

UPDATE

Triangle Inn Association Newsletter

October 2008

TRIANGLE INN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2008 2 - 4 p.m. at Triangle Inn

Nominated for appointment to the Board are
Linda Bradway, Marie Rust, Janice Shull and Debbie Stewart.

Nominated for another two-year term are
Judie Bauer, Dot Fuhmeister, Cindy Gnegy and Susan Hanks.

Directors serving through November 2009 are
Norm Bensen, Bob Briner, Jim Hanks, Susan Horton and Dorothy Korwek.

James Hagler will give an update on the Lord-Higel House restoration project.
Refreshments will be served.

2009 Trolley Tours of Historic Venice

The ever popular trolley tours are scheduled
for the following Saturdays with tours
at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. each day
January 14, February 7,
February 21 and March 7.

Tickets are \$15.00 each and can be purchased
at the Triangle Inn *after* January 1, 2009
on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please pay via cash or check.
No phone reservations accepted.

OUT AND ABOUT

The Association joined the Venice Area
Historical Society and the newly formed
Friends of the Lord-Higel House to man a
"History Booth" at the 2008 Sun Fiesta. The
Association donated the three volume set of
the Nemo columns, *Venice Before 1925*, for a
free drawing. Lt. Ron Salones was the winner.

CHRISTMAS AT THE INN

After Thanksgiving through the end of
December, the Triangle Inn will be decorated
for the holidays. Please visit during normal
museum hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on
Mondays and Wednesdays or come to the

Open House

Sunday, December 14, 2008 from 2 - 4 p.m.
Refreshments will be served

Triangle Inn Association 2007-08 Officers and Directors

President Dorothy Korwek
Vice president Jim Hanks
Acting Secretary Dorothy Korwek
Treasurer Susan Hanks

Judie Bauer - Bob Briner
Robert Brooke - Dot Fuhmeister
Cindy Gnegy - Jim Hanks
Susan Horton

EXCERPT FROM "VENICE BEFORE 1925"

Written by George "Nemo" Higel
Printed January 5, 1911 in the Sarasota Times

CHRISTMAS PAST

"Ere this reaches the eyes of the readers the old year will be gone and the new ushered in. Space, modesty and perhaps sense forbids us to air our comments nationally. Locally our prospects were never better, the idle dream of years has become a reality and iron steed is drawing near. Real estate is rapidly advancing in price, in fact so rapidly that no real estate agent to date had the nerve to put up an office. Christmas was very pleasantly spent here, the writer was kindly remembered by a host of friends and well wishers, to whom our hearts go out in gratitude and thanks. In fact, speaking for all, it was a happy Yule Tide, and our pray[ers to] God bless and spare those whose lives are being spent that man may live in a world where Peach on earth and Goodwill shall prevail, and where life may be one glorious Yule Tide. 'Tis true this may be an idle dream, but no man's life has been in vain who has sincerely worked and lived for it.

Noticeable among the Yule Tide festivities were the family reunions of which W. E. Stephens heads the list, entertaining 37 children and grandchildren besides the home folks. The Curry families, reinforced by a large number from Bradentown, also has a big [Christ]mas dinner famous for all things good to eat and dear to buy, including, of course, the delight of every boy and girl's lives, fire crackers and a Christmas tree. James Daniels of Laurel also performed the duties of a grandpa and the whole Daniels family gathered around his festive board and enjoyed that good old fashioned cooking for which they are famous. Last, but not least, was the family gathering at Socialism, the home of Judge Harn at which I am proud to state our family relations made us welcome and useful as well as ornamental. Modesty forbids us telling much about the dinner, however we did not envy Taft or Roosevelt. Of course, Clyde Victor has his [Christ]mas tree, and when his eyes first beheld the tree the kind remembrance of it all repaid us for much that could have been worse.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayden, of Chicago, have been spending a few weeks at Venice visiting friends and relatives, enjoying our sunshine, fish, oysters, clams, etc. They have returned home where they need their overcoats, which they found a burden here. It will be remembered that Mr. Hayden is owner of Edge Water, one of our most picturesque and beautifully situated winter homes, that even the ducks recognize it as the warmest spot in Florida.

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I wish here to state that Santa brought us a new clock, and the way the hours roll by when one is sleepy makes one sit up and nod. By the way, there are several thousand boxes of oranges and grapefruit in this section yet for sale; like real estate it comes high but its good and we challenge competition either in price or quality. It might also be well to mention, less we be accused of slighting the unfortunate, that the fish season will open Monday morning, some starting early for good measure. Government bonds and coupons look small to these fellows at present and some even expect to pay their grocery bill.

In closing we are going to make a plea and thank in advance those who listen. We need a few good calendars to remind us then to write our items, and we promise a very liberal display of same, providing we don't get over a gross. Trusting the New Year may bring to each and every one of the Times' readers all and more than they now anticipate in the way of health and prosperity, not overlooking the better things in the highest sense of the word, and assuring you a liberal sprinkling of Venice happenings during the coming year."

Nemo

GREAT GIFT IDEAS

The Nemo columns which ran from 1889 to 1923 in the *Sarasota Times* have been reprinted in three volumes under the title "Venice Before 1925." Books are available at the Triangle Inn for \$10 each or a complete set for \$25.00.

Gift Association memberships are available for \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families. See back of newsletter for more information.

ARCHIVES UPDATE

The Street Address Collection

By *Janice Shull*
Venice Archives Volunteer

A young woman wants to open a business in the El Patio Hotel building and a friend tells her to first visit the Venice Archives and Area Historical Collection. A couple from Massachusetts just signed a purchase agreement for one of the historic cabins at Eagle Point. They are curious about the area. Neighbors encourage them to visit the Archives. An elderly man who has lived in Venice his entire life would like to see a picture of the old Venice-Myakka Hotel before it was demolished. He visits the Triangle Inn. What resource at the Archives will answer all of their questions?

The Street Address Collection, one of the most popular resources in the Archives, contains photographs, historic property inventory forms, newspaper advertising, articles, interviews with property owners, and other information relating to individual properties in the Venice area. This collection grows continually and now occupies four file cabinet drawers.

Archive staff and volunteers are currently working to enhance the Street Address records in Past Perfect, an online database. By using a feature called multi-level linking, historic properties are collated into their respective historic districts. Properties outside of the historic districts are identified, as well. For example, a keyword search of Edgewood District will bring up a list of more than 50 addresses within that district. Eventually, Street Address records will also be linked to other information sources in our collection: manuscript collections, photographs, objects, books and many other resources.

An ongoing project involves cataloging the contents of each individual address folder. This is simplified by using a feature in Past Perfect called the Container List. It allows the user to determine from the computer record exactly what items are on file for the requested address. At this time, the historic districts and individual properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are fully cataloged. Much work remains to be done. The Archives is seeking a volunteer to help complete this project.

If you are interested in learning more about the geography of Venice, whether for your personal use or as a volunteer, the Street Address Collection is an excellent starting point.

If you would like to volunteer to work on the project, call Director of Historical Resources, James Hagler, at 941-486-2487. The Venice Archives and Area Historical Collection is located in the Triangle Inn, 351 S. Nassau Street, Venice, FL 34285.

The Archives is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
January - April on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
May - December on Monday and Wednesday
Director's office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Triangle Inn Association was formed to fund the maintenance and operation of the historic Triangle Inn building, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places; to promote the City of Venice Archives and Area Historical Collection, which is housed in the historic Triangle Inn building; and to educate the community about local and area history through social and educational activities in the community.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Membership Categories

Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$25.00
Sustaining	\$50.00
Bronze Sponsor	\$75.00
Silver Sponsor	\$100.00
Gold Sponsor	\$150.00
Life Member	\$500.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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