

The Melrose Business and Community Association, Inc.

# *The Melrose Alert*

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**Mission:** *To promote and support the Melrose Business Community and improve the quality of life for all area residents.*



**May 14, 2008**

**MONTHLY MEETING**

**11:30 am LUNCH**

**12:00 pm BUSINESS MEETING**

**Melrose Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
South Hampton Street  
Melrose, Florida**

## *At The Meeting . . .*

At 11:30, April 9, 2008, President Judy MacLaren called the meeting to order, Rev. Gary Fuss offered a prayer and blessing. All members and guests joined in with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Lunch was served to 19 members and guests.

**Announcements:** Our next event: Business After Hours Mixer at Greathouse Butterfly Farm, April 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm  
Next Business Meeting: May 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am Melrose Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Melrose Boat Parade: July 4, 2008, If you wish to enter a boat or volunteer, call Judy macLaren at (352) 475-3992.

Historic Melrose, Inc.: Reports they raised about \$3,000 with Picnic in the Park toward park improvements – band-shell, playground equipment, etc.

Melrose Bay Park Clean-up: Sunny Corr, Park Coordinator, is planning a Bay Park Clean-up. If you desire to take part, call Sunny at (352) 475-1488.

**Guest Speaker:** Felicity Trueblood introduced our speaker, Susan McCool, Supervisor of Elections for Putnam County. Ms. McCool stressed that all registered voters should vote and those not registered should register. She outlined the requirement for voter registration, when and where to register, plus how to vote by absentee ballot. She pointed out that Putnam County voters will use a “paper ballot” however disabled voters can use an electronic voting machine. For additional information, her contact information is: Phone (386) 329-0224., e-mail: [electionsoffice@putnam-fl.com](mailto:electionsoffice@putnam-fl.com), and web-site at: [www.putnam-fl.com/soe](http://www.putnam-fl.com/soe).

Respectfully submitted,

*Walton Smith*

Recording Secretary

## *Recent Happenings . . .*

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, a large group of MBCA members and guests enjoyed a great Business After Hours hosted by Zane & Maggie Greathouse at their Butterfly Farm in suburban Earleton. Thank you Zane & Maggie!

This past Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, the Melrose Bay Gallery held the opening reception for a new show sponsoring works by members of the Gainesville Fine Arts Association. Have some interesting works. The show continues though the month. For more information visit their web-site:  
<http://www.mbagallery.smugmug.com/>.

## *Future Happenings . . .*

Always check the Community Calendar here in the newsletter and on-line at:  
<http://melrosefl.com/calendar.html>.

There are no major events on the horizon beyond what's already listed on the Community Calendar. Perhaps, we should stir something up?

### *Editorial . . .*

Whether you want to believe it or not, this month marks the mid-point on the active MBCA calendar year when you consider we have business meeting, January through October.

A brief review of MBCA activities thus far - the finalization of the "Four Corners Cops Without Borders" agreement between the Alachua, Bradford, Clay, and Putnam Sheriff's Departments, an evening MBCA meeting, and our first 2008 Business After Hours event at Greathouse Butterfly Farm are the high points, as I recall them.

So, it's time to start thinking about what we're going to do for the rest of 2008 and make plans for 2009.

Also, remember, it's Election Year and we all need to be sure we're properly registered to express our thoughts on who should lead us into the future. On the National Scene, we've never had a more diverse group from which to choose.

### *Today's Humor . . .*

"Men are like computers: Hard to figure out and never have enough memory."

#### **Thought for the day**

**"Live so that when your children think of  
fairness and integrity, They think of you."**

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

#### **Businesses of the Month**

**Idyldale Farms  
Lake Area Dental Clinic  
Lake Swan Camp  
Meadowmere Farm**

#### **Let's Welcome New Member:**

**Ted & Jean Giesel  
Delia McClland**

## **Board of Directors -- 2008**

President	Judy MacLaren
Vice-President	Richard Harris
Secretary	Walton Smith
Treasurer	Sunny Corr
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Director at Large	Phil Payne
Director at Large	Sandra Talarico

## **Committee Chairpersons**

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Christmas Parade	Steve Thrift
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Photographer	Cornelius Clayton
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Publicity	Felicity Trueblood
Spiritual Director	Gary Fuss
Web Page	Tom Lucas

## **Calendar**

May 14, 2008	MBCA Meeting, 11:30 am
June 11, 2008	MBCA Meeting, TBA
July 4, 2008	Happy Independence Day
	Melrose Boat Parade, 10:00am
July 9, 2008	MBCA Meeting, 11:30 am
August 13, 2008	MBCA Meeting, 11:30 am
September 1, 2008	Labor Day
September 10, 2008	MBCA Meeting, TBA
October 8, 2008	MBCA Annual Meeting, 11:30 am
November 4, 2008	Election Day
November 7, 2008	Annual MBCA Awards Banquet, 6:00 pm, Trinity Parish Hall
November 11, 2008	Veterans Day
November 27, 2008	Thanksgiving Day
December 13, 2008	Merry Melrose Christmas Parade and Craft Festival, 10:00 am
December 25, 2008	Christmas Day
January 1, 2009	Happy New Years!

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