

Minutes of General Meeting - Arch Creek Trust - April 18, 1983

Picnic in the park at 6 P.M.

At 7:15 P.M. we assembled in the museum. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Vice President, Louis Stark. The Vice President stated that because of our distinguished guest, we would dispense with the normal business agenda portion of the meeting. The Park Director, Emily Perry, and the Park Naturalist, Maria Minno, were introduced.

The meeting was turned over to President Wesley Wilson. He introduced Marjorie Stoneman Douglas. She complimented the Trust and the Park on the advancement made since last year. She stated three things which were of great importance to her:

- Restore the Kissamee Bason
- Save the Everglades
- Save the Panthers

She pounced on the Army Corp of Engineers for making study after study and not doing anything. Said they would go on studying forever. She had the observation that some of the tomato crop had been hurt because of high water in the south Everglades area, but didn't think they particularly should be raised there anyway. Said we should buy vegetables from Mexico and then maybe their citizens would stay home! Why should'nt we buy food from somewhere else to help them live and us use our land for other purposes. She reported that the Everglades were in very good condition. Someone has been cleaning up the trails --- it's good that there are no more billboards. The squatters shacks have been cleared out. She talked about many other things and was her usual wonderful self -- full of energy and humor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Coffee and cookies were served.

Respectfully submitted,



Pearl Stark,
Secretary, Arch Creek Trust

PS: The program was a big success. There was standing room only!