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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we roll out our programming for 2017, the new year is in full swing at the Old Davie School Historical Museum. Our members are at the heart of everything we do, and that's why our offering for 2017 is better than ever. On the heels of the centennial celebration, we have a jam-packed year of events and workshops to help us ring in the 100-year anniversary in 2018. Not only are our events tailored to this once in a lifetime event, but the value we offer to our members has been completely revamped as well.

To show our appreciation for our members, the Old Davie School Historical Museum is now offering members special discounted pricing to all events, workshops and 100-year celebrations for the lifetime of the membership, as well as discounts in the gift shop and complimentary passes. Upper-level members can schedule private guided tours and receive discounts on venue rentals.

We have also partnered with two reciprocal benefit programs that add value to all membership levels. All new Old Davie School Historical Museum members, and those who renew, will receive exclusive benefits and privileges at more than 300 museums

and historical sites nationwide through the *Time Travelers* reciprocal benefits program. We invite you to visit <http://timetravelers.mohistory.org> to see the complete list of sites and museums included in the program.

Additionally, the Old Davie School Historical Museum has partnered with one of the largest reciprocal membership programs in the world, the *North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) Association*. History Buff-level and above members will be NARM qualified, and receive exclusive benefits and entry to more than 800 arts, cultural, and historical institutions throughout the United States. For a list of participating museums and institutions, visit www.narmassociation.org.

Your donation is tax deductible, and helps us continue our mission to collect, preserve, interpret and educate people about the heritage, culture, and history of the Davie Community, and western Broward County. If you are not already a member, now is the time to truly unlock the value of our membership program. I encourage you to apply or renew today!

- Kaylee McCall Correa
President

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CLASS REUNION OF THE CENTURY

Elementary school years are marked by milestones of learning the basics in reading, writing and arithmetic, and by the early friendships and embarrassing hiccups that come with youth. For those who spent that time at the Davie School, they are among almost a century of experiences. This century spans the Roaring 20s, years of the Great Depression, wartime, social change and disco. Add in the Florida heat and a booming agricultural-turned-suburban small town, the stories of growing up in Davie have a unique style.

The *Old Davie School 100th Anniversary Celebration* will reunite the community that learned, played, skinned knees, and grew together in a special building in a town like no other. On May 10, 1918, the town gathered together to dedicate the new Davie School with speeches from officials and residents and songs by students. On May 10, 2017, a cocktail hour in the historic auditorium upstairs will kick off the countdown to the 100th Anniversary. Over the next year, we will continue to celebrate and highlight the experiences of alumni—teachers and students—through the decades. More information on the Centennial Gala and Festival in 2018 will be made available as well. Join our Alumni Network to receive the most up-to-date information.

Email education@olddavieschool.org with your name,

years and grades you spent at the Davie School and any other information you would like to share.

Along with the 100th Anniversary, the *Old Davie School Oral History Project* will reach out to the Davie community and capture memories through recorded interviews from the perspective of those who experienced the town's transformation from its agricultural roots to a suburban community after WWII to the 1980s. With a grant from the Florida Humanities Council and working with Dr. Sandra Norman and graduate students from Florida Atlantic University, the interviews will be made available online and in the museum exhibits. If you would like to participate in an interview, contact Kim Weismantle at education@olddavieschool.org for more information.

Sharing your experiences of the past as a part of the 100th Anniversary Celebration and ODS Oral History Project will lead in a new century of learning and memories at the Old Davie School and we are excited to welcome you back.

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CONSTRUCTION NEARING COMPLETION ON AGRICULTURAL AND CITRUS PACKING HOUSE AT OLD DAVIE SCHOOL

New Interactive Educational Exhibit Allows Students and Museumgoers to Step Back in Time to the Pioneer Days

Construction is nearing completion on the Agricultural and Citrus Packing House Exhibit at the Old Davie School Historical Museum. The new exhibit will become a part of the Step-Back-in-Time interactive educational program that demonstrates the life of Davie pioneers to the thousands of students and museumgoers that frequent the historical campus each year.

The Agricultural and Citrus Packing House Exhibit places Davie in the context of a growing Florida citrus industry by using equipment donated by Math Iglor Grove, a citrus grove and packing house business that has operated in Davie since the 1950s.

“This new exhibit will provide an opportunity for both residents and tourists to understand how oranges are grown, harvested and marketed, and to understand the tremendous influence the industry had on Davie and Florida’s history,” said Leslie Schroeder, Executive Director of the Museum.

The equipment was donated after the Old Davie School Historical Museum Board of Trustees became aware that the business was being dismantled to make way for the development of homes and a park. The equipment consists of scrubber sections, which cleaned the fruit; the sorting section, where workers pulled the fruit that was too small for shipping; the wax and dryer, to polish the fruit; and, the bin area to prepare the fruit for shipping.

The exhibit will include the citrus packing equipment, antique farm equipment and other early 20th century artifacts. The building will visually replicate an original citrus packing house and will prominently display the citrus packing house equipment to allow visitors to experience the packing process.

Citrus crates and signage will be placed around the packing equipment to replicate the interior of a citrus packing house as it was in the 1940s. Photographs, ledger books noting production schedules, collection bags, clothing and other items associated with Davie’s citrus farms, along with agricultural equipment from the early 1900s to the 1950s, including a tractor, hay rake, oxen plow and other unique implements used to farm in the Everglades will be arranged in a manner to help a visitor think they are stepping back into a moment in time.

The design, fabrication and installation of the exhibit will be completed with the help of museum staff, as well as donated time by local grove owners, architects, engineers, contractors, graphic designers, writers and photographers.



Photo: Citrus Packing House Construction Nearing Completion, Jan. 2017 photo



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BARBIE TEA

Barbie and her friends had a luau at ODSHM this past July. From hula girls to Doctor Barbie to Prom King Ken, 27 models strutted down the runway showing the many different Barbies and Kens from over the years. Guests enjoyed tea and snacks after the show and got autographs and pictures with all the models. The little guests even got to walk the runway!! **Thank you to Lisa and Rick Caspanello** for the décor and set up. **Thank you to Soroptimist International of Davie** for donating the Barbie dolls that were raffled during the event. **Thank you to Prestige Growers** for the lush greenery for the luau.



EVERGLADES EYES

The 10th Annual Everglades Eyes Children's Art Competition was held at Old Davie School Historical Museum in celebration of Earth Day. Last year 62 individual 4th & 5th grade artists shared their art work in the exhibit. The artists are students at Embassy Creek Elementary School, Flamingo Elementary School, Griffin Elementary School, and St. Mark Catholic School. **Thank you to Ellen Morrison, Wendi Librach, Susan Hall and Carol Powell, the art teachers who guided their students to create the amazing images!** The voting was extremely close-additional judges had to be called in twice to break the ties. The winners were: Jackson Burd for "Life in the Everglades," Zoe Petroiany for "Enchanted Everglades," Sophia Nesselroth for "Pinelands," Adaline Segrera for "Everglades Resident," and Connie Rijos for "Cruising Through the Everglades." Cash prizes were awarded to the top three. This event is co-sponsored by Central Broward Water Control District and ODSHM. **Thank you to Constance Ruppender for her dedication to this event.**



Thank you to Constance Ruppender for all her work on this exhibit. Thank you to Michael Crowley for donating the Barbie Dream House.

THE BARBIE EXHIBIT

The first National Barbie Doll Collector's Convention was held in New York in 1980 and in July this year, Old Davie School joined in the annual celebration of the most famous fashion doll in the world with an exhibition that told "The Barbie Story." The exhibits filled three of the classrooms and began with an Homage to the Zebra Swimsuit and guided visitors through the decades as Barbie evolved to her role today as a 21st Century Fashionista. The dolls, all from a private collection, included examples of vintage and reproduction dolls, as well as modern dolls, fashions and accessories. Mattel's marketing was a key component to the doll's success when she first appeared in 1959 and continues today, keeping to the philosophy of her creator, Ruth Handler: "My whole philosophy of Barbie was that through the doll, the little girl could be anything she wanted to be. Barbie always represented the fact that a woman has choices."

ANNUAL MEETING & HOLIDAY PARTY



In December, ODSHM held its Annual Meeting and Holiday Party where they welcomed new members, Dianne Aucamp and Cliff Lockwood, to the Davie School Foundation Board of Trustees.

HOWARD & MAYME GRIFFIN

A Story by "their favorite"

Davie lost two of its pioneers recently. Howard Anderson Griffin, Sr., 89, passed away on November 6. His wife of 68 years, Mayme Lou (Pee Wee) Holman Griffin, passed away on August 11 at the age of 88.

Howard was born in Davie on October 15, 1927, and attended Davie School. In 1937, his parents were killed by a drunk driver on Griffin Road in Dania. His eldest sister, Anna Elida, and her husband Ralph Hammer raised the boys to keep them together.

Howard graduated Fort Lauderdale High and married Mayme, his high school sweetheart, in 1948. They celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary in June and were together 74 years. Mayme was also a proud native Floridian, born in Fort Lauderdale on January 19, 1928. Mayme and Howard raised four children, Andy, Fred, John and Becky. They lost their son Fred, then 37 years old, in 1990.

Howard was a partner in the family business, Griffin Brothers Co., Inc., a sod and landscaping company. He, Mayme, and their children spent 12 years in Clewiston running a sod farm for Griffin Bros. before Howard and Mayme returned to Davie in 1975. They spent the rest of their lives here, enjoying their eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Two of their children and two of their eight grandkids reside in Davie.

Howard was the last surviving sibling of the eight in the Griffin family. He was preceded in death by his sisters Anna and Christina; and brothers A.D., Harry John, Carl, Richard and Gerald. Mayme was also the last surviving sibling of her Holman family; preceded in death by her sisters Claudia, Milly, Marie, Frankie and Sara; and brother Raymond.

Both Howard and Mayme were loving, generous people who were extremely proud of their family. For decades, Mayme was an active volunteer in the community and for Florida Farm Bureau. One thing she was known for was her many collections, including her dollhouses. Howard and Mayme were early contributors to the ODS restoration efforts. In June, Mayme happily hosted her mother's family's 85th Carson Family Reunion in the ODS cafeteria.



THANK YOU DIXIE LANDSCAPE

The beautiful landscape installed around the fountain at the Old Davie School was donated by **Fred Sorto of Dixie Landscape**. Joe Jimenez, Chief Landscape inspector with the Town of Davie suggested material that would look good and survive in the non-irrigated conditions. Mr. Sorto with **Dixie Landscape** heard about what was needed and stepped in to complete the project. His crew brought soil, plants and mulch and had all installed in no time. The school is so thankful to Mr. Sorto and Dixie Landscape for the very beautiful and generous donation.



PBS KIDVISION TAKES A "VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP" TO OLD DAVIE SCHOOL

Miss Penny and the KidVision Kids from **PBS KidVision Pre-K** visited the Old Davie School to learn about what life was like for children 100 years ago! The kids experienced making butter in a pioneer home, writing with ink in the classroom and playing musical chairs! The episode is featured online as a "Virtual Field Trip" and will be used in preschool classrooms across Florida. Watch the episode titled "KidVision Pre-K Pioneer Days" on YouTube!



IS IT HAUNTED?

Is it Haunted? was such fun, and a great family event! The night began with making a special treat bag to snack on while touring the old buildings on the campus by flashlight. Did you find the five skulls in the old school? Did you see if the ghost meter caught any ghost footprints in the powder? Did you see the alligator that could be heard in the pioneer village? A trip through the cemetery led to the mad scientist lab and then into the old homes, where an unwanted guest seemed to take up residence! **Thank you to Rick and Lisa Caspanello, Diana McKenney, Kathy Cox and Sandy Wagner** for all their work on this event.



OLD DAVIE CHRISTMAS

The 15th annual Old Davie Christmas was held on December 4, 2016. Hundreds of children got to visit with Santa, and spend a few hours getting their face painted, riding ponies, taking a hayride and eating lunch, all at no cost. This event is sponsored by Old Davie School Historical Museum and generous sponsors. **Thank you!!! Weekley Asphalt Paving, Publix, Todd & Mary Lou Cook, Tommy & Colleen Anderson, Kathleen Haywood, Maurice & Eleanor Lashley, The Andersons, Jack & Bettiann Mize, Cruise 'IN Liquors, The McCalls, American Legion Post No. 23, Thomas Gill, Ray & Nancy Anderson, and Phyllis Herndon.**

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Local grove owner and resident, Charles Walsh, accepted the Davie School building on behalf of the town at the dedication on May 10, 1918. He said, "We accept and thank you for this splendid building, a building no matter how large and important this community may grow, will ever be the center of its social

action and the main cause of any progress we may make. The citizens of Davie will take pride in it, maintain it, and cherish it." His home now resides on the Old Davie School campus.

Trivia Answer for Fall 2016:

Q: In what year did the state begin the dredging project that dug the North and South New River Canals?

A: The state-funded drainage project began in 1906 when the dipper dredges, Everglades and Okeechobee, started digging the North and South New River Canals. But it was a slow process—by the end of 1908, the dredges had barely dug seven miles west from Ft. Lauderdale.