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# *Eighth Annual Holiday Tour of Homes*

*Saturday, December 13, 2014, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.*



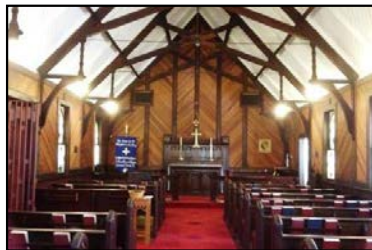
347 North Beach Street



La Tourette c. 1928



Talahloko c. 1886



St. James Chapel c. 1891



Anderson-Price Memorial Building c. 1916



121 Orchard Lane c. 1890's



Nathan Cobb Cottage c. 1897



166 Orchard Lane c. 1966



The Casements c. 1913

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# President's Letter

## “TELLING” the Story – Past, Present and Future

I have discovered that most members of the Ormond Beach Historical Society are a friendly group who love to talk and share stories. Since most of us are originally from somewhere besides Florida, we openly share our histories of “foreign places” and the story of how we arrived in this small town called Ormond Beach.

So, let's talk about and share with others outside the organization the stories of the Ormond Beach Historical Society. If you don't know the history of the organization or the city, be sure to take one of our bus loop tours, or read info on our website, or browse the merchandise at the MacDonald House and purchase some of the books. As your knowledge grows, your passion will grow, and you'll find that you can't help but talk about it! I know my children start batting their eyes when I discover some new history and enthusiastically start with, "Did you know that.....?" But they do see my passion.

Share the past exciting events we've participated in during 2014: Discover our History lectures, the Art and Collectable Sale, the famous or was it the “infamous” Key West Parrot Party.

For the present, read about the upcoming events in this newsletter, especially our TOUR of HOMES on Saturday, December 13th. Did you

know we have four homes on Orchard Lane, a street many in the area have never driven down, that tell the stories of Ormond from the 1800s?

And for the future, start getting excited about our annual dinner in January where a 1905 diary written by a young lady who visited Ormond will be featured. More importantly, look for details about our efforts to preserve and save the MacDonald House and plans to make it a first-class museum for the residents of Ormond Beach.

Passion is contagious. When you have it, you'll naturally share it.

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Diana Simmons

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## How to Make the Most of the Holiday Tour of Homes Mark Your Calendar for Dec. 13, 2014, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



You'll enjoy the tour even more with some tips from veteran tour attendees. The first step is to reserve your ticket as soon as you can. There are a limited number of tickets available and you won't want to miss out.

The tour begins at the Anderson-Price Memorial Building. Tours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the Anderson-Price Memorial Building will be open until 4 p.m.



There you will find the shuttle buses and can get into the holiday spirit by visiting our snack and refreshment shoppe, bake shoppe, and gift shoppe, and purchase raffle tickets for great gift baskets, all while listening to holiday music.



Call the OBHS office at 386-677-7005 with your credit card number to reserve tickets for you and your group. OBHS members pay \$22; general admission is \$25. Tickets can be mailed for \$1.50 each.

Parking, refreshments and restrooms will be available at the Anderson-Price Memorial Building at 42 North Beach Street. Shuttles will be operating continuously during the event.

These are historic properties with uneven surfaces inside and out, including multiple stairs and gravel driveways. Wear good walking shoes and comfortable clothes. Check the weather the morning of the event and bring appropriate outerwear. No high heels please.

We still have room for some volunteers to assist in the homes and interact with tour attendees. Volunteers may tour the homes before or after their shift. Volunteers receive a complimentary ticket.

### **Please donate Christmas collectibles and jewelry for our Tour of Homes event!**

The Ormond Beach Historical Society is asking for your **donations of Christmas collectibles and jewelry** to be sold at the Anderson-Price Memorial Building during the Tour of Homes event Saturday, December 13, 2014. Tax donation forms will be provided for your items. Please contact the office by email ([office@OrmondHistory.org](mailto:office@OrmondHistory.org)) or phone (386-677-7005) with details of your donations and contact information.

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## Mrs. Parker B. Robinson, Jr.



Mrs. Parker B. Robinson, Jr., known to us and her other friends as Jane, passed away September 1, 2014.

Jane was born in 1923 in Norfolk, VA. During the depression, the family moved to the paternal family farm in South Carolina while Jane was still in school. After high school, she attended business college in Columbia, SC and graduated in 1941.


Jane then took a Civil Service exam, which began her on a long career of government positions in Washington, D.C. During World War II, she worked in the Adjutant General's office and the Intelligence Departments of the Air Force and Navy. During this period, she met her future husband, who worked as an engineer with the Navy Department. They were married in 1943.

When Dwight Eisenhower was president, she served on his economic advisor's staff and later in the White House Press Office. After six years working in the president's office she left her government job to raise their two sons.

In October 1972, Jane and Parker moved to Ormond Beach. Jane wanted to be involved in her local community so started working at the Ormond Beach Senior Center. Soon she was offered the position of Social Director at the Ormond Hotel, which had become a senior housing community with several owners. She began organizing antique shows at the hotel and joined the Ormond Beach Historical Trust shortly after it was formed. She was president of the trust (now the Ormond Beach Historical Society) for three two-year terms and was an active member of the OBHS Board until her death.

She is survived by her two sons, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Jane certainly will be missed!

**Editors Note:** *Information for this article came from her obituary in the Daytona Beach News-Journal and an article on Jane Robinson in the Winter, 2010 issue of the OBHS Newsletter by Linda Lampman.*

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## Three Chimneys Update by the Preservation Committee:



The permanent Boiling House canopy has been completed and will be formally dedicated at the **Three Chimneys Open House on Sunday, March 22, 2015**. Our sponsors have been Thomas Massfeller and Lowell and Nancy Lohman.

The contractor was board member Greig Rabitaille and the design engineer was Daniel Johns, PE, of Daniel Johns Engineering. The entire project was approved by the State of Florida's Department of Historical Resources and the City of Ormond Beach's Planning and Engineering Departments.

The new Boiling House structure is worthy of a state archaeological site that is on the National Register of Historic Places. As we have often said in this column, the Three Chimneys is an educational resource in the heart of our community and the Ormond Beach Historical Society is proud to maintain and promote the site.

The Three Chimneys is open year-round and full-site tours are available by contacting the Historical Society's office at 386-677-7005.

If you are interested in joining the Preservation Committee or serving on the monthly Three Chimneys service crew, please contact Dr. Shapiro at pjsdpm@yahoo.com.

## Volunteers are needed at the Hotel Ormond Cupola!

The Cupola, located in Fortunato Park, is the last vestige of the great Ormond Hotel that stood on Granada Boulevard. The hours are Saturdays and Sundays from 2 - 4 p.m., October through May. Duties include opening and closing the building and telling the story of the Hotel Ormond. Call Ann Eifert to volunteer or for more information, 671-9246.

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## Membership News

There's been a lot of membership activity since our last report in the summer newsletter, read on!

### New Life member:

The Ormond Beach Historical Society thanks 1st Florida Realty owner and manager Carol Bigelow for upgrading her business membership to Life! Thank you for your generous financial support, for serving on the Board and actively participating in the Membership & Volunteer Committee. And thank you for volunteering at OBHS events throughout the year.

### New individual and family members:

Alfred & Phyllis Bartholomew  
 Dr. James W. Bennett  
 Thracy C. Bennett  
 Jeannii & Kevin Bergfield  
 Hedland & Debbie Blankenship  
 Pollyann Brazina  
 Joan Burroughs  
 Lynn Byrne  
 Faye Council  
 Rusty Culler  
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 Lynn Shrode  
 Donald Spencer  
 Ursula Suddard  
 Patty & Bruce Teeters  
 Steve Thompson  
 Dr. Leon & Diane vanWert  
 Linda Weaver  
 Dennis & Laura Williamson  
 Susan Wright

### More than 50 new members since the end of April! Wow!

Thank you, new members, for joining the Ormond Beach Historical Society. Now that you're a member, you may want to become more involved as a volunteer. How about a couple hours a month as a docent at the Cupola? Or maybe provide refreshments for a Saturday morning Discover Our History program? Get familiar with the Three Chimneys in the monthly clean-up? All good ways to meet fellow OBHS members. Other volunteer opportunities await, too. Just call the office, 386-677-7005, to tell us how you'd like to help share the rich history of Ormond Beach through education and preservation.

## Open the Doors to Ormond Beach's Historic Treasures!

The Ormond Beach Historical Society invites you to take a tour, hear a lecture, see the sights of the "Birthplace of Speed," where early 20th century race cars competed on the beach, 18th and 19th century sugar mills turned sugar cane into molasses and rum, and 17th century Native Americans lived amid the natural splendor of east central Florida.

### Visit Us!

#### At the MacDonald House, Ormond Beach's Welcome Center and Museum

*Gateway to the Ormond Scenic Loop*

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#### Open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday

See historical photographs and literature, visit our Merchandise Shoppe offering a selection of DVDs and books on local and Florida history, postcards, Birthplace of Speed T-shirts, caps, and more for purchase.

**Don't miss our 20-minute local history video, Ormond Discovery**

### Scenic Bus Tours

Ride in an air-conditioned bus to discover the hidden historical gems of Ormond Beach. Our tour includes 30 sites on the route – the Ormond Scenic Loop, Fairchild Oak, Three Chimneys Sugar Mill Ruins, Ormond Indian Burial Mound and historic homes along the way, and lasts about two hours, guided by a friendly, knowledgeable Historical Society volunteer tour guide.

**Tours are offered 2-3 times per month.**

**Adults \$20; OBHS members \$18; Children (5-12) \$7**

**Reservations required, space is limited;**

**Call the MacDonald House, 386-677-7005, for dates and times.**

### Hotel Ormond Cupola

Visit the remaining portion of the Hotel Ormond in Fortunato Park (northeast corner of the Granada Bridge) to see pictures and memorabilia about the hotel. No charge. Open Saturdays and Sundays, 2-4 pm, September through May.

### Anderson-Price Memorial Building

This historic building at 42 N. Beach Street is owned by OBHS and can be rented for weddings, receptions, luncheons, business meetings, etc.

*Call the MacDonald House, 386-677-7005, for reservations or questions.*



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### **Mark your Calendars – EVENTS TO ATTEND**

**The Anderson- Price Memorial Building is located at 42 N. Beach Street in Ormond Beach.  
Call the MacDonald House, 677-7005, for reservations or questions.**

**Saturdays, December 20, 9:45 a.m. – Scenic Historical Bus Tours**, leave from The Casements parking lot, 25 Riverside Drive. Reservations required, OBHS members \$18, non-members \$20, children 5 – 12 - \$7.

**Discover Our History** Lecture Series – Saturdays, refreshments at 9:30 a.m., program 10 - 11.  
Admission and parking are free.

**November 22** – Roger Smith: *The American Revolution's Best Kept Secret: Why East and West Florida Mattered.*

**January 24** – Dr. Steve Noll: *Florida Transportation History*

**Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – 8th Annual Holiday Tour of Homes** – See nine beautiful and historic locations. Refreshments, parking and restrooms are available at the Anderson-Price Memorial Building.

**Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015** – Ormond Beach Historical Society Annual Dinner and meeting, 6 p.m., Anderson-Price Memorial Building

**Sunday, February 8, 2015 – 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. - Old Florida Plantation Tour**

**Sunday, March 22, 2015 - Three Chimneys Open House, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**