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Building the Collection



We continue to have terrific success developing the Panama Canal Museum Collection with gifts from our amazing donors. Over the past ten months, we have received everything from unique photographs and scrapbooks to maps and cookbooks. We continue to fill in gaps in our periodicals and yearbooks, including issues of *The Parrakeet, Zonian*, and *Caribbean*. We collected numerous photos, letters, reports, and even a handful of t-shirts relating to the treaties, Operation Just Cause, the end of the Canal Zone, the transfer of the Canal, and other significant events. Multiple people donated programs, news clippings, and photos relating to theatrical and musical performances. We acquired from several donors hundreds of personal and family photos, which are particularly important because they document the experiences of individuals who worked on the Canal and lived in the Canal Zone. Many of these new gifts are still being processed and will appear in the online collection database in upcoming weeks.

The following is a list of some of our terrific donors from 2018, and we thank them for their important contributions to the PCMC.

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For more information about donating items to the PCMC, please contact John Nemmers at 352-273-2766 or jnemmers@ufl.edu. We collect a wide variety of materials in order to develop the PCMC, including:

- 1. Diaries, journals, memoirs, firsthand accounts, oral histories, and other types of personal narratives that offer unique perspectives and stories.
- 2. Correspondence such as letters, telegrams, and postcards.
- 3. Home movies, films, and audio or video recordings that were not produced commercially.
- 4. Photographs in all formats and types: prints, slides, negatives, aerial photos, panoramic, stereographs, etc.
- 5. Scrapbooks. However, we generally do not collect scrapbooks full of newspaper clippings. Please do not assemble archival materials into a scrapbook before donating.

6. Ephemera such as brochures, pamphlets, programs, menus, and travel guides. We do not collect duplicates, but we do want to collect ephemera that we have not already preserved.

For many of the objects listed above, we do accept digital reproductions if donors are not willing to donate the original objects.

Consider a Planned Gift

Many of you are already supporters of the PCMC, and your generosity ensures that the historical materials in the Panama Canal Museum Collection will be accessible to future generations. If you haven't already, please consider including the PCMC in your estate plans. Planned gifts, including bequests and living trusts, support the collection in perpetuity and strengthen our research services and education programs. For more information or assistance, please call the UF George A. Smathers Libraries Office of Development at (352) 273-2505 or visit the UF Foundation Gift Planning home page.

Save These Dates

January 27 - February 3, 2019

7-Night Cuba and Eastern Caribbean Fundraising Cruise on Royal Caribbean's *Empress of the Seas* with Friends of the Panama Canal Museum Collection. For more information, see the <u>2019 Cruise Flyer</u>.

March 16, 2019

Joint meeting of the Friends of the Panama Canal Museum Collection and Panama Canal Society at the University of Florida's Smathers Library in Gainesville, FL. Includes the grand opening of the 2019 exhibition in the Albert H. Nahmad Panama Canal Gallery and guest speakers.

July 3-7, 2019

Exhibit, Auction and Cultural Seminar at the Panama Canal Society Reunion at the Orlando Marriott World Center. It's never too early to start identifying items that you would like to donate to the auction! Please contact Kathy Egolf (pankee@aol.com) if you have items to donate.