

# Miami Pioneers / Natives of Dade

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

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## Next Meeting Sunday, March 3rd 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

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## Sunday, March 3rd Monthly Meeting

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

## Karon Grunwell Buckley - The Florida Pioneer Museum

Our guest speaker for the March 3rd meeting at the museum is South Florida native **Karon Grunwell Buckley** on the subject of the **Florida Pioneer Museum** on Krome Avenue in Florida City.

Currently on display at the museum is a collection of fruit and vegetable carton labels from prominent shippers of yesteryear. From Florida City to Arch Creek in Dade County, packing houses were erected at the turn of the century along the Florida East Coast railroad tracks. By 1926, the Seaboard Airline Railway extended their mid-Florida route to Homestead, encouraging more packing houses to open.

Karon, and her father George Grunwell, are among the directors of the Florida Pioneer Museum, founded in association with Bob Jensen, dating back to 1962. The Florida East Coast Railway owned two bungalows which were the homes of the FEC section foreman and station agent. They were located on adjacent lots on the east side of South Flagler in Homestead just south of the Landmark Hotel. One of them, the station agent's home, is the building the Museum is housed in now. The



other one, the section foreman's home, burned down.

Visitors to the Museum explore life as it was in South Florida in the early 1900s with rooms furnished as they would have been then with artifacts donated by local residents. Children find many items that they can touch and operate such as early telephones, cash registers and kitchen equipment. A tool room displays the agricultural implements and tools that early settlers used to plow their fields with mules. Exhibits also feature Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway, schools, churches, archeology, Native Americans, and the tourism industry.



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

## March Birthdays

- 3 Scott Biggane
- 7 Elizabeth Whalen
- 15 Betty Filippi
- 16 Dr. James Hutson
- 20 Jane Stubbs
- 23 Philip Balbi
- 24 M. Hooper
- 24 Hannah Lipton
- 24 Phillip Tedder
- 28 Dr. Joseph Fitzgerald

Save The Date

Our next monthly meeting will be held at the Coral Gables Museum on Sunday, April 7th at 2pm.