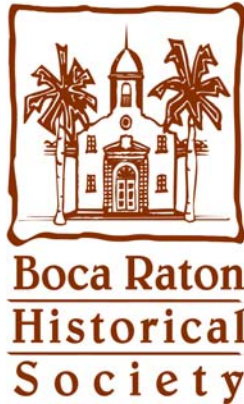


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**Town Hall Talks: The Sunshine Economy**

On Thursday, February 17, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., the Boca Raton Historical Society's Town Hall Talks Lecture Series will feature a lecture by William B. Stronge, Professor Emeritus of Economics at FAU and author of *The Sunshine Economy: An Economic History of Florida Since the Civil War*. Dr. Stronge will discuss the modern history of the city of Boca Raton, what caused the influx of retirees to the area in the 1950s and what impact they had on the development of the community. He will look at how the city changed from the 1950s through the 1970s, the growth of condominium developments and the rise of gated communities in Boca Raton.

The 2010/2011 Town Hall Talks Lecture Series is generously sponsored by Madelyn Savarick and the law firm of Chapin, Ballerano and Cheslack. All lectures will take place at Town Hall, 71 North Federal Highway, Boca Raton at 7:00 p.m. The lectures are free for Historical Society members and \$5 for others. For more information about the series or to make a reservation call (561) 395-6766 ext. 100.

The Boca Raton Historical Society is a membership organization dedicated to preserving the past to enrich the future. Now in its 39<sup>th</sup> year, the Historical Society actively promotes historic preservation and education through its archival services, guided tours, and education programs. To learn more about the Historical Society or to become a member, log onto [www.bocahistory.org](http://www.bocahistory.org).

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