

Miami Pioneers / Natives of Dade

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Next Meeting Sunday, October 2 at 2:30pm

Central Christian Church
222 Menores Ave, Coral Gables 33134

Enter the door at the south side of the building on Mendoza Ave. Parking in west lot is also available if you enter from Menores Ave. Street parking is also free on Sunday.

Please bring \$1 donation to cover the cost of the room. We very much appreciate those who can provide refreshments such as cookies, crackers, brownies, etc.

Correspondence

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Dues

Please bring your annual \$20 dues to the meeting, or mail your check made to MP/NOD to our Treasurer: Marlene B. Carlin, 14900 SW 71 Ave, Miami, FL 33158. If you noticed a colored dot next to your name on the envelope for this newsletter, your dues are past.

2016-17 Officers

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October 2 Sunday Meeting

The next meeting of the Miami Pioneers and Natives of Dade will take place at the usual location at 2:30pm. Arva Parks will be talking about her latest book on George Merrick that has already earned two awards.

George Merrick: Son Of The Southwind

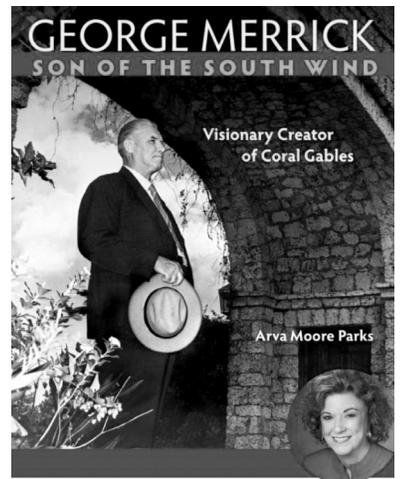
He was an idealist and a visionary. His growing wealth did not diminish his optimistic personality, something he once described as his most cherished gift. He had learned how to make money but never lost his singular reason for doing so. — Arva Moore Parks on George E. Merrick

Renowned historian Arva Moore Parks' ties to Coral Gables run deep and long. This is where her parents enjoyed their country club, where she attended day camp and learned to swim, and where she later raised her children in an old Gables home designed by Walter DeGarmo. More recently, the Miami native served as chief curator, interim director and chair of the Coral Gables Museum.

Writing a biography of Gables founder George Merrick seemed a natural extension of both her interests and her knowledge. But Parks' new book, *George Merrick, Son of the South Wind*, is more than the story of a visionary with the soul of a poet. It is a sweeping account of how one man came to symbolize the optimism of his time and how his idea for a "master suburb" with plenty of greenery would prove prescient. For Parks, the research opened new windows to understanding a man she thought she already knew.

"What most people don't know," Parks says, "is that his dream was to build for the growing middle class of the time. He was an idealist. He felt they deserved beauty as much as the rich did. He never stopped thinking about that, but he also never dreamed how successful he would be."

Parks is author of several books on Florida history, including *The Forgotten Frontier: Florida through the Lens of Ralph Middleton Munroe* and *Miami, the Magic City*.



—Ana Veciana-Suarez

Thank You Members

Thank you to all members who bring refreshments which make our social so enjoyable.

And, thanks to everyone who makes a generous donation to the "Money Jar" which goes to paying for the room. We recently increased our donation to the church to \$125 per meeting.

Dues Are Due

Now is the time to renew your dues. Click the coupon below and return it.

Save The Date: November 6

On the second Sunday in November we'll meet again to enjoy a wonderful program.

Please return this coupon with your annual \$20 dues payment and updated information.

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