



CANAL GATOR TALES

June 2018

Panama Canal Society Reunion

The Panama Canal Society annual reunion in Orlando is just under a month away, and we're looking forward to seeing everyone there. The exhibit this year, *Arts & Culture in the Panama Canal Zone*, features photographs, theater programs, and other materials relating to cultural arts and pop culture (music, theatre, dance, celebrities, etc.). Some of the photos in the exhibit include people who are unidentified, and we hope that visitors will be able to help us out by providing names. We did this last year with the *Are You Game?* exhibit at the reunion, and several visitors told us how much they enjoyed it.



CFN televising the 1957 Cristobal High School cheerleaders and mascot. Pictured (left to right): Mary Morland, Steffi Beck, Dale Scott (mascot), Sandra Motta. Object 2005.048.034.014

In addition to enjoying the exhibition, we hope that you will once again participate in the Silent Auction. If you are interested in donating items to the auction please contact Kathy Egolf (pankee@aol.com) or Joan Ohman (johman1@tampabay.rr.com). Each year, this auction raises funds to support the collections and activities of the PCMC.

We hope to see everyone in Orlando!

Share your Expertise, Knowledge and Passion

Please consider service on the Executive Council of the Friends of the Panama Canal Museum Collection (<http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/pcmc/friends>). We are looking for volunteers who are interested in sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm about the American era of the Panama Canal.

Executive Council members work closely with UF staff and students to ensure that the PCMC objects are preserved and accessible to the public for education and research. In addition to advocating for the PCMC, Council members are critical to the planning and execution of activities such as exhibitions, events, fundraising, preservation, digitization and processing of the collection.

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If you are interested or would like more information about council service, please contact Friends President Joe Wood (pccjoebev@centurylink.net) or Vice President Kathy Egolf (pankee@aol.com).

2019 is a Year of Anniversaries: Share Your Memories

The 2019 exhibition in the Nahmad Panama Canal Gallery at UF will focus on the 20th anniversary of the transfer of the Canal to Panama, the 30th anniversary of Operation Just Cause, the 40th anniversary of the treaties, and so on. As always, the exhibition will feature a wide variety of objects from the collection displayed along with oral histories from Zonians that tell stories relating to these significant historical events. We are particularly interested in hearing from individuals who were children during one or more of these years. Are you a member of the class of 1979, 1989, or 1999? If so, we'd love for you to share your memories with us. If you have interesting stories to share, please contact Liz Bouton at dizliz@ufl.edu or (352) 273-2685.

Exhibition Sponsorship

The goal of the Panama Canal Museum Collection exhibition program is to educate and raise awareness about the American era of the Panama Canal. Exhibition sponsorship provides a unique opportunity to support this goal.

Through gallery, online, and traveling exhibitions, we share the memories and stories preserved in the PCMC, and introduce audiences to the treasure trove of distinctive and historically significant objects. Exhibitions are curated in the Albert H. Nahmad Panama Canal Gallery on the University of Florida campus and at the Panama Canal Society Annual Reunion. Online exhibitions are accessible freely at any time to a worldwide audience, and traveling exhibitions enable education in diverse locations.

We invite individuals, groups, and corporations to sponsor PCMC exhibitions. All sponsors receive acknowledgment in exhibition materials, including: invitations, programs, exhibition catalogues, signage, flyers, press releases, the UF PCMC website and e-mails sent to Friends members. Complimentary curator tours are also provided for sponsors and their guests. If you are interested in sponsoring an exhibition or would like more information, please contact John Nemmers, jnemmers@ufl.edu, 353-273-2766.

Save These Dates

June 27-July 1, 2018

Exhibition, Auction and Cultural Seminar at the Panama Canal Society Reunion at the Orlando World Center Marriott.

March 16, 2019

Joint meeting of the Friends of the Panama Canal Museum Collection and Panama Canal Society at the University of Florida Smathers Library in Gainesville, FL.

