

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, 2018

Next Meeting Sunday, May 6 at 1:00pm

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

Send to MP/NOD at:
14900 SW 71 Ave
Miami, FL 33158

MP/NOD Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/MPNOD/>

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 your envelope is marked, your dues are past. Please help by sending in your payment as soon as possible.

2016-18 Officers

our president is Jim Hartnett
305-667-5733 or hartnettj@bellsouth.net
vice president, Barbara Koesy
past president, Caesar Philips
treasurer, Marlene B. Carlin
corresponding secretary, Mary Pyle
recording secretary, Cele Diaz
sergeant at arms
parliamentarian, Linda Hertz

May 6 Installation Luncheon

The next meeting of the Miami Pioneers and Natives of Dade will take place at Duffy's Tavern at 1:00pm.

2018 MP/NOD Officers Elected

At the April 9th meeting of the Miami Pioneers and Natives of Dade, President Jim Harnett presented the nominating committee's recommended slate of officers. Each of those nominees was subsequently approved by unanimous voice vote of the members present. Your officers for the 2018-2020 term are:

President: Seth Bramson
Vice President: Robert A. Burr
Corresponding Secretary: Mary Pyle
Recording Secretary: Barbara Koesy

Treasurer: Marlene Carlin
Historian: Darlene Crum
Sergeant at Arms: Janet English



Other positions will be appointed by the president. Terms of the newly elected officers will begin after the June 3rd monthly meeting.



May 6th - 2018 Installation Luncheon

Mark your calendar for the first Sunday of May at 2:30pm for the biennial Installation Luncheon of the Miami Pioneers and Natives of Dade historical society, to begin at 1pm at Duffy's Tavern on Red Road. The cost is \$20, inclusive.

Please choose from the following limited sandwich menu: Grouper sandwich • NY

Strip Steak sandwich • Grilled Chicken sandwich; plus, choice of Onion Rings • Steak Fries • Baked Potato • side salad. Lunch includes tea, soda, coffee, plus key lime pie or cheese cake. Beer, wine and cocktails are available for extra.

You must RSVP before Wednesday, May 2, by calling Marlene Carlin at 305-322-4376, or send your email to: rsvp@mpnod.org

Duffy's Tavern is located on Red Road, just north of Coral Way. 2108 SW 57th Ave. 33155

Please send your check made out to MPNOD for \$20 to Marlene Carlin, 14900 SW 71 Ave, Miami FL 33158 to arrive before Wednesday, May 2. You can write your choice of meal on the check. If you can't

send your check in a timely manner in advance of the event, you may attend the event and pay at Duffy's Tavern, 2108 SW 57th Ave, Miami, FL 33155. Phone: 305-264-6580.

Save The Date A small icon of a calendar grid with a few dates highlighted.

Mark Your Calendar for June 3rd for our last monthly meeting of the season.

Bring a Friend

As always, bring a friend, a family member of a neighbor as your guest to share the delightful programs, the camaraderie and the social time with refreshments.

Let your friends know they can reach us on our web site to see the upcoming calendar of events:

<http://www.mpnod.org/events/>

and our FaceBook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MPNOD/>

Donations Are Appreciated

Thanks to everyone who gives a little something extra when they're able, such as our suggest donation of \$1 when you attend the meetings -- our biggest expense every year. The donation jar in the back of the room makes it easy to contribute this small amount to help pay for the room.

\$\$ Newsletter Fee

Please note: beginning in September, 2018, the club will charge members \$10 a year to receive the MP/NOD newsletter in printed form, sent via the post office.

Everyone is welcome to receive the free newsletter via email. If you wish to continue receiving the printed and mail version, please add the extra \$10 to your annual \$20 payment for dues in September. Life members can simply send a check for \$10 to continue receiving the printed and mailed version of the newsletter.

May Birthdays

- 1 Darlene Crum
- 1 Dolly MacIntyre
- 2 Edward English
- 4 Dr. James Hutson Jr
- 14 Russell Pfof
- 15 Alyce Hundley
- 18 Catherine Hilliard
- 21 Frederick Kent
- 23 Jon Arthur
- 26 Stephen Schaurer
- 27 Sallye Jude

The History of the Miami Pioneers



The streets of Miami's pioneer era saw rapid change from horse-drawn buggies to motored runabouts and roadsters. Much attention was paid to the building of roads before the boom in the 1920s.

By the 1930s, Miami steadily emerged from its status as a pioneer settlement at the start of the twentieth century — some likened it to a tropical jungle on the edge of the bay — to a rapidly evolving vibrant metropolis during the boom years of the 20s. The city was growing so fast, some lamented they could hardly recognize some of the places they once frequented.

Along the way, some of Miami's prominent citizens commiserated with their peers about fellow pioneer residents and business leaders of early Miami aging and passing away. They longed for an opportunity to gather and remember the "good old days" and to honor those who literally carved this town out of oolite rock and erected sturdy buildings of local pine.

Early life in Miami was not easy. Two thirds of families that arrived in 1910, turned around and left. Those that stayed, they felt, deserved recognition for their determined attitude and steadfast resolve to create a livable community in the wilds of South Florida.

Fourteen original settlers chartered their venerable pioneer's club organization on October 21, 1937. The first eligibility requirement was to have settled in Miami before the year 1900. The second was to be at least 50 years old, making membership quite exclusive.

Founding members included Isidor Cohen, E. B. Douglas, J. E. Lummus, John Seybold, John Sewell, Judge A. F.

Atkinson, Harry C. Budge, Sheriff John Frohock, Dr. Robert E. Chafer, Charles A. Mills, Mrs. Frieda Blackman Hughes, Dr. P. T. Skaggs, Mr. Henry J. Egger and T. N. Gautier.

Some of the first meetings took place at Roddy Burdine's auditorium, organized by his assistant and later successor George Whitten.

Membership grew steadily at first with many of the earliest settlers joining the ranks. By the time World War II priorities interrupted much of daily life — forty-five years after Miami's city charter — the original membership was beginning to wane.

It was decided to change the basic requirement of arriving before 1900. Dates were changed to 1905, then 1925. Later on, the deadline for first arrival was changed to September, 1926 — the date of the dreaded hurricane that damaged so much of Miami. Furthermore, a new classification was created to welcome descendents of the original pioneer settlers.

The Miami Pioneers purchased land and erected a building at 250 NW North River Drive in 1952. The building was lost in 1995 and the group merged with the up and coming Natives Of Dade historical society.

The membership requirement for age — over 50 years old — was finally abandoned in 2004, when all ages of descendents were welcomed as members.

Stay tuned for more about the history of The Miami Pioneers.