

# LEMON BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST- SEPTEMBER 2017

September 26 7:00 PM Society Meeting, Historic Green St. Museum, 416 W. Green St. Nominating Committee Election. **Carol Leonard from Coastal Wildlife Club, Turtle Patrol** will be sharing her experiences with turtles, as well as important information on how the public can help the turtle population. She will also answer audience questions. Carol has degrees in Zoology and Marine Science Education and is a retired Lemon Bay High School teacher. She is a past President of the Florida Marine Science Education Assoc.

On behalf of the Society, many thanks to all of you who donated to Charlie Hicks' run to be "Mayor for a Day." The grand total is \$2784 which will be added to the amount raised to move our historic building. Thanks again to all who contributed and congratulations to Charlie.

Now that Irma has passed, hopefully we all can get back to "normal" whatever your "normal" may be!

We're happy to report the Historic Green Street Church Building weathered the storm very well. We were very fortunate.

While the Society did not have a booth at the Pioneer Days 2-day event, we were active participants. A new event during the weeks leading up to Labor Day was the Bowling Tournament on August 20 sponsored by the Society. On August 27, we held an Open House at the building as part of the Historical Tour sponsored by the Woman's Club. About 20 people visited. As the weather cleared, some of us set up a table at the Historic Lemon Bay Cemetery. A few people stopped and we heard honking horns from passing cars. August 30 saw a full house at the Englewood Little Band of Writers Sing-A-Long. Another Open House was held on Labor Day. Inspired by Charlie's removal of items in the back room, the afternoon group manning the Open House decided to attack the rest of the building. The kitchen, office, bridal room and bath room are much cleaner and neater.

I'm sorry to report the death of Diane Basch last month. For years, she was on the Society Board and served as Recording Secretary. She owned the historic Chadwick house on the key before moving to the Atlanta area to live with her son. Diane was an asset to the Society as well as being a fun-loving, great person to be around. A Memorial Service will be held in Englewood in the fall. Condolences to her family.

While our historic building weathered Irma very well, the historic Oak Park Inn in Arcadia lost its roof. It was built about 1904 and is the only building in Arcadia with Italianate characteristics, an architectural style popular 1889-1900. The Inn is one of three buildings that remained after the 1905 Thanksgiving Day Fire that destroyed downtown Arcadia. Carol Mahler, who has given programs for us, wanted to make the Society members aware there is a fund-raising account,

<https://www.gofundme.com/4fw41q0>