Miami Pioneers / Natives of Dade

celebrating and preserving the local history of Miami-Dade County, Florida

monthly meetings with historical programs • www.MPNOD.org • May, 2019

Next Meeting Sunday, May 5th at 2pm

Coral Gables Museum 285 Aragon Ave, Coral Gables 33134

Street Parking is available, as well as parking in the city garage at 250 Aragon, across from Books & Books. Garage parking is \$1.50 per hour.

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Dues

Please pay your \$20 dues in September at the meeting, or mail your check made to MP/NOD to our Treasurer: Marlene B. Carlin, 14900 SW 71 Ave, Miami, FL 33158. The is no charge for the email newsletter. The printed version in the mail is \$10 a year.

Donations

Our club appreciates donations to help pay for our expenses. We ask members to donate one dollar when attending the meetings to help cover the cost of expenses.

Volunteer

Every member is encouraged to contribute to the historical society by serving on the board of directors, helping with refreshments, the telephone and mail committees, programs and more. Let us know how you can help.

2018-20 Officers

president, Robert A. Burr corresponding secretary, Mary Pyle treasurer, Marlene B. Carlin historian, Darlene Crum sergeant at arms, Janet English parliamentarian, Linda Hertz newsletter & webmaster, Robert A. Burr past president, James Hartnett

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Sunday, 5th of May

The next meeting of the Miami Pioneers and Natives of Dade will take place at the Coral Gables Museum at 2pm.

Bruce Epperson - Roads Through The Everglades

Our guest speaker for the May monthly meeting is Bruce Epperson, a retired attorney and transportation planner who formerly worked in Broward, Miami-Dade County, and for the Office of General Counsel to the U. S. Secretary of Transportation.

Bruce's book is **Roads Through The Everglades** – The Building of the Ingraham Highway, the Tamiami Trail and Conners Highway, 1914-1931.

In 1915, the road system in Florida south of Lake Okeechobee was little changed from that in place at the conclusion of the Civil War. Those traveling from Miami to Ft. Myers most of the year had to go through Melbourne, Kissimmee, and Tampa.

But by 1931, there were three all-

weather routes. Most of these roads were built, not to facilitate transportation,

but to open up land for large-scale speculation. Ironically, the three roads examined in this presentation, the Ingraham Highway south of Homestead, the Tamiami



Trail, and Conner's Highway northwest of West Palm Beach, all failed as land speculation tools, but changed the face of South Florida forever.



Bring a friend as your guest to share the delightful programs, the camaraderie and the social time with refreshments.

May Birthdays

- 1 Darlene Crum
- 1 Sharon Grunwell
- 1 Dolly MacIntyre
- 2 Edward English
- 2 Susan Weitz
- 4 Dr. James Hutson, Jr.
- 10 Janna McConnell
- 14 Russell Pfost
- 15 Alyce Hundley
- 18 Catherine Hilliard
- 21 Frederick Kent
- 22 Carol Stanfill
- 23 Jon Arthur
- 26 Stephen Schaurer
- 27 Sallye Jude
- 29 Ellen Tedder



After our meetings, our group traditionally enjoys social time. Please bring some small snacks, cookies, brownies, chips, or a similar item that you'd like to share with your friends.



Members should feel free to offer suggestions for our group. Contact us via email: suggestions@mpnod.org



Our next monthly meeting will be held at the Coral Gables Museum on Sunday, June 2nd at 2pm.