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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR UNITY AND RECONCILIATION** - Bryant Park Band Shell Thursday, May 6, 6-7 p.m. Representatives from 14 local faith groups will offer prayers and music for our country and the world. Hosted by Lake Worth Interfaith Network. Free to the public. Covid protocols in place for masking and social distancing. More information to follow.

**LAKE WORTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976 - 45TH REUNION:** Saturday, October 9, 3 to 7 p.m. Boynton Beach Intracoastal Clubhouse. BarBQ, BYOB beer and wine, and music will be provided. Price TBD. An invitation will be emailed out in August so keep your eyes peeled. Room Block for Reunion! Marriott Fairfield Inn & Suites, 2870 South Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach, FL  
Phone: 561-582-2585. Room Rate: \$149.00 Plus 13 percent tax, One King Bed or Two Queen. Complimentary Breakfast, Complimentary Parking. For additional information, email Rock Tate @ [tate5983@bellsouth.net](mailto:tate5983@bellsouth.net).

**LAKE WORTH HIGH SCHOOL 1970 CLASS REUNION** - The Lake Worth High School graduating classes of 1970 and 1971 are holding a joint 50th class reunion on October 1st and 2nd, at the Airport Hilton in West Palm Beach. We are reaching out to all of our former classmates in an effort to inform them of this upcoming event. Questions concerning this reunion can be directed to either Bill Mauser ([billmauser@aol.com](mailto:billmauser@aol.com)) or Donna Linderson ([gotoeuro@aol.com](mailto:gotoeuro@aol.com)) for the Class of 1970 AND Kara Jo (Easton) Stevens ([karastevens53@gmail.com](mailto:karastevens53@gmail.com)) or Jon Geitner ([jgeitner@embarqmail.com](mailto:jgeitner@embarqmail.com)) for the Class of 1971. We hope to hear from all of our former classmates and GO TROJANS!

**LAKE WORTH ART LEAGUE** will present their Spring Showcase of original fine art now through May 15, Tuesday through Sunday, from Noon to 4 p.m. Masks will be required for entry and social distancing will be followed. Lake Worth Art League is located at 607 Lucerne Ave., downtown Lake Worth Beach.

**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**Due to the Covid-19 please contact the club or organization of your choice for updated information**

**LAKE WORTH MOOSE LODGE 994 & WOTM CHAPTER 46**, a nonprofit club with activities to support our local community, Little Smiles, Mooseheart (a child city), and Moosehaven (a retirement community). Contact Lori Statzer at 561-358-2069 for more information.

**LAKE WORTH ROTARY CLUB** meets every Wednesday, 21 Noon, at Brogues Down Under located at 621 Lake Ave., in downtown Lake Worth Beach. Come visit, become a member!

**THE TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB OF LAKE WORTH**, a non-profit whose mission is to promote an interest in gardens, their design and management, and to cooperate in the protection of wildflowers, birds, native trees and shrubs, to encourage civic planning and to fund and award scholarships, meets the second Monday of every month October through May 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1415 North K Street, Lake Worth. Meetings include lunch and a guest speaker. There are several organized field trips throughout the season, Annual dues are \$30.

**CRESTHAVEN STAMP CLUB** - Meets the second and fourth Tuesday monthly from 1 to 3 p.m. New members always welcome. For additional information call Robert Burr at 561-267-1903 or visit [www.cresthavenstamp.club](http://www.cresthavenstamp.club).

**CASUARINA WOMAN'S CLUB** - Contact President Christine at 561-596-1896 or [dragonwing58@yahoo.com](mailto:dragonwing58@yahoo.com).

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OF LAKE WORTH** - For meetings and times contact registrarGarilaso@gmail.com.

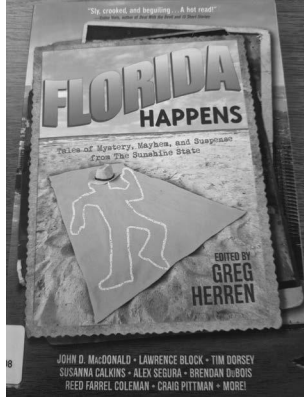
**LAKE WORTH LIONS CLUB** is the oldest civic club in the area. For more information call 561-582-6126.

**AMERICAN LEGION VOGEL-LEE POST 47**, 2315 N. Dixie Hwy, Lake Worth. 561-582-4616.

# Lake Worth Beach Public Library News

**Popular Florida Collection Returns! City Library Renovations Continue**

By Cindy Ansell



Renovations are continuing at the Lake Worth Beach City Library as the staff is dedicated to improving customer service by providing easy access to popular materials. Recently, the staff spent two days moving the Florida Collection. This collection has been moved from storage on the third floor onto shelves in the front of the non-fiction collection on the second floor. Without an elevator, more than 1300 books were toted by hand down one flight of stairs and up another staircase on the other side of the Library.

The Library has an extensive collection of all things Florida from ghost stories to the mermaids of Weeki Wachee. The Florida Collection is one of the most popular sections in the Library. People come to find gardening tips to help them grow plants in Lake Worth's tropical climate; to identify birds passing through on their way north for the summer; and to read about Florida's fascinating history.

Come to the Library and check it out. The Library is open Monday through Friday, from 10:00-12:00 and from 2:00-4:00. If you can't come in at that time, use your library card to check a book out for curbside pick-up between 9:00 and 5:00 pm.

## Looking Back...

### Fire Destroys Railway Station

New Building to be Erected at Once Will Probably Stand Nearer Lake Avenue

Considerable excitement was caused Thursday night when the Florida East Coast Railway station was burned to the ground. The first to discover the fire was Engineer Senior, of the electric light plant, who noticed the blaze about 11:30 p. m. and gave the alarm.

The fire department, which is of the volunteer order responded quickly, but the flames had made such headway that attempts to save the building were of no avail.

It is claimed by those who were on the spot shortly after it started that the flames first appeared in the freight house. The building, which is of frame construction has a freight shed at the south end, and this, coupled with the fact that a strong southeast wind was blowing explains the quick destruction which was so complete that only such metal as was used in constructing the building remained as evidence that a station once stood there.

The first station in Lake Worth was built in the summer of 1912 and enlarged in the fall of 1913. The station was of the non-agency class until November, 1913 when J. R. Keene took charge. Mr. Keene was followed by H. A. Stimson, who is the present agent. Mr. Stimson has been very active in his capacity of station agent and has done much to give the local station a clean record.

Although much freight is being received daily and the fire occurred in the midst of heavy passenger travel to this city the only losses recorded were one trunk and two small shipments of household goods containing six pieces altogether. The express on hand amounted to nothing as far as business was concerned. Conditions like these are conclusive evidence that shipments to the local station whether freight or express are given immediate attention.

Information from R. G. Bullock, trainmaster, with headquarters in Miami, states that the new building will be erected and ready for occupancy in about one month. It will be similar in style and construction to the building which was destroyed. It is hoped that the railroad company will decide to locate the station some considerable distance nearer Lake avenue, and change the spur track which is now much of a disadvantage on account of its location.

The townspeople have been very proud of the station, which was much improved by the park built by the city on the railroad grounds. The old building was lighted with kerosene, but the new station will be wired for electricity.

As all records in the office were destroyed it required a few days to get back to a working basis, but no delays were occasioned in telegraph or money order service. The only cash lost was about \$3 in small change, part of which has been recovered.

A refrigerator car standing on the siding near the station was burned beyond repair as were also two telegraph poles. The fire destroyed 11 telegraph circuits, two of which belonged to the railway company while the rest were the property of the Western Union. Telephone department trouble men of the railway were notified at Miami. Two men came the entire distance of 60 miles on a "gasoline speeder and had their circuits tested and' in working order at 4 o'clock. The nine circuits of the Western Union were ready for commercial purposes at 8 a.m. It is service of this nature which ranks a company among the most progressive of modern corporations.

Business is now being handled from the temporary station without interruptions.

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## STAMP COLLECTING WITH DAN MADDALINO

In 1983, the United States Postal Service brought attention to our heroes through its commemorative stamp program. Titled Medal of Honor (Scott# 2045) this stamp shows the three medals awarded from three branches of the military: Army, Navy, and Air Force. The Medal of Honor is our nations' highest military decoration that may be awarded to recognize American soldiers, sailors,

and airmen who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor.

On December 9, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln signed into law the creation of the Navy Medal of Honor. Two months later, February 12, 1862, his signature created the Army version of this award. On April 14, 1965, the Medal of Honor specifically for airmen of the US Air Force was created. Prior to this distinguished members of

the Air Force received the Army version of the medal.

A 2015 Medal of Honor prestige folio (Scott # 4982-4985) recognizes recipients of the award during the Vietnam War. The front and back of the folio picture 48 of the honorees living at the time the stamps were issued.

Collect these tributes to those Americans that have served above and beyond the call of duty, with many giving the ultimate sacrifice

for our freedom.

You may also want to include the US stamps depicting the military Service Cross Medals (Scott# 5065-5068). These four stamps show the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, the Air Force Cross, and the Coast Guard Cross. There are also several issues for the Purple Heart to collect.

Find the Medal of Honor postage stamps at your local Stamp Club.