



CENTENNIAL

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HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT

In each of our Centennial 2021 Newsletters, we will focus on some of our "Partners." Currently we have 74 ..but we eventually hope to have 100 marking the 100th Anniversary of Sarasota County!

WHAT IS THE WORLD OF CHUCKO?

Founded by Chuck and Noriko Sidlow, this magical 501c3 organization has been serving Sarasota County and Florida's West Coast's Senior Care and Special Needs Communities for over 20 years..with HISTORY, MYSTERY, MUSIC, MAGIC, MIRTH & MEMORIES. This couple have developed & present every program with life-enhancing stimulation designed to empower, uplift, & entertain. Along with a cast of seasoned professional entertainers and sometimes a "guest" volunteer, the Sidlows engage



using a variety of disciplines of entertainment.. presented to bring a positive level of interaction that benefits physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Due to the current COVID - 19 restrictions, this couple has been

creating a monthly "on-line" themed variety program for clients and children of all ages "world-wide." All programming is available FREE of charge on the World of Chucko YOU TUBE channel & on their Facebook Pages.

Chuck Sidlow aka "Chucko...the All-American Circus Clown" is recognized as the "Youngest Boss Clown." He is an inductee in the International Circus Hall of Fame located at St. Armand's Circle



in Sarasota. He is featured in his own interactive exhibit at the Ringling Museum of Art and Circus in Sarasota. He created the successful "Laughter Unlimited" program with Circus Sarasota. Chuck brings over 40 years of international entertainment experience to his work including an 11 year run in Japan as a celebrated performer & producer. Chuck is the creator, developer, and image character of the **WORLD OF CHUCKO**.

Noriko Sidlow is an internationally recognized professional musician, teacher, and high-end major event producer. Her direction and production skills steer the content for each episode, live performance, appearance & events with musical enhancements. The original piano and organ selections and arrangements she creates add a comfortable, family feel to the atmosphere of fun and mirth. She is Vice-President of the World of Chucko.

The current rules due to COVID-19 has created a need for the programs provided by the "World of Chucko" locally and beyond Florida to the world.



A Note From Our Chair



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The time to celebrate the creation of Sarasota County in 1921 is rapidly approaching. As it does, the pace of planning and organizing activities steadily increases. We now have 74 Centennial Partners and 20 Centennial Sponsors. Our Partners have agreed to present one or more Centennial themed events, all of which will be listed in the Centennial Calendar on this site.

The Centennial Steering Committee is also organizing events that are consistent with protecting everyone against infection from Covid-19. These include taped historical auto tours of important sites in Sarasota County, erecting historical markers to honor those who fought to establish the county, an antique auto caravan along the Tamiami Trail from Sarasota to Venice, an oral history project titled "Notable African-Americans of Sarasota County," as well as other activities still in the early planning stages.

The Centennial celebration emphasizes historical education about the area we call Sarasota County. Through lectures, books, videos, and museum displays, the entire history of this region can be explored. The Centennial website is perhaps our most useful educational tool. It is already filled with information about our shared past and much more will be added.

Why celebrate this Centennial? Simply because our history defines the distinguishing characteristics of our community—both those that are positive and some that are far less so. We are very much a community of migrants from all over America and the world just as was true of the generation that founded Sarasota County. We and they came here for the quality of life and economic opportunity. The only difference is that our founders had to organize and fight for the right to build the kind of community they wanted. For that they are deserving of our recognition on the 100th birthday of Sarasota County. In the process we might better understand and strengthen the ties that bind us together as a community today.

Dr. Frank A. Cassell, Chair
Sarasota County Centennial 2021
Steering Committee

Coming Soon: SARASOTA COUNTY AUTO TOURS

Where and why in Sarasota County were four decagon shaped buildings moved in the middle of the night?

A bank cashier absconded with all the funds and an entire city went out of business. Where and when was this?

For which church did the pastor play a cornet to announce services to the fishermen in the Gulf?

Where in Sarasota County was movie star Mary Pickford planning to build her home?

Find out the answers to these questions and more as you safely drive to and learn about many of the notable historical sites in our soon-to-be 100 year old county.

Due to the pandemic, the Centennial Committee has decided that instead of holding a live event in January we will be doing a number of virtual programs. One of these will be driving tours of historic sites throughout Sarasota County. The first tour should be ready by January, 2021. These auto tours will be free of charge; you will just need to download an app on your phone. More details in our next newsletter.



Mary Pickford, was a Canadian-American film actress and producer with a career that spanned five decades. She co-founded Pickford–Fairbanks Studios and United Artists, and was one of the 36 founders of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

JANUARY 2021 VIDEO EVENT

The Venice Area Historical Society invites you to view its JANUARY 19, 2021 Lecture/Program which is part of the Betty Intagliata Lecture Series with permanent funding by the Bill Jerve Jr. Charitable Foundation. The Historical Society's January Program kicks off the 100th Anniversary of Sarasota becoming its own County with a video program by Dr. Frank Cassell titled: "Creating Sarasota County." Dr. Cassell tells the story behind the fight to split from Manatee County and the personalities involved. Fascinating history!

If you miss January 19th the video will be up for about two weeks. To view go to: veniceareahistoricalsociety.org. Click on the EDUCATION tab.

How Sarasota County Came To Be

SarasotaCountyCentennial.com

Be sure to visit our website to watch the video of Dr. Frank Cassell sharing the story of how Sarasota came to be, its break from Manatee County and the people involved.

Become A Partner

We invite you to view "A Special Invitation" to join the celebration

on our website: www.sarasotacountycentennial.com or

on YouTube youtu.be/uo9U5fbm0PM



Join Our Partners

In every issue we will feature some of our Partners.



Mabry Carlton Ranch



FEEDING FAMILIES
SINCE 1959



NEWS

Renee Dipilato, Head of the Sarasota County Library System and the Dept. of Historical Resources has been appointed to head the Sarasota County's Centennial Committee. Renee is most welcome as a guest to all of our Centennial 2021 Committee Meetings for co-operation and co-ordination of Centennial 2021 activities.

We wish Renee and her committee a happy holiday season and a wonderful 2021.



Westcoast Black Theater Troupe of Sarasota is one of our early Centennial 2021 Partners. Due to COVID-19, the Theater Troupe is cancelling its Fall Gala titled: "Soul In Garden." Julie Leach, Executive Director for WBTT, reported that..." this year has been incredibly difficult..just as it has been for businesses and organizations throughout the community." However WBTT will continue to provide programming in a "variety of forms" to its patrons, artists, and students. Numerous presentations have been offered through streaming video. The Jazzlinks outreach education program will be filmed and offered in schools via video this winter. For more information about their future programs via video, streaming, etc. just go to boxoffice@westcoastblacktheater.org or call WBTT at (941) 366-1505, ext. 106.

CHAMPIONS FOR SARASOTA COUNTY



A. B. Edwards, First Mayor of the City of Sarasota, leader of the County Separation Movement.



Harry Higel, First Mayor of the Town of Sarasota, developer of Siesta Key.



Rose Phillips Wilson, Editor and Publisher of the Sarasota Times, tireless promoter of independence from Manatee County.

All photos are from Sarasota County Historical Resources.



Owen Burns, Early developer in Sarasota, built the Vernona Hotel.

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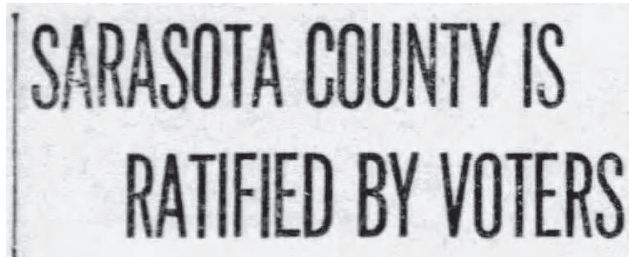
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Tampa Tribune
June 16, 1921

In 1921 the citizens of the Sarasota district won their battle for independence from Manatee County to become Florida's 62nd county. Next year in 2021, the entire Sarasota County community including Sarasota, Venice, North Port, Longboat Key, Osprey, Nokomis, Englewood, Newtown, Miakka, and Laurel will celebrate our 100th birthday. Representatives of local historical organizations have formed the Sarasota County Centennial 2021 organization to plan events and raise awareness regarding this important anniversary.

Thanks to people like you, the Sarasota County Centennial will be a historic event to remember. We invite you to be a sponsor of this very important community initiative! Your contribution will help support the entire Centennial effort, including the community events, history programs and a website to share all of the various opportunities for the community to participate. You or your business will be promoted through our marketing efforts online and in print.

Please view our levels of sponsorship. Go to our website sarasotacountycentennial.com or print and fill out the Application on the next page to secure your sponsorship. Friends of the Sarasota County History Center dba Sarasota County Centennial 2021 is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.*

Your support is critical to celebrating this once in a lifetime milestone!



A Community Celebration of 100 Years of Sarasota County
January 9, 2021 – July 4, 2021
Sponsorship Information

_____ Presenting (\$10,000) _____ Platinum (\$5,000) _____ Gold (\$2,500)
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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Telephone #: _____ Email: _____

Name for listing in event materials and website: _____

Link to your website: _____

Do you have a logo for use in event materials and website: Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please also send a PDF or JPG file to sarasota2021@gmail.com

Please make your check out to "Sarasota County Centennial 2021" and mail to: SC Centennial 2021, P.O. Box 91, Venice, FL 34284. To pay via credit card, go to SPONSORS page on **www.sarasotacountycentennial.com** for information.

To ensure your name appears in event materials please respond by October 1, 2020

If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Gerkin at 941-922-8730



BECOME AN

Ambassador

Centennial 2021 Ambassadors are people who agree to become knowledgeable about the evolving Centennial celebration and talk to neighbors and friends about the importance of the Centennial. Ambassadors can also agree to serve as volunteers at Centennial events, help distribute Centennial promotional materials, and help the development of Centennial Neighborhood Associations.

A. The Roles and Functions of a Centennial Ambassador

1. To become a knowledgeable advocate of the Centennial 2021 by learning about the historical events surrounding the creation of Sarasota County as well as the plans for the 2021 celebration.
2. To promote and foster interest in the Centennial with neighbors, friends, groups and organizations to which you may belong. To lead discussions on the upcoming Centennial.
3. Possibly to serve in volunteer capacities at Centennial 2021 events.
4. Possibly to become active in forming or joining a Centennial 2021 Neighborhood Association where you live and help plan neighborhood Centennial 2021 events or to help prepare a history of your neighborhood.
5. To encourage attendance at the Centennial 2021 lecture series and other Centennial events.
6. Possibly to speak about Centennial activities before local groups.
7. To be sure your local library is stocking Centennial 2021 materials in its pamphlet racks. Possibly distribute pamphlets and other Centennial items to local chambers of commerce, visitor centers and interested businesses.

B. Who can apply to be a Centennial Ambassador?

Ambassadors must be at least 18 years of age and live or work either full- or part-time in Sarasota County. Application forms can be filled out on line at the Sarasota County Centennial 2021 website. Ambassadors must be reliable when volunteering to work at Centennial 2021 events.

All applicants must be approved by the Centennial Steering Committee.

C. What do Ambassadors receive for their efforts?

1. Their names are listed on the Sarasota County Centennial 2021 website.
2. A name badge for use when working as an Ambassador.
3. Each Ambassador receives an appropriate Centennial 2021 certificate.
4. The satisfaction of helping the Sarasota County Community mount a meaningful celebration of its 100th birthday.

Please fill out the application below:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: ____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Briefly tell us why you want to become an Ambassador _____

Mail to: Sarasota County Centennial 2021, PO Box 91, Venice, FL 34284

Thank you! Please remember that your application will be reviewed by the Sarasota County Centennial 2021 Steering Committee. Also, if you or your group wishes to organize a Centennial event, it must be approved by the Centennial Steering Committee before it is entered on the Centennial Calendar.

Happy Holidays

To all of the Centennial 2021 Steering Committee Members, to all of our “Partners”, to all of our “Sponsors” and to our “Centennial Ambassadors we thank you for all of your hard work & support. We wish you the happiest of holidays and may 2021 prove to be our best year yet!

F. Cassell
D. Bayley
B. Intagliata
(Editorial Staff)

