



## ENTERPRISE LAKESIDE LEDGER

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## Your Time to Serve

The Enterprise Preservation Society **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **May 20<sup>th</sup>**, and now is your opportunity to help guide EPS in serving our community.

There are currently vacancies on the Board of Directors, and some of the present board members will be taking a well-deserved break after many years of service.

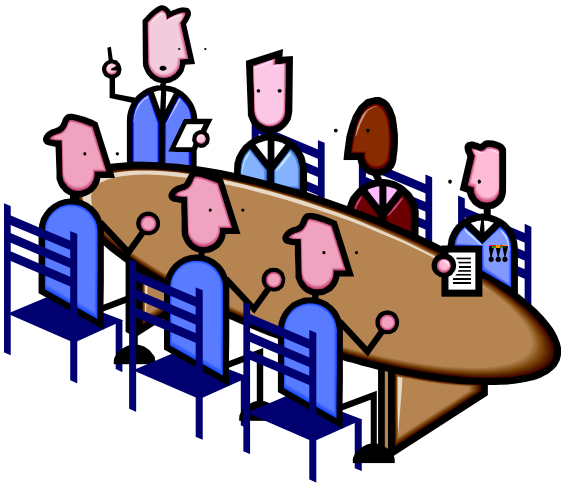
If you would like to be a Board Member, now is your time to submit your name for the election that will be held at the annual meeting.

The Board is comprised of volunteers who have chosen to serve the Enterprise community and are dedicated to the goals of EPS.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the board, please contact EPS Co-Chairman Mark Matzinger at [mmatzinger1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mmatzinger1@cfl.rr.com) by April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please include a brief bio that will be included in the election mail out to all EPS members.

I look forward to working with all of you.

Kevin Finn  
Chairman  
Enterprise Preservation Society



EPS Annual Meeting will be held at the **All Saints Church on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:30 to 8:00 pm**. Lights refreshments will be served.

## [A Labor for Heritage](#)

***The Heritage Center now sits proudly on Main Street***, soon to be the focal point of the Enterprise community. The building is as strong and sturdy today as when students first walked through the doors nearly 75 years ago. However, the passage of time and the move to its new location have left the building cosmetically in need of sprucing up:

- The interior of the building needs a good scrubbing and a fresh coat of paint.
- The floors need to be stripped and sanded to bring back the luster and grain of their majestic heart pine.
- The millwork, wainscot, and casings could use some TLC and a fresh coat of varnish.
- The separation of the building in order to facilitate the move has created the need for plaster repair and restoration in various parts of the building.
- The electrical, plumbing, and air conditioning systems need to be restored to functioning condition.

***This is where you come in***—the members, associates and friends of the Enterprise Preservation Society. The work outlined above will not get done without your help. We are in need of skilled and non-skilled labor to accomplish these tasks. While some of the work will need to be done by professionals in the various trades, much of the work can be done with just a large amount of good old-fashioned elbow grease. Some work has already been donated or pledged.

***Now is the time to act.*** If you are able to donate time or materials, and yes, even money, we need your help. Work days will soon be scheduled to begin the task of getting the Heritage Center ready for its debut as the center of activity for the Enterprise Community.

***If you would like to be a part of this community effort***, please contact Mark Matzinger at e-mail at [mmatzinger1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mmatzinger1@cfl.rr.com). Work will be scheduled for Saturday mornings (and an occasional Sunday morning) subject to the availability of labor and funds.

Mark Matzinger  
Vice Chairman  
EPS



We need help, because this guy isn't getting much done. Well, maybe he is getting a nap in.

## "Miss Doris Tells Her Story"

Nearly everyone reading this newsletter knows about "Miss Doris" Faber, who came to Enterprise in 1908 as a small child under the care of "Mother" Hattie Brooks with her little sisters, when their widowed father could no longer care for them.

Over the years, "Miss Doris" became a larger-than-life figure to hundreds whose lives she touched. Teacher, house mother, caretaker, cook, nurturer, homemaker, gardener, animal lover, community icon, she was a friend to all, especially Enterprise children. Although she died in 1989, her name lives on in Enterprise, as well as in the hearts of those who have moved away but will never forget this wonderful lady.

Thanks go to Enterprise resident [Grace Stamile](#), who graciously shared "The Doris Story" (as Miss Doris called it) with us.

According to her birth certificate, Doris Faber was born in Cocoa, FL on October 22, 1902. Her nine single-spaced, typewritten pages have been necessarily edited for space, but this narration is based on Miss Doris' own telling of her story.



### PART ONE - A Happy Childhood

The first six years of my life were spent in West Palm Beach. My father and uncles owned a store that sold, among other things, bread, cakes and pies that my mother baked in an oven so big it took up one wall of our kitchen! We always had a garden. We grew potatoes, and I remember a spanking I got as a child for digging up our potatoes and giving them away to a neighbor who I thought needed them more than we did.

It was lovely life for us little girls. I remember my German grandfather peeling oranges for us with his nine fingers -- he'd lost his thumb during the war. On July 4th, there was a watermelon big enough for us all to ride on! I remember the steamroller that crushed rock to pave a street near our house; going to Sunday School; watching an eclipse of the sun through pieces of glass that my mother smoked in the wood stove to protect our eyes.

I recall when my mother started making baby clothes for another new baby, and one day I came home to find I had another sister. Responsibility was mine at a very young age, as mother must care for the baby and the other girls, bake, cook, wash, iron. As the oldest, I was pressed into service as a baby sitter.

Mother used to tie a wide strip of sheet around me as I sat in the rocking chair holding the new baby, so that I would not fall out. I was washing dishes at an age when I had to be lifted up on a chair to do them. But, all was not work. I still played outside, on a big swing that hung from a tall pine tree, and with my own dolls.

Life changed forever when mother gave birth to a fifth little baby daughter who died at birth. This also cost the life of my mother. I never forgot her words to me: "Doris, I want you to take good care of the baby, for you see I won't be here to do it." Not knowing what her meaning was, I promised her I would.

I was so young that I didn't grasp the meaning of death. I cried because my father was crying, not realizing just what it meant. When I slipped away from my aunt's house next door and climbed up on orange crates to look in the window, I saw my mother with her white face, with closed eyes and lovely dark hair, laid out in our house. It was then that I knew her life was gone and she would never hold me again. I screamed and fell backwards from the tumbling boxes, rescued by my father who comforted me as best he could by saying that she was asleep with Jesus, that He needed her to take care of the new baby that had died.



My mother's funeral was held at the **EPISCOPAL CHURCH**. My little sisters were too young to go, but I remember the flowers, so beautiful and so many. Friends and neighbors spoke of her having been an angel when they needed her. Many were weeping and wondering who would take her place. At the cemetery I sat on my father's knee and as I saw the casket lowered into the grave, I realized my mother was gone and a new life was ahead for me. I had new responsibilities, so I begged to be taken back home.

The next few days, things happened so fast there is little I recall. but I did hear the family talking, "what is to become of Charlie's children?" One said, "I'll take Betsy\*", the other saying she would take the curly-headed Joan\*\*, but of course, "Doris will have to go with the baby\*\*\*\*"

**To be continued....**

<http://www.fumch.org/history.html>

**Did you all know that there is a neat historical video on the Children's Home website that starts with its 1908 founding and has a picture of Mrs. Brooks and shows the Brock House and info about early Enterprise?**

\*nickname for Euretta, then about 5 yrs old

\*\* nickname for Zona, then about 1 yr. old

\*\*\* Baby Alma

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PART TWO: How I Came to Enterprise**

**Courtesy of Sandy Walters**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Enterprise Fish Fry

By Verna Titus

Come spend **SATURDAY APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>** with your family and friends at [Mariner's Cove Park](#). You won't want to miss our **2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fish Fry**. The fish is donated and prepared by Rick and Shirley Goodwin, with the help of their family. Rick recently had major surgery but insists on frying the fish. The Goodwins are life long residents of Enterprise and both attended the "Old School House" and have lots of good stories of Enterprise, should you get the chance to ask.



Again this year we are so pleased to have Chris Elmer preparing his **NEW ORLEANS CRAWFISH BOIL**, this was such a big hit last year and he volunteered (with a little arm twisting) to do it again. Chris gets the best Crawfish, corn, potatoes, and his own secret ingredients and prepares this wonderful dish for us to enjoy. This along with the [Goodwins' Fried Catfish, Gator Bites, Baked Beans, Homemade Salads, Grits and Hushpuppies](#). There will be **Kettle Corn** and **Cotton Candy** for the children.

Now, if this isn't enough to get you excited let's toss a little music in. We are so honored to have,

**AWARD WINNING MUSICIAN ROG LEE**

He will be performing between 12:30 and 1:30.

**OPEN MIKE from 11- 12 and 2-3, anyone can sing..**

**Fish Fry is from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

Did I mention Dessert? We have two star performers who are sure to stop traffic. Be sure to save room for one of these fine selections.

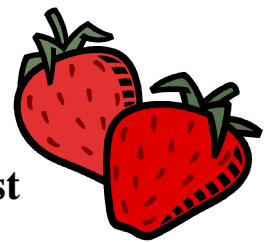
**Frozen Chocolate Covered Key Lime Pie Slice (on a stick)**

Or

**Strawberry Shortcake**

Please come out and spend the afternoon with some friends, eating some good food, listening to some great music and just having fun. **There will be bounce houses for the children.**

**THANK YOU TO THE VOLUSIA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT.**



## Adopt A Road

**Clean Up on Lakeshore Drive**

**Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Time: 8:30 am**

**Meeting Location: Deltona Community Center On Lakeshore Drive**



**Can we please get your hands in our clean up?**

Enterprise Preservation Society Adopt A Road

Chairperson

Norma Adamczyk

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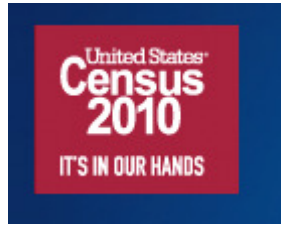
## **Rails to Trails**

I am pleased to tell you that with the completion of the work on the DeBary Bypass coming to a close, we will be going out to bid in June for construction for phase one of the **East Central Florida Rail Trail**. Look for a groundbreaking in September for the phase of the Trail that will run from **Providence Blvd to State Road 415 in Osteen**. Construction will take about 8 months.

And there is more good news! The **61 mile Rail Trail from Enterprise to Edgewater** (and south into Brevard County) is now fully funded in the FDOT work program. While it is in the outer years of the District's 5 year work plan, we are in talks with FDOT to get the dollars advanced for construction sooner than later. We are also working with FDOT to get a pedestrian bridge built so to insure the safety of our trail users so they can cross over the very busy state road 415.

Patricia Northey  
Volusia County Council Member  
District 5

# Census 2010



By Coe Chamberlain

Post Office box holders will have their census forms hand delivered, but not before April 12<sup>th</sup>.  
Forms can be obtained at your local library.

**As of the printing of this newsletter the following is Florida and Volusia County's standing in the 2010 U.S. Census**

**Volusia County's census mail participation rate climbed to 56 percent today. Volusia ranks 12th among Florida's 67 counties.**

**Florida's mail participation rate is 51 percent, and the U.S. rate is 52 percent.**

**Here's how our cities are looking today:**

**Daytona Beach 49%**  
**Daytona Beach Shores 44%**  
**DeBary 62%**  
**DeLand 57%**  
**Deltona 58%**  
**Edgewater 57%**  
**Holly Hill 53%**  
**Lake Helen 60%**  
**New Smyrna Beach 53%**  
**Oak Hill 57%**  
**Orange City 61%**  
**Ormond Beach 62%**  
**Pierson 45%**  
**Ponce Inlet 42%**  
**Port Orange 59%**  
**South Daytona 55%**

**Please mail in your census forms.**