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FROM THE EDITORS

We are very pleased to publish in this issue the first-prize winner of the 1982 Tampa Bay History Essay Contest. The award goes to Jack D. L. Holmes, who also received \$100.00 for his efforts. His article chronicles the much neglected story of early Spanish explorations of the greater Tampa Bay region. It is a tale filled with frustrated dreams, daring adventure, and political intrigue. The author has spent a great many years gathering research on this fascinating subject, and we are proud to showcase the results of his painstaking labor. The second place prize of \$50.00 went to Jon Wilson. His outstanding article, "Days of Fear: A Lynching in St. Petersburg," will appear in the next edition of *TBH*. We were very gratified by the response to the contest. Due to the quality of several of the remaining entries, the staff decided to present honorable mention awards. The winners in this category will have their essays published in future issues of the journal. Picking the finalists proved a difficult task, and the panel of reviewers paid special attention both to the quality of writing and research. We are sponsoring the contest again this year. The deadline for submissions is September 1. We welcome manuscripts dealing with any aspect of the history of the fifteen counties in our service area. The essays should be based on original source material, and they should not have been published previously.

Entering its fifth year, this issue of *TBH* includes articles on parochial school education among the immigrants in Ybor City; a translation of a French traveller's charming account of Brooksville; a gripping memoir of a survivor of the terrible hurricanes that hit Glades County in the 1920s; genealogical profiles of pioneers of Pinellas County; and a photo essay on historic hotels along the Suncoast. In preparing this issue, we gratefully acknowledge the contribution of Eirlys Barker. Our newest editorial assistant, Eirlys is a graduate student in American History at USF and a resident of Avon Park.

We hope you enjoy this edition, and we are always anxious to receive your comments. So, let us know how we are doing after four years.

COMMUNICATIONS

Editors:

I enjoyed very much the article, "The Joseph Atzeroth Family: Manatee County Pioneers." It was well written, researched and interesting. (*TBH*, Fall/Winter 1982)

I would like to point out, however, one small error. On page 21 line 1 Ms. Slusser states, "The island of Terra Ceia probably took its name from the Spanish words for 'heavenly land.'" Please note that Terra Ceia is Portugese and it means Bay Land, similar to the fused word Lakeland. See November, 1981 issue of *Sunland Tribune*, "The True Meaning of Palma Ceia" (and Terra Ceia) by E. Fernandez.

The magazine is very enjoyable and my friends also enjoy it.

Cordially,

Eustasio Fernandez
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