – a little more activity during dues collection time.
- Make an accounting of excess monies in the Tip Jar.
- Track sales of books and a few other items.
- Make bank deposits, generally twice monthly.
- Make income and payment entries into existing Excel worksheet.
- Print and present worksheet at monthly Board meetings (Treasurer’s Report).

We would like a member to step forward, assume this

role and become part of “the family”. If you are interested, call Bill Baldwin at (321) 298-6810. By the way, your salary would be the same as mine.



#24 Gone And We’re Still Tickin’

by Betty Mattingly

A few of us who started with the first **Afternoon in the Park and BBQ 24** years ago are still around and hope to be a part of **#25** if it happens. Now that we have some younger members involved maybe this first fund raiser can continue on. It’s been scaled down some but the social aspect still exists, so we thank you for your support ~ past, present and future.

Our members worked very hard to present the **AITP & BBQ** this year and deserve to be recognized: **Bill**



Baldwin not only took care of all contacts and arrangements with the Parks and Rec. Department, but also purchased all the necessary paper supplies



and other needed items. **Paul Marion** was the chairman of the food purchases and the kitchen staff. (see his article). The inventory list of supplies on hand by **Susan Nelson** was a huge help for everyone.



Chairman **Betty Bennett** had a happy, enthusiastic group of servers who functioned like an experienced crew that included:



Vickie Miller, Margaret Vessels, Kim LaMattina, Helen Miller, Debbie Melvin, Dollie Boggs, Martha Jane Long, Kayla LaMattina, Dale Marion, and Mary Lou Roeder. Good coffee and tea were served by *Ginny Cooper, Doris Brady, and Kathy Goff* for Chairman **Herman Wattwood, Jr.**



who donated most of the needed supplies. **Gini Campbell**, Chairman for



desserts, was busy before the event, calling and sending letters to *Rhonda Harrell, Marion Towne, Lois Garnett, Joyce Abney, Pearl Reese, Jean Collins, Penny Carlson, and Amy Boland.* Then they called members soliciting all that good “stuff” to bring to the Park on Saturday. Once everything arrived, *Marie Brasswell* and *Esther Vulpius* were kept busy with sales. And a BIG thank you to all who donated the desserts to this popular area. Leftovers were taken to two local Fire Departments. **Barbara Batchelder**



and **Amy Spillers** had a lovely table set up for book sales, DVD’s, mugs, and mural posters. We appreciate it that DeeJay **Mike Schuler** donated his time and music all day and played the music for **Adrienne Herrell’s** Line Dancer’s routines. Interesting to see some of the



audience joining in.

The 50/50 Chairman **Judy Ball** did a great job along



with helpers *Joyce Abney, Gwen Register* and *Steve Siems* in convincing people to get tickets with a good possibility of winning over \$100. Well, somebody did – and it wasn’t me!! **Judy Davis**, Publicity Chairman, did a masterful job of notifying 28 different places throughout the city and county about the event. Letters requesting donations resulted in receiving \$50 gift certificates each from **Wal-Mart and Publix.**

Chairman **Mike Knight** with help from **Margaret Vessels** arranged for demonstrations from



Judy Brooks doing Stained



glass, *Jan Sjoblom* showing crocheting,



Terra Griffith with her pine needle basket weaving and pioneer tent. Continued support from **Tink Steele** and his



antique cars is always an added attraction every year we have had this event. **Dan Linder** also attended with his antique car and an interesting miniature player piano type instrument.

Changes to the makeup of the tickets and creating the



validation sheets is a job **Lynda Siems** takes care of each year. **June Hodson** has had the phenomenal job of posting sales, recording ticket

information, preparing mailing, etc. A big one person job and she does it well.

For my part, I have always felt that I had the committee support and I am grateful for that. Keep your fingers crossed for **#25!** Thank you everyone!



Kitchen Crew Thanks

by Paul Marion

We would like to thank **Dixie Crossroads** for allowing us to order most of the food for the **Afternoon in the Park and BBQ** through them and for storing the food in their cooler until the day of the event. **Bill Baldwin** and **Paul Marion** picked it all up to take to Fox Lake Park early Saturday morning. A



special thanks to **Ed Mezick** for showing up early with the grill **Mike Ramer** made, that will provide reliable equipment to use as needed in the future.

We also want to thank the **Dixie Crossroads Chef Andrew Hubbert** and **Ed Mezick** for setting up the grill and cooking all of the BBQ chicken.



Cash Register supervised the preparation and cooking of 266 portions of pulled pork by **Kayla LaMattina** (*Paul's granddaughter*), **Kim LaMattina** (*Paul's daughter*), and **Joanne Register** (*Cash's daughter*). A big thank you to **Lynne Birnbaum** for underwriting part of the cost of the pork. **Harry Bennett** is the first to show up to start fixing his now famous baked beans, which he generously donates; and prepares the coleslaw donated by **Dixie Crossroads**. Thanks to **Katie McQuade** for ordering and picking up the rolls at **Publix**. **Lee Starrick** not only kept the serving



line pans filled, but also

helped with the cleanup. **Dawn Taylor** and **Susan Nelson** (two new kitchen crew members) helped in many areas and stayed to help in the cleanup. A sincere **THANKS** to everyone in the kitchen ~ they did a **Great Job** to prepare 350 meals.



Dog Gone!

by Bill Baldwin

At the past Board meeting, a resolution was passed to disallow animals in the Museum (except for service dogs). The reason being that Docents would not need to clean up a mess; plus we never know who may be allergic to our furry friends. A sign will be posted on the door. That being said, **The American Disabilities Act** states that you can ask two questions only: (1) Is this a service dog? and (2) What service does it perform? However, there is no requirement for them to have or display an ID. Therefore, a Docent may try to ascertain if it is really a service animal; but if in doubt, treat the animal as if it is a service dog.



Did you forget about us?

by Amy Spillers and June Hodson



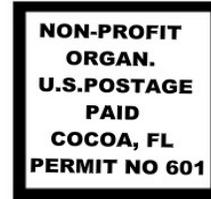
Our Museum relies on the support of our membership. We have noticed many Membership Renewals for this year have not been paid yet. Check your address label. If there is a **red dot** on the label, our records show that you have not renewed. If we haven't told you lately ~ we **really, REALLY** appreciate your continued loyalty and we always need members! Membership renewals are due on January 1st and unpaid dues will mean no future newsletters. So, please come back ... we need you!! And don't be shy, invite your friends and neighbors to join you; and let's keep our North Brevard Historical Museum doors open!!

Also, in order to keep our doors open, we need Docents willing to work shifts of 2½ hours a month, either 10:00 am to 12:30 pm or 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm on any days Tuesday through Saturday. We have actually closed our doors during the week due to a lack of Docent availability. We have received so many awesome comments about our Museum from all over the world. Can you help us keep the Museum going? It is a great way to meet people and bring in visitors to our historic downtown area. Please call Gini Campbell at (321) 268-1298 to arrange your shift.





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OR PRESENT OCCUPANT

Dates to Remember

- **April 24th Membership meeting at 5:30 pm** at Dixie Crossroads for **dinner** and membership meeting.
- **May 15th Board meeting** at 10:00 am at the Museum (and members are welcome to attend).
- **September 25th Membership meeting at 12:00 noon** at Dixie Crossroads for lunch and membership meeting.
- **November 27th Membership meeting at 5:30 pm** at Dixie Crossroads for dinner and membership meeting.

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