The next Zephyrhills Historical Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3 at the Zephyrhills Depot Museum at 39110 South Avenue. Business meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. and program at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

REMINDER: Memberships and advertising now run on the calendar year. Our thanks to those of you who have already renewed.

Our guest speaker for the December meeting was Christopher E. Baker, MD, a local Orthopaedic Surgeon who practices at the Orthopaedic & Spine Institute on Gall Boulevard in Zephyrhills. Dr. Baker gave a slide presentation of shoulder procedures through different stages of deterioration including rotator cuff tears, comprehensive reverse shoulder replacement and total shoulder replacement surgery. He briefly discussed various knee procedures and causes. His professional specialties are Sports Medicine, Shoulder Reconstruction, General Orthopaedics, Arthroscopy and Minimally Invasive Surgery. Most forms of insurance are accepted at his clinic. Dr. Baker is a board-eligible orthopaedic surgeon caring for both children and adults. He received his fellowship in Sports Medicine & Shoulder Reconstruction at Steadman Hawkins Clinic of the Carolinas in Greenville, South Carolina. His residency and internship was at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He received his Doctorate of Medicine at the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville, Florida. Dr. Baker and his family live in the Wesley Chapel area and is the sports athletic physician at Zephyrhills High School. His presentation was very informative and enjoyed by the group.

Our speaker for January was not confirmed at press time.

ZHA Mission Statement

The mission of the Zephyrhills Historical Association is to research, gather, and share local historical information with all generations, through our literature, programs, and scholarships, and to volunteer assistance to the Zephyrhills Depot Museum and WWII Barracks Museum.

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### Speakers

Christopher E. Baker, MD  
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New Officers for ZHA

The current slate of officers for the Zephyrhills Historical Association were doing such a great job that, to be truthful, nobody actually wanted to replace them, but we are required by our by-laws to do so. A new slate of officers was therefore elected at our November meeting. Their term will run from January 2012 through December 2013. Cris White will take over as President, Jerry Pricher will be the Vice President, Margie Partain is our new Secretary, and Jo White is our Treasurer. Jo was able to stay onboard since she was actually completing the term of someone else who had been elected. Board Members are Bill Kustes, Nathan Geiger, Bob Porter, and Penny Porter.

Membership Outreach

Attendance at meetings is not a requirement of membership. It could be that many folks in our community would be willing to be members of our organization, but they hesitate because one more meeting each month is something to which they would rather not commit. Those of you who are already members please reach out to these people and invite them. Our single greatest contribution each year is our $1000 scholarship to a ZHS grad. Currently we do a few fund-raisers each year to make this possible. It has come to our attention that most other organizations like ours are able to accomplish this through membership dues alone. We're not there yet in terms of numbers, but it is certainly possible. About $6 of the $15 in dues already gets spent in postage for sending out the newsletter each month, so it is also possible that some of you would be willing to make an additional contribution particular to this cause. Please consider it.

In the Spirit of Christmas

Members were asked to bring in their loose change to the December meeting so that we could fill baby bottles with said change and donate the proceeds to The Pregnancy Care Center in Zephyrhills. Jo White reports we collected a total of $165.37 for the cause.

Monthly Dinner Out

Several members meet for dinner at a local restaurant once a month. We meet at 5 o’clock on Friday, a week and three days after our regularly scheduled meeting. This past month we met at Village Inn. We enjoyed good food, good service, and wonderful conversation. Our meeting place varies each month. Usually whoever is having a birthday in that month gets to decide where we meet. It’s great fun!
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ZHA Members Decorate the West Virginia Tree

Members of the Zephyrhills Historical Association had the pleasure of decorating the West Virginia tree at the Florida Hospital in Zephyrhills on December 4, 2011 during the annual Tree Lighting and Decorating Ceremony.

The trees are a tradition here in Zephyrhills and one of the signature events of Florida Hospital Zephyrhills that started in December of 1985. It is one of the highlights of the community and really marks the start of the holiday season. There are more than 50 trees this year, which include one for each state in the union, one for Canada, one for Support Our Troops, and an International tree.

Local businesses and organizations participated in the festivities with refreshments, music and a visit from Santa Claus to check on the progress that the “elves” are making in decorating the trees. There was also a Christmas program followed by fireworks for the entire community. We may not have much snow here in Zephyrhills, but we do have plenty of Christmas spirit and goodwill.
You are invited to join the Zephyrhills Historical Association for a journey down the "Tracks of Time"

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