

CANAL GATOR TALES

September 2021

Silent Auction and 8-Week Challenge

The Silent Auction in July was a fantastic success thanks to the generosity of the many donors, the hard work of the organizers and volunteers, and the many bidders who participated. The Friends of the PCMC raised a record amount of \$8,768, and these funds will be contributed to support our ongoing Oral History Fundraising Campaign.

If you weren't able to participate or would like to participate further, now is your opportunity! **We are going to build upon the great success of the auction by raising a matching \$8,000 in 8 weeks beginning on September 13 and ending on November 5, 2021.** To ensure the success of this effort, one anonymous donor has already pledged \$1,000 and hopes that others will be as generous.

Please make a contribution to support our oral history program so that we can continue to document stories of life in the Canal Zone and Panama. We encourage you to combine efforts with others, so please reach out to your family members, friends, classmates, club members, or other groups.

Of course, all funds raised during this 8-Week campaign will be a significant step forward in achieving our goal to raise \$250,000 by the end of 2022, which is the tenth anniversary of the PCMC at UF. With your support, we will be able to celebrate that anniversary with the completion of the fundraising campaign and we will ensure that oral history interviews will support education and research far into the future.

To make a gift by check, please make your check payable to the University of Florida Foundation/PCMC Endowment #017606. Please mail the check to the Office of Development, George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida, PO Box 117000, Gainesville, FL 32611-7000.

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For more information visit pcmc.uflib.ufl.edu/oralhistory or contact the Development Office at (352) 273-2505 or lib-development@ad.ufl.edu.



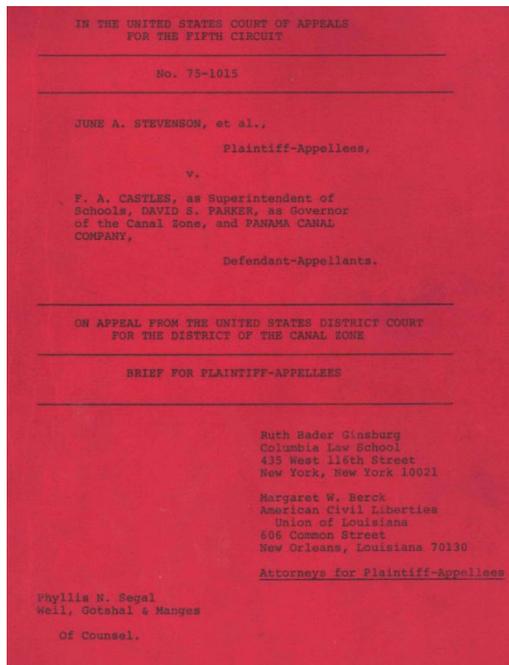
Silent Auction organizers Mickey Walker Fitzgerald and Carole Walker Miller show off hundreds of wonderful items donated to the auction.

Spotlight on New Acquisitions

We have certainly been active in recent months acquiring terrific historical treasures, and we will continue to highlight some of these donations in upcoming issues.

Lori Snow generously donated her copy of a brief prepared in 1975 in the case *Stevenson v. Castles et al.* We had previously featured a scan of this item when we [posted about this case on the PCMC Blog](#) last year. Lori Snow's mother, June A. Stevenson, sued the Panama Canal Company over unequal employee benefits for women and men. Ruth Bader Ginsburg served as Stevenson's attorney and they won the case in 1978.

Rebecca Hushing McCole donated a large collection of family photos and papers, primarily pertaining to John Earl Hushing, who was the U.S. Marshal for the Canal Zone, and his brother William C. Hushing, who was a former Canal Zone employee who represented the Canal Zone as Chair for the American Federation of Labor Legislative Committee in Washington, D.C. The photos document the Canal Zone and Panama in the 1920s through the 1950s, and include many photos relating to hunting, fishing, and tourism.



SAVE THESE DATES

September 11, 2021

Panama Canal Society Gulf Coast Luncheon at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Sarasota, from 11:30 a. m. Carole Miller will be accepting donors' items for the 2022 silent auction to support the Panama Canal Museum Collection at UF.

November 6, 2021

Panama Canal Society Meeting and Space Coast Picnic at the Kelly Park East, Merritt Island, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Please bring to Mickey Walker Fitzgerald any items you would like to donate to the 2022 silent auction to support the PCMC.

March 26, 2022

Panama Canal Society/Friends of the PCMC Spring Luncheon and opening of the new exhibition on health care in the Nahmad Panama Canal Gallery, Smathers Library, Gainesville.

July 6-10, 2022

Exhibit, Auction and Cultural Seminar at the Panama Canal Society Reunion at the Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando, FL. It's never too early to start identifying items that you would like to donate to the auction! Please contact Mickey Walker Fitzgerald (mickeyftz@aol.com), Carole Miller (czmiller345@gmail.com), or Kathy Egolf (Pankee@aol.com) if you have items to donate or if you want to volunteer to help out.