



# The Historian

*The Newsletter of the Boynton Beach Historical Society*

Serving Boynton Beach, Ocean Ridge, Manalapan, Gulf Stream, Briny Breezes, Lantana, Hypoluxo, the Village of Golf and all areas of West Boynton, in addition to supporting the preservation of the history of Palm Beach County and the State of Florida as a whole.

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May 2015

## ALL ABOUT FOOD! Annual Covered-Dish Dinner & History of a Local Tradition – “BUD’S CHICKEN & SEAFOOD”

On **SUNDAY**, May 17, 5:00 p.m. the Boynton Beach Historical Society will meet to eat and greet one another at our annual covered-dish dinner and to learn about one of our locally owned traditions, Bud’s Chicken and Seafood Restaurant.



Until the 1960s most restaurants in the area were locally owned businesses. A few national chains such as Woolworth’s lunch counter, the counter at Walgreen’s and Morrison’s Cafeteria were represented in West Palm Beach, but in Boynton Beach, the eateries were locally owned. Then the national chains such as McDonald’s, Burger King, Dominos Pizza, Carrabas, Red Lobster, IHOP, and others began appearing. Bud’s is one of the few locally owned establishments that has continued to flourish.

Bud’s Chicken and Seafood was founded in 1957 by Bud Brinkman and began as a single unit, take-out restaurant. The original menu featured a wide variety of items, but customer demand led to specialization in Southern-style fried chicken, seafood, barbecue ribs and homemade salads. Since its beginning it has been a family oriented business, and today the

second generation of family is at the helm of Bud’s with seven locations in Palm Beach County

Bud’s has generously donated some of their foods for our meeting, but because of dietary preferences of some of our members, **we will have other entrees and dishes in line with what we have traditionally served.** There will also be wine and non-alcoholic beverages. When you come, we ask that you bring a salad, vegetable casserole, or dessert large enough to serve at least eight. Those who prefer not to furnish a dish may pay \$10 per person at the door.

**WHAT:** Covered-Dish-Dinner and Program  
“The History of Bud’s Chicken &  
Seafood”

**WHEN:** SUNDAY, May 17, 5:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Boynton Womens Club  
1010 S. Federal Highway

BOYNTON BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS--2015-16

OFFICERS [Elected Annually]

President	Randall Gill
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Programs	Anne Rimler
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Membership	Voncile Marshall Smith
Recording Secretary	Diana Dennis
Corresponding Secretary	Anne Watts
Treasurer	Frances Tuite McKeral

[Non-Elected]

Editor, <i>The Historian</i>	Voncile Marshall Smith
Archivist/Facebook/Webmaster	Janet DeVries
Facebook Administrator/Webmaster	Ginger Pedersen

DIRECTORS [3-Year Staggered Terms]

2016	Tim Bednarz
2016	Judith Merkel Howard
2017	Steven Anton
2017	Barbara Ready
2018	Sheila Rousseau Taylor
2018	Diane Gerino

TRUSTEES [3-Year Staggered Terms]

2016	Virginia Farace
2016	Susan Merkel Shaffer
2017	Ginger Pedersen
2017	Sally Hood
2018	Janet DeVries
2018	Audrey Gerger

Our website is [www.boyntonhistory.org](http://www.boyntonhistory.org). The e-mail address is [boyntonhistory@gmail.com](mailto:boyntonhistory@gmail.com)

Please mail inquiries or information to our local address P.O. Box 12, Boynton Beach, FL 33425. Voncile can be reached at 561-734-5653. Boynton Beach Historical Society number is 561-327-4690.

You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter:

[www.facebook.com/historicboyntonbeach](http://www.facebook.com/historicboyntonbeach)

[www.twitter.com/@boyntonhistory](http://www.twitter.com/@boyntonhistory)

*The Historian* is mailed eight times a year—September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May—to all members. No copies are produced in December, June, July and August. Copies from past years are posted on the website.

LIFE MEMBERS

Lenore Benson Raborn Boonstra  
Randall Gill  
Alexander "Sandy" Simon  
Dorian Beck Trauger  
Charlotte Tatum Weaver  
Curtis and Nain Weaver

CORPORATE MEMBERS – 2015

Boynton Woman's Club  
Donald Day/Delray Awning, Inc  
Scobee-Combs-Bowden Funeral Home and Crematory  
George and Christine Weaver Ternenyi

**2015 MEMBERSHIPS**

The following memberships have been received since April 1<sup>st</sup>:

PATRON:

Robert W. Ganger  
William M. and Gaye Lynn Weaver

FAMILY:

Robert and Christian Oyer Macoviak

INDIVIDUAL:

Barbara Gellner  
Larry Grosser  
Carol Kuenzel  
Mary Patricia Ryan  
Marion Weaver Wester

Thanks to each of you for joining us for the coming year. We are most happy to welcome new members Carol Kuenzel and Mary Patricia Ryan.

**NEW OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS**

At the April meeting of the Society the annual election was held as prescribed in the Bylaws. New officers are President Randall Gill replacing Janet DeVries who, because of professional time commitments, chose to become a Trustee, and First Vice President in charge of Programs Anne Rimler who replaces Ginger Pedersen. Ginger will continue membership on the Board of Directors, also as a Trustee. Both Janet and Ginger will continue their roles administering the website and Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Other officers were re-elected—Voncile as Second Vice President for Membership, Diana Dennis as Recording Secretary, Anne Watts as Corresponding Secretary and Frances Tuite McKeral as Treasurer. A new face as Trustee is Sally Hood who will be serving in tribute to her sister Nancy Hood McNamee who died from cancer in 2013 after serving on the Board for many years. We welcome Diane Gerino as a new Director.

Previous Director Linda Stabile and Trustees Christian Oyer Macoviak and Wendy Franklin chose not to continue as Board members at this time. We are most grateful to all three of them for their years of service to the Society and know they will continue to be helpful members for many years to come.

Directors and Trustees serve for 3 year staggered terms. Sheila Rousseau Taylor was elected to a new 3 year term as a Director and Audrey Gerger to a 3 year term as a Trustee. Both these positions run until April, 2018. Sally Hood is completing the term that Wendy Franklin had held which ends in 2017 and Ginger Pedersen replaces our new President Randy Gill as a Trustee whose term expires in April, 2017. Janet DeVries' term as Trustee ends in 2018. For a comprehensive view of the current Board of Directors, see the masthead in the preceding column.

Please congratulate all these Board members when you see them, and offer your thanks for all the volunteer effort they make on behalf of the Society.

# Conrad Pickel Celebration

The Boynton Beach Historical Society is joining the City, the Pickel Studio, McMow Artglass, and others to honor renowned stained glass artist Conrad Pickel, his life and global vision of the arts. The celebration will feature an historic tour, presentations and exhibits. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 23, 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The tour will depart from the Boynton Beach City Library at 8 a.m. and will be narrated by Boynton Beach Historic Preservation Planner Warren Adams and Immediate Past President of the Boynton Beach Historical Society, Janet DeVries. It will visit 5 locations that highlight Pickel's stained glass pieces. The tour is free, but interested attendees must call 561-742-6066 to register. For more information on the Celebration, call Debby Coles-Dobay, Public Arts Manager at 561-742-6026, or Warren Adams, Historic Preservation Planner at 561-742-6757.

## Conrad Pickel Celebration

A Celebration about renowned stained glass artist, Conrad Pickel, his life and global vision of the arts.

Kick off the celebration by taking a narrated Historic Bus Tour highlighting Conrad Pickel's artwork. Later, join the experts in a series of lectures to discuss Conrad's life, the art of glassmaking, glass art demonstrations and a Conrad Pickel exhibition.

**WHAT:** Conrad Pickel Celebration

**WHEN:** May 23, 2015, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd.

**COST:** FREE

To register for the bus tour, call 561-742-6066.

Hosted by:



### Schedule of Events:

#### 8:00 a.m. - Pickel's Historic Bus Tour

Boynton Beach Memorial Park Mausoleum  
Ascension Luthern Church  
St. Joseph's Episcopal Church  
Former Gallery Fantasia  
St. Mark's Church

#### 10:30 a.m. - Back to Back Lectures

##### Conrad Pickel: Celebrating the Stained Glass Artist's Life and Vision

Presenter: Janet DeVries, President, Boynton Beach Historical Society

##### Conrad Pickel, Elevating the World of Glass Art

Presenter: Shanon Materio, President, McMow Art Glass

##### Not Enough Time in the Day - Conrad's Talents and Vision

Presenter: Paul Pickel, President, Conrad Pickel Studio

##### Past, Present and Future of Glass Art in Palm Beach County

Presenter: Rick Eggert, Creative Director, Benzaiten Center for the Creative Arts

##### Living in a Conrad Pickel Home

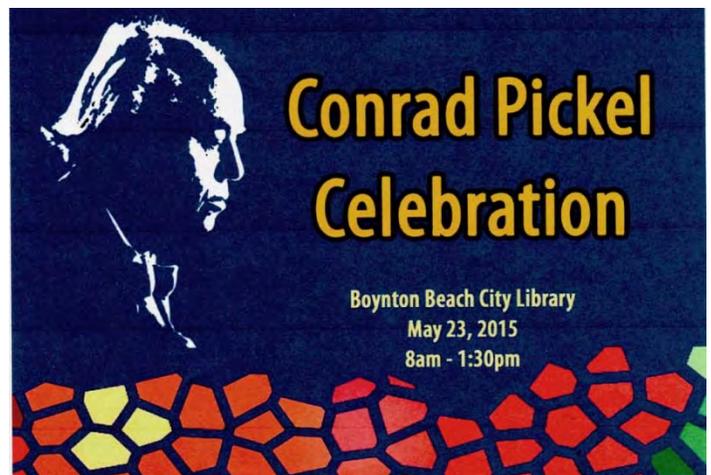
Presenter: The Jacarusos

#### 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Glass Demonstrations & Conrad Pickel Exhibition

\*Schedule subject to change.



The Pickel Building on South Federal Highway  
[Photo courtesy Voncile Smith]



### MORE NOSTALGIC MOMENTS—

Bill Suiter, a Rousseau family descendant and one of our members, emailed us the following:

Finding a citron melon growing wild at Halloween, taking it home and carving it into a Jack-o-lantern—

Playing baseball in the street and playing sting-a-ree—

Going hunting in the local woods with a BB gun—

Climbing a mango tree and picking and eating the sweet, ripe fruit—

Finding a mulberry tree with ripe fruit. Oh, my—delicious—

Additions from another contributor:

“Skipping” small rocks across ponds—

Making faces while eating “Florida cherries”—

Gently touching doodle-bug indentations to make the bug wiggle to the surface—

Spelling a word correctly in a “Turn-down” spelling contest—

Listening to teacher Annie Shepard read “Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates”—

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### A REMINDER

The Boynton Beach Historical Society offers no summer schedule. The May Covered-Dish Dinner and Program is our last meeting until September. No *Historian* is produced during the months of June, July and August. We will mail out the September *Historian* about a week prior to our September meeting. We wish everyone a fun-filled summer, and look forward to seeing our members again in the fall.

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### MAR LAGO – FROM A DIFFERENT TIME

By Voncile Smith

Sometimes certain patches of memory stay in your mind and you wonder what their role has been in shaping your values. Such is my memory of Leon Robbins, a classmate off and on through my years in elementary school at the 1913 schoolhouse. Leon, who was also known as Lee by his family, lived on the beach, which at that time, other than having the ocean handy for swimming, most of my classmates and I did not regard as a luxury, but an inconvenience, since, other than walking, we had to depend on someone to transport us by car wherever we wanted to go.

I remember driving by Leon’s house, and was told that it was a little hotel. The word “motel” was not in general use at that time (indeed, if it had even been coined), and overnight accommodations in small hotels were then commonly called either “tourist courts” or if a series of small cabins, “tourist cottages” or “tourist cabins,” Later came “motor hotel” and eventually “motel.” I do not remember the exact location, but, other than being oceanfront, where the Robbins’ house was located did not concern me. What I do remember is a little sign, placed prominently in front of the building which read “Restricted Clientele.” I asked my aunt

who was my driver what that meant. “Do you have to be very rich before they will let you in?” I had asked.

“No,” replied my aunt, “if you can pay for a room, you can stay provided you are not Jewish. It means “No Jews allowed.”

I remember being puzzled by this. We had Jewish friends, and I did not understand how anyone could exclude them. Anyway, at that time the persecution of the Jews by the Nazis was mentioned almost daily in the news, and most people I knew seemed horrified by the Jewish plight. But I did not know that anti-Semitic attitudes were very common at that time, particularly in Palm Beach, which excluded all Jews from much social activity

Leon and his parents, Martha and Leon Robbins, Sr. are all deceased. Leon’s older brother Bart, a retired engineer, still survives.



Martha and Leon Robbins

The Robbinses, originally from Cleveland, Ohio, moved to South Florida and built their little hotel which they named Mar Lago in 1932. Janet DeVries has written a short blog about them which appears at [www.boyntonhistory.org](http://www.boyntonhistory.org). Janet’s research situates the building directly south of the Boynton Inlet between the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway. Hotel owners at that time could profit with only a few rooms. The Robbins hotel contained five rooms plus an adjacent cottage and was staffed by a cook and a housekeeper. The second floor had a lounge known as the “Miramar.” The U.S. Coast Guard used the second floor as a lookout during World War II.

In 1974 the hotel was razed and the land is now used for the county’s Ocean Inlet Park.



Janey Ellen Greene  
 Timothy C. P. Greene  
 Carol Jane Groch  
 Richard A. Gustin  
 Robert L. Gustin  
 Linda Lucille Gouss  
 Joseph E. Gwyn  
 Brian Victor Hackman  
 Susan Ann Hagerman  
 Susan Gail Hall  
 Arthur E. Halle  
 Ulrich Hallemier  
 Raymond E. Harv  
 Erlene Hartline  
 Jifron Nelson Harvel, Jr.  
 Linda Sue Harvel  
 Karen Elizabeth Hay  
 Ronald R. Heavyside  
 Susan Linda Hejermann  
 Molly Ruth Heizer  
 Joice Rae Hess  
 Joiseldr June Higginbotham  
 James L. Holzman  
 Thomas Howard Hood  
 David E. Houck  
 Wayne Clark Hubson  
 Jerry Wayne Hughes  
 Norma Jay Hutchison  
 Wayne Irving  
 Paula Lynn Irwin  
 Linda Joy Jarvis  
 Jerry Johnson  
 Linda Darlene Johnson  
 Hiram L. Johnson  
 Edward William Johnson  
 Jerry Marie Johnston  
 John Thomas Johnston  
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 Thomas Earl Jones, Jr.  
 Susan Deborah Kabler  
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 Richard R. Law  
 Linda Lawrence  
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 Lucille Anne Leslie  
 Victoria Carol Leshan  
 Benjamin E. Leonard  
 Linda Levrault  
 Jissa M. Lindsey  
 Timothy H. Linn  
 Vogel G. Lopez, Jr.  
 Connie Jo Luddick  
 Jerry Dean Lovelord  
 Robert Michael McCarthy  
 John Francis MacPherson  
 Donna Yvonne Malzar  
 Richard G. Malinowski  
 Charles Richard Markland

Gordon Wayne Marsh  
 Susan Kay Marsh  
 Linda Jean Martin  
 Michael A. Materz  
 Patricia Lou Materz  
 Augusta Clemmer Mayhew, III  
 Don McClain  
 Marilyn Ruth McClain  
 Patricia Lynn McClees  
 John Edmond McDonald  
 Cathy Jerree McDonough  
 Shawn C. Mellroy  
 Patricia Jean McHenry  
 Christopher Alan McNeil  
 Reynaldo Mendoza  
 Douglas B. Merritt  
 Paul Raymond Messer  
 Warren George Meyer, Jr.  
 John Thompson Miller  
 Michael E. Miller  
 William Jerome Miller  
 Abbie Joanne Miner  
 Patricia Lynn Moore  
 Linda Irene Moody  
 Keith A. Morabito  
 Vicky Ellen Morningstar  
 Michael P. Mueller  
 Iva Michelle Mullen  
 Donald Kenneth Murry  
 Dewey W. Muse, Jr.  
 James H. Mutch  
 Jeannette Douglas Myers  
 Jeffrey L. Neal  
 Brenda Diana Nestor  
 Daren Nerzler  
 Diane Marie Newell  
 Todd Nicholle  
 Patricia Ann O'Connor  
 Kathleen Olson  
 Stanley David Palivoda  
 Frederick Henry Pappard  
 Donna Joann Paris  
 Diana Kay Parsons  
 Julia Mae Patterson  
 Louis Ann Peever  
 Sheron Linda Pell  
 Munson L. Perry, Jr.  
 Susan Kay Peters  
 William S. Peterson  
 Daren Nerzler  
 Linda Lee Place  
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 William E. Rogers, Jr.  
 W. Robin Roush  
 Maria Cristina Sanchez  
 Adelaide Elizabeth Sanders  
 Deborah Lou Schoepflin

Cheryl Schult  
 Linda Lee Scott  
 Pamela Ashworth Scott  
 Susan Lynn Sellers  
 Frederick Thomas Sergio  
 Donna Marie Seymour  
 Roberta L. Seymour  
 Donald Larry Shelter  
 Samuel Terrence Shelton  
 Susan Diane Sheok  
 Cynthia Elaine Shramko  
 Connie Lou Shreckengost  
 Carl John Shule  
 Judith Christine Simpson  
 Betty Loree Smith  
 Carol Lynn Smith  
 Goodwillen Leretta Smith  
 Fathleen Smith  
 William Christian Sorenson  
 Joan Lenita Spencer  
 Kathleen Louise Steuwe  
 Patricia Ann Stroffregen  
 David L. Straight  
 Elizabeth Ann Strobridge  
 Suzanne Struock  
 Leonard Surles  
 James Arthur Tanner  
 Marilyn Jean Taylor  
 Louis Tenenelli  
 Emily Merrill Thayer  
 Janice Thomas  
 Lincoln Thomas, Jr.  
 Jane Louise Thompson  
 Russell John Thomson  
 Carol Louise Thorp  
 Inez Mae Trishler  
 Timothy David Turnack  
 Nikola Vaktley  
 Daniel Joseph Vanhille  
 Gary R. Vogel  
 Allen W. Vogt  
 Terry D. Vollmer  
 Jill Wadhani  
 Nelson Ross Walker  
 Richard W. Walker  
 William Lockwood Wallace  
 David Ward  
 Judi Ward  
 Thomas Richard Watske  
 Carol Isabel Watkins  
 Jeanne Watkins  
 Michael L. Weeks  
 Raymond Eric Weeks  
 Gary E. Westenberg  
 Terry Ann West  
 Erlene Carol Westbrook  
 James William Weston  
 Douglas E. Whitten  
 Frances Wingard  
 Curtis M. Williams  
 Mary E. Williams  
 Roxanne J. Williams  
 Steven F. Williams  
 Phoebe Cheryl Williamson  
 Houston Wilson, III  
 Danny Wooley  
 Thomas Lee Wyatt  
 Dorothy N. Young  
 Dorothy Gail Zill  
 Catherine T. Zofay

\* Member of National Honor Society

# Seacrest High School

Serving Boynton Beach and Delray Beach

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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL

# COMMENCEMENT

CLASS OF 1966



## 1966 CLASS OFFICERS

President	William Sidney Adams
Vice-President	Richard W. Walker
Secretary	Linda Kay Cline
Treasurer	Linda Lawrence



## PALM BEACH COUNTY

BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
 Robert W. Fulton, Superintendent  
 Louis B. Bills, Chairman  
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 Dr. A. D. Thorp  
 Robert M. Hooker

## Baccalaureate Service

SEACREST HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM  
 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1966 — 8:00 P.M.

Prelude	Organ Selections
*Processional — "Largo"	Handel
	Karen Hay, Organist
*Invocation	The Reverend Robert G. Morey
*Star Spangled Banner	Key
	By Congregation
Scripture	The Reverend Carl Storey
"The Lord's Prayer"	Malrite
"God of Comfort, God of Courage"	Chenoweth
	Concen Choir, Directed By Gertrude Knott
Sermon	The Reverend E. E. Stauffer
Benediction	The Reverend Vernon Perkins
Choral Benediction — "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"	Lutkin
*Recessional — "Triumphal March"	Karen Hay, Organist
	* Congregation, Please Stand

## THE 1966 HONOR GRADUATES

Norman Wysocki Blood	Lynne Pfyler
Jameson Ann Bowen	Madeline E. Ratin
Willis Eugene Case	Samuel Terrence Shelton
Linda Kay Cline	Kathleen Louise Steuwe
Kathleen L'annore Creason	Janice Thomas
Christina Lynn Drexler	Nikola Vaktley
Beverly Joy Dekker	Carol Isabel Watkins
Jane Gail Drexler	Erlene Carol Westbrook
Peter Louis Gomez	Douglas E. Whitten
Carol Jane Groch	Dorothy Gail Zill

The students listed above represent scholastically the top ten percent. The names, however, are listed alphabetically and not according to rank in class standing.

## Commencement Exercises

BIBLETOWN, U.S.A. AUDITORIUM  
 FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1966 — 8:00 P.M.

Organ Selections	Mrs. Patricia Macaulay
Processional — "Pomp and Circumstance"	Mrs. Patricia Macaulay
Invocation	The Reverend Donald Waldron
"No Man Is An Island"	Willis E. Sidney Adams
"If A Piece of Land Be Washed Away"	John Thompson Miller
"Each Man's Joy"	Linda Kay Cline
"We Need One Another"	Camilla Bea Annis
"Any Man's Death Diminishes Me"	James L. Holzman
Presentation of Class of 1966	Clifford E. Riplev, Principal
Awarding of Diplomas	Robert W. Fulton
	Superintendent of Public Instruction of Palm Beach County
"For Whom The Bell Tolls"	Joan Lj. Spencer
"No Man Is An Island"	Madrigals
"Alma Mater"	Senior Class of 1966
	Led By The Matrigals
Benediction	The Reverend Henry Jarvis
Recessional — "March"	Mrs. Patricia Macaulay

## 1965-1966 CLASS ROLL

Bruce Peter Adams	Robert C. Sowers	Ronald F. Pelucia
William Sidney Adams	Michael B. Go	*Mary Carolyn Douglas
Anthony Allen	Patricia Gail Brinker	*Jane Gail Drexler
James Elbert Allen	John Allan Brooks	Imory Eugene Dunn, Jr.
Camilla Bea Annis	Sharon Ann Brooks	Larry Stanley Eastbrook
Robert F. Antal	Ronald James Brown	Linda Sue Eblin
Howard Keith Austin	Walter Morgan Bryant, Jr.	William J. Emora, Jr.
Karl Neuber Avery	Patricia Mae Burchwell	Phillip Equitz
Wittie H. Baker	Wade Lemmon Carter	Harvey Nelson Eubank, Jr.
James Balletto	Willis Eugene Case, Jr.	Kathleen Ann Eagan
Joseph Banti	*Nigel P. Chalcraft	Nancy Susan Falaricau
John W. Banting	Linda Sue Clarke	Glenn Edwin Emory
Martha Sue Banting	*Linda Kay Cline	Edward L. Fennell, Jr.
Manie A. Barber	David Richard Cole	*Kevin Craig Flynn
Glenn Gardner Barkley, Jr.	David Colton	Patrick Diane Fombes
Joseph Anthony Barstaus	Richard E. Constan	Jonnie Frisbie
Linda Anne Boskin	Dan Cornell	Richard Stuart Fuller
Donald Keith Bates	Patrick E. Covault	Victoria L. Gale
Sammy Bauler	Barbara Ann Cramer	Mary Ellen Galliers
Paul Bauer	Larry Dale Cressman	*Peter Louis Gomez
Vicki Lynn Beadie	*Kathleen Leannore Creason	Nancy Lee Gibbons
Patricia Betty Bedell	Shirley Jean Crill	Jessie Ann Giersdor
Henry J. Bellardo, III	Mary Webster Cromer	Wesley R. Gilmer
*Norman Wysocki Blood, III	Michael William Cullen	Denver Carueval Gitman, Jr.
Peter Bruce Boole	Charles Dailley	John D. Goodman
Walter Cary Borak	Deborah Lee Daino	William D. Goss
James Daniel Bottcher	Janith Katherine David	Linda Marie Graves
Lynne Bouchard	Christina Lynn Deegan	Kim Joy-Ann Grossman
*Jameson Ann Bowen	*Beverly Joy Dekker	

The four pages of the Commencement Program for 1966 Seacrest High School (later Atlantic High School). A normal part of public high school commencement services at that time was a night devoted to a baccalaureate or religious service in which local clergy participated. Attendance was usually compulsory for graduates.

**BOYNTON BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**THE SOCIETY IS A 501 © 3 Organization so dues are TAX DEDUCTIBLE!**

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: (Check one)	INDIVIDUAL	(\$25.00) _____
	FAMILY	(\$35.00) _____
	PATRON	(\$50.00) _____
	CORPORATE	(\$100.00) _____
	STUDENT	(\$10.00) _____
	LIFE	(\$500.00) One time Payment only.

The membership; year is from January 1 to December 31 of each year.  
Dues are not pro rated.

Complete this form and mail it with a check for the appropriate amount to  
Boynton Beach Historical Society, POB 12, Boynton Beach FL 33424-4012,  
You may pay by PayPal at [www.boyntonhistory.org](http://www.boyntonhistory.org)

**TWENTIETH CENTURY & BEAUTY PAGEANTS**

[The picture and text below are copied from the 1976 Directory of the Greater Boynton Beach Chamber Commerce.]



The Miss Boynton Beach Pageant, an official Miss America preliminary, is one of the main annual events in our area. Produced and directed by the Junior Woman's Club, in cooperation with the city, the Pageant, as it is currently presented, had its inception in 1965.

Truly a community-wide event, the Pageant involves all phases of our city: members of the younger generation are entrants; merchants and businessmen provide awards and advertising; civic clubs are sponsors; residents purchase patrons and general admission tickets.

With the emphasis on scholarships and savings bonds, awards totaling many hundreds of dollars are presented to the five finalists.

Miss Boynton Beach represents our City at the Miss Florida Pageant in Orlando, the winner of which represents our State at the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City.

Beauty contests were very popular during most of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and many cities and towns held them to select a contestant to go to Atlantic City to represent the locality in the Miss America contest. The editors of the Chamber publication did not include the name of this Miss Boynton Beach, nor do we know which year she was crowned. For the winners the contests offered prizes, scholarships and opportunities to travel plus whatever publicity the sponsors could generate.

Toward the turn of the century, such contests were declining in popularity and the Miss America contest has had trouble finding sponsors and securing television coverage in recent years.

Part-time Palm Beach resident Donald Trump has continued to sponsor Miss U.S.A. and Miss Universe competitions and they have acquired some of the notoriety once enjoyed by Miss America contests.

The changing roles for women has probably had an impact on the popularity of beauty contests, but prevalence of wide spread media showing beautiful women who have camera wiseness 24 hours a day has perhaps also been a factor.

Maybe, too, there were so many contests that people simply became tired of them.