

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### *Bart Tracy, President*

Welcome and thank you to those members and sponsors who have helped us get to where we are today. We've come a long way since a small but determined group of Englewood citizens decided that we had to do more to preserve our local history. Their initial work has led us to complete some major tasks, and we'd like to provide you with an update.

**First**, thanks to the insight of the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners, we have an official archives facility, housed in the Englewood Branch of the Charlotte County Library.



Furthermore, Charlotte County has hired a part-time archivist who is scheduled to be at the Englewood Archives every week.

**Second**, the Friends incorporated, have received our 501(c)(3) nonprofit IRS designation, and elected our first Board of Directors. In keeping with our intent for inclusion and our bylaws, four of our Directors are from Charlotte County and three are from Sarasota County, all from the greater Englewood area.

**Now the hard work begins!** We have a beautiful facility to permanently house the Archives, but not all the needed equipment or supplies for operations. As part of our mission, we offer support in finding funds for the cost of equipment, supplies and operations for the Archives.

**The Friends need your help to achieve our mission!**

### HOW CAN I HELP?

- Become a member or renew your annual membership
- Become a supporting sponsor
- Sponsor an item on the Wish List
- Volunteer at the Archives
- Volunteer to help the Friends with membership, events, fundraising & communications.



Englewood Archives storage room

### CONTACT US

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Our website is still in progress, but please feel free to browse at [www.friendsofea.org](http://www.friendsofea.org).

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS.**

#### *Mission of the FOEA*

Helping to preserve the history of the greater Englewood, Florida area (South Venice through El Jobean, including the Cape Haze Peninsula).

#### *Vision*

The greater Englewood, Florida area community will use the Archives as a central repository for Englewood's public records and historical documents, which will permanently preserve our rich cultural heritage for future generations.

#### *Purpose and Goals*

To support the Englewood Archives through fundraising, education, raising public awareness and establishing broad operating policies for the Archives.

#### *What Archives Do*

Archives preserve history by carefully documenting and storing old letters, family documents, photographs, maps, newspapers, diaries, manuscripts, and other records. *Archives are different from museums, which deal in historic objects, and libraries, which contain published materials that can be replaced.*

The facilities that house the Archives are temperature controlled and built to withstand fire and catastrophic weather events. Donated documents can be scanned and available online.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- September 15, 2015, Noon, at Englewood Branch, Charlotte County Library
- December 15, Noon, at Elsie Quirk Library

## 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome to our first Board of Directors:



*From left to right:*

Carol Leonard (C), Secretary

Herb Stephens (C), Treasurer

Anne Merrill (S), Vice President

Nathan "Bart" Tracy (S), President

Jennifer Perry (S), Director

Joe Blais (C), Director

Diana Harris (C), Director

(C) = Charlotte County Director; (S) = Sarasota County

## PLANS FOR 2015

- Continue public outreach with brochures, community talks, website and social media
- Complete strategic, business and work plans
- Pursue grant opportunities
- Conduct fundraising and educational events
- Raise community awareness of the Englewood Archives and how to use them
- Assist in recruiting volunteers for the Archives
- Recruit volunteers for Friends committees, such as fundraising, events, PR and outreach, and membership
- Develop a program & funding for handling Englewood Family Collections

## HOW TO DONATE ITEMS

The Englewood Archives comes under the auspices of the Charlotte County Historical Center which provides professional support for the Archives. Visit [charlottecountyfl.com/historical](http://charlottecountyfl.com/historical) to learn more and see collections online, which over time, will include more of our Englewood historical documents. The Center also accepts donations of historical documents and other items of historical interest.

## EQUIPMENT WISH LIST

The Archives needs approximately \$10,000 for initial equipment and supplies for processing and preserving donated documents. These needs include:

- Large format 2400 dpi flatbed scanner
- Digital camera
- Refrigeration unit (**Sponsored**)
- Chest freezer
- Hip Vacuum cleaner with Hepa filter
- Vertical file cabinet for maps
- Stackable stools (4)
- Data loggers & museum weights
- Numerous archival supplies

**Plus**

- Funding for additional archivist services

*If you're interested in sponsoring equipment or supplies, please email [info@friendsofEA.org](mailto:info@friendsofEA.org) for details.*



Jackie Brown,  
Historian, and Jackie  
Anderson, Program  
Assistant, processing  
collections

## WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

*Please contact us at [info@FriendsofEA.org](mailto:info@FriendsofEA.org).*

We have just the thing for you, whether want to **help the Friends' organization**, or **help the Charlotte County Historical Center with hands-on processing** of archival materials, or both. The Historical Center is happy to train volunteers. The Friends also need help with fundraising, grant writing, membership, events and public relations.

## HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

We have set a **fundraising goal of \$10,000** to provide the Archives with the equipment it needs to process our historical documents. However, we also need additional operating expenses for the Friends, as well as for additional professional staff time.

**Your donation is tax deductible.**