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# Annual Report

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## **Annual Report To The Tampa Historical Society**



**Richard S. Clarke**

It has been customary for the President to submit via the Sunland Tribune an annual report to you the members of the Tampa Historical Society. Instead let me for a moment look ahead as to what we might expect for the coming years as they too will soon become history.

Our headquarters building although a "neat cottage" and in good repair is far too inadequate for safe and proper storage and display of our archives. It also affords no meeting room facilities that we (and the City) need so badly. Our outlook, excellent, as your Board and officers have pursued this with diligence, and good news of this subject may soon be coming.

A full-time director is a must. During this past year we saw our long time faithful

Glenn Westfall resign as he moved on to other endeavors. Certainly we owe Glenn a debt of sincere gratitude for his many years of diligent service. The outlook is not as bright as for a headquarters site for although we have a base to partially fund a full-time leader it would take considerable expansion of our membership rolls plus State grants and aids to make that possible.

Your officers and board are addressing the problem with diligence and with your aid will solve this very soon. Please afford them your counsel and aid.

Our programs for you the members should be increased not only in quality but in those which relate more directly to you the members. We can expect an expanded youth

program, as they need to be made more aware of their traditions and our activities.

These are but a few of the items you may look forward to as your new leadership takes over. But again none can be successful without your aid and participation in the programs.

Your financial outlook is fine, thanks to the efforts of your Treasurer Howell McKay. You at last have a advertisement-free Sunland Tribune that will always be a keepsake, thanks to our Editor Leland Hawes. Your programs were excellent in quality, thanks to Nancy Skemp and Annie Kate Carpenter.

Lois Latimer with helpers Kathy Parish and Jean Man sicano have kept up with the mail and office organization.

And who could do without the everfaithful and helpful, Wayne Bevis who kept us from stumbling many a time.

Yes, thanks to all you board and officers, the conditions are good and the outlook bright.

With the super help of Tony Pizzo, we also will have installed four commemorative markers. In case you do not know it, Tampa Historical Society probably has more markers on display in Hillsborough County than any other society in the State of Florida.

Thank you for having been a part of this in the past year and as we move to certainly better and bigger accomplishments, I assure you of my help.

My best wishes and thanks to each of you for having afforded me the privilege of being your President.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Clarke  
President