



## January 2016 Member News

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Acknowledging community interest in the continuation of its annual Florida Humanities Series, the **Emerson Center** will present a new group of speakers for 2015-2016, in partnership with the Florida Humanities Council. A series of seven programs presented between October 2015 and April 2016, are lectures and performances relating to Florida history, culture and people. Admission to each is complimentary. All performances will begin at 7 p.m. on the respective Thursday evenings. Kicking off the New Year will be Tom Berson - "Transparent Waters: The History and Significance of Florida Springs" on January 21 at 7 p.m. Berson, a former journalist and Florida and Environmental history professor, will describe the numerous valuable natural springs in Florida that brought tourists here before Disney. The springs attracted travelers into a wild and enchanting Florida interior, including Weeki Wachee, the deepest naturally formed spring in the United States. Funding for these programs is provided through a grant from the Florida Humanities Council with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities and sponsored in part by Marine Bank & Trust. The capacity of the Emerson Center is more than 800; free admission will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis for all speakers. The Emerson Center is handicap accessible and is conveniently located at 1590 27th Avenue, on the SE corner of 16th Street and 27th Avenue in Vero Beach. For more information, contact 772-778-5249.



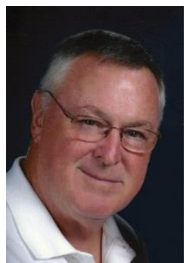
**Vero Beach Opera's** 2016 performance season is turning into a real gem, and it will end on a very high note as MET Opera Star Deborah Voigt comes to town for the Deborah Voigt/ Vero Beach Opera Foundation International Vocal Competition! Opening the season and the new year on January 10 at 3 pm, Vero Beach Opera presents in English the fully staged operetta *Die Fledermaus* (The Bat). Tickets are \$30, \$40 and \$50. Student tickets are half price. On March 13 at 3 pm, Vero Beach Opera's World of Opera Concert "*Remember Me Then - See Me Now*" brings back previous winners from Marcello Giordani Foundation International Vocal Competitions. Tickets are \$30, \$40 and \$50. Student tickets are half price. Closing out the season is international diva and MET Opera star Deborah Voigt! On March 23 at 7 pm, come for An Evening with Deborah Voigt. Tickets are \$30, \$40 and \$50. Student tickets are half price. Then experience the Deborah Voigt International Vocal Competition on March 24 - March 26, when aspiring young opera singers from around the world compete for titles, cash prizes and performance opportunities. They will compete in the Preliminaries on March 24, the Semi-Finals on March 25, and then the finalists will compete at a special Finals Concert on March 26 at 7 pm. A \$20 two-day pass is available for the Preliminaries on March 24 and Semi-Finals on March 25. Tickets to the Finals Concert are \$30, \$40 and \$50. Student tickets are half price. All performances and the Competition will be held at the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center which is located at 1707 16th Street in Vero Beach. For tickets call the Box Office at 772-564-5537, and for online ticketing visit [www.VeroBeachOpera.org](http://www.VeroBeachOpera.org).

One Day University, the adult learning company that brings superstars from the nation's top colleges and universities to entertain and enlighten audiences around the country, has announced its 27th city - Vero Beach, Florida. The event will be presented in partnership with **Press Journal / TC Palm** on February 20th at the Emerson Center. Since launching in 2006, One Day University has grown from a single half-day event in New York City to a series of 80 full- and half-day programs in 27 cities around the country. Founder and President Steven Schragis calls what One Day University offers "edutainment," a kind of highly accessible yet intellectually thrilling performance art that invites scholars to unleash the entertainer within and listeners to sit back, relax, and open their minds" One Day U's Managing Director Kevin Brennan emphasized that speakers are recruited from dozens of campuses around the country. The professor-presenters for the Vero Beach event are all from the Ivy League including: Presidential Election 2016: What to Expect- James Morone / Brown University; Can Creativity be Taught? The Science Behind Imagination- Shelley Carson / Harvard University; 4 Films That Changed America- Marc Lapadula / Yale University. For more information about One Day University and to view curricula in all cities , please visit [www.onedayu.com](http://www.onedayu.com)

In the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, **Treasure Coast SCORE Chapter 308** served 636 new clients face-to-face & 180 new clients through email counseling. Also we held 122 workshops with 1,382 attendees. Total services were 4,387 and our total services were up 42.9% year over year! SCORE provides no-cost, confidential business counseling with expertise in a wealth of business and business-related areas. SCORE Chapter 308 is a resource partner with the Small Business Administration and covers

Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Glades and Okeechobee Counties on the Treasure Coast. Please call the SCORE office at 772-489-0548 to set up an appointment to discuss your business opportunity with an experienced SCORE counselor. Also please feel free to contact the chamber for an appointment with a SCORE counselor at their office: Indian River County Chamber (Vero Beach) at 772-567-3491 or Sebastian River Area Chamber 772-589-5969.

The **VNA Home Health & Hospice** provides home healthcare services—including Medicare-reimbursed and private-duty nursing; home health aides; physical, speech, and occupational therapy; in-home companions; and personal transportation—throughout Indian River County. The agency is also the only licensed hospice provider in Indian River County, offering end-of-life care in patients' homes, local hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and the VNA Hospice House. The non-profit organization also provides community wellness services such as flu vaccinations, no-cost blood pressure/blood sugar screenings, and speakers on health-related topics for local community groups. A complete listing of times and locations for Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar screening is now available for January by clicking [THIS LINK](#).



**Harvest Food & Outreach Center's** Community Leaders Luncheon will feature Dr. Bob Lupton on January 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Community Hall on 520 Royal Palm Blvd. in Vero Beach. As founder of Focused Community Strategies and author of five books including "Toxic Charity," Lupton will share insights from his latest book, "Charity Detox: What Would Charity Look Like If We Cared About the Result?" Tickets on [Eventbrite.com](#).

**Florida Atlantic University** will partner with the **Old Vero Ice Age Sites Committee** (OVIASC) on one of the oldest and largest archaeological digs of its kind, The Old Vero Man site, located on the Treasure Coast in Vero Beach. The project will be overseen by FAU's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute (HBOI) and FAU's Department of Anthropology within the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters.

"This Florida site has national and international significance," said Daniel C. Flynn, Ph.D., FAU vice president for research. "As one of the state's 12 public universities, FAU brings tremendous resources and infrastructure to this important project."

For the past two years, excavation efforts have been led by renowned archaeologists James M. Adovasio, Ph.D. and Andy Hemmings, Ph.D., who will continue managing the dig under the new partnership agreement. The Old Vero Man site has been called one of the most important finds in the history of North American archaeology, after construction efforts on a drainage canal in 1913 exposed the well-preserved remains of Late Pleistocene flora and fauna in association with human remains and artifacts.

The Old Man Vero project has been overseen since 2010 by the OVIASC. The group conducts regular tours during active digs, coordinates volunteers who assist archaeologists on-site and works to raise funding for the project. Other collaborators on the project include scientists in HBOI's ancient DNA lab who will process some of the

recovered bones, and Indian River State College will be providing ancient DNA soil analysis and student volunteers. Site preparations will begin in January 2016 and archaeologists will begin digging again in February. Contact Carin Smith at 772-242-2230 or [carinsmith@fau.edu](mailto:carinsmith@fau.edu).

The Discovery Channel's "How It's Made" documentary television series featuring **Piper Aircraft** aired December 17 on Discovery's Science Channel. Filming of "How It's Made" began at Piper Aircraft's factory and supporting departments the end of January 2015. Over the course of three days, an experienced film crew collected footage of various stages of production of the high performance single-engine Piper M500, part of the company's esteemed M-Class series. The popular documentary series is broadcast in 180 countries, offering a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the fabrication of various products, from everyday objects to industrial items and manufacturing marvels. "How It's Made" depicted the manufacturing process of an original Piper M500 turbine as it is handcrafted from initial fuselage construction to final paint scheme application. With an overabundance of interesting development information, Piper was allocated twice the regularly scheduled length of time on the internationally recognized show.

The **Treasure Coast Chapter of SCORE** announces the addition of Marvin Lesman to its growing staff of volunteer business counselors. Lesman has over 40 years of business management and ownership experience in several areas of financial management including credit strategy, credit scoring analytics, commercial equipment financing, financial services, etc. for companies such as American Express, Dun & Bradstreet and CitiGroup. In addition owned and operated Evander Consulting, Flanders NJ, a private consulting business. He is a graduate of Long Island University with a B.S. in Business Finance and is a Certified Credit Executive (CCE) with The National Association of Credit Managers and resides in Port St. Lucie with his wife Carol. SCORE provides no-cost, confidential business counseling with expertise in a wealth of business and business-related areas. Please phone our office at 772-489-0548 to make an appointment to discuss your business opportunity with an experienced volunteer SCORE counselor and when we are away you will be forwarded to our answering service. Our website [www.treasurecoast.score.org](http://www.treasurecoast.score.org) can also be used to make an appointment at any of our eight (8) locations for face-to-face counseling or to register for any of our workshops.

**Hope for Families Center** will benefit when Gordon Food Service presents the 8th Annual Vero's Top Chef Challenge. The qualifying event will be held at the Indian River State College, Richardson Center from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on January 25, 2016 and the Finale will be held at the Club at Pointe West at 6:00 to 9:00 PM on February 22, 2016. The chefs from a fourteen of Vero's most popular restaurants will compete for the title of Top Chef. The weapon of choice is food. The results of their combat will be mouth-watering dishes for the attendees and support for the Hope for Families Center. The Qualifying Event will be held at the Indian River State College, Richardson Center. Business casual attire or better is suggested. Tickets for the mix and mingle area (no seating) are \$45.00 per person while tickets for the VIP Reserved Seating area are \$65.00 per person. There will be a cash bar. The Finale will be held at the Club at



Pointe West. Cocktail attire is required. Tickets are \$185.00 per person. R.S.V.P. by January 20, 2016. Tickets for both events are available online at [www.hopeforfamiliescenter.com](http://www.hopeforfamiliescenter.com)

Johann Strauss' sumptuous melodies unfold during a night of deception and practical jokes at the hottest party in operetta when **Vero Beach Opera** presents the fully staged operetta *Die Fledermaus* (*The Bat*) on January 10 at 3 pm at the Vero Beach High School Performing Arts Center. Under the music direction of Bruce Stasyna, stage direction of Russell Franks, and artistic direction of Román Ortega-Cowan, the production will be performed in English and features an original cast of international opera singers who will come to Vero Beach for this production only. In the principal roles are Timothy Renner as Eisenstein, Helen Todd as Rosalinde, Cairan Ryan as Falke, Leila Bowie as Adele, Gennard Lombardozzi as Alfred, Julie Miller as Orlofsky and Reuben L. Lillie as Frank. Read their bios at [www.verobeachopera.org/die-fledermaus.html](http://www.verobeachopera.org/die-fledermaus.html) Maestro Stasyna will conduct the Brevard Symphony Orchestra. The Vero Beach Opera Chorus includes singers from the Stetson Opera Theatre and the Vero Beach Choral Society. Dancers from The Royal Ballroom will also perform. Tickets are \$30, \$40, \$50 and \$100. Student tickets are half price. Call 772-564-5537 and purchase tickets online at [VeroBeachOpera.org](http://VeroBeachOpera.org).

**Dogs For Life, Inc.** will hold an Assistance Dog Graduation Ceremony at the DFL Administrative & Training Center, at 1230 16th Avenue in Vero Beach, FL. On January 16, 2016 at 2:00 P.M. "We are thrilled for the first time to have four teams graduating at the same time" said Shelly Ferger, DFL Founder and CEO. Chere McCoy with her service dog Stella, Wanda Haaland with her hearing dog Lola, Larry Ingham with his hearing/service dog Lola and Corinne Cruickshank with her service dog Aya, have completed all of the requirements of DFL and Assistance Dogs International to graduate the DFL Assistance Dog Training Program with honors. With the doubling of teams in training this year, expect to see larger graduation ceremonies in the future in Vero Beach. DFL has had more veterans of war apply for training in 2015 than since our inception in February of 2002. Hearing dogs are trained to alert their owners to a knock at the door, the phone ringing, an alarm clock and the smoke alarm. Other sounds can be trained as needed. Service dogs are trained to assist their owners with balancing on their feet, picking up items or tapping a 911 K-9 emergency



phone. Service dogs can also be trained to help someone with the effects of post-traumatic stress, such as waking from a nightmare, creating subtle barriers in crowds, and alleviating oncoming panic attacks. Other tasks can be trained to mitigate mobility and stress related issues as needed.