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It has been an honor serving the past two years as your president. The entire membership can be very proud that we have been so successful in fulfilling much of our Society's stated mission to identify, preserve and disseminate information related to Tampa's history. The list which follows includes the major accomplishments we have all worked together for and which have become a reality.

- Major repair and renovation of the Peter O. Knight House, the Society's headquarters on Hyde Park Avenue.
- Five new historical markers in the community.
- Oaklawn Cemetery restoration.
- Memorial issue of the Sunland Tribune to honor Mr. Tony Pizzo.
- Historical marker book that was distributed to libraries in all Hillsborough County schools.
- Video history of Tampa that was also provided to the Hillsborough County School System.
- Over 150 new memberships in the Tampa Historical Society.
- Publication of the book, Bayshore: The Boulevard of Dreams, which will be available in schools for future generations to enjoy.
- The Tampa Chamber of Commerce Photograph Collection 1960-Present, was saved and placed for safe-keeping with the City of Tampa Archives.
- The Robertson & Fresh Photograph Collection, was saved and is available from Special Collections at the University of South Florida.
- A major increase in the number of historical publications obtained by gift and purchase for the THS Library.
- The preservation, cataloging and archival storage of large numbers of
historical photos for the THS collection.

As is evident from this list, the Tampa Historical Society had a very productive two years. There are several important projects that the Society wishes to undertake in the years to come and I believe all of us as members will indeed continue to preserve and promote Tampa’s history.

There are many people to thank for all of their hard work and support. My Board of Directors was outstanding. My Vice President Kyle VanLandingham did an excellent job and will be a great President for our organization in 1996. Mary Brown worked with me many hours on our newest book which has been an outstanding addition for our membership. Last but not least, Lois Latimer is not only a great volunteer but a real pleasure to work with and a good friend. I look forward to a productive future for the Tampa Historical Society and all of us should be very proud of our accomplishments for the past two years.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Brown