



Leesburg Heritage Society, Inc.

111 South 6th St., Leesburg, FL 34748

November 27, 2018

Dear Heritage Society members,

Here we are at that time of the year when so much is happening. The Holidays are great, and I hope all of you have happy ones with family and friends. In with all that busyness, don't forget the Society meeting. We will be meeting on Tuesday, December 4 at 3:30 at the Leesburg Public Library. Our program will be given by Ray Emerson, long-time Leesburg resident. He will tell us how East Main Street used to be. It was sort of a 2nd downtown and I'm sure we will all enjoy it.

There are still members who have not paid their dues. Please remember to do that and get a friend to join with you. If you have ideas on how to increase our membership and the attendance at our meetings, please let a board member know.

Let's send Bill Davis our prayers as he is recovering from his heart attack that he had soon after his 95th birthday. I talked to Mary Thompson and she is doing okay but mostly confined to her home. We miss these folks and wish them well.

I go to the Leesburg Partnership meetings representing the Society. I learn about all the things happening in our town. And we are getting lots of new businesses, eyesores will disappear, and generally all is well. See you at our meeting!

Sanna Henderson

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President

Leesburg Heritage Society
Minutes - Regular Meeting - November 6, 2018

The regular meeting of the Leesburg Heritage Society was called to order at 4:00 PM on November 6, 2018 by President Sanna Henderson at the Ro-Mac Training Center. There were 35 members and guests in attendance. Sanna thanked the crew from Beyers Funeral Home for once again furnishing the great refreshments.

Sanna asked Woody Wagner to give the invocation, and then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Vi Pfahler entertained with a joke about a funeral for a homeless man.

Sanna asked for prayers for Bill Davis, who recently suffered a heart attack. She reminded Board members about the next board meeting on November 20th at 2:30 at the Partnership Office.

Glorianne Fahs informed the members about the current status of the Mote-Morris House rebuild, and the need for donations towards furnishings and window treatments.

Woody then introduced our speaker, retired Fire Chief Bob Taylor. Woody conducted an informative question and answer conversation which produced much interesting information about the early days of the fire department.

Bob joined the department in 1951, when the fire department was still based in the basement of City Hall. He was the third paid member of the crew, in addition to Chief Bunny Stevens and Captain Butler. The three men worked 12 hour shifts, and Bob was paid \$175 a month! He told about the equipment they had, answering the Highway Patrol and police radios, operating the ambulance service, the phone system to notify the volunteers, and memorable fires in Leesburg.

The attendance of several current fire department members was a testament to the admiration and respect Chief Taylor had earned in his service to his community. We all thank him for his service and for joining us to share his memories.

Our next meeting will be back at the Library, where Ray Emerson will take us on a "memory walk" down Main Street.

Sanna adjourned the meeting at 5:00 Pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Turner, Secretary

Treasurer's Report
November 23, 2018

***Memorial Fund - \$2,375.00

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Russek, Treasurer

Membership dues are: Individual - **\$20.00** per year*
 Student - \$5.00 per year*
 Professional, Business & Organization - \$50.00 per year*
 Life Membership - \$150.00 per person

*Our year is October thru May, with meetings the first Tuesday of the month.

LEESBURG HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC. BYLAWS

Article IV - Membership.

Section 2. Term of membership shall be on an annual basis, from October 1 through September 30.

December Events at the Leesburg Public Library
Dusty Hill Matthews, Adult Services Supervisor

December brings musical performances and lifelong learning opportunities to the Library. Duffy Hudson returns for a one-man production of *A Christmas Carol* on Saturday, December 8th at 3pm. On Saturday, December 15th the Library hosts Mark Raisch for *Stepping Out: A Fred Astaire Tribute* at 1pm. And don't miss Lake County vocalist Terry Bebe as he shares the sounds of the season in *Music for the Holidays* on Tuesday, December 18th at 2pm.

Judy Knizer of Wild Birds Unlimited will present a program on attracting and feeding migrating birds. Learn with Judy during *Here Come the Snowbirds!* at 2pm on Tuesday, December 4th. Frank Lloyd Wright expert Tim Totten returns to present *Sacred Spaces: the Spiritual Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright* on Wednesday, December 12th at 2pm. Author Don Landy, who writes about the pain and grief of losing pets, will speak about *Unconditional Love* on Tuesday, December 11 at 2pm. And the Library's own Tom Wilcox will present *Christmas at the White House* Thursday, December 13th at 1pm.

We look forward to seeing you at the Library!

For more information, see Library website

<https://www.leesburgflorida.gov/government/departments/library/index.php>

FROM GLORIANNE'S DESK

For the 8th year, Lone Oak Cemetery, Leesburg, will be sponsoring *Wreaths Across America*, a national event.

The event will be held December 15th at 12 noon.

We will be placing **130** wreaths purchased by family and donors on Veterans' graves throughout the cemetery.

Both new this year, CSM Michael P. Kohl, USA (ret.) will be our Master of Ceremonies and VFW Post 8087 Honor Guard VFW Post 8087's Color/Honor Guard will be posting the Colors and performing Final Honors..... Leesburg High School AF JROTC will again be participating.

Do come out and enjoy a patriotic half hour, well worth your time.