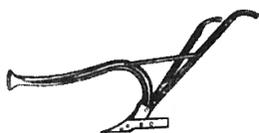


Pompano Beach Historical Society

January 1, 2018

Mission Statement

The Pompano Beach Historical Society's mission is to collect, preserve and publicize the history of the greater Pompano Beach area.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NEXT PROGRAM
Wednesday, January 17,
6:30 PM, at the
Dick & Miriam Hood Center
217 NE 4th Avenue,
Pompano Beach

HISTORY OF THE TIGER TRAIL

Ed Phillips, along with Gladys Cameron, Felton Phillips and Joyce Jackson, will be speaking at our next meeting on the history of the Tiger Trail Festival.

The Tiger Trail Festival was founded in 1995 by Blanche Ely Class of 1970, and for 15 years provided an annual event whose mission was to promote family, fun and community pride. Originally founded as a community-based, volunteer-run, series of events created to celebrate the legacy of Pompano Beach's black pioneers. Today, in the spirit of inclusion the festival themed "The Legacy Continues" will celebrate the continuing legacy of children and families that have contributed to building the City of Pompano Beach through services and economic empowerment.

The two-week Festival begins on February 2nd with a Black Tie Gala to honor those who have been a part of the continued growth of Pompano and ends on February 17th with a street festive with live music, foods, kids activities and art displays.

<https://www.tigertrailfestival.org/>



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

A new year is starting and we are very grateful for our successes in the past year. Both the Highwaymen Art Show and our Casino event were successful. We added a third event to the year; The Highwaymen 2nd Generation Art Show at the BaCA. We had a good turnout for this show and introduced these talented artists to Pompano. We will definitely try to showcase them again this coming year.

Our monthly programs were well attended and our membership has grown to over 100. We thank you for your support and hope you have enjoyed yourselves as well as learned a little about Pompano's history. If anyone would like to speak on their "own" Pompano history at one of the programs, please let us know; we all love a good story, especially when told by friends.

If you have been to our meetings, you may have noticed how bright and clean the park has been. We have installed lights and cameras. The city has been diligent on keeping the park trimmed and clean. We will be starting repairs to the cottages as soon as the weather is right.

John Knox was kind enough to furnish a video team who filmed a few of our members and their stories. The filming took place in one of the cottage museums. We hope we will be able to do that again this year as well and one day have a full library of films. Along with filming; with some help of some dedicated volunteers, we are digitalizing and archiving the photos we have in our possession. We have also contacted some of the local schools for help with this project.

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FUN FACT

The first ball-drop in NYC was in 1908. The same year the Town of Pompano was incorporated!

**HOLIDAY PARTY**

Thank you everyone who came out and celebrated the season and the end of 2017 with us at our Annual Holiday Party!

We collected a wagon full of toys for the Pompano Fireman's Toy Express.

THANK YOU!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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We have some exciting plans for 2018. The Highwaymen Show Festival is coming up in the third week of March. We will once again partner with Sample-McDougald and hold the show at the historic house. We are expanding the dates on this event and will have activities at both the Historical Society and SMH. We are also working on another Lighthouse Tour.

The Green Market is slowly coming back. It has been tough couple years with the moves due to downtown renovations, but we are seeing some progress.

In addition to our historic programs, we planning some special meetings featuring speakers on the plans for Pompano looking forward. It is as important to know where we are going as it is to know where we have been. Most of all I want to thank our sponsors, volunteers and all of you for your support. We would not be where we are without you.

We hope you will continue to join us as we move forward to preserve our history.

Wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Tom McMahan, President



We regret to share the loss of some of our long time Pompano residents. Our thoughts go out to the Ellington, Mullon, Todd and Villa families

Helen M. TODD

TODD, Helen Hilliard, of Pompano Beach, FL, passed away to heaven on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at John Knox Village under Hospice Care. Helen was born April 25, 1923 at the Railroad House on the new river in Fort Lauderdale. She is survived by her husband, Robert Todd, two sons Richard (wife Youlanda) and Gregory (wife Cheryl) Grandchildren Laura Todd, Hillary Todd Brooks (husband Forrest) Adam Todd (wife Tonya) Great Grandchildren Conner, Sadie and Paige Todd. Her sister Betty Hilliard Donovan, Brothers William Hilliard (wife Venita) and Richard Hilliard and many nieces and nephews. Helen was a member of DAR, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Beta Sigma Phi, JKV Noteables (ladies singing group). She was laid to rest at South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth FL.

**Harvey Conrad VILLA**

VILLA, Harvey C., Sr., 85, of Pompano Beach, FL went to be with the Lord on Friday, October 13, 2017 following a brief illness. Harvey was the loving husband of 61 years to his wife, Alyce; loving father to three children - Harvey Jr., Melanie DeBeltrand (Pat), and Nancy Kniskern (Rob); loving grandfather to Ashley Fuori (Mike), Matthew DeBeltrand (Haley), Kellen Villa, and Alana and Chase Kniskern; and loving great-grandfather to Lily, Delaney, Ethan and Maggie. Born in Westfield, New Jersey to Guy and Settimia Villa, Harvey graduated from the University of Miami in 1956. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Pompano, the Pompano Beach Historical Society and the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital In Harvey's name.

Christopher G. MULLON

August 31, 1947 - November 19, 2017

Christopher Mullan, one of Pompano's most prolific volunteers and community champions, died August 31. He was 70. A former ad man turned nature photographer, Mullan lived with his wife, Katy, in Pompano Beach for more than four decades, serving on numerous civic boards and political campaigns. Deeply devoted to Katy and his two sons, Jeremy and Lee, Mullan was a loving husband and father who inspired in his family the humble honor of helping others.

A native of Long Island, NY, and a graduate of Cocoa Beach High School, Mullan moved to South Florida in 1970 after earning his advertising degree from the University of Florida. He initially worked in advertising for the Miami Herald, and later opened and ran two advertising agencies in town before he turned to teaching at Pompano Beach Middle and Northeast High for his "second career."

Known for his honesty, quick wit and keen eye, Mullan became a trusted confidant of local leaders, helping with several city and state campaigns for political office and public support for schools, parks and the arts. In a 2005 interview with the Miami Herald, Mullan said, "Everyone should give back to their city and the people who live in it. Just think how nice our cities would be if they did."

For the past two decades, he served on the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as a member and former chairman. Mullan also was a past president of the Old Pompano Civic Association, a board member of the Pompano Beach Historical Society and a member of the Public Art Committee.

Always an avid swimmer, Mullan was a varsity letterman at UF and member of the 1967 SEC championship swim team. In his civic life, he helped win public support for numerous recreational projects in Pompano Beach, including the city's Aquatic Center. Mullan also volunteered as a youth swimming and baseball coach. Later in life, Mullan devoted his spare time to photography, combining Katy's love of nature and her job as a children's events coordinator at Broward County Library, into his own hobby. He photographed the library's annual Storybook Festival and was an unofficial photographer at the historic Sample-McDougal House in Pompano Beach.



Charles ELLINGTON, Sr.

Charles Ellington was born in Pompano Beach, Florida, where the E. Pat Larkins Center stands today. His family has been a part of Pompano Beach's history since before it was incorporated. His grandfather, Tom Baker, arrived in Pompano Beach in May 1908, bartered for land, clearing it and farming. He built wooden houses Obituary on his property and rented them for out to other migrants moving into Pompano. Charles' father, Julius Ellington, arrived in Pompano in 1918 following service in the Navy as a head cook. He opened a local restaurant; one of the few black-owned restaurants licensed at that time, and was known for providing free meals for those who was hungry. Charles is a product of the Broward County School system, graduating from Blanche Ely High School in 1958. He attended technical school after graduation, receiving a certificate in computers and word processing. He also attended Broward Community College. Charles Ellington worked as a warehouse Manager for H. B. Fuller for over 25 years. He owned and operated an elderly-care center for 20 years. Realizing a need for low-income housing, he established his own rental housing complex and in 2001 incorporated Hawkins Homes, Inc., which builds affordable housing. Mr. Ellington was a member of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon. He was an active community volunteer through such organizations as the Pompano Beach Westside Kiwanis, Pompano Masonic #409 Prince Hall Affiliation, SABA Temple #186, where he was elevated to Grand Inspector General 33rd degree of the United Supreme Council. He also mentors young boys from the ages of six (6) to eighteen (18). Charles married his high school sweetheart, Emma. They were parents to ten (10) children who blessed them with 36 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Christopher G. Mullan Cont'd

Mullan's photographs and stories also appeared in The Pelican Newspaper and other community publications. But his favorite work was from a boardwalk or the beach, capturing South Florida wildlife or the occasional candid of family members.

In addition to his wife and sons, he is survived by his sisters, Elizabeth Fox and Marcia Reilley; brother, Bob Danielle Mullan; a granddaughter on the way, as well as numerous other in-laws, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at Kraeer Funeral Home, 200 N. Federal Highway, on Saturday, December 9.

Mullan; his daughters-in-law, Christine Mullan.

The family suggested the Pompano Beach Historical Society for memorial contributions.

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Programs are on the third Wednesday
of the month at 6:30 pm.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

January 21
History of the Tiger Trail Festival

February 21

March 21
Highwaymen

April 18

SHOP LOCAL!

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!

The Pompano Beach Green Market is open every Saturday, except March 31st, until April 29th from 8:30 -1:30.

Stop by and shop for fresh produce and fish; fresh baked goodies, honey, pickles , exotic Indian dips and spreads and fresh fruit jellies, jams and nuts. Hot Empanadas, smoked ribs and a different Food Truck every week.

Fresh hot coffee at Blooming Bean Coffee Roaster or a taste of a Farmhouse ale at Odd Breed Wild Ales.

Art, crafts, hand-crafted jewelry.

Yoga on the Plaza at 9:00

Live music every week.

The Market and Downtown are growing, come and be a part of it!



TROLLEY TOUR

NEW YEAR FOR THE TROLLEY TOUR

First tour of the new year is January 13th. We have set up a link on our webpage so can now purchase your tickets with a just a click.

Don't miss this interesting Trolley Tour of many and varied historic sites in Pompano Beach. The two-hour narrated tour includes familiar landmarks such as the Sample-McDougald House, historic downtown , the Hillsboro Lighthouse Museum and a number of others you might be surprised exist.

The tour begins at Founders Park, 217 NE 4th Ave. Pompano Beach. You be have time from 9:00 - 10:00 to tour the Kester Cottages before the trolley departs at 10:00 am sharp. The narrated tour is two hours. Tickets for the tour are limited and are \$15 per person.

To purchase tickets, Copy and paste: https://pompanohistory.nationbuilder.com/trolley_tickets or call Pat at 954-782-3015 Seating on the trolley is limited to 27 people, get your tickets early!