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Belle Isle, Conway, Edgewood, Pine Castle
& South Orange County

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You are invited to attend our Quarterly Meeting & Book Signing

Sunday, June 26, 2016, 3 pm

Pine Castle Woman's Club , 5901 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida, 32809



Dr. Paul W. Wehr will discuss his new book, *From Mosquito to Orange, the Making of a County* and he will tell us how the book **"that could never be written"** finally **WAS** written.

Dr. Wehr became intrigued by Orange County's early history while doing research for *Dateline: Pine Castle, the stories of Orange County, 1870-1890, as reported by Will Wallace Harney*. He spent years reconstructing Orange County's pioneer past, most of which was lost when the courthouse burned in 1868.

Dr. Wehr has woven the early records of Mosquito County, now Orange County, into a narrative filled with people, places, documents, and events covering our *action filled* pioneer past...

- *Seminole Indian Wars...*
- *Cracker Cowboys, Cattle Kings, & Cattle Rustlers...*
- *Consequences of the Civil War & Reconstruction...*
- *The Barber/Mizell Feud...*
- *Farmers, Town Builders, Surveyors, Entrepreneurs...*
- *County Commissioners, Mayors, Sherrifs, Judges...*
- *Railroads & the Growth of the Citrus Industry...*

The book was Designed and Edited by Shirley Cannon. Production Editor was Ann Bennett. Map Research was done by Texann Ivy Buck. The cover painting is by local artist, Wayne Hovis. It is being jointly published by the Pine Castle Historical Society and the Pine Castle Woman's Club.

FROM MOSQUITO TO ORANGE

The Making of a County
PAUL W. WEHR



Report on the Annual Meeting of the Florida Historical Society

By Shirley Cannon

I was very pleased to be able to attend the Annual Meeting of the Florida Historical Society, May 19-21, 2016, which was held this year in Orlando.

Highlights of the meeting for me were:

- The Welcome Address by the Executive Director, Dr. Ben Brotemarkle.
- "Mysteries of Orlando's Past, B.D. (Before Disney)" by Joy Wallace Dickinson.
- "Zora Neal Hurston and the Federal Writers' Project in Florida." (Zora is one of my "heroes.")
- "Palmetto Country: Stetson Kennedy's Florida"
- Tour and Reception at our Orange County Regional History Center" hosted by Michael Perkins.
- Tour hosted by Rick Kilbe of the Wells'Built Museum of African American History and Culture, the award winning museum at Hannibal Square, and the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens.
- The Society Banquet.
- Picnic at Fort Christmas Historic State Park.
- Lifetime Achievement Award to Sara Van Arsdel.



Dr. Brotemarkle's Welcome Address included the many accomplishments of the Florida Historical Society during the past year:

- The Florida Historical Quarterly is now available online.
- The Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science, home of the Florida Historical Society Archaeological Institute (FHSAI), will host the Florida Frontiers Festival.
- The first FHSAI magazine has just been published.
- *Florida Frontiers: The Weekly Radio Magazine*, continues to be heard on public radio.
- The television series *The Florida Historical Society Presents: Florida Frontiers* is now heard around the state.
- FHS Press published four books, including *The Hannibal Square Heritage Collection: Photographs and Oral Histories* by Peter Schreyer, Executive Director of Crealde Art Center.

Congratulations Jones High Graduates!

The Florida Historical Society Press presented complimentary copies of the book by Dr. Ben Brotemarkle, *Crossing Division Street: An Oral History of the African-American Community in Orlando*, to each graduating student in the historic Jones High School 2016 Senior Class.

UCF Students Receive the Historical Society "Hampton Dunn Internet Award"

The award was presented to the writers, directors and producers of "A History of Central Florida" podcast series, Bob Clarke, Bethany Dickens, Chip Ford, Ella Gibson, Kendra Hazen, Katie Kelley, Kevin Stapleton and Daniel Velasquez..

Our own Joy Dickinson, "Outstanding Woman in Florida History"

Joy was honored for making history come alive for readers through her "Florida Flashbacks" column in the *Orlando Sentinel* and for her books on local history, *Orlando: City of Dreams*, *Remembering Orlando: Tales from Elvis to Disney*, and *Historic Photos of Orlando*.

Sara Van Arsdale, "Lifetime Achievement Award"

Sara Van Arsdale, Executive Director Emerita of the Orange County Regional History Center, was honored for her role in saving the 1927 stone Courthouse, restoring it as a history center, and achieving Smithsonian museum affiliation.

Bob Kealing, Keynote Speaker

Author, preservation advocate, and broadcast journalist, Bob Kealing was the Jullian Prescott Memorial Lecturer at the Annual Banquet. One of his accomplishments was saving the College Park house of Jack Kerouac and turning it into a temporary home for aspiring writers.



OC 1927 Courthouse, now the Orange County Regional History Center.

Rick Kilby, Tour Guide Extraordinaire

Artist, author, and Editor of *Reflections*, the quarterly magazine of the Orange County Regional History Center, knows his local history and was a fabulous guide for our tour of local history oriented museums.

Find out everything you always wanted to know about the Pine Castle Woman's Club by going to the website of the Central Florida Foundation!

The Central Florida Foundation is a public grant-making foundation that serves as a trusted philanthropic home for more than 400 charitable funds established by generous individuals, families and corporations. They work with individuals, families, businesses, professional advisors and non-profits

Since 1994, they have grown to more than \$60 million in assets and have awarded grants of more than \$30 million, supporting non-profits who use the investments to improve their organization's performance, effectiveness, impact, and overall sustainability.

Now that we have complied with the request of United Arts of Central Florida, the Woman's Club and the Historical Society will work together to write grants in support of our new "hometown history center," the **PINE CASTLE HISTORY CENTER** located at 631 Wilks Avenue in the heart of historic Pine Castle.

Pine Castle Woman's Club Board 2016/17

The two major club projects are the development of the **PINE CASTLE HISTORY CENTER** and the Corner Rose Tea Room, supporting the Russell Home for Atypical Children.

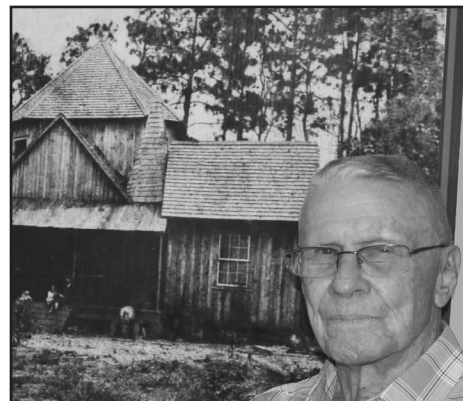
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Membership is open to all women who support the mission of the Pine Castle Woman's Club. Go to www.pinecastlewomensclub.net for more information.



This issue is dedicated to Charlie Hayes, who knows and loves every inch of Pine Castle!

And we love YOU, Charlie!



Pine Castle Pioneer Days Board 2016/17

The theme for the 2017 festival is the history of Fort Gatlin. Thank you for keeping history alive!

Ben Bateman	Chairman
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Pine Castle History Center Acquisitions

The goal of our "hometown history center" is to furnish the Crawford House with local antiques - thank you donors. If you have items you wish to donate contact Jackie Davenport, pinecastlehistory@gmail.com.

- Shirley Cannon - chair owned by the grandmother of Glenda Hood.
- Pete Vogt - piano, grandfather's clock, real estate memorabilia.
- Mayor Jerry Kinsley - collection of tools.
- Pioneer Days - loom & weaving supplies, cradle, tools.
- xxxx xxxx - small chest.
- Candy Pope - table, sofa, chairs, miscellaneous items. (These are things which belonged to her great-grandfather, J.W. Matchett.)
- Monnette Waller - miscellaneous collection of local historic items.

We would also like to thank those who donated items for the office.

- Katie Cannon and Rob Major - desk, book cases, filing cabinet.
- Robert Fisher - chairs, filing cabinet, computer, tools.
- Jackie Davenport - refrigerator.
- Kaitlyn and John Mielke - cabinets.



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Greater Orlando Civil War Roundtable features speakers from around the state

The Civil War Roundtable, which meets in the Pine Castle Woman's Club, brings in excellent speakers for meetings and many of their members share their extensive knowledge of the war. Recent speakers have included:

- John Russell, Sgt. Major and President of the U.S. Colored Cavalry/Buffalo Soldiers Florida and Seminole Negro Warriors, *"The Civil War Calvary Depends on Horse Power."*
- Re-enactor Robt. A. Matson, *"The Civil War in Florida, What's the NAVY Doing There?"*
- Author and Cartographer Steve Stanley, *"What Effect Did Mapping the Terrain have on the Outcome of the Civil War?"*
- Choreographer Dario J. Moore, *"Sacred Slave Stories: a Series of contemporary dance works inspired by historic interviews with the nation's last generation of African-American slaves."*
- Historian Patricia Schnurr, *"Jubal Early on my Family Tree: Genealogy, Heritage, & Descendants Memo."*
- Kentucky Colonel Peter Mullens, *"How I Became a Confederate Soldier...Memoirs from the Blue Grass."*

In addition to featuring noted speakers, one of their members, Roger Heiple, was featured in an article in the Orlando Sentinel celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the end of the Civil War. Heiple has an extensive collection of Grand Army of the Republic ribbons, coats, walking canes, swords and other memorabilia, some of which are on display in the St. Cloud Heritage Center.



Pictured here are "Sgt. Major" John Russell, Sgt. H.L. Williams, Trooper Richard Wilder, and Trooper Larry McCalley.

Bonnie Blue Flag Chapter 2329 of UDC receives award for service to Vets

The ladies of the Bonnie Blue Flag Chapter 2329, United Daughters of the Confederacy® joined the Vietnam War Commemoration, pledging to remember the Vietnam veterans over the next two years through various activities and they have already provided goodies at three of their meetings. On May 23, 2016 members visited the center and met with Johnny Chastain, a licensed social worker for the veterans, who told them about the services they provide for veterans who served in a combat theater, as well as their family members and significant others. The ladies received a tour of the facilities and were given an award for their service. They left feeling it should have been the other way around, and that the award should go to the Vet Center and our veterans! Members also remember our military past by sending monthly birthday and holiday cards to a veteran's home in New Jersey and they remember veterans at the Orlando Living Center at Lake Nona Veterans' Hospital with candy, puzzles and books.



Pictured here are Johnny Chastain, Sheila Kroll, Tommie Hosier, Allie Myers and "Z" Bookhardt

Tourist Tax Dollars for local non-profits.

Ten members of our PCHS Board came out to lobby for increased support for community organizations. Shirley Cannon was the designated speaker and she was accompanied by Jeremy Weinsier, Thomas

Bolick, Jackie Davenport, Gail Padgett, Christie Woods, Betsy Story, Robert Fisher, and Cindy Lance who attended the meeting of the OC Commission.

This a very important issue for non-profit organizations and we will keep you informed.

Pictured here are Com. Pete Clarke, Shirley Cannon, Betsy Story, Bobby Kasper.

