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MEETING NOTICE

THE APRIL MEETING OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA WILL MEET FRIDAY, APR. 15TH, AT THE AUDUBON HOUSE, 5530 SUNSET DRIVE, SOUTH MIAMI.

THIS MEETING WILL BE THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS. AT THIS MEETING, YOU CAN EXPRESS IDEAS AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS YOUR GRIPEs.

F.A.S. MEETING

YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO MAKE ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR THE 35TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

THE APALACHEE ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY IS GOING ALL OUT TO MAKE THIS AN OUTSTANDING CONFERENCE.

THERE WILL BE A TOP GUEST SPEAKER; DR. BRUCE SMITH OF THE SMITHSONIAN WILL DELIVER THE BANQUET ADDRESS, 'THE TEMPLE MOUNDS OF THE SOUTHEAST', ON SATURDAY NIGHT (APR. 9TH) AT 8:00 P.M. THE BANQUET WILL BE HELD IN THE TALLAHASSEE HILTON.

THE CONFERENCE IS FROM FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, BUT THERE IS SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO IN TALLAHASSEE, FIGURE AN EXTRA DAY IF YOU CAN.

LOCATION CHANGE

FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS OUR MEETINGS WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE HISTORIC ACSN. OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA DUE TO THEIR MOVING TO THE NEW BUILDING DOWNTOWN. WATCH FOR THE MEETING LOCATION.

SPECIAL ISSUE

BECAUSE THIS IS OUR ANNUAL MEETING MONTH AND THE EDITOR'S LAST NEWSLETTER, I AM PUBLISHING EXCERPTS FROM PREVIOUS NEWS LETTERS STARTING IN JAN., 1977 THRU 1981.

UNTIL MY RESIGNATION FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN MARCH, 1983, I SERVED THIS CHAPTER FOR NINE YEARS, FOUR AS PRESIDENT, THREE AS VICE PRESIDENT, AND TWO AS DIRECTOR. DURING THIS TIME, I WAS ALSO EDITOR, PUBLISHING A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SINCE THE FIRST ISSUE IN 1976.

IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO SERVE AND PROMOTE ARCHAEOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY, HISTORY AND PRESERVATION. TO HAVE MADE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THIS AREA, I HAD MANY HELPERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS, THOSE SERVING ON COMMITTEES, THOSE WHO SPOKE AND PRESENTED PROGRAMS, AND THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE MEETINGS, MAKING IT ALL WORTH WHILE. TO THESE, THIS ORGANIZATION AND I OWE THANKS, AND TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS BUT CONTRIBUTED IN SO MANY WAYS. I WANT TO THANK THOSE WHO HELPED SURVEY, EXCAVATE AND DID THE DIRTY WORK OF CLEANING.

I OWE A SPECIAL THANKS TO MY WIFE, JEANE, FOR ANSWERING LETTERS, MAKING APPOINTMENTS, TAKING PHONE CALLS, AND GIVING ENCOURAGEMENT WHEN THINGS WERE GOING WRONG. BEING EDITOR WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME WITHOUT HER TYPING, PRINTING, ADDRESSING AND MAILING THE NEWSLETTER.

I ALSO THANK THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND ITS MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND HELP TO THIS CHAPTER.

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA IS FACING A NUMBER OF CRITICAL ISSUES AND I FEEL THAT I AM QUALIFIED TO ADDRESS THESE, HAVING SERVED IN MORE AND LONGER CAPACITIES THAN ANY OTHER MEMBER.

1. THE A.S.S.F. MUST NOT BE SUBMERGED AND LOSE ITS IDENTITY AS HAS BEEN TAKING PLACE THIS PAST YEAR. THE CHAPTER HAS NO PROJECTS OR INTEREST OF ITS OWN, BUT HAS BECOME A WORK FORCE FOR THE DADE COUNTY HISTORIC SURVEY. IN PREVIOUS YEARS, OUR GROUP GAINED MUCH PUBLICITY IN LOCAL AND STATE PAPERS, ON RADIO AND T.V. I WOULD ONCE AGAIN LIKE TO SEE THIS CHAPTER RECEIVE CREDIT FOR WHAT IT DOES.

2. THIS CHAPTER SHOULD BE FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT AND BUILD OR INCREASE ITS TREASURY, STUDY THE FUNDING PRACTICES OF OTHER SOCIETIES. WE RECENTLY MADE A PURCHASE FOR THE DADE COUNTY HISTORIC SURVEY, BUT... WHERE CAN WE USE AN ELECTRIC SIFTER?

3. WE SHOULD ESTABLISH CLOSER WORKING TIES WITH OTHER CHAPTERS.

4. WE MUST CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE AMATEURS. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, CLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES WOULD HELP TRAIN THOSE INTERESTED IN ARCHAEOLOGY.

5. MAKE SURE THAT ALL WORK IS SUPPORTIVE OF THE STANDARDS SET BY F.A.S. AND S.O.P.A.

6. THE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE POLLED EACH YEAR AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AS TO ITS INTERESTS. THIS WOULD HELP DETERMINE THE CHAPTER'S COURSE FOR ITS FUTURE SUCCESS. THIS I TRIED TO DO EACH OF MY FOUR YEARS AS PRESIDENT, BUT A GREATER RESPONSE IS NEEDED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP. POSSIBLY A LETTER OR FORM IN THE NEWSLETTER WOULD BE MORE ACCEPTABLE AS THE CONTRIBUTOR'S NAME WOULD NOT BE KNOWN.

7. A SOCIETY CHAPTER MUST KEEP GROWING. IF THE GROWING PROCESS STOPS, IT STARTS DETERIORATING. OUR MEMBERSHIP IS LESS THAN IT WAS SINCE 1977. WE ALSO HAVE FEWER MEMBERS IN F.A.S. IN AN AREA OF OVER 1,000,000 PEOPLE, THERE ARE SURELY MORE INTERESTED IN ARCHAEOLOGY. A FEW YEARS AGO, THIS CHAPTER HAD MANY TEENAGERS AS MEMBERS. WE DO NOT HAVE THESE NOW. THERE IS NOTHING TO INTEREST THEM ANY MORE.

8. PROGRAMS SHOULD BE SELECTED THAT PROMOTE ARCHAEOLOGY OR ONE OF ITS DISCIPLINES. WE HAVE MANY PEOPLE IN FLORIDA WHO WILL PRESENT PROGRAMS ON FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY OR SOME FACET OF THE SUBJECT, IF THEY ARE BUT ASKED.

TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

THE EDITOR'S JOB IS NOT AN EASY ONE. ALTHOUGH YOUR INPUT IS ASKED FOR, THE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR EACH YEAR CAN BE COUNTED ON ONE HAND. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY, EVENTS, DATES, NEWS ARTICLES, EXCAVATIONS OR MEMBERS IN THE NEWS, CALL OR SEND A CARD. THE EDITOR NEEDS YOUR HELP. MAKE SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE NEWSLETTER AND WHAT YOU WANT IN IT.

WITH THIS AS MY LAST NEWSLETTER, I WANT TO THANK THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED. IT WAS A PRIVILEGE TO BE A PART OF THIS GROUP. JEANE AND I WISH ONLY THE GREATEST SUCCESS IN ITS FUTURE.

DATES TO REMEMBER

APR. 8-10 F.A.S. ANNUAL MEETING IN TALLAHASSEE.  
APR. 27-30 48TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN  
ARCHAEOLOGISTS, PITTSBURG.  
MAY 5 AMERICAN HISTORICAL CONFEDERATION, DAYTONA.  
MAY 6-7 FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY 81ST MEETING, DAYTONA.  
NOV. 4-6 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE EASTERN STATES  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEDERATION.  
JAN. 5-7/84 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR HISTORICAL  
ARCHAEOLOGISTS AND THE CONFERENCE ON UNDER-  
WATER ARCHAEOLOGY, WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

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