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Clarence Bredhold, age 86, of St. James City, FL died on Sunday, November 23, 2014. Clarence was one of the charter members of MOTI and was a tireless volunteer for our museum. He was the best fundraiser we have ever had, and held the office of Membership Chairman for 13 years. Clarence is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Luella Bredhold; two brothers, Ed Bredhold of Huntingburg, IN and Ferrel Bredhold (Bernie) of Ferdinand, IN; as well as extended Family members. We will miss Clarence's smiling face and dancing feet.

SPEAKER SERIES: From the podium.....

January 5, 2015 — 7:00 pm — Fishers of Men Lutheran Church

The Museum of the Islands will present a program featuring D.L. Havlin, author and Pine Island resident, on Monday, January 5, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Fishers of Men Lutheran Church, 10360 Stringfellow Road, St. James City. Mr. Havlin will present a power-point program on his historical novel *Blue Water, Red Blood*. The book retells the story of two Americans, Holland Smith and Don Roebling, who were instrumental in winning the World War II island battles in the Pacific. His presentation will concentrate on the portion recounting Florida's contribution to this effort. Featuring far more history than fiction, the book's roots are in Florida's 1928 killer hurricane on Okeechobee. Roebling developed the amphibious tractor as a hurricane rescue vehicle and adapted it to make Smith's military plans a reality. The machine was developed and manufactured in Florida and made war's most dangerous event, frontal assault against a fortified beach, possible.

This is a can't-miss event for history buffs, military book readers, people interested in Florida's past, and those that wish to learn how our political system impacts life and death decisions. The author's books will be available and signed after the event.

The program is free and the public is invited to attend. Please contact Beverly Muldoon at bandbmuldoon@sbcglobal.net or call the museum at 283.1525.

MUSEUM TOURS...Please contact **Carolyn Murphey** to arrange a tour of MOTI for individuals or groups. 239.283.6266.

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT AND CURATOR, VICKIE DUFLO



Well, the season has started off with a blast! Our first meeting featured our very own Robert Macomber with his "A President and a Devil Fish" lecture, which of course was very well received.

Our Open House was quite successful and I really enjoyed the new Children's Activities aspect. As usual, we had many local vendors with their wares as well as local authors. We may have a new MOTI Board member as our Children's Activities Coordinator ... stay tuned and when this is solidified we will send out the word.

The date of the Rhythm and Rummage Sale at the St. James Civic Association, which is always a huge draw, has been scheduled for **February 14, 2015**. Please start gathering up those treasures you no longer want for the Sale!

We have many new displays and new items in the Gift Shop that warrant a look. Stop on in!!



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

We are doing quite well with memberships. We had quite a flurry at the Open House, including 8 new members. We do seem to be attracting a little more attention on the Island, but we encourage all our members to "talk up" our museum and not to hesitate to ask friends and newcomers "do you know we have a nice little museum on this Island?"

Membership dues: Individual \$15; Family \$20; Club \$25; Corporation (Ad) \$50; Life (per person) \$100.



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS.....

Are you willing to consider a different New Year's Resolution? How about joining a unique team of volunteers? Can you offer at least one day per month to greet visitors to our special museum?

We are blessed to have a great group of volunteers but we need YOU. Call Ced at 283-5050 or 850-9850 if you can help.

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For information on activities and events, for flyers and registration forms, visit the MOTI website



LYNN'S NOTES: Stay tuned for more information on the MOTI/St. James City Civic Association Collaborative events.

ADMINISTRATION INFO: We have had some reports of residents on Pine Island stating that they didn't even know that there is a museum on the island. Although this is hard to believe, with all of the publicity we have in the Eagle, signs, location, etc., perhaps it is a reminder that we as members must "talk up" our museum more often.

Also, it has come to our attention that some of our members do not wish to get the newsletter. Please send an email to Sharon at straylor9155@comcast.net if you want to be taken off of our mailing list.

Our Historian, Tim Knox, has moved to the East Coast of Florida. We will miss Tim's lively presentations and his outstanding activities in promoting MOTI.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**JANUARY 5 —
General Membership
Meeting—R. Havlin**

**FEBRUARY 14 —
MOTI RUMMAGE
SALE —** Start saving
your treasures for the
sale!

**FEBRUARY— Day in
Naples**

**MARCH — MOTE
Marine Visit**

MOTI AND SJCCA are working together to provide programs of interest. These activities range from local programs to field trips to places of interest.



Watch for information in your newsletters, emails, and at the museum and the civic association.

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