
Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society

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Newsletter

April 2011

Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society

Annual Picnic

Saturday May 21, 2011

11:30 AM~2:00 PM

Historic Train Depot

160 E. Tarpon Avenue

Tarpon Springs FL

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Please join us for our annual Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society Spring Picnic to be held at the air conditioned Historic Train Depot on Saturday May 21, 2011 from 11:30 AM until 2:00 PM. Tableware, drinks and fried chicken will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. It will be a day of fun and fellowship with other members and friends. For more information call 727-943-4624.

Lease Agreement

On April 19, 2011 the Tarpon Springs Board of Commissioners will consider a Lease and Agreement between the City and the Historical Society with regard to the management of the Historic Train Depot. The Agreement formalizes the current verbal arrangement between the City and Society and confirms that the Society is the only tenant of the Historic Train Depot and will open the building and the Society's Museum on a regular basis to the citizens and

visitors of Tarpon Springs. The Society's Board of Directors unanimously approved the Agreement and looks forward to the new partnership with the City. Please call President Cyndi Tarapani for any questions or for more information on the Agreement. (Phone 934-7262)

Fashion Show and Luncheon

The Vintage Fashion show/Luncheon was a wonderful afternoon of food and camaraderie. The harp music played by Mary Ann Mastorides set the stage for the wonderful vintage fashions by La France of Ybor City. The models: Ricky Allison, Evelyn Bilirakis, Cindy Comstock, Paulette Hooper, Jacob Karr, Pamela Lewis, Leoni Nelson, Zula Peperis and Mildred Wilson did a marvelous job of portraying the era they represented. The food by Spuntinis was excellent. Chairwoman *Julie Keffalas* and her committee worked very hard to bring about this successful event. Thank you to Winn Dixie, Pappas Ranch Restaurants, Greek Pizza Kitchen, Keffalas Artistic Products, Audrey Gedart, the Ahepa House and Tina Pipinos for their contributions.

Elsie Brown Bequest

Many thanks to the estate of Elsie Brown for the generous bequest made to the Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society. Elsie not only left a monetary bequeath but the society received more than three large boxes of documents, photographs and other memorabilia for the Archive Committee to review and sort so that we may add important pieces of the collection to our Archives. A bequest is a wonderful way to preserve the culture and memories of Tarpon Springs.

Collections Corner

Harry S. Jukes was born October 16, 1880 in England, moving to America when he was three years old. When he was a young man he came to Florida, and in 1914 saw an ad for a store clerk for Vinson's Dry Goods Store. He got the job. Margaret Thompson Jukes was descended from early settlers, William B. Thompson and Alice Fulford Thompson. William's parents homesteaded the property where the Wal-Mart in Palm Harbor now stands and their home, the Thompson-Jukes home, is a historic structure on East Tarpon Avenue. Harry and Maggie were married in the old Southern Methodist Episcopal church in Tarpon Springs in 1917. They had five children: Virginia Laite and Ellen McCabe are interred in Cycadia Cemetery. Dorothy Lee lives in Tarpon Springs and Herbert Jukes in Dunedin. Harry, Herbs twin resides in Texas. During the depression, the Jukes bought Vinson's dry goods and Bailey's dime store on Tarpon Avenue to open the Ben Franklin Five and Dime. In 1953 Phil and Ellen Jukes McCabe bought the business and the Burgess Hardware on Tarpon Ave. We received several photographs from the McCabe -Jukes Collection including photos of WWII service men that came to Tarpon in the early 1940s. Also included was a copy of the first yearbook from Tarpon Springs High School. This is another wonderful addition to the Tarpon Springs Area Historical Society Archives.

Volunteer Docents needed at the Depot Museum. Call 727-943-4624