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**BOCA RATON HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD
AND HONORS VOLUNTEERS AT ANNUAL MEETING**

The Boca Raton Historical Society elected new board members and officers at its 37th annual meeting, held April 16, 2009, at Town Hall. New trustees approved by the membership for the 2009-2012 term are Jim Ballerano, Marc Cavaliere, Elizabeth Kelley Grace, Kathy Qualman, Loretta Raunhorst, Jamie Sauer, Jay Whelchel, and Dawn Zook. Returning board members for the 2009-2012 term are Debbie Abrams and Barbara Levitt. New officers for 2009-2010 are: Tom Dieters, President; Debbie Abrams, Vice President; Julia Johnston, Secretary; and Densel Raines, Treasurer.

President Tom Dieters presented the annual Myrtle Butts Fleming Award to Bill and Sharon Shubin in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the establishment and growth of Boca Bacchanal Winefest & Auction. Longtime members of the Society, both Bill and Sharon have been supporters both financially and through volunteer contributions.

Tom also presented President's Awards to Bob Campbell and to Madelyn Savarick for their support of the Historical Society. Bob has held a vintner dinner at his home for each of the seven years of Boca Bacchanal. Madelyn was recognized for her service as a board member and for her support of all BRHS events, including the Casino Night and Boca Bacchanal.

"This year, the BRHS accomplished some amazing things, thanks to a great staff, a supportive Board, fantastic volunteers, and generous supporters," said Mary Csar, Executive Director of the Boca Raton Historical Society. "Approximately 1,000 people enjoyed our tours this year, which include the trolley tour of the city, the tour of the historic Boca Raton Resort & Club, and tours of the Boca Express Train Museum. More than 1,500 children participated in our school programs, up from 1,000 last year. In addition, the BRHS received some fabulous furniture and artifacts from the Boca Raton Resort & Club which will enhance our collection and our on-going exhibit in Town Hall."

President Tom Dieters noted that key fundraising efforts of the Historical Society have

been focused on planned giving and the implementation of a website page that serves as an educational tool for estate planning, ways to give and what to give, plus a gift calculator for determining the various possibilities. (Go to www.bocahistory.org, to Museum Support, to Planned Giving) In support of this effort, the board approved new endowment and investment policies.

The annual meeting concluded with guest speaker Dottie Patterson, Archivist at the Delray Beach Historical Society, who presented photos from her new book, *Delray Beach*, from the Arcadia Publishing Postcard History Series. After the meeting, everyone adjourned to the library for a champagne reception.

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