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A news letter from the Old Naples Depot

A Civic/Cultural Community Center

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Never has the Old Depot looked better. Outside the grounds are carefully tended. There are benches under the big trees on Tenth Street . . ." Thus wrote Tish Gray in a recent issue of The Naples Star. It can be said that the northeast corner of Fifth Avenue South and Tenth Street is one of the truly scenic spots in our city. So we have on that corner an interesting combination of history and beauty. The Depot, listed in The National Registry of Historic Places, and the restored building and grounds presenting to all who pass by or visit a setting that is pleasing to the eye.

All of us are indebted to the Naples Garden Club, working through our Board of Directors, for bringing to pass the external beauty of the Depot's setting. The Garden Club, which has its permanent headquarters in the Depot and was one of the first groups to work for the restoration of the old building, will carefully tend to the appearance of our site in the years ahead. I'm sure it will be said many times as the years go by: "Never has the old Depot looked better."

Howard L. Rubendall, President

"CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE DEPOT"

At 5 o'clock on the 24th of December the 3rd annual "CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE DEPOT" was presented by Southwest Heritage. Well-known local musicians, Madeleine and Olin Fisher were chairmen of the sunset-time event and the Norris Room was filled with guests and extra seating was provided in the adjoining Bradley Gallery. All shared the 'magic' of the night-before-Christmas and the participants who generously shared their talents for the musical were: The Fishers, Vaundel Taylor, Allen Rosenbaum, Roger Moore, John Brotheridge, Helen Chapman, Gerri Moore, Margo Bahe, Ky Williams, Bill Lindsey, Shirley Johnson, Carol Mooney and Ellie Hardman. Our president Dr. Howard L. Rubendall welcomed the audience and led the program's second part of religious Christmas music.

NAPLES INSTITUTE TO CO-SPONSOR ARTHRITIS FORUM

The Naples Institute for Advanced Studies in Medicine and The Humanities will co-sponsor with the Florida Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation a "Public Forum on Arthritis" to be held Saturday, January 16, 1982 in the Southwest Heritage Depot auditorium from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The speakers will be Dr. Allen S. Weiss, rheumatologist, whose presentation will be "New Approaches to Arthritis" and Dr. Richard G. Onkey, orthopedic surgeon, who will speak on "Arthritic Surgery." The moderator will be Mr. Ezra M. Krieg, Manager of the Southwest Branch of the Florida State Chapter Arthritis Foundation in Bradenton. The Greater Naples Arthritis Interest Group chaired by Lionel "Bing" Landry will serve as primary support element of the Forum and Dr. Joseph G. Spano, Trustee of the Naples Institute, will host the program. Audience participation will be possible during a question and answer period. All interested persons are invited to attend and any additional information concerning either the Forum or the Arthritis Interest Group may be obtained by calling Mr. Landry at 775-4346.

ORCHID SOCIETY PLANT SALE

The Naples Orchid Society will hold its Annual Plant Sale at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 7 at the Naples Depot. The public is invited to arrive at 7 p.m. to look over the more than 175 plants to be sold. Proceeds from the sale will be used to defray costs of the society's annual orchid show which is scheduled for Easter weekend at the Depot.

"SWINGIN' IN THE TRAIN"

The Collier High School Jazz Band will be stompin' away at a fund-raising dance and party in the Depot January 29 sponsored by the Collier Band Boosters Club. All are invited at \$15.00 per couple and \$7.50 stag. Refreshments available. Call Mr. Green at 597-4668 for more information.

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Mrs. Frank S. Levi, Jr., a member of the Naples Garden Club will address the Club at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 4th at two o'clock.

A former resident of Larchmont, N.Y., Mrs. Levi served as president of the Garden Club of Larchmont for many years and won numerous Horticultural Awards. She was also presented the "20 Year Honor Citation" for service to the 9th District of New York State. Mrs. Levi has given programs in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Florida.

Southwest Heritage presents a 'first' for the community – a Doll Appraisal Clinic, February 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nationally known Theriault Auction House of Annapolis, Maryland, will appraise dolls, three for a donation of \$5.00, with proceeds going for Depot maintenance funds. END OF THE LINE STORE volunteers chaired by Helen Voter will conduct the clinic with the assistance of members of the local Naples Doll Club. Many of these members will have their own dolls arranged in displays for the pleasure of those attending. For doll collectors and visitors, the day promises entertainment, excitement and valuable learning experience.

The 5th annual RAMBLE will be on the Depot grounds on Sunday, February 14 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. This gala outdoors event finds the landscape filled with arts and crafts people and artists who year after year exhibit their wares, and they will all be from Collier County and the Bonita Springs area.

The inspirational Bonita Springs Community Chorus will sing at intervals in the Norris Room indoors, and outdoors can be heard the Barber Shoppers, The Mortland Duo, and Richard Moser's Edelweis German Band. The Sunshine Shufflers, resplendent in colorful square-dance outfits, will entertain, and Shriner Clowns will be everywhere.

Charles and Leona Hartman are chairmen of the event, and Ruth Brashear is honorary chair person. Many Depot volunteers will be around to direct traffic, and aid in the many RAMBLE activities. The Naples High School Band Boosters will provide the food trailer and their profits go for the purchase of new band uniforms. This day has attracted thousands for the last four years. Artists who have painted the Depot are asked to bring their pictures for the day's display.

The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a meeting on January 19th at the Depot to meet the candidates for the City Council, prior to the February 2nd election. Starting time is 7:30 P.M. The public, of course, is invited. No admission charge.

Winter classes will start the week of January 4th in the Deutschbein Studio. Interested persons may register at the Naples Art Association's Gallery, 354 13th Ave. South.

On January 12th at 7:30 P.M., a film will be presented in the Norris Room. The title is "The Challenge", and the narration is by Orson Wells, who interviews famed artists in their studios. There is no admission charge for members. Non-members will be charged \$2.50.

At 10:30 A.M. on January 25th, Bert Stevens will lecture on Bonsai. The meeting will be held in the Windisch Room and the public is invited.

And finally, The Beaux Arts Ball, for members only, will be held in the Norris Room on January 26th. The theme this year is "Hawaiian Luau". Cocktails at 6:00 P.M. and Dinner at 7:30 P.M. Tickets may be obtained at the Gallery.

The monthly meeting of the DAR will be held on January 21st at 1:20 P.M. The principal speaker will be Mr. Jack Amaral of the Florida Power and Light Co. who will discuss energy conservation with particular emphasis on ways of developing an enlightened public opinion on energy matters. He will be introduced by the energy chairman, Mrs. Lee Duxstad.

Also at the meeting, Mrs. Dale A. Dreisbach will present Good Citizenship Awards to four deserving High School Seniors.

The unique 'baggage car' re-sale store offers the public the best in THE NEW, THE NEARLY NEW, ANTIQUES, and COLLECTIBLES. Here can be found beautiful Castleton china, Minton, paintings, small household items, some furniture reproductions, interesting antique items, and a large display of early 20th century jewelry — all for sale at fair prices. Store hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and donations are appreciated. Some items can be accepted on a consignment basis.

Shoot, you're faded, pardners, as St. Ann's Church "high rolls" into the Depot January 23 with a play money "Las Vegas Nite" complete with finely balanced wheels, marked cards, funny dice, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and lots and lots of valuable prizes. Refreshments (ahem) will be available. All proceeds go to St. Ann's School. Event is open to all but tickets are limited. For further details call Mrs. Schweikhardt at 261-2929.

A gala fund-raising cocktail party will be held at the Depot on January 30 between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. Highlighting the event, which will be held under the auspices of the Catholic Service Bureau, will be a drawing for a mint-condition 1949 Packard coupe — a valuable classic car generously donated for this event. Tickets for this interesting and worthwhile affair are \$25.00 per person and may be obtained by phoning Mrs. Casey at 262-0313. Even is open to all and proceeds go to the needy poor of Collier County.

On January 21st at 7:00 P.M. at the Depot, world famous photographer John Kincaid will present a slide show on the raising of the Spanish galleon "Santa Margarita". The show will be accompanied on the program by author and columnist Robert Talf, who will discuss his new book "Discover Florida," a guide to the state's unique sights. The event is sponsored by Friends of the Library and is open to the public. Admission is free.

The National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees meet the third Thursday of each month at 12:30 P.M. The meetings are held in Sehandler Hall, Florence Street, Tice.

For further information please call John Snyder at 992-6983.

November 24, 1981

Dear R R Depot,

Thank you for showing us the Depot and the old train. Our theme for November is "Discover America," and trains sure were a part of it all.

You made our visit nice.

Sincerely,
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Jason Jencu
Sean McDonnell
Garry Lewis
Dale Field
Guy Pickett
Sean Van Zandt
Sam Field
Haruz Field, den leader

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If you have not renewed your membership for 1982, please do so. Regular membership for one year is still \$15. Family Memberships are \$50, Sustaining Memberships are \$100, and Life Memberships \$1,000. To conform to our fiscal year, all memberships will run to January, 1983 and yearly thence.

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THANK YOU

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT THE DEPOT

(As of Dec. 18th, 1981)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Party eve	2 Full Gospel Businessmen
3 Unitarian-Universalists Party eve	4 Garden Club 2 P.M. Florida Cosmotologists eve	5	6 SWH Exec. Com. A.M.	7 Powell & Yanson A.M. Orchid Society Auction eve	8 NAA B/D A.M. Retired Officers eve	9 Sunrise Academy eve
10 Unitarian-Universalists	11 Garden Club Workshop all day	12 SWH B/D 3 P.M. NAA Film eve ((The Challenge"	13 Raymond, James & Assoc. 4 P.M.	14 E.F. Hutton A.M.	15	16 Arthritis Foundation—Naples Institute
17 Unitarian-Universalists	18 Garden Club Workshop all day	19 "Candidates Night" League of Women Voters	20 E.F. Hutton A.M. Raymond, James & Assoc. eve Kidder, Peabody & Co. eve Avon aft & eve	21 Powell & Yanson A.M. Friends of the Library eve D.A.R. aft Kidder, Peabody & Co. eve	22 Community Teams - eve	23 "Las Vegas Nite" St. Anne's Home & School Assn. eve Community Assn. Institute A.M.
24 Unitarian-Universalists Unitarian-Universalists Council on World Affairs eve	25 Garden Club B/D A.M. Garden Club Workshop NAA Mon. A.M. for Members Artcrafters eve	26 Party Gulf Coast Organ Club eve NAA Beaux Arts Ball eve	27	28 Powell & Yanson A.M. Anglers' Assn. eve Marine Electronics Svc. eve	29 Barron Collier Band Boosters eve	30 Catholic Svc. Bureau eve Car Raffle
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