

Miami Pioneers / Natives of Dade

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

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

Next Meeting Sunday, April 7th 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, 7th Monthly Meeting

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

State Senator Dick Renick

Our guest speaker for April monthly meeting is long-time South Florida resident and Navy veteran Richard R. (Dick) Renick, a popular politician in the state of Florida. He served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1966 to 1977, as a Democrat, and the Florida State Senate from 1975 to 1982.



He also had a distinguished career as a cinematographer, television and film director.

Dick was born in the Bronx on Oct 14, 1930. He started attending Hialeah Elementary School in 1936 along with brothers Ralph and Robert.

His brother Ralph Renick, was a popular television journalist for 35 years in the early days of Florida's first television station. His brother Robert was a long-serving member of the Dade County School Board.



Please remember to tell your friends about our Miami Pioneers and Natives of Dade historical society.

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

April Birthdays

1 Martha Stockhausen
10 Louise Bennett
10 Nancy Smith
12 Harold Sherritt
15 Shelley Adelman
17 Dolores Dimitriou
17 Joan Evans
17 Judy Jureski
19 Karen Leslie
21 John Tomberlin
24 Patricia Eaton
27 Jill Gusko
29 Barbara Givens
30 Dinah Graham
30 Wayne Whittlesey

SUGGESTIONS

Members should feel free to offer suggestions on upcoming historical topics, guest speakers and field trips for our group. Contact us via email: suggestions@mpnod.org



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.

Save The Date

Our next monthly meeting will be held at the Coral Gables Museum on Sunday, May 5th at 2pm.

Peters Family Reunion set for June 21-23 in Miami

A notice from Laura Lee Glass

Many of the Peters family were members of the Miami Pioneers Historical Society, including those on my husband's direct line.

The Peters Family were early Miami settlers. Solomon James Peters of Lowndes Co., Georgia came to Florida after the Civil War where he married Sydney Martha Hardin of Silver Springs, Florida. They had 9 children: 8 sons and 1 daughter.

Following the 1895 big freeze the family relocated from central Florida to Miami Dade - Lemon City where they became early pioneers of citrus and tomato industry. The town of Peters, Florida is named for the family.

One son, Tom Peters became known as the "Tomato King."

The family was also involved in development and even politics -- son Hugh Gordon "Pat" Peters served as a County Commissioner. Memorabilia of the family is located in the History Miami Museum.

MP/NOD members will remember that noted historian, and long time member of the Miami Pioneers, Thelma Peters married into the family.

Any Peters relative please contact Laura Lee Glass (mattlaurag@aol.com) for information.



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J. S. Peters Dies; Farming Pioneer

James Sidney Peters, a Dade County pioneer who came here by horse and wagon in 1896, died Thursday at his home, 10365 SW 186th St. He was 84 years old.



MR. PETERS South Dade County and lived until his death in the community of Peters, named for his family.

The Peters family came here from Cason, Fla.

Mr. Peters was a member of Palma Vista Masonic Lodge, FAAM, and the Mahi Shrine.

Survivors include his wife, Julia C., two sons, John and James; three daughters, Miss Marion Caroline Peters, Mrs. Julia Elizabeth Maxwell and Mrs. Margaret F. Holsenbeck; another brother, C. Arthur; a sister, Mrs. Mattie L. Cooper; and two grandchildren, all of Dade County.

Services will be at 4 p.m. today in Philbrick's South Miami-Kendall Funeral Home.

