



CANAL GATOR TALES

April 2018

Looking Ahead to the Panama Canal Society Reunion

We are looking forward to the Annual Reunion in Orlando, June 27-July 1. The exhibition this year will focus on cultural arts and pop culture (music, theatre, dance, celebrities, etc.). If you have interesting stories to share, please contact Liz Bouton at dizliz@ufl.edu or (352) 273-2685.

If you are interested in donating items to the Silent Auction please contact Kathy Egold (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!

Scouting Exhibit Online

We are pleased to announce the release of a new online version of the exhibition, *Camping in the Jungle: Scouting Stories from the Panama Canal Zone* (<http://exhibits.uflib.ufl.edu/scouting/>). This exhibition was originally on display in the main lobby of the Smathers Library Building on the UF campus in 2016. The physical exhibit was curated by student Sarah Marek, with assistance from Jessica Marcetti and Lourdes Santamaría-Wheeler. The online version of the exhibit was designed by student Lauren O'Neill. We will release other online versions of exhibits in upcoming months.



Research Travel Grant Offered

Each year the UF Department of Special and Area Studies Collections offers travel grants up to \$2,500 to undertake research using our collections. These "Travel to Collections" grants support research by students, faculty and independent scholars who have to travel 100 miles or farther in order to visit Gainesville. For the first time, we have designated specific funds to be used for research using the Panama Canal Museum Collection. Frank Townsend, a member of the Executive Council of the Friends of the PCMC and Professor Emeritus at UF, will participate in the review process along with the faculty of the Special & Area Studies Collections Department at UF. The call for proposals for the Travel to Collections grants is available at <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/spec/Travel2CollectionsCFP.pdf>

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).

Share Your Memories: 2019 is a Year of Anniversaries

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.

