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**Outgoing President Randy Stevens (on the far right of the photograph) applauds our guest speaker Marjory Stoneman Douglas. Incoming President Richard S. Clarke to the left of Ms. Douglas) and master of ceremonies Hampton Dunn stand by the guest speaker.**

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Every President of Tampa Historical Society has left a legacy behind them, and Randy Stevens, president of Tampa Historical Society from 1982 to 1984 was certainly exceptional in his goals and accomplishments. Randy came into the Presidency with a desire to publish a new



**Marjory Stoneman Douglas and Adele Clarke are seated at the guest table while Dr. L. Glenn Westfall, executive director, and President Richard S. Clarke stand behind them.**

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book on Tampa, and his efforts resulted in the publication of Tampa, The Treasure City. Although the idea of a new book had been discussed in previous administrations, it was Randy who gave the leadership needed for such a tremendous undertaking. His goal to publish the book was gifted with the talents of two authors, Tony Pizzo and Dr. Gary Mormino. Their combined talents resulted in a touch of artistry in their words and photos which reflected Tampa's past.

Randy's presidency was highlighted with excellent lectures and events for members, the tribute to his accomplishments was shared not only with our members but also our guest speaker, Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

Ms. Douglas, has been described by writer John Ricks: "Like a Florida mosquito, she's little but she stings. Almost 90, she's still a crusader, a battler, a tiger whose only shortcoming may be taking on too much. Her eyesight is failing but her vision in matters environmental remains crystal clear."

Marjory "wowed" them. A standing ovation was given to her after an eloquent introduction was given by Master of Ceremonies Hampton Dunn. Marjory then spoke from her heart, magnetizing the audience. At the conclusion of her speech, Marjory was given the prestigious D.B. McKay Award for her contributions to Florida's environmental survival.

The Presidency of Tampa Historical Society passed on to Mr. Richard S. Clarke, on this December 7th evening.

"Dick" began his presidency with long term goals for the organization. Among Dick's goals have been more active participation of Tampa Historical Society in its community.

He is currently serving his second term as president, and at the 14th Annual Banquet, he and vice-president Wayne Bevis have set new goals for gaining new members for T.H.S. in its desire to serve the public.