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What in the 2020 Happened to 2020?!?

As the clock struck midnight on December 31, 2019, and the New Year was ushered in with all of the anticipation and excitement of a "fresh start", did you in your wildest dreams imagine that this year would have turned into what it has?

As if the COVID-19 Pandemic, mandated closures, face masks, quarantines, civil unrest, and politics wasn't enough, add to that Murder Hornets, Plague Squirrels, Saharan Sand Plumes, meteors and hurricanes whose names we can't pronounce! We know that history can repeat itself and be rest assured that we have better times ahead. Remember, the Spanish Flu Pandemic led to the Roaring 20's and Prohibition!

Through it all, we have been busy at the Flagler County Historical Society working on projects, education, marketing, and our infrastructure. We are less than one week away from formally asking for county permission to move a historic building next to the Holden House. Our social media team has been posting Flagler County history daily, and we now have a dedicated Volunteer Coordinator who will be seeking passionate history lovers to join our ranks to enable us to meet our expansion goals. Thomas A. Verdenius, of the Bunnell Development Company, has a full update for you on page 2. For more information on what we have going on and how you can help, call or write me via the information provided below. Stay safe and healthy and keep your sense of humor. We're going to make it!

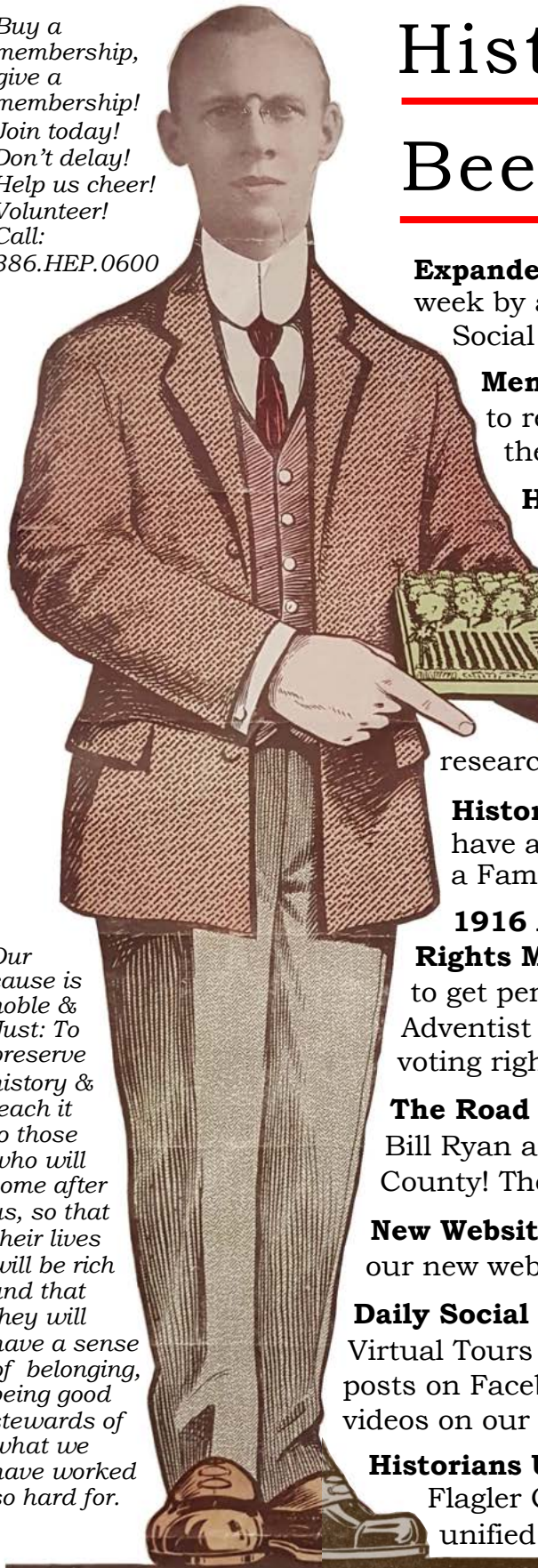
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Here's What the Flagler County

Historical Society Has

Been Up To. - Thos. A. Verdenius
Bunnell Development Company

Buy a membership,
give a membership!
Join today!
Don't delay!
Help us cheer!
Volunteer!
Call:
386.HEP.0600



Our cause is noble & Just: To preserve history & teach it to those who will come after us, so that their lives will be rich and that they will have a sense of belonging, being good stewards of what we have worked so hard for.

Expanded Hours! During COVID-19 we're open SIX days per week by appointment for research and tours with masks and Social Distancing for groups of 6 or less. Closed Sundays.

Member Benefits Program! Use your membership card to receive discounts at local restaurants, Marineland, the the Ag Museum, and the Ximenez-Fatio House in St. Aug.

Holden House and Annex Gift Shop! Local books, 1920s knit Flapper hats and scarves, local art and photos, FCHS coffee mugs.

Genealogical Research Svcs.!

We are now a licensed FamilySearch research facility with a dedicated computer kiosk. Find family!

History Bus Tours! While currently on COVID-19 hold we have an expansion plan with 2 additional history tours plus a Family Heritage Farm and History Ghost Tour.

1916 Alice Scott Abbott Church/Florida Women's Voting Rights Museum! We will be going before the County 09.09.20 to get permission to move the 1916 Bunnell Seventh Day Adventist Church from Espanola next to the Holden House. The voting rights museum will be a collaboration with the AAUW.

The Road Theatrical Play! The collaboration between Historians Bill Ryan and James Bullock is in Revision #2. It's set in Flagler County! The Road has been watching and it's about to speak...

New Website Release! We're in our final weeks of development of our new website that will have searchable databases. Stay tuned!

Daily Social Media Posts! At the onset of COVID-19 we filmed Virtual Tours of the Holden House and Annex and began history posts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Linkedin and local history videos on our YouTube channel. Take a look, watch and share!

Historians Unite! We continue to collaborate and brainstorm with Flagler County's 15 history groups and museums through the unified effort of the Flagler County History Round Table. We will accomplish our missions together! Join us!