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Collections Coincidence? Or Something More?



Fourth grade Milton Jones

Early one morning, Liz Childress emailed Susan Raineri to ask about collection artifact sorting times. Just for fun, Liz attached a picture of her son Conrad holding a picture of his Grandpa Milton Jones, a life-long Clearwater resident, at about the same age. There’s a family resemblance!

A few hours later, Susan called Liz to confirm a “textable” cell phone number. Susan found a picture of fourth-grade Milton in 1930s North Ward box. Liz thought that was such a nice touch for Susan to send it as well as answer the question about the sorting times.

Later that day, Susan called Liz to say she just NOW opened the email. Susan’s text WASN’T in response to the email. Susan just found the picture of Milton and thought Liz might like it! Both women got goosebumps. Coincidence? Or something more? Milton Jones had a love for all things historical and was a founding member of the Clearwater Historical Society. He passed away in 2008.



Conrad Childress with picture of grandfather, Milton Jones

CLEARWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CHS Fall Fish Fry
Saturday November 10,
11:30a.m. - 1p.m.

Enjoy fish, cheese or plain grits, cookies and the BEST hush puppies in town!

\$12 Adults | \$6 Children (12 and under)

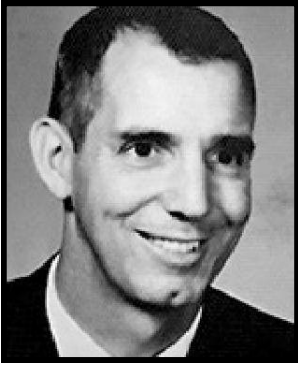
Ross Norton Recreation Center | 1426 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave

Online tickets: www.clearwaterhistoricalsociety.org **under EVENTS**
 Tickets also at the door

MEMBERS: Attend Annual Meeting 11 a.m. November 10 Before Fish Fry
 Vote on new officers and hear announcements about exciting upcoming activities!

Grits, Cookies and Poems: Remembering Marvin Moore

A fixture at Clearwater Historical Society, a respected professional and a noted Fish Fry chef, Marvin Moore, also known as the Grits Guy, passed away on July 2, 2018. Did you know that Marvin developed the grits and cookie recipes and discovered the delicious Cracker Barrel hush puppies that we use today? Marvin was also known for the clever poems he composed for many society occasions. Here's a perfect poem from Marvin as we look ahead to the opening of your Clearwater Historical Society Cultural Center and Museum at South Ward:



Marvin Moore

*As you plow into the future /With a real tremendous blast,
This warning I would offer —/Don't forget your past.*

*The mistakes you will be making/Were also made before,
And when your dreams are shaking/You should pause once more*

*To realize that progress/Is not always made with ease
Your hopes of mighty grandeur/May bring you to your knees*

*For those have gone before you/May be humble, worn or great,
Set for you the standard/That to us was Heaven's gate*

Be Sure to Attend Monthly Meetings

Your Historical Society board meets at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month, unless there's a holiday. Join the meetings! Check the calendar at <http://www.clearwaterhistoricalsociety.org/> for exact dates and locations.

Having Fun And Getting Museum-Serious with Collections

Discovering Clearwater history, reading funny stories about the past and getting to know some great fellow history enthusiasts have all been a part of organizing your society's museum collection. Since December, Susan Raineri and a team of volunteers worked to log a wonderful collection of donated articles such as family photographs, written histories, newspaper articles and other artifacts. Members of the "Collections Gang" complete a descriptive form on each item to prepare for entry into a specially designed museum computer system. **THANK YOU to the Collections**

Gang: Sarah Brown Caudell, Doug Crawford, Allison Dolan, Shirley Galatas, Lila Grant, Dr. Buddy Gross, Jeanne Holmquist, Sophia Kugearis, Lisa Millsaps, Suz Carter Priest, *Susan Raineri, Buddy Gross and Suz Janet Randall, Gwen Stuler, Marty Volpe, and everyone else who helped with this Carter Priest cataloging artifacts* important and really rewarding task!



Clearwater High School being built just east of the Central Pinellas Stadium, later to become Jack F. White Stadium.

Jack F. White: More Than a Name on a Sign

By JEANNE HOLMQUIST - I have always loved the idea that places are named for people that contributed to our community. Since it is football season I thought I would share about Jack F. White. As a child in the early 1970s on a Friday night we could hear the announcer from Jack F. White Stadium and later the band playing during half-time even though we lived over a mile away from the school.

When first built in 1950 the stadium was called Central Pinellas Stadium. The stadium was built prior to the current Clearwater High School's Gulf-to-Bay location. I have heard stories of former students who took a bus from the old downtown high school to the new stadium for football games in early 1950s.

Jack F. White was a Pinellas County judge from 1939 to 1962. Active in the community, he worked to benefit veterans, youth and others. Attending most of the football games, he served as president of the Stadium Association which built the Central Pinellas Stadium. In 1963, White agreed to allow the school board to change the name to Jack F. White Stadium. Fifty-five years later the stadium is still there bearing his name.



Sun worshippers at Everingham's Pavilion on Clearwater Beach

Clearwater Sunburn Patrol Gets Head Start on Skin Cancer War in 1937

By **SUZ CARTER PRIEST** - Did you know that Clearwater was long ago on the front line of the war on skin cancer? In 1937, the Clearwater Beach Safety Patrol, better known as "The Sunburn Patrol", was established by Myrtle "Bunny" Lowery. Jane Hunter was in charge and making up the rest of the Patrol were two dozen additional beach beauties. Under the supervision of the Upper Pinellas Chapter of the Red Cross, its purpose was to administer to minor first aid needs, warn sun worshippers against getting too much sun and, when warnings were ignored, provide aid to sunburn victims. Some sunburns most likely happened purposefully to receive assistance from patrol members! The Patrol gained national recognition in the April 1940 edition of the Reader's Digest magazine. Don't forget the sunscreen!

Looking for Stories

Tell us your tales—tall and otherwise— of your childhood, your ancestors' reminiscences, and Clearwater. Your Clearwater Historical Society is always looking for stories for the newsletter, web site and museum. Include photos if you can! **Email your stories to clearwaterhistory@gmail.com**. For items that can't be emailed, call Susan Raineri at 727-424-0868. And, your society is always looking for donations of other items, too!

Do You Have Photos of...?

Do you have photos of the following? Elks Preschool birthday party pictures, early settlers of Clearwater, from 1860s-2000, Sun-n-Fun Parade from 50s through 70s and associated celebrations and displays, posters from Jazz Festival, downtown from 1960s-80s, original Clearwater Mall, Sunshine Mall. Call Susan Raineri at 727-424-0868 to donate.



Bob Galatas shows the donated elementary school desks he refinished for the museum. Marvin Moore donated the one closest to Bob.

Be a Part of the Excitement

- **Join** the Society! Go to <http://www.clearwaterhistoricalsociety.org/membership/> and follow the instructions! You'll be glad you did.
- **Just joined? Already a member?** They say being **ACTIVE** is great for your health! Lots of fantastic volunteer opportunities are available within the Clearwater Historical Society. Opportunities exist within the following areas: collections, membership, public relations, museum, historical research, programming, and fund-raising.
- **Know others who might be interested?** Let them know about your society! Ask family members, coworkers, neighbors and anyone else who loves history presented in a fun way.
- **Everyone**, be sure your **email address is current** by sending it to CHSMembership1906@gmail.com

MAP Program Brings New Level of Museum Knowledge to Your Society

The Museum Assessment Program (MAP) Committee capped off six months of preparation with a busy two-day visit learning about museums. Robert Forloney from the American Association of Museums (AAM) came into town to review and discuss the extensive materials the committee prepared about the current state of the society and new museum. Robert and the committee also visited other area museums to understand the best operating practices. Those museums included the Palm Harbor Museum, Dunedin Museum and Heritage Village. The committee is excited to put these lessons into practice for your Clearwater Historical Society Museum and Cultural Center!



L to R MAP Committee members Sarah Brown Caudell, Allison Dolan, Robert Forloney, Lila Grant, Marty Volpe. Susan Raineri. Not pictured: Shirley Galatas

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Like and follow CHS on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/ClearwaterHistoricalSociety/>

Visit the webpage at: <http://www.clearwaterhistoricalsociety.org/>

Visit the Plumb House Museum at: 1380 South Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Clearwater

Email your Society at: clearwaterhistory@gmail.com



Framed, original paintings by Jane Arnold, longtime teacher for Clearwater students in grades seven through 12, will be for sale at the November 10, 2018 Fish Fry.

Proposed Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2018-2019

At the September 10, 2018 meeting of your Clearwater Historical Society Board, the following slate was presented for election at the annual meeting 11 a.m. November 10, 2018 right before the Fish Fry. Additional nominations can also be made at that meeting.

OFFICERS

President : Allison Dolan
Vice President: Sam McClelland
Secretary: Jeanne Holmquist
Treasurer: Susan Raineri
Past President: Bill Wallace

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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