

# West Pasco Historical Society / July 2018



## New WPHS Board of Directors



The newly-elected board members of the West Pasco Historical Society, photographed by Georgia Robinson on May 9, 2018.

Top row: Brian Schmit, Jeff Miller, Terry Kline, David Prace, Ken Weightman, Aidan Woodham. Middle row: Ann James, Trishia Rich, Dr. Rao Musunuru (honorary), Bob Langford. Front row: Judith Koutsos, Bob Hubach, Antonia Miernik.

## Message from the WPHS President



By **BOB LANGFORD**

The West Pasco Historical Society and Dr. Rao Musunuru, M.D., Museum and Library has been open on weekends throughout the summer for the second year. The number of visitors coming through has been increasing each weekend. If you have not been in for a while, you should take the time to visit us.

We have also been open for special events in Sims Park and around Orange Lake. Our displays are constantly changing and are being upgraded each month. We have many new collections and I want to thank all the folks who have made contributions to us.

One of our more interesting donations is the “Calls For Service” book from the New Port Richey Fire Department, beginning in 1928 and running to 1949, all handwritten, with complete details of each time the volunteer department was dispatched.

The historic photographs are being added almost daily to the database of thousands that you can go online to look at. You are welcome to use any of the photos for your business. We just ask that you credit the *West Pasco Historical Society* for their use.

We have also recently partnered with the New Port Richey Public Library giving us both the opportunity to share important historical documents, newspapers, and books. Our newspaper collection has already been completely digitized and will soon become searchable online. We welcome you to come in and use our library for research on historical subjects.

Just a reminder that we are completely funded by your membership dues and donations. We have a donation jar at the greeter’s desk and, while there’s no charge to view the exhibits or use the library, donations are always welcomed and very much appreciated. Even from our life members, donations are encouraged. We also have had much use of the Bandstand, and that is another way we try to get donations. We welcome your ideas for fundraising and the betterment of the museum.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to become a greeter or docent or just help us out for special events, we would welcome your assistance. Speaking of volunteers, I would like to extend a big thank you to our current folks for the gracious giving of their time. The following is a list of our regular volunteers: David and Bette Conde, Don and Diane Faulkner, Bob and Sherri Hubach, Annie James, Terry Kline, Lillian Kreps, Antonia Miernik, Jeff Miller, Ilana Patrice, David and Midge Prace, Trishia Rich, Dana Russ, Cheryl Sallah, Brian Schmit, Jennifer Sorenson, Ken Weightman, and Aidan Woodham.

In closing, I would like to inform you that beginning in September 2018 the museum will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and whenever most other events are happening in Sims Park. I am looking forward to seeing you in the museum. Enjoy your summer.



## Pictures



Left: Our own Terry Kline, who is the museum administrator, was the speaker at a meeting of the West Pasco Historical Society on June 9, 2018. He gave a most interesting presentation on the topic "The True Story of the Florida Native Americans and Chasco." Right: Volunteers Jennifer Sorenson and Kathy Logue update the books database in our library.



Left: Jeff Miller (green shirt) was named an Honorary Member of the West Pasco Historical Society at the meeting on June 9, 2018. Pictured with him are David Prace, past president of the WPHS, and Bob Langford, current president. Right: Jim Daniels and Jeriah Sykes of Microimaging Source were at the museum on June 20, 2018, boxing up old issues of the New Port Richey Press for digitization.

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