

CANAL GATOR TALES

December 2022

Thank You for Helping Us Celebrate a Decade at UF!

December is the last month celebrating the 10th anniversary of the PCMC at UF, and we want to thank you for your participation, engagement, and support throughout the year. We have thoroughly enjoyed our luncheons, webinars, exhibits, and other special events, and we hope you have too. If you haven't done so already, please read our special 10th anniversary booklet, [Celebrating Ten Years](#), which highlights important activities, acquisitions, and milestone events such as establishing the Nahmad Panama Canal Gallery at UF.

Our special 10-week fundraising campaign to raise \$10,000 to support our [Oral History Campaign](#) ends on December 16, so there is still time to make a tax-deductible contribution if you haven't done so already. All funds will be used to support oral history interviews in the future to ensure that unique stories and shared memories will be preserved for future generations. We selected \$10,000 as our target amount in order to match the \$10,000 raised by the Friends of the PCMC during the Silent Auction at the Panama Canal Society Reunion, and of course we also enjoy the fact that this is our 10th anniversary. In honor of the anniversary, we have designed a commemorative 10th anniversary pin which is available to anyone who makes a gift of \$125 or more. Thanks to everyone who has already contributed to the 10-week campaign. We will report on the results in January.



Of course, December also is an excellent time to make end-of-year charitable gifts. Please contact lib-development@ad.ufl.edu or call 352-273-2505 for more information.

Join the Friends of the PCMC Cruise!

Join the Friends of the PCMC for a 15-Day Ocean to Ocean Panama Canal Princess Cruise, January 17-February 1, 2023. The cruise will originate in Los Angeles and end in Fort Lauderdale with ports of call in Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Colombia -- PLUS a day on the Pacific side of Panama and a transit of the new locks. Prices start at \$1859 per person. Contacts: Lori Snow (lori@condortt.com) and Pat Pritchard (pat@condortt.com), or via phone at 770-339-9961.

Silent Auction 2023

The Friends of the PCMC will hold their annual silent auction at the Panama Canal Society Reunion in Orlando in 2023 in order to raise funds to support the collection. We are fortunate that volunteers have once again stepped forward to donate their time and energy to coordinate every aspect of the auction. Of course, we still need your help. First, please consider donating items for the auction. We accept everything from clothing and jewelry to art and decorative objects. Second, please consider volunteering your time to help at the auction with set-up and clean-up and everything in between. If you are interested in donating your time or your items, please contact Mickey Walker Fitzgerald (mickeyftz@aol.com), Carole Miller (czmiller345@gmail.com), or Kathy Egolf (Pankee@aol.com).

Friends Memberships

If you haven't done so already, now is a good time to renew your membership in the Friends of the Panama Canal Museum Collection at UF. If you are not a member already, please consider joining!

The funds collected are used to support education and research through the preservation, conservation, digitization, and processing of the collection. Funds also support the creation and development of local, traveling, and online exhibits that increase awareness about the collection, the Panama Canal, the Canal Zone, and its people.

We maintain these efforts through the support of friends like you when you join or renew your membership. Dues and donations qualify for tax deductions. Thank you for your continued support of the PCMC at UF. To join or renew membership in the Friends of the Panama Canal Museum Collection visit <https://apps.uflib.ufl.edu/pcmmembership/> or call 352-273-2505 for more information.







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Jan. 17-Feb. 1, 2023

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April 22, 2023

Panama Canal Society/Friends of the PCMC Spring Luncheon at Smathers Library, Gainesville. Join us for the Spring Luncheon with the Panama Canal Society in Gainesville at the Smathers Libraries starting at 11am. We will open the new exhibition in the Nahmad Panama Canal Gallery which will focus on engineering. Also, if you have any items you would like to donate to the 2023 silent auction, you can bring them to the Luncheon.

July 5-9, 2023

Exhibit, Auction and Cultural Seminar at the Panama Canal Society Reunion at the Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando, FL. Please contact Mickey Walker Fitzgerald (mickeyftz@aol.com), Carole Miller (czmiller345@gmail.com), or Kathy Egolf (Pannee@aol.com) if you have items to donate or if you want to volunteer to help out.