

# GREATER NORTH MIAMI HISTORIAN

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## PRESENTATION IN WESTSIDE THIS MONTH

On Thursday, August 20, the Greater North Miami Historical Society will make a presentation before the membership of the North Miami Westside Property Owners Association. The event begins at 7:00 pm and is free to all members of the public.

The most popular part of the presentation are the many photographs of North Miami's earliest days. Compiled from extensive City records, the photos document the people, places, and things which laid the groundwork of the community we all love.

Presentations will also be made by citizens who have lived in North Miami for many years. Come learn about the first days of Bryan Elementary, the Arch Creek natural bridge, and much more!

A similar presentation will be made by the GNMHS in September at the Keystone Point Homeowners Association meeting. The GNMHS hopes to make its presentation to as many groups around North Dade as possible.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY TAKES HOME TWO AWARDS

Three members of the Greater North Miami Historical Society were recognized in June at the annual awards banquet of the North Miami Mayor's Task Force. Glenn O'Hearn and Jacki Biggane were given the "Outstanding Media Award" for their extensive efforts to compile and preserve hundreds of artifacts in City archives.

Gwen Fernandez took home one of only three Mayor's Gold Key awards, personally presented by Mayor Howard Premer. She was surprised to notice that the Mayor had noticed her untiring work for the GNMHS, but not us!

# FOUNDING MEMBER, MERLE VAUGHT, PASSES AWAY


Merle Vaught, one of the founding members of the Greater North Miami Historical Society passed away on June 4, 1998. He was 74 years old and had contributed to North Miami in many ways.

As the 9th President of the North Miami Jaycees, Merle worked to build the Jaycee Hall, located at 12100 West Dixie Highway, and was in fact installed as president at the very first meeting in the building in the early 1950s. He was also active in city politics.

Merle was always aware that it is important for a group to hold on to its history. He donated to the Jaycees several scrapbooks he had kept of the group's activities during the 50s, 60s, and 70s.

For the GNMHS, he had taken during the past year the lead in contacting various civic clubs in our area to ask for their stories and historical notes.

Merle Vaught was a gentleman and a staunch community activist. We will all miss him greatly



The  
Greater North Miami Historical Society meets on the first Friday of every month at the North Miami Chamber of Commerce, 13100 West Dixie Hwy. Meetings start at 7:30 PM. Drop by and hear what's going on!

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## FYI: HISTORY BUFFS

**H**istory buffs and collectors! The Miami Memorabilia Club meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at the Rivera Presbyterian Church, 5275 Sunset Drive. Seth Bramson, president of the Memorabilia Club and Director of the GNMHS, appeared recently in "History News" magazine and on FOX TV's FX Collectibles show as a super collector of Florida East Coast Railroad memorabilia.

### HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GNMHS

It's easy to become a part of North Miami's newest and most exciting organization! Simply mail your name, address, and phone number to 13100 West Dixie Highway, North Miami, FL 33161. Don't forget a check in the amount of \$10.00 payable to the GNMHS.

**THE NORTH MIAMI HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
THE TIME WAS 1944. WHO ARE THESE OLD NORTH MIAMIANS?**



In the above 1944 photo these boys had been playing football in a vacant lot, lying between NE 126<sup>th</sup> street and NE 127<sup>th</sup> Street on the east side of NE 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Can you identify them? If you can, fill in the names on the below form and return it to the North Miami Historical Society at 13100 West Dixie Highway, North Miami Florida 33161. The first entry with the right names (or the most right names) will receive a free one-year membership in the North Miami Historical Society. All the boys lived within a block of the photo shot and were instrumental in establishing the North Dade Youth Foundation the forerunner of the Town Recreation system.

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If you have any photos that reflect events or places in North Miami from a bygone era, you may want to let the Society copy them and enter them in our Newsletter Quiz. Where is it? Who are they? This is also open invitation to join the Society. Ten bucks a year, that's reasonable



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# **JUST A REMINDER!!**

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION  
AT WESTSIDE PROPERTY OWNERS**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 1998  
7:00 PM**

**12500 N.W. 13 AVENUE**