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# THE MUSEUM COMMEMORATES THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PANAMA CANAL SOCIETY



Trustee **Jim DesLondes**, left, writes his name on the map of Cardenas where he used to live, while a friend points to the street where he lived in Los Rios. Visitors to the museum room could choose from 30 maps of old town sites to find their former homes in the Canal Zone.



Panama Canal Museum Trustees **Bob Zumbado** and **Paul "Buddy" Morgan** wrestle with display panels in the Museum Exhibit Room at the Reunion. The theme of this year's exhibit was the 75th Anniversary of the Panama Canal Society.



#### **BUNCO!**

Peggy Hale Huff presented Bunco champ, Emily Bliss, Rockledge, FL, with her prizes. Peggy and Renee "Cat" Ballou Krimminger hosted the Bunco Tournament at the Reunion as a museum fundraiser. The tournament introduced participants to the fun of Bunco as a fundraiser so that we'll be able to have Bunco tournaments staged across the country. To learn more about how to sponsor a Bunco party, contact Kathy Egolf at pankee@aol.com (727-394-9338); Peggy Huff at phuff@cfl.rr.com (321-455-1649); or Renee Krimminger at Cateyes713@aol. com (704-527-5745).

## PANAMA CANAL MUSEUM IN A TRUNK

The idea is to fill a steamer trunk with books, maps, artifacts, a DVD, a PowerPoint program, and lots of activities about the Panama Canal and Panama that teachers can use in the classroom. An individual, business or group (i.e. BHS Class of 19\_\_) can choose to sponsor one of the Trunks to be placed in a school district of their choice. Sponsorships at \$1500 per trunk will help cover the museum's cost of developing lesson plans and support materials, the purchase of a steamer trunk, items in the trunk, and shipping. The sponsor's name with an in memoriam or in honor of designation if desired will be written on the inside lid of the Trunk. For more information about how to sponsor a Trunk, please contact museum director, **Elizabeth Neily**.



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MUSEUM HOURS: Monday - Friday 1st & 3rd Saturdays 10 AM - 4 PM Or by appointment.



Shoppers had plenty of items to choose from in the museum store in the Vendors Room at the Reunion.



## SILENT AUCTION

Once again the Panama Canal Museum auction generated a lot of excitement as visitors to the museum room attempted to outbid each other on items at the silent auction tables. Left, **Helen Aanstoos Hay**, Forestville, CA, shows off her winning bid on the AirTran gift cetificate.

#### **NEW VOLUNTEERS**

**Nellie Wood Engelke**, Seminole, FL, is assisting with the development of a lesson plan and presentation to Pinellas County teachers on August 9th.

**Steve Gronemeyer**, Largo, FL, is assisting with the museum website.

**Lorraine Sousa Gross,** Pinellas Park, FL, is assisting with accessioning new donations.

**Barbara Bonanno Marshall,** St. Petersburg, FL, is helping to plan events and will chair the 2008 museum luncheon.

**William Puckett,** Largo, FL, is working on the Education Planning Committee workshop for teachers.

**Frank Scruggs**, St. Petersburg, FL, is assisting with accessioning new donations and designing PowerPoint lectures.

### **NEW TRUSTEE**

**Frank Stevens Hawks,** Leesburg, IN, and Naples, FL, has been appointed to the Panama Canal Museum Board of Trustees. He is a descendant of Chief Engineer, John F. Stevens. Frank is President, Hawks Sales Corporation, and Vice President, Rubber Products Distributors.

## Write of Passage: Stories of the American Era of the Panama Canal

Begin planning your family history pages for our *Write of Passage* project. Don't miss out; over 100 families have already signed up.

\*\*Reserve now!

#### Panama Canal Museum Panama Art 2008 Calendar

featuring Panama and Canal Zone artists is now available in the Museum Store or on the website at: www.panamacanalmuseum.org



\$12.00 each.

Panama Canal Museum 2007 "Make the Dirt Fly" Commemorative Christmas Ornament featuring the Chief Engineers, John F. Stevens and Lt. Col. George W. Goethals. This ornament commemorates the 100th anniversary of the "passing of the shovel" from Stevens to Goethals.



\$20.00 each.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members to the museum. Your support is so important to the success of the museum.

Pacific Anchorage: Melvin & Nora Bess, Connie Bumgarner, Kenny Carden, Daniel Clarke, Jack Coberly, James Dilfer, Faye Weisser Finegan, Jeff & Felicitas Goethals, Estella Aguirre Hammond, Mary Heathman, Jane Wheaton Little, John J. & Phyllis Magee, Lowell Marcus, Yvonne Fishbough Mouser, Robert & Vernell Lusako Mullins, James and Karen Newlon Mullins, Michael O'Shea, Bertha Read, Harold Smith, John Steiner, Tag Stewart, Barbara Tung, Harry Whitney, Daniel Winklosky, John Woods, Jr.

#### **Amador Causeway:**

David & Frankie Bell, David & Jeannine Wilder, George & Roslyn Zelenka.