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Meeting Notice

Friday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for a holiday celebration for our next regular meeting Friday, December 16th at 7:30 p.m. We will meet at Sorrento's Restaurant and Lounge, 3059 S.W. 8th Street, Miami. A special area has been reserved and we will select our dinner from a full menu. The cuisine is Italian.

Board Meeting Notice

There will be no December board meeting. The next regular board meeting will be January 10th at Dr. Jackson's office, 190 S.E. 12th Terr., Miami at 7:30 p.m.

Fond Farewell

We send our best wishes to Joan Haas as she begins a new career in Winter Park, Florida. Although we are saddened by her departure, we wish her well in her lovely new surroundings. Our meetings and projects will not be quite the same without her positive attitude, lovely appearance and terrific ideas.

President's Corner

Where have you been lately. You are sorely missed! I have been working nearly alone on Da 141, with the assistance of Jo Southard or Judi Trimble for the past few weeks. This is a plea for all members to try to donate one day every other weekend to our "dig". We have made a commitment on this research project as a society and must stay on schedule.

We also missed many familiar faces at our November meeting. Dr. Louis Ober gave an excellent program on Paleontology with slides and discussion of the work and finds at the Monkey Jungle. Following the meeting we were treated to a very "filing" snack which included Swedish meatballs thanks to Judi Trimble.

The newsletter is full of important information this month. Beth Read, our editor and Mae Van Bezooyen, circulation manager, do an excellent job of getting the newsletter to us each month.

We will all miss member Joan Haas. She has been very supportive of our recent endeavors and Winter Park is fortunate to have such a gracious lady in their beautiful city.

Jeanie McGuire

Field Notes

We are continuing our efforts on Da 141 to determine how the prehistoric Indians used this tree Island. Through excavation we have recovered shell tools, pottery, faunal remains, bone and lithic projectile points, human remains and some ornaments. However, all of the material is scattered and disturbed in the surface above the concretion.

Our next step is to put in two trenches with a back-hoe.

This will give us an opportunity to look below the concretion and to examine the stratigraphy of the site.

Our schedule should allow us to complete the excavation of Da 141 by January. In February we will open the tree island directly to the west, Da 1058. All work on both sites must be completed by July 1984.

Excavation dates and times are: Sunday, Dec. 11 at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17 at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 7 at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 15 at 12:30 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 21 at 9:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, please call Jeanie at 662-1950.

More Exciting Excavation

John Beriault, President of the FAS, has extended an invitation to our society to help in an excavation project on Horr's Island on the west coast of Florida. This work is being done by the University of Florida on Dec. 9-12. If you would like to help, please call Jeanie (662-1950) and we will set up a car pool. Or you may go on your own try calling John in Naples. (1-813-0295)

FAS

If you are a member of the Florida Anthropological Society, then you are supporting archaeological research and preservation throughout Florida. In addition you are receiving the Florida Anthropologist, the quarterly professional journal which publishes excellent research material. If you are not a member, you may be interested to know that our group, The Archaeological Society of Southern Florida is one of fourteen chapters of the FAS. In April 1984, the annual meeting will be held almost next door, in Palm Beach.

Please consider joining FAS. You may reap all of the benefits by sending \$10.00 to Joan Dening, 1839 Pine Cone Circle #28, Clearwater, Florida, 33520.

Education Project

On Saturday morning, October 1, 1983, the St. Thomas Cub Scouts and their two leaders took a field trip to Wes Coleman's backyard. Wes talked with them about archaeology, artifacts and Dade County history. He showed the scouts how to screen and wash materials and look for beads.

The boys were quick students and excellent guests. Thanks go to Wes Coleman for his outstanding efforts in behalf of our society. Following is a copy of a thank you letter received from one of the cub scouts:

Dear Mr. Coleman,

My friends from St. Thomas Cub scout and I thought your dig was great! We learned a lot about what archaeologists do and about Indians. It was neat to know something about what it was like in the days of the Indians. Thanks so much, we had a fun time.

We are very interested in the historical things that you have. Someday I would like to explore Indian and old things some more. Next week we are going on a 4 day campout to Sebring. We're taking the Amtrak and our dads. Our den is also marching in the Christmas parade down Miracle Mile

See you soon.

Sincerely,

Corey Feist

P.S. I'm taking all my treasures to school tomorrow.

(The boys were allowed to collect and keep faunal remains from the screens. [treasures]).

Thanks from Seth

The Harvest Fair booth was a successful venture. We generated lots of interest and even sold a few shark's tooth necklaces. Orchids to Sue Goldman, Joan Fonte, Judi Trimble, Diane Thilmont, Bob Carr, Wes Coleman, the Southards, Jeanie McGuire, and others for the use of their display materials and their time at the booth.

Travel to the Yucatan Peninsula

The Southwest Archaeology Society (Naples, Florida) is planning an archaeological trip to the Yucatan Peninsula to visit Mayan ruins off the "beaten tourist path".

The trip is scheduled for 10 days in late May 1984. The cost is estimated at \$700.00 which includes airfare, ground transportation and accomodations.

If you would like to go on this unique adventure, please call Jeanie (662-1950) or John Beriault (1-318-0295).

A.S.S.F. EXPLORES FLORIDA!

"SEE IT THEN" with members and friends

Join us we're off to explore:

1. Fort Center Mound (intriguing)--near Lake Okeechobee and Fisheating Creek, January 28, 29. Saturday and Sunday.
2. Estero Bay Mound (canoe trip) and Koreshan Village--near Ft. Myers, Mid-March.

The Jupiter trip was cancelled. If you are interested in having it re-scheduled contact Jeanie at 662-1950.

It's Christmas Eve Yet a candle flickers in Scrooges Chambers as he writes Your Dues are due.

Thats correct on January 1, 1984 everyones Dues are due.

\$12.00 Single
\$15.00 Family

Pay in 1983 and take the tax deduction. This is a one time a year collection. Your prompt cooperation will be appreciated. Please checks or money orders, if possible, cash will be acceptable, too.

Truely have the best and happiest holiday.

Thanks,

Tom Lux, Treas.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Mail check or money order to: The Archaeological Society of
Southern Florida
3280 South Miami Avenue
Miami, Florida 33129

Please check:

Renewal _____ New Member _____
\$12.00: Individual _____ \$15.00: Family _____

Due: January 1, 1984

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Dates to Remember

December 9-12: Excavation at Horr's Island.
December 16: Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting; Friday 7:30 p.m. Sorrento Restaurant, 3059 S.W. 8th Street, Miami.
January 5-6/84: Annual meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeologists and the Conference on Underwater Archaeology, Williamsburg, Va.
January 28-29/84: Saturday and Sunday. Field trip to Fort Center.
March /84: Field trip to Estero Bay.
March /84: Southwest Archaeological Society trip to the Yucatan.

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HAPPY HOLIDAY TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!



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