



# *Florida Chautauqua Assembly 2020*

**“A Journey into the World of Happiness”**

International Best-Selling Author

# Ryan Holiday

*Featured Keynote Speaker*



# Program and Schedule

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# Campus Map

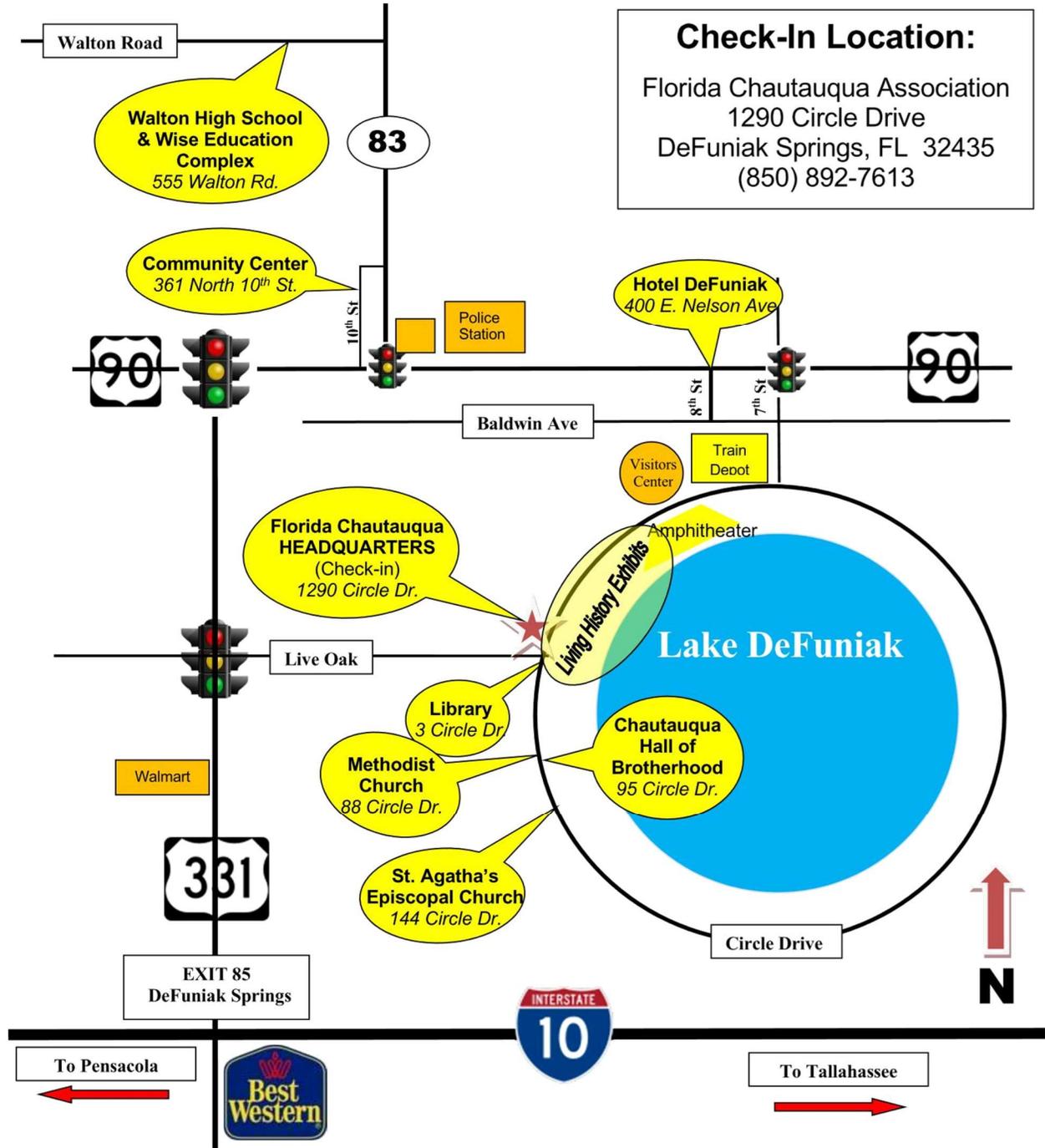
## Florida Chautauqua Campus 2020

Map (not to scale) by Christopher Mitchell

**Welcome  
Chautauquans!**

### Check-In Location:

Florida Chautauqua Association  
1290 Circle Drive  
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435  
(850) 892-7613

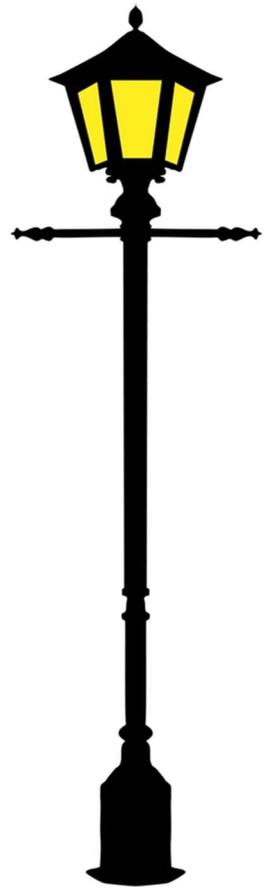


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The congregation of  
St. Agatha's Episcopal Church



The congregation of  
First United Methodist Church



The congregation of  
First Presbyterian Church



The City of  
DeFuniak Springs

The Wise Center  
*Home of the Owls*



# Campus Facilities and Locations

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## Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood

95 Circle Drive



- Indoor Nature Trail (Behind Building)
- Tree Give-away (Saturday)

## DeFuniak Springs Community Center

361 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street



- Saturday Evening Dinner Performance
- Art Exhibit
- Performance Teas
- Meet Mayor Clayton!
- Resume/application sessions

## First United Methodist Church

88 Circle Drive



- Breakout Sessions
- Saturday Keynote (Pamela Landwirth of Give Kids The World Village)

## First Presbyterian Church

1063 Circle Drive



- Breakout Sessions

## Hotel DeFuniak

400 East Nelson Avenue



- Welcome Party
- Breakfasts
- Lunches
- Friday Evening Dinner Performance

## Lake Yard (aka Chipley Park)

3 Circle Drive



- Free Living History Exhibits
- Tree Planting Ceremony

## St. Agatha's Episcopal Church

144 Circle Drive



- Vespers

## Wise Educational Complex

555 Walton Road



- Featured Keynote (Ryan Holiday)



Welcome to the 2020 Florida Chautauqua Assembly themed “A Journey into the World of Happiness.” We chose this theme as our country and communities have become so politically divided, community-by-community; family-by-family.

I’m guilty of engaging in meaningless arguments relating to my political views. On inner reflection, how much of this anger and frustration can be blamed on how I *perceive* the world? Am I letting ego get in the way as I try to win an argument with a relative or friend? Is chasing money and work status really making me happy?

I’ve had to ask myself the reverse question to deal with the real issues: “What’s making me unhappy?”

I’ve turned to two individuals who have impacted me directly and whom I believe can impact you, too: our featured keynote speaker, International Best-Selling Author Ryan Holiday and President & CEO Pamela Landwirth of Give Kids The World Village.

A few of Ryan’s books, *Ego is the Enemy*, *The Daily Stoic*, *Stillness is the Key* and *The Obstacle is the Way* taught me things I didn’t know about myself and my perceptions and dealings with difficult challenges. I never even heard of stoicism, now an integral part of my life. He even touched on the significance of self-less giving in his writings, a powerful tool to achieving a truly happy life. That’s where Pamela Landwirth comes in.

Pamela Landwirth’s leadership at Give Kids The World Village is a model of selfless-giving, and she provides mechanisms at the nonprofit Village she leads for tens of thousands of volunteers to “shine their light” through selfless giving of time, money, new toys and talents for the only reward these volunteer angels seek – the smile on a child’s face battling through some of the greatest human challenges we all fear: critical illness and death. The volunteer experience is so powerful that many volunteers move from other states to the Orlando area just so they can volunteer at the Village. Some are even Wish-Kid alumni who overcame their medical challenges, thanks to the power of a wish granted to them by generous donors to the Village and the many wish-granting organizations who made their cost-free, weeklong vacation possible. The Village requires 1,800 volunteers A WEEK to fill all the needed positions to provide these wish-families magical and unforgettable experiences away from hospitals, medical bills and painful surgeries.

Your exploration and journey into happiness this weekend will uncover many of the essential ingredients to a better attitude toward life. Some answers may be found in Ryan and Pam’s keynote presentations. Others will be found in the many, valuable breakout sessions orchestrated by our exceptional faculty members who have volunteered their time in making your journey a meaningful and life-changing experience.

Thank you, faculty, volunteers and attendees of the 2020 Florida Chautauqua Assembly,



**Christopher Mitchell**  
**President & Program Chair**

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**2020 Program Chair**

# Schedule

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## THURSDAY, January 23, 2020

**10am-4pm: REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN** – *Florida Chautauqua Association Headquarters, 1290 Circle Drive (Faculty check-in at Hotel DeFuniak, 400 East Nelson Avenue)*

### **1pm-4pm (arrive at your own pace): FLORIDA CHAUTAUQUA RESORT/CAMPUS OVERVIEW**

- What is this place? What is Chautauqua? Program Chair Christopher Mitchell will meet you at the starting point of a new interpretive panel display funded by the Florida Division of Historical Resources to explain the incredible story of the historic grounds you are on and the power of the program you are now attending. Then, walk in the footsteps of presidents, first ladies, astronauts, Hollywood stars, famous poets and world leaders to learn why they, too, came to this historic place. Welcome to Chautauqua! *DeFuniak Springs Visitors Center, 1140 Circle Drive. Free*

### **6:00 pm-8:00 pm: WELCOME PARTY!**

- Enjoy an evening of heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and beverages while meeting fellow Chautauquans and faculty with whom you will be sharing an enlightening weekend together. Cash bar for those wishing to purchase other alcoholic beverages. However, wine is included with your Welcome Party ticket. *Hotel DeFuniak, 400 East Nelson Avenue. Tickets \$20*

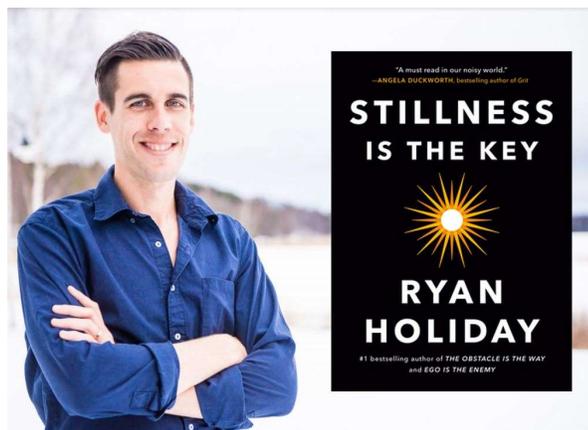
## FRIDAY, January 24, 2020

**7am - 4pm: REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN** - *Florida Chautauqua Association Headquarters, 1290 Circle Drive (Faculty check-in at Hotel DeFuniak, 400 East Nelson Avenue)*

**7am - 9am: BREAKFAST** - *Café NOLA, 400 East Nelson Avenue. Tickets \$9.*

### **9am - 10:15am: FEATURED KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

- **Ancient Wisdom for a Better Modern Life** - Stoicism is an ancient philosophy International Best-Selling Author Ryan Holiday has brought back from ancient Rome and into the workplace, entrepreneurship, politics, and sports. Take a journey with Ryan as he shares lessons from Stoic greats to overcome obstacles you face in your workplace or home life. *Wise Educational Complex Auditorium, 555 Walton Road. \$15.*



### **10:45am-Noon: BREAKOUT SESSIONS & TEA**

- **Container Gardening** - If you don't have room or want to care for a large garden, container gardens are a perfect way to go! Annette Wise, leader of the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail and Plains Chautauqua will walk you through the steps of placing just the right ingredients in your garden container to attract butterflies to your yard, including pollinator friendly plants that provide nectar, serve as host plants and make our gardens

beautiful. Learn about the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail which starts in Plains, Georgia and how you can join. *First Presbyterian Church, Assembly Room. \$10.*

- **Tree Care 101** - Learn the basics of tree pruning, maintenance, and care as well as how to avoid common tree problems from the Florida Forest Service's Urban Forestry Program Manager William Liner. *Florida Forest Service Indoor Nature Trail Exhibit (Tent), Behind Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood, 95 Circle Drive. Free.*
- **A Pictorial Visit to Chautauqua, New York** - Originally founded in 1874 in Western New York State, the Chautauqua Institution is both a historic Victorian village situated in a beautiful lakeside setting and a 9-week summer festival for mind and body. Alex Alexander, a frequent presenter and attendee of the New York Chautauqua will tell the Chautauqua story through historic photographs and personal experiences of a regular "Summer Chautauquan." She will take you on a pictorial visit of the gingerbread style cottages, the 5,000 seat outdoor amphitheater, the bell tower, marina, library, shops, lecture halls, churches, parks, historic hotels, and charming gardens that collectively create an ambiance enjoyed by more than 170,000 people each summer. And if you're thinking about visiting Chautauqua yourself, you won't want to miss the practical tips on how to get there, where to stay, what to see and do, and how to enjoy your summer Chautauqua experience to its fullest. *First United Methodist Church Sanctuary. \$10.*
- **Health is a State of Complete Harmony of the Body, Mind, Emotions and Spirit** - Joanne Klepal, author of Natural Healing Techniques: Get Well & Stay Well, will describe the connections between the body, mind, emotions and spirit in relation to health and happiness; how disease and pain is a result of imbalanced or blocked energy; the importance of treating the body as a 'whole' and how our environment and habits are connected to our health issues; how solving the root cause of a health problem, causes the symptoms to disappear; and ways in which you can improve or increase their well-being in body, mind, emotions and spirit to live a healthier, happier life. *First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. \$10.*
- **Find Your Zen Through Mindfulness Techniques** - Join Jena Gilmore to find your Zen by learning the practice of Mindfulness and how it can make you healthier by combating stress and anxiety. She'll share techniques for you to practice personally and show you how this can be incorporated into your interactions with family, friends, and fellow professionals. As a bonus, you will create your own essential oil infused stress items to help keep you focused, present, and more productive. *First Presbyterian Church Library. \$10.*
- **Basics of Completing a Job Application** - Find out how to provide winning answers on job applications to get the job you want and need. Find happiness by securing that job and getting your new year off to a great start! *DeFuniak Springs Community Center Main Room. Free.*
- **Performance Tea: Lillian Carter** - Before she was the 39th president's mother, Lillian Carter (Interpreted by Carol Puckett) was a Peace Corps volunteer at age 68! Find out how she found happiness volunteering in one of the poorest villages of India just as one of her sons became governor of Georgia and later President of the United States. *Community Center Tea Room. \$20*



**NOON-1:30pm: LUNCH** - *Café NOLA, 400 East Nelson Avenue. \$10.*

**1pm-1:30pm: TREE PLANTING CEREMONY**

- In honor of Pamela Landwirth of Give Kids The World Village. This annual ceremony not only honors the many famous and notable people addressing the Florida Chautauqua Assembly, but it

is a tradition from the original assemblies (1885-1927). *Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood, 95 Circle Drive (to the right of the building). Free.*

### 1:45pm - 3pm: BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- **Find Happiness Being a Thespian** - Whether you're brave or bashful, outgoing or shy, there is a job for you in community theater. If you are looking to try something new or something different, the community theater in your town is the place to go. Dr. Britt Poulson will explain how you don't have to have previous theater experience, and there are plenty of entry jobs that can teach you the ropes. There is no requirement that you get up on stage and act. Behind the scenes jobs need people too. You will enjoy the comradery of a group of people who are there to enjoy themselves and have fun. New team members are always received with pleasure. This session will talk about some of the jobs that are available, and you will be surprised at how many require skills you already have. *First United Methodist Church Classroom A. \$10.*
- **The Curious Story of Chocolate, Our Favorite Happy Fix** - Explore the tale of chocolate with Gregory Garland from its beginnings in the Halls of Montezuma via West Africa and the Swiss Alps to its glorious success on our palates. It took the imaginations and hard work of a series of fascinating, gifted and eccentric persons over five centuries to get us to his happy place. How they did it is an amazing story, one that will make you appreciate even more the joy of consuming your favorite sweet. *First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. \$10.*

- **The Products of Lavender** - Many scientists say there are many health benefits of lavender, including its ability to relieve stress, improve mood, promote restful sleep, lower skin irritation, prevent infections, reduce inflammation, eliminate dandruff, and soothe stomach bloating. They also claim that the relaxing qualities of lavender, which come from its organic compounds and antioxidants, also help the heart by reducing blood pressure and easing the tension on blood vessels. Find out what form in which you can buy lavender through this presentation by the founder of Florida's first lavender farm Jason Leabo of Southern Grace Lavender Farm in Southport, FL. Learn what inspires him and his family to be so passionate about lavender that they are dedicating so much of their livelihood in establishing lavender as a major cash crop for Florida.



- **Journaling** - Learn the power of journaling! Amy Meyer, author of Day by Day: A Creative Guide to Living Your Best Life with Clarity, Intention and Flow, will share with you EXACT tools she has used over the last several years of her health, wellness & healing journey which can help improve your own life. Although not a requirement for this session, you may wish to purchase her journaling book, Day by Day: A Creative Guide to Living Your Best Life with Clarity, Intention and Flow and bring with you to enhance your session. *First Presbyterian Church Library. \$10.*



- **The Joy of Painting—the Bob Ross Legacy** - A quarter century after his death, Bob Ross remains a household name associated with positive thinking, encouragement, and finding happiness through

painting. Most people are familiar with his “happy accidents” and “happy little trees” or his advice that “If what you’re doing doesn’t make you happy, then you’re doing the wrong thing.” Easily recognizable for his Afro-style hair, calming voice, and folksy words of wisdom, Ross marketed a downhome approach to teach the world to paint. Often seen with Peapod, his pet squirrel, perched on his shoulder, Ross was equally famous for his efforts in wildlife preservation—a commitment that often caused his co-workers great consternation! By following Ross’s method and painting along with him, everyone from age 9 to 99 was guaranteed success. The only noticeable blot on his career involves the painful break from his painting mentor and one-time business partner William Alexander. Bob Ross produced years of painting demonstration lessons for Public Television, sold his lessons in video form (now DVDs), in books, and in *The Joy of Painting* magazine. But what do you really know about this 20th century television icon? Who was the man behind the easel? How did Ross’s approach to the business of art separate him from Thomas Kinkadee? Why doesn’t Bob Ross appear in Art History books? Learn the answers to these questions from local artist/art historian, Jan Faubel, who will also reveal a host of additional fun facts about the Bob Ross Legacy. A Bob Ross door prize will be awarded! *First United Methodist Church Sanctuary. \$10.*

- **Basics of Resume Writing** - Find out how to draft that winning resume to get the job you want and need. Find happiness by securing that job and getting your new year off to a great start! *DeFuniak Springs Community Center Main Room. Free.*

### 3:30pm - 5pm: BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- **On Shaky Ground? Better Balance Can be Learned** - Unsure of your steps when you walk around such tourist destinations as Universal Studios? Many of us can improve the quality of our daily lives with better physical balance. Dr. Don Rapp, author of *On Balance: Mastery of Physical Balance for Life*, will provide you with many fall prevention ideas and will explain how to improve the quality of your daily life through fall prevention information. He will also lead in simple and safe exercises adjustable for the disabled to the athlete. *First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. \$10.*
- **Utopian Florida Communities, the Different Visions of People’s “Happy Places”** - For centuries, Florida has been the focus of numerous utopian visions for a variety of “dream” communities. Starting with Ponce de Leon’s search for the mythical “Fountain of Youth” (which has of course morphed into a tourist destination), an assortment of explorers, soldiers farmers, promoters, developers, planners, and theologians have sought to create various forms of a perfect place in the Sunshine State. Thomas Cloud will lead an “expedition” of discovery into these “Shangri-La’s.” *First United Methodist Church Sanctuary. \$10.*
- **Find Your Center** - Feel lost or disconnected? Can't figure out your life mission? Author Amy Meyer will help you identify your core values and what is missing in your life. Discover how to create the steps you need to take to find real meaning and happiness in your life. *First Presbyterian Church Assembly Room. \$10.*
- **Performance Tea: Winston Churchill** - Meet "Winston Churchill (interpreted by Bruce Collier, J.D.) in 1945 just when Germany has been defeated. Adolf Hitler is dead. British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill is about to return to England to learn the results of a Parliamentary election which will determine whether or not he will remain Britain's war leader and help plan the defeat of Japan and the balance of power in the post-war world. Over tea he reminisces about



his personal and public life, the war, the possible future and how he found inner peace and happiness at a time when the world seemed to be burning down. Moving back and forth from past to present, Churchill recalls his worst and finest hours. *Community Center Main Room. \$20.*

**5pm - 5:30pm: VESPER** - *St. Agatha's Episcopal Church, 144 Circle Drive.*

**5pm-6:15pm: WINE RECEPTION**

- Enjoy some "down time" at the historic Hotel DeFuniak with your choice of a glass of wine just before the evening dinner performance. Sponsored by Chautauqua Vineyards and Winery of DeFuniak Springs. *Hotel DeFuniak, 400 East Nelson Avenue. \$15.*

**6:30pm-9pm: EVENING DINNER PERFORMANCE**

- **Guitarist Chris Alvarado.** Back by popular demand! Enjoy your dinner with live guitar music by singer/songwriter Chris Alvarado who is not only known for the purity of his solo performance, but also for the handcrafted instruments he makes with impeccable sound quality coveted by many rock stars. *Hotel DeFuniak, 400 East Nelson Avenue. \$25.*

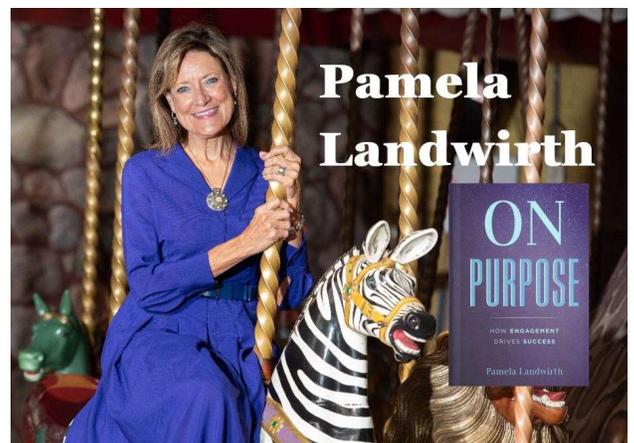
**SATURDAY, January 25, 2020**

**7am - 4pm: REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN** - *Florida Chautauqua Association Headquarters, 1290 Circle Drive (Faculty check-in at Hotel DeFuniak, 400 East Nelson Avenue)*

**7am - 9am: BREAKFAST** - *Café NOLA, 400 East Nelson Avenue. Tickets \$9*

**9am - 10:15am: SATURDAY KEYNOTE PRESENTATION**

- **The Power of Selfless Giving** - Pamela Landwirth, President & CEO of Give Kids The World Village will tell of the incredible power of selfless giving at a place like the 83-acres whimsical resort she leads with 1,800 volunteers a week to fulfill magical wishes to critically ill children whose dream is to meet Mickey Mouse or to visit Central Florida's theme parks. Find out how selfless giving to a place like this can help fulfill your overall mission in finding inner peace and happiness in your life. Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy for the Village or consider making a contribution of some kind (to volunteer, attend a function, or provide a needed gift) at tonight's evening dinner performance focusing on the mission of Give Kids The World Village. *First United Methodist Church Sanctuary. \$10.*

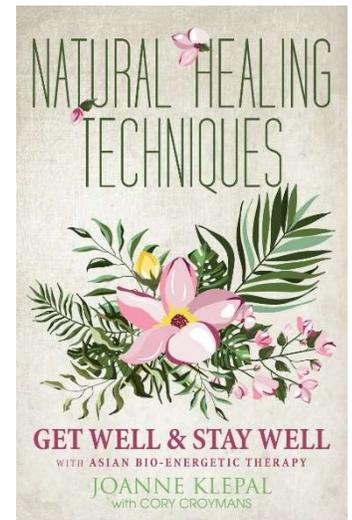


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Carter Butterfly Trail which starts in Plains, Georgia and how you can join. *First Presbyterian Church, Assembly Room. \$10.*

- **The Great Stoics** - Our pathway to inner peace and happiness has already been published through the works of the world's greatest stoics. Who are they, and what the heck is stoicism? Thomas Cloud will tell you about past slaves, playwrights and ancient leaders who have written some of the most significant action plans which later impacted such great leaders as Winston Churchill, Ulysses S. Grant, General Eisenhower, and more. What did these modern exemplary leaders know from the great stoics that got them through the most trying times in history that we can apply to our own lives today, tomorrow and beyond? *First United Methodist Church Sanctuary. \$10.*
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- **Florida Chautauqua's History** - Subtitled "Winter Chautauqua in the Land of Summer," this is a pictorial visit to the Florida Chautauqua. In the early 1880's, survey parties from the Pensacola & Atlantic Railroad discovered a perfectly round spring-fed lake in the Florida Panhandle, whose natural beauty inspired the establishment of a small town named in honor of Fred R. DeFuniak, a prominent railroad manager. Soon, scouts from the extremely successful New York Chautauqua Assembly discovered DeFuniak Springs, and named it in 1884 as the new headquarters of the Florida Chautauqua, a resort community attracting large numbers of winter visitors. The Winter Chautauqua assembly was a great success, lasting for almost 40 years until it died out in the early 1920's. During that time, thousands of visitors arrived by train, and hundreds of Victorian era cottages, homes, and commercial buildings were constructed, including a Tabernacle, the Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood, The Hotel Chautauqua, numerous churches, several colleges, and a library. Told by Alex Alexander through a combination of archival and current photos, this presentation will connect both the DeFuniak Springs Chautauqua and the New York Chautauqua into one grand living history. *First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. \$10.*
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**NOON-1:30pm: LUNCH.** *Hotel DeFuniak's Café NOLA, 400 East Nelson Avenue. \$10.*

**1pm-1:45pm: MEET MAYOR CLAYTON!**

- Bring the kids and your camera! The Honorable Mayor Clayton is the whimsical storybook leader of Give Kids The World Village in Kissimmee, Florida who entertains children with life-threatening illnesses at the Village during their week-long, cost-free vacation with their immediate families. This is where the Make-A-Wish Foundation and many other wish-granting organizations send children when their wish is to meet Mickey Mouse and/or to visit all the magical theme parks central Florida has to offer. Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped toy for the Village. Not a requirement, though. Everyone welcome! *Community Center, 361 North 10th Street, Main Room.*



**1:30pm-2pm: BATTLE REENACTMENT**

- **The Raid of Euchee Anna, FL** - This battle will be a reenactment of the Raid on Euchee Anna, FL. While Sunday the 26 will be a reenactment of the Battle of Vernon, FL. These two actions both happened as a part of a Federal raid, departing out of Pensacola, to attack the town of Marianna, FL. On the way to Marianna the Federals camped for one night at Lake DeFuniak before proceeding the next day to attack a small group of Confederates in nearby Euchee Anna. After the Battle of Marianna, the Federals, on their way back to Pensacola, encountered another group of Confederates near Vernon. *Chipley Park, 3 Circle Drive*

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- **Tales from the Foreign Service: My Mainly Happy Adventures in Service to America** - Gregory Garland of the U.S. State Department plays storyteller as he looks back on some of the highlights of a career as a Foreign Service Officer in the Department of State. He will take you on a journey in which he touched the lives of many Americans as well as citizens from around the world. Whether it was being present at the fall of communism in Poland, barely missing a double truck bomb in Afghanistan, consoling a family after a kayaking vacation gone bad, hot-rodding in Timbuktu, clearing out bees in advances of a bee-allergic president, or motorcycling through the African wilderness to meet a stricken embassy guard who had taken a bullet for Uncle



Sam, Greg will share his enthusiasm for a career well spent while revealing a side of the job you'll never see on TV or YouTube. *First United Methodist Church Sanctuary. \$10.*

- **Find Your Center** - Feel lost or disconnected? Can't figure out your life mission? Author Amy Meyer will help you identify your core values and what is missing in your life. Discover how to create the steps you need to take to find real meaning and happiness in your life. *First Presbyterian Church Assembly Room. \$10.*
- **Performance Tea: Lillian Carter** - Before she was the 39th president's mother, Lillian Carter was a Peace Corps volunteer at age 68! Find out how she found happiness volunteering in one of the poorest villages of India just as one of her sons became governor of Georgia and later President of the United States. Interpreted by Carol Puckett of DeFuniak Springs, Florida. *Community Center Tea Room. \$20.*

**5pm - 5:30pm: VESPERS** - *St. Agatha's Episcopal Church, 144 Circle Drive.*

**5pm-6:15pm: WINE RECEPTION**

- Enjoy some "down time" at the historic Hotel DeFuniak with your choice of a glass of wine just before the evening dinner performance. Sponsored by Chautauqua Vineyards and Winery of DeFuniak Springs. *Hotel DeFuniak, 400 East Nelson Avenue. \$15.*

**6:30pm-9pm: EVENING DINNER PERFORMANCE**

- **"Share Your Light" Chamber Concert Celebrating Mayor Clayton's Birthday!** - Enjoy a wonderful meal of fellowship and happiness as we close this incredible assembly with the opportunity to give selflessly of ourselves. Two university students of Escape Ensemble, a classical chamber performance fellowship comprised of top students from New England Conservatory of Music, Frost School of Music (University of Miami), and University of North Carolina School of Music will "share their light" by providing a beautiful music performance. This incredible presentation is being held in collaboration with Mayor



Clayton's birthday from Give Kids The World Village in Kissimmee. Let's celebrate these wonderfully talented students and Mayor Clayton's birthday by bringing an unwrapped toy for the mayor to take back to his special village for children with life-threatening illnesses. Watch a special video message from a Wish Kid alumnus whose life was dramatically impacted by her visit to the village. Yes, Mayor Clayton will be with us for this special presentation as well as President & CEO Pamela Landwirth of Give Kids The World. *Community Center Main Room, 361 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street. \$25.*

**SUNDAY, January 26, 2020**

- **8am-2pm: FREE EXHIBITS** - *Lake Yard, 3 Circle Drive*
- **1:30pm-2pm: CIVIL WAR BATTLE REENACTMENT** - *Area near First Presbyterian Church in Lake Yard on Circle Drive*
- **2pm-3pm: WRAP-UP MEETING** - *Florida Chautauqua headquarters, 1290 Circle Drive.*

# Featured Keynote Speaker



## Ryan Holiday

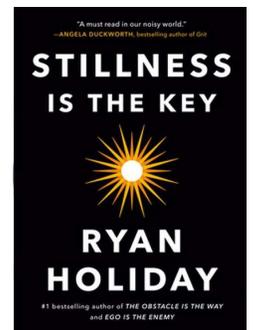
Few writers have done more to bring ancient, timeless wisdom and cutting-edge marketing strategies together than Ryan Holiday. By age 31, his philosophically-driven bestselling books have not only sold nearly two million copies, but they've directly influenced Super Bowl-winning teams like the New England Patriots, World Series champions like the Houston Astros and Olympic Gold Medalists, as well as sitting Senators, military leaders and some of the biggest and most important companies in the world like Google, Twitter and Microsoft.

At the core of Ryan's teachings is Stoicism, a philosophy he has brought back from ancient Rome and into the workplace, entrepreneurship, politics, and sports. What is Stoicism? The idea that while we don't always control what happens to us in life, we always control how we respond. It's this message—a framework for overcoming obstacles, scaling

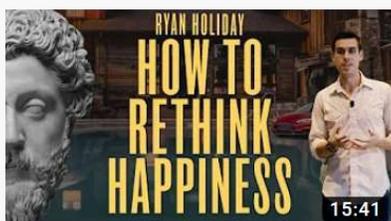
new challenges and battling both the ups and downs and life, illustrated vividly with stories from the greats (and not-so-greats) of history—that has brought Ryan in front of some of the most influential audiences in the world. He's been profiled by the *New York Times*, *Sports Illustrated* and ESPN, and he counts among his clients and followers, some of the biggest names in business, tech, culture and professional athletics.

With a thirst for knowledge outside academic norms, after dropping out of college, Ryan's marketing career has been equally groundbreaking. Beginning at 21 as the Director of Marketing for American Apparel and through his creative agency, Brass Check, his clients consist of a who's who of hot brands and businesses. His book *Trust Me I'm Lying* was the first to reveal the massive vulnerabilities (and opportunities) in the global media system in 2012. His book *Growth Hacker Marketing* is a bible for startups and Fortune 500 companies alike. Both books are taught in colleges and design programs around the world and his recent book, *Conspiracy*, is being adapted into a major motion picture.

Other books which Ryan has authored are: *Stillness is the Key*, *The Daily Stoic*, *Ego is the Enemy*, *The Obstacle is the Way*, and *The Daily Stoic Journal*.



Watch Ryan daily on his YouTube Channel!



Stoicism's Simple Secret To Being Happier | Ryan Holiday | Daily Stoic

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Stoicism is a practical philosophy and one of the fundamental tenets is that if you want to be happy, you have to flip the script.

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## Saturday Keynote Speaker

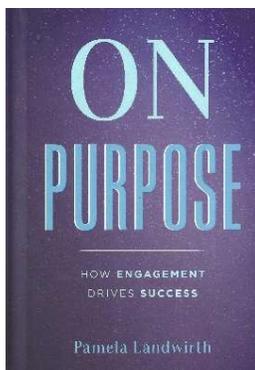
### Pamela Landwirth, President & CEO Give Kids The World Village

*"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."*

- Anne Frank

As President and CEO of Give Kids The World, Pamela Landwirth lives those words every day - inspiring a committed family of staff, volunteers and donors that make the Village possible.

Pamela has been part of Give Kids The World since 1992, and was chosen to lead the Village in 1995. As President and CEO, she is responsible for the operations of the Village and all strategic advancement initiatives for the organization. Prior to joining the Village, Pamela developed an extensive background in resort operations management, human resource development, and project planning from her 16 years with the Walt Disney World Company. At Disney, she was involved in everything from Casting to park operations to attractions sales. After leaving Disney in 1993, Pamela was a consultant to the President and CEO of Hard Rock Cafe in all areas of human resources, organizational development, and strategic planning.



#### **Purpose-Driven Executive, CEO, Author**

A purpose-driven leader and experienced executive, Pamela has dedicated her career to fueling the greater good. Her purpose is to inspire organizations to harness and unleash the power of purpose and to champion a culture of engagement and service to others. Her book, *On Purpose*, explores the value of defining purpose and giving service in companies' efforts to increase engagement, improve productivity, and boost morale.

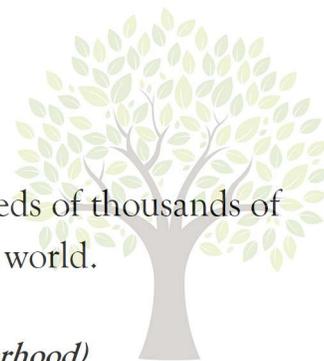
### Tree Planting Ceremony in honor of

## Pamela Landwirth

for the impact her selfless giving, love and care have had on hundreds of thousands of critically ill children and their families throughout the world.

*Friday, January 24, 2020, 1 pm*

*95 Circle Drive (right side of the Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood)*



**Past Honorees:** Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter (2013); Actor Demond Wilson of *Sanford & Son* (2014); Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise (2015); Actor Jerry Mathers of *Leave it to Beaver* (2016); The Late POW Ewart Sconiers and American Veterans (2018); Main Street America President Patrice Frey (2019)



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## Volunteer at Give Kids The World Village!

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When a critically ill child wishes to visit Walt Disney World, SeaWorld or Universal Orlando, they stay at Give Kids The World Village, a magical, nonprofit resort. There, children and their families are treated to all-inclusive, weeklong vacations -- at no cost to them. The Village runs on volunteers and they need YOU! Help create magic next time you're in Central Florida.

See how you and your family can get involved at [givekidstheworld.org](http://givekidstheworld.org).

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## Creating the Happiness That Inspires Hope

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Give Kids The World Village is a non-profit resort located near Central Florida's most beloved attractions. Here, critically ill children and their families are treated to weeklong, cost-free vacations, complete with accommodations, attraction tickets and more. They are immersed in a week full of non-stop joy, which ultimately leaves them with renewed optimism and an enduring sense of hope.

Find out how you can help at [givekidstheworld.org](http://givekidstheworld.org).

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**Alexander, Alex:** An award-winning artist, writer, and television producer for HGTV, A&E, and The History Channel, Alex Alexander relocated to the Florida panhandle 16 years ago. She now works locally as a real estate agent, specializing in Chautauqua-era homes in the DeFuniak Springs Historic District. As a regular attendee and occasional Special Studies course instructor at both the New York and Lakeside Ohio Chautauquas for over 1 years, Alex believes strongly that the Chautauqua Institution must be experienced in order to be understood. Alex is currently working on a novel, featuring a fictitious small town in Northwest Florida and the search for the possibly extinct Ivory Billed Woodpecker.



**Clayton, Mayor:** The Honorable Mayor Clayton is the whimsical storybook leader of Give Kids The World Village in Kissimmee, Florida who entertains children with life-threatening illnesses at the Village during their week-long, cost-free vacation with their immediate families. This is where the Make-A-Wish Foundation and many other wish-granting organizations send children when their wish is to meet Mickey Mouse and/or to visit all the magical theme parks central Florida has to offer. Mayor Clayton tucks children to bed each night in their whimsical homes at the Village along with his wife, Merry. He dances with children at special parties, greets families to the Village and provides special children, their siblings, parents and grandparents with happy memories away from IVs, medical treatments, surgeries and painful procedures and devastating diseases. Mayor Clayton is attending the Florida Chautauqua Assembly to teach all attendees the power of volunteering at a place like his special Village and how to give selflessly to heal and strengthen our own souls. Welcome Mayor Clayton!

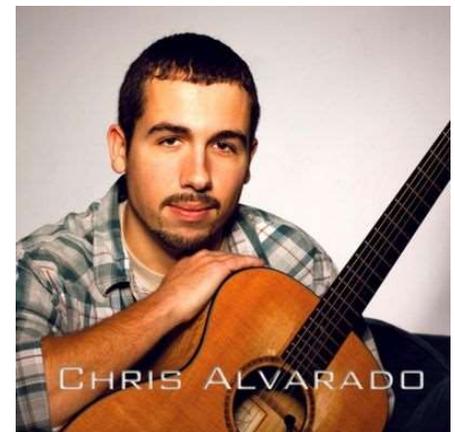


**Miller, The Rt. Rev. Steven Andrew:** Bishop Miller was elected eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Milwaukee on May 31, 2003. He was consecrated on October 18, 2003, at the Mater Christi Chapel of the Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center in Milwaukee. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in history and received his Master of Divinity degree from the General Theological Seminary in 1984 and was ordained a deacon and a priest that year. After ordination, he served as curate at Christ Church, St. Joseph, Missouri. In 1986 he was called to serve as vicar of Christ Church, Boonville and St. Mary's, Fayette, Missouri. During his tenure there, Bishop Miller also served as chaplain at the residential alcohol and drug treatment center, and experience that helped bring pastoral care to the center of his ministry. In 1990, Bishop Miller was called as rector



of Christ Church in Gordonsville, Virginia. Though he has led large parishes, Bishop Miller's early experience kindled a special and ongoing interest in working with congregations in rural areas. He served the Diocese of Virginia as a cluster revitalization officer and chaired the diocesan Commission of Congregational Development and Revitalization from 1995 to 2001. He is a certified trainer for the Church Development Institute, specializing in leading vestry retreats and revitalization consultations for congregations of all sizes. Bishop Miller met his wife Cindy in 1988 while he was serving on the religion faculty at Central Methodist College in Fayette, Missouri and she was Assistant Director of Admissions at the school. They married in 1989 and have two daughters. In 2004 Bishop Miller was awarded the Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) by the General Theological Seminary. He served as co-chair of the Moravian-Episcopal Dialogue which drafted the full communion proposal "Finding our Delight" adopted by the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 2009 and by the Northern and Southern Provinces of the Moravian Church in 2010. Bishop Miller was the preacher at the service inaugurating the full communion agreement held at Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on February 10, 2011. In 2012, he was named Episcopal co-chair of the Moravian Episcopal Coordinating Committee which oversees the full communion relationship. Bishop Miller is a founding member of Bishops United Against Gun Violence. Other work for the larger Church has included membership on the Lutheran Episcopal Coordinating Committee, the House of Bishops Theology Committee, the Standing Committee on Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations., and the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music. This past Triennium he as served on The Episcopal Church's Task Force on Marriage. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of The General Theological Seminary, St. John's on the Lake, St. John's Northwestern Military Academy, and President of the Board of the DeKoven Foundation for Church Work.

**Alvarado, Chris:** Chris Alvarado is an award-winning singer/songwriter and recording artist who is currently based out of Santa Rosa Beach, FL. For the past two years, Chris has been named as a finalist in the Nashville Music City Songwriting Competition. His song "This I Need You To Know" was a finalist in the 2014 American Songwriting Awards and a Semi-finalist in the Unsigned Only Music Competition that same year. In May of 2013, Chris competed in the Wildflower Music Festival's Songwriting Competition Finals and walked away with top honors as the 2013 Michael Terry People's Choice award winner. He also placed 3rd in the prestigious 2013 Telluride Troubadour Competition at the 40th annual Telluride Bluegrass Music Festival in June of 2013. Last year, the National Recording Academy selected Chris to perform at the Florida Grammy Showcase in Orlando, Florida where a panel of industry judges and executives selected him as the winner out of the six acts that were selected from the entire state of Florida. Chris was also invited by BMI to headline at the BMI Acoustic Showcase during the 2012 Florida Music Festival in front of leading music industry professionals. In 2012, he was asked to open up for GRAMMY nominated recording artist Shawn Mullins along with Daphne Willis. In 2013, Chris received 3 Beachcomber Music Award nominations, and won "Best Solo Artist". For the last three years, Chris has performed at the 30A Songwriters Festival, an event that draws some of the nation's most accomplished Singer/Songwriters.



**Cloud, Thomas, Esq:** Tom Cloud, attorney and historian, has practiced law in Florida for four decades, primarily handling utilities, environmental, state and local government, land use and administrative matters. He has been Chairman of the Florida Environmental and Land Use Law Section and President of the Florida Municipal Attorneys Association. He is Board-certified by the Florida Bar in City, County, & Local Government Law. He has served as general and special counsel to over 100 cities and counties throughout Florida, the Florida League of Cities, the Space Coast League of Cities, and is City Attorney to the City of Wauchula, Polk City, and the City of Fort Meade, as well as General Counsel to the Utilities Commission of New Smyrna Beach. He has authored numerous articles and made presentations on Florida legal and historical topics to a variety of audiences around the country.”



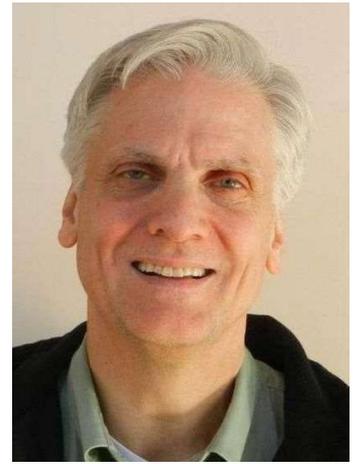
**Collier, Bruce, JD:** A native of Ohio, Bruce has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in theatre from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio and a Juris Doctor degree from Tulane Law School in New Orleans. He worked for four years as a public defender in New Orleans. In addition to college and non-professional productions, Bruce has performed professionally in summer stock in Ohio, at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, the Courtyard Playhouse in New York City, New Horizons Theatre in Michigan, The REP at Seaside, and Emerald Coast Theatre Company. At Emerald Coast Theatre Company he has been seen in Bakersfield Mist, A Wrinkle in Time, and most recently in his one-man show Winston Churchill: Through the Storm. Since 2001 Bruce has also acted in area productions of The Fantasticks, Picasso at the Lapin Agile, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, Proof, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf, Loot, The Homecoming, Den of Thieves, A Beach Home Companion, (which he co-wrote), Big Boys, and True West. Bruce is editor of the DeFuniak Springs Herald - Beach Breeze, and contributing editor of The Beachcomber, where he reviews books, albums, restaurants and spirits. He is also developing an international clientele for voiceover recordings.



**Faubel, Jan:** Jan Faubel, a native of the Finger Lakes region of New York, has lived in DeFuniak Springs with her husband, Jack, since 2002. A life-long artist and an Art Educator for over 25 years, Jan earned a BA in Art Education, as well as MAs in both Humanities/Art History and English from University of West Florida. Specializing in 19th century topics ranging from the Pre-Raphaelites to Sarah Baker Milton to Willa Cather, Jan has presented numerous art history, Panhandle history, and literary lectures at local, regional, and international conferences, plus addressing the AAUW and DKG. From 2002-2005. Jan taught Art History for University of West Florida and Art History and English from 2003 to 2019 at the Northwest Florida State College Chautauqua Center in DeFuniak Springs from where she recently retired.



**Garland, Gregory L., JD:** Gregory L. Garland is a career Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State, currently serving as Chargé d’Affaires of the U.S. Embassy in Bamako, Mali. His career includes postings in Africa, Mexico, Poland, and assignments in Washington with the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the National Defense Intelligence College. He has also taught high school and served on the staffs of the former Board for International Broadcasting and the Northeast Florida Economic Development Commission. Greg has spoken and written widely on U.S.-African relations, American history and culture, and public diplomacy. He grew up in Lakeland, Florida, and went on to earn a B.A. from Duke University, an M.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a J.D. from California Western School of Law. He is married and has two daughters.



**Gilmore, Jena:** Jena Gilmore is the 4-H Agent for Walton County, with the University of Florida Extension Services. Jena is a resident of Holmes County and graduated with her master’s from University of Florida. Florida’s 4-H Youth Development program teaches life skills through positive youth development programming. One of these skills Jena has implemented in training her volunteers and youth is the practice of mindfulness. Mindfulness can be found woven into many 4-H day camp programs, volunteer trainings, and bully prevention trainings. She and her husband Brady, along with their two daughters enjoy spending family time together outdoors and staying active.



**Leysath, Gabriela:** Gabriela is the Business Service Manager for CareerSource Okaloosa Walton, CSOW, the local Workforce System. Gabriela’s main role with CSOW is to connect local employers with talented individuals and employment resources ranging from labor market information, screening and retention tools, training, State incentives, and any employment-related systems. Gabriela serves as an advocate for local businesses throughout the Okaloosa and Walton community in need of workforce expertise. Prior to employment with CareerSource Okaloosa Walton, Gabriela worked in the hospitality industry as a Sales Manager for a large Hotel Chain with resorts throughout Mexico and the Caribbean. Gabriela holds a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Guadalajara, Mexico, and a master’s degree in Human Resources Management from Troy University. She currently serves as the Workforce Readiness and Diversity Director for the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) local chapter since 2014 encouraging chapter involvement and activities impacting the workforce readiness arena. It is Gabriela’s passion to be part of a diverse team where people can bring the best of their qualities to the table.



**Klepal, Joanne:** Joanne Klepal, author of Natural Healing Techniques, Get Well & Stay well with Asian Bio-Energetic Therapy, is a trained Asian Bio-Energetic Therapy (ABET) practitioner, Master Practitioner & Coach of Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP), Master Practitioner of Timeline Therapy™, Reiki Master Teacher, and an Ordained ULC Minister. She has extensive global experience in the corporate environment, Change Management and has practiced, coached, and trained ABET, Reiki, and NLP in England, India, Thailand, and the U.S. A global wanderer, traveling to more than 50 countries, she has resided in England, Southeast Asia and the U.S., and has recently made her home in the Florida panhandle. Her passion is continuing her own self-development journey while helping others on theirs. For more information about Joanne, please visit: [www.liveyouryellowbrickroad.com](http://www.liveyouryellowbrickroad.com) and FB & IG: @LiveYourYBR.



**Leabo, Jason:** Jason Leabo is the founder and owner of Florida's first lavender farm - Southern Grace Lavender Farm in Southport. Since 2018, he has planted 1,240 lavender plants on his 3.31-acre farm and produces and sells lavender-based products, including scented candles, bar soap, and lavender-infused jam and honey. Jason is passionate about establishing lavender as a major cash crop for Florida. He promotes this vision for Florida lavender by hosting educational tours of his farm for various groups and speaking at agriculture events about lavender's potential in growing the Florida agriculture industry. Jason is a proud member of the Farmer Veterans Coalition, United States Lavender Growers Association, Florida Agritourism Association, and the Florida Farm Bureau. He is an Air Force combat veteran and served as a Security Forces Specialist in the Air Force for 11 years providing security to aircraft, guarding dignitaries, and providing security during combat missions, intelligence operations and bomb disposal activities. His duties took him to Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Guam. After being honorably discharged from the Air Force, Jason settled in the Florida Panhandle and joined the Army Reserve as a Senior Mechanic. Additionally, he works full time as an Army Reserve civilian out of the Army Reserve Center in Panama City as an administrator providing training, administration and pay services to Army reservists.



**Liner, Will:** Will Liner is the Urban Forestry Program Manager with the Florida Forest Service headquartered in Tallahassee, Florida. He earned a BS in Forestry from Auburn University and later studied Forest Carbon Science, Policy, and Management at Michigan State University. Will is an ISA Certified Arborist, Tree Risk Assessment Qualified and an ASBRF Registered Forester. His duties with the Florida Forest Service include managing the Urban and Community Forestry program, leading Florida's Urban Forest Strike Team, administering the Arbor Day Foundation recognition programs in Florida, providing communities and citizens with technical assistance, and overseeing urban forestry grants and projects.



**Meyer, Amy:** Amy Meyer is a self-published author of “Day by Day - A Creative Guide to Living Your Best Life with Clarity, Intention & Flow.” She is a photographer, a creative entrepreneur and the creator of The Soul Shine Collective. The Soul Shine Collective’s mission is to inspire others to live their best life through challenges, coursework and workshops that can be utilized in both personal and professional settings. After a series of life altering events, including having two children under two, Amy was inspired to begin her own healing and wellness journey in the fight against postpartum depression and anxiety. She uses her life experiences, creativity, gift of discernment, education and inspiration to encourage others to strive for excellence and live their most authentic life. Amy helps audiences connect deeper by determining one’s own self-worth and path for success.



She earned a B.A. in Communications/Public Relations in 2005 from the University of West Florida and has more than 15 years of experience developing brand messages and strategic planning for government organizations, entertainment companies and corporate business clients to help channel their vision, develop team partnerships and direct marketing plans at local, regional and national levels. Amy calls DeFuniak Springs, Florida home where she lives with her two daughters and fur babies. “Connection makes life worth living,” Amy likes to say. “I believe we each have a soul purpose and that we are meant to pursue our God-given destiny to be the light while we’re here on Earth~ to be loved, to be heard and to love others.” Contact information: IG: @thesoulshinecollective; FB: fb.com/iamthesoulshinecollective; [thesoulshinecollective@gmail.com](mailto:thesoulshinecollective@gmail.com); [www.thesoulshinecollective.com](http://www.thesoulshinecollective.com)

**Poulson, Britt, Ph.D.:** Dr. Britt Poulson obtained his B.A. in English at Allegheny College, his M.A. in Guidance at George Washington University, and his Ph.D. in Curriculum at Penn State University. He has taught and been a principal at the elementary, middle, high school and adult levels of public schools. He was a professor at Penn State and Florida State universities and served as Director of Curriculum for several Florida school districts. Dr. Poulson created an academic competition called the Big Bend High School Bowl in the 1970s and is currently the director of this competition sponsored by the Tallahassee Democrat newspaper. He created the Big Bend Middle School Bowl in the 1980s and created a senior citizen bowl competition that once had a statewide competition in Orlando.



**Puckett, Carol:** Carol Puckett is a native of Decatur, Alabama. She and her husband Chuck have owned Wallace Bruce’s Dream Cottage in DeFuniak Springs since 2001. She has served on the boards of statewide environmental groups in Tennessee and Alabama, the Southern Literary Trail, Scottsboro Boys Museum and Dreamweavers Children’s Theatre and Bank Street Players (Decatur). Carol was a newspaper reporter in middle Tennessee for many years and has continued to write with focus on historical topics. She authored (with Dan Carter) “Outside the Protective Circle of Humanity”, a traveling museum exhibit about the Decatur trial of the Scottsboro Boys. She wrote the young-adult educational play, Eyes On the Prize, which examined school integration in the South in the 1960’s. She has lectured throughout the Southeast on author William Bradford Huie (including for



previous Florida Chautauquas), the Scottsboro Boys and the history of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). She and Chuck co-authored the play Wallace Bruce and the Chautauqua Dream and The Chautauqua Home Companion, which were presented at previous Florida Chautauquas. They also wrote the third production of Walton County's folk musical, Grit & Grace: Letters From the Front and Charles Wesley Reflects on Advent. She has directed community theatre plays and musicals for over thirty years. She and Chuck have three daughters.

**Rapp, Don, Ph.D.:** Dr. Don Rapp (87) is an American College of Sports Medicine certified personal trainer. He taught University Child Development, Gerontology and Creativity for 34 years. Governor Crist appointed him to his Council on Physical Fitness, and now is a member of the Florida Injury Prevention Advisory Board. Don's life-long juggling and his regular weightlifting keep him fit. For fifteen years he has taught a better balance class for Tallahassee Premier Health and Fitness Center. Don's book, On Balance: Mastery of Physical Balance for Life, is a practical and inspiring read. His neurological approach to balance is rare among balance instructors. Dr. Rapp is a teacher by profession, a juggler by avocation, and an instructor of balance by choice.



**Wise, Annette:** Annette is the founder of the Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail based in Plains, Georgia, home of President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter. The trail is a result of Mrs. Carter's interest in monarch butterflies and begins at the Carter's flower garden in Plains. The trail includes hundreds of private and public gardens in the United States, Canada and Japan. Annette is also the coordinator of the Plains (GA) Chautauqua. She is past education coordinator of the Jimmy Carter Education Program for the Georgia Department of Education's Plains Field Office and oversaw numerous education programs to teach students throughout the nation about the life of the 39th president in Plains, Georgia. She is author of the History of Plains, The Self-Guided Tour Book of Plains, Success in Reading and Writing, and The Rosalynn Carter Butterfly Trail: A Journey to Plains. She is also the producer of the video series "Traveling Through Time" and "From Plains to the White House and Beyond" which were developed for classroom instruction. Annette earned a Bachelor of Science degree and master's degree from the University of Georgia and Georgia College. She and husband Lonnie live in Plains, Georgia and enjoy gardening, camping, and spending time in the Chicago area with their granddaughter.



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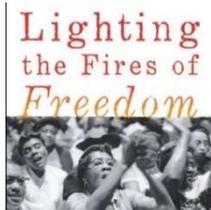


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# Living History Exhibits



## Exhibit Descriptions & Times:



**Lighting the Fires of Freedom**

**Black History Storytelling, DeFuniak Springs Library, 3 Circle Drive:** The DeFuniak Springs Library will host Maria Milton sharing stories of the civil rights movement of Black Americans on the first floor in the room which overlooks Lake DeFuniak.

- Friday, Jan. 24, 8am-5pm



**Chipley Park, 3 Circle Drive:** Presenters of a new exhibit, Florida Public Archaeology out of Pensacola, will be sharing and interpreting local artifacts explaining how shards, bones, buttons, etc. help to explain the history of the area.

- Friday, Jan. 24, 8am-1pm



**Muscogee Nation Exhibit, Chipley Park, 3 Circle Drive:** The Muscogee Nation will be using storytelling techniques to acquaint visitors with the colorful history of this local tribe and share the exciting developments taking place in 2020 to bring their story to the local area in the form of a permanent museum.

- Friday, Jan. 24, 8am-5pm



**Chipley Park, 3 Circle Drive:** Visit the men and women of The Walton Guard who will welcome you to their camp and show you their life on the battlefield during the Civil War. Then, see the great "Battle Between the States" on Saturday, 12:30 pm and again on Sunday at 1:30 pm.

- Friday, Jan. 24, 8am-5pm
- Saturday, Jan. 25, 8am-5pm (Battle Reenactment 1:30pm)
- Sunday, Jan. 26 8am-2pm (Battle Reenactment 1:30pm)



**Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood, 95 Circle Drive (behind the building):** This indoor nature trail by the Florida Forest Service and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) displays the flora and fauna of forests in the state with special emphasis on the historical fact that Arbor Day in Florida was inspired by a presentation in 1885 on the grounds of the historic Florida Chautauqua Assembly in DeFuniak Springs.



- Friday, Jan. 24, 8am-5pm
- Saturday, Jan. 25, 8am-5pm
- Sunday, Jan. 26, 8am-2pm



**Chipley Park, 3 Circle Drive:** Visit a camp resembling the living conditions of an early Florida pioneer family. This camp is hands-on and in-use of the food, tools, weapons, crafts and living conditions of Florida settlers from the late 1500s to the early 1900s.

- Friday, Jan. 24, 8am-5pm
- Saturday, Jan. 25, 8am-5pm
- Sunday, Jan. 26, 8am-2pm



**Chipley Park, 3 Circle Drive:** Owners of these vintage campers invite you to view their lovingly refurbished 1940-60s era trailers and to learn about the lifestyle of the campers who originated this club in 1919.

- Friday, Jan. 24, 8am-5pm
- Saturday, Jan. 25, 8am-5pm
- Sunday, Jan. 26, 8am-2pm

## Art Show

**DeFuniak Springs Community Center, 361 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street:**

- Friday, Jan. 24, 8am-5pm
- Saturday, Jan. 25, 8am-5pm

**Alcohol Ink Paintings and Books:** Rosemary Pendery will share how she created these colorful ink paintings using a fun, serendipitous technique. And because Rosemary is also a well-known local author, she will offer a selection of her books for sale as well.



**2019 Walton County Fair Featured Artist:** Shirley Carroll will exhibit a selection of her stained glass, paintings, pottery, porcelain, and jewelry.

**Recycled, Environmentally Friendly Creations:** Local artisan Bill Lockney is a first-time participant in the Chautauqua, showing his repurposed, plastic and wooden creations.

**Art Show:** The Walton County Art League will have a display of their art in the large room of the Community Center. Art may be viewed and/or purchased directly from the artists. Because numerous artists show their work, you'll find a wide variety of styles, subject matter, and media represented.

**Basket-weaving:** The Lash Buddies Basket -Weavers will be on site to explain and demonstrate the process of making an original reed basket, using both round reed and flat reed. They will display the various materials, tools, and samples of baskets. Learn about this ancient traditional craft.

**Chautauqua Porcelain Artists:** Members will show their creations in this traditional Fine Craft genre. Their display relates to the Teas which will also be hosted at the Community Center. Come enjoy and even take home an original cup and saucer, teapot, or other trinket.

**Photography and Jewelry:** Local photographer and jeweler, Michelle Mitchell, will exhibit with us for the first time. Her strong photos and custom crafted jewelry are sure to grab your attention.

**Pottery:** Ginny Liming, Nancy Hayes, and Helga Letourneau, local potters, will share their amazing hanging pots, wall pockets, vases, bowls, and sculptural pieces. Nancy will demonstrate how she creates her flower magnets and chat with you about the soothing benefits of working with clay.

**Quilts:** Our local Chautauqua Quilters' group will display a variety of gorgeous, hand-crafted quilts for your enjoyment. One of the quilters will be on hand to answer your questions about quilting, tell you about their classes and guild, and offer chances to win one of their beautiful handcrafted quilts.

**Origami Demonstration and Visitor Participation:** Sylvia Rockwell is displaying her intricate Polish Stars and Origami creations. Additionally, she will host a **free** interactive opportunity for visitors to make and take an Origami creation of their own. This is an ideal activity for the whole family. **Sylvia is able to be at the Community Center only on Friday!**

**Children's Art Activities—in the Spirit of Bob Ross:** Debbie Baker will have a variety of **free**, fun art activities available for children. Be sure to bring your children along to make a special work of art.

**Miniature Painting Demonstration and Visitor Participation:** Jan Hannon will be sharing the art of painting on tiny canvases, suitable as ornaments or decor. Visitors may also try their hands at this exciting art form.

**Pine Needle Baskets and Japanese Embroidery:** Local artisan Kay White will demonstrate the fascinating crafts of weaving pine needle baskets, as well as Japanese straight-line embroidery.



**Wet-on-Wet Painting Demonstration—in the Style of Bob Ross and Bill Alexander:** On Saturday morning 10:00-11:30, Wanda Lawrence will give a **free** painting demonstration. Gather round, take a seat, and watch as Wanda performs her magic by turning a blank canvas into a masterpiece.

**Plein Air Painters:** Judy Dewar and Russ Ferris will host the Plein Air painters, those committed artists you're sure to spot out painting around the Lake Yard and other historic locations around town. Plein Air means painting outdoors, so the paintings are quick and small and energetic. The Art Pillar will host Wet Paint Sales and Wine Tastings on both Friday and Saturday evenings, 5:00 at the Hotel. Stop by to purchase a unique souvenir of the 2020 Chautauqua.

## Volunteer Support Team

*With heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this year's event such a huge success:*

- Shirley Carroll, Registrar & Meals Coordinator
- Dan & Sherry Cosson, Logistics Support
- Anna Cramer & the Students of Walton High School Anchor Club, Faculty Support
- Jan Faubel, Art Show Coordinator
- Pat Daily Hanley, Faculty Check-In
- Denise Mack, Living History Exhibits Coordinator
- Voncille McLeod, Ticket Collections

*To Denise Mack:*

*Thank you for your leadership and a superb Assembly in 2019!*



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# About Us: Florida Chautauqua Association

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The Florida Chautauqua Center, Inc. (now doing business as Florida Chautauqua Association) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational program established in 1993 by DeFuniak Springs resident Diane Pickett to revive the historic Florida Chautauqua Assembly which began in 1885 and lasted until 1927. Our organization is governed by a volunteer board of directors, and our primary focus is to orchestrate the official Florida Chautauqua Assembly held the last weekend of January.

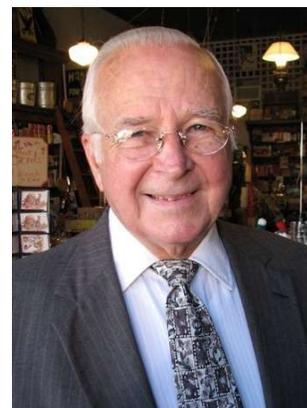
Our organization is neither religiously affiliated nor politically aligned. Recent discussions with influential and notable speakers have included Karl Rove (former Deputy Chief of Staff to President George W. Bush), Naomi Tutu (daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu), Jenna Bush-Hager (daughter of former President and Mrs. George W. Bush), Celine Cousteau (granddaughter of legendary Jacques Cousteau), Jim Fowler (former co-star of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom), Bill Barker (interpreter of President Thomas Jefferson in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia), former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, Actor Demond Wilson (co-star of the 1970s hit TV series *Sanford and Son*), Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise and Actor Jerry Mathers (child star of *Leave It To Beaver*.)

## Our Goals

- To empower guests/attendees with information relevant to our times through classroom discussions, museum exhibits, and out-of-classroom activities relating to art, education, recreation, and religion—all pertinent to the annual theme of the Assembly.
- To provide program content that is cross-cultural, ethnically diverse, and historically significant.
- To promote a public forum for informed discussion and debate.
- To provide high profile presenters.
- To welcome visitors to quality museum exhibits and enhance their learning journey.
- To include Walton County students as “Chautauqua presenters” by tasking them with the creation of a museum exhibit relating to the annual theme.
- To introduce Walton County students to the world of conferencing by engaging them in tasks which support our faculty and guests during their visits and presentations to the Assembly.

## Board of Directors

**Dennis Ray, Ph.D.:** Dr. Dennis Ray is Chair of the Florida Chautauqua Center, Inc. He is a retired professor of management from Mississippi State University where he served as Head of the Management Department. His teaching career also included the University of Florida and the University of Alabama. Dennis attended public schools in DeFuniak Springs from the first grade through the twelfth. He received his B.S.B.A., M.B.A and Ph.D. in economics and industrial management from the University of Florida and served honorably in the US Navy for four years. His practical experience includes extensive consulting work with several major American companies and the US Federal Government. In recognition of his contribution to management theory and the management discipline, Dennis was voted a Fellow by the prestigious Fellows group of the Academy of Management. He is the founding editor of the internationally recognized *Journal of Management*. Since retiring and moving back to his hometown, Dennis has been active in numerous community service organizations, city government, preservation efforts, and local businesses.



**Shirley Carroll, Secretary:** Shirley is the registrar of the 2020 Florida Chautauqua Assembly. She moved from Mobile, Alabama in 1980 to Westville, Florida where she currently resides. She is a former restaurant owner and beautician. Shirley is president of the Chautauqua Hall of Brotherhood Foundation, president of the Walton County Art League, vice president of the Lions Club and a member of the Chautauqua Porcelain Artists and is a volunteer with Master Gardeners.



**Mary Catherine Disney, CPA, CGMA, Treasurer:** For more than 35 years, Cathy has been providing accounting, bookkeeping, payroll and tax return preparation services for individuals and small businesses. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Campbellsville College in Campbellsville, Kentucky in 1977 with majors in mathematics and sociology. In 1980, she added a major in accounting from the University of Alabama-Birmingham. Since obtaining her CPA license in 1984, Cathy has continuously worked in either public accounting or industry (or both) giving her a wide diversity of experience to offer her clients. Cathy is a licensed CPA in both Florida and Kentucky and has also achieved CGMA (Chartered Global Management Accountant) designation. She is an active member of the AICPA (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants) and the FICPA (Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants). In November of 2012, Cathy relocated from Corbin, Kentucky to DeFuniak Springs, Florida and opened her office on Circle Drive where she serves clients in several states in addition to those in Florida and Kentucky. She and her husband Glenn live in Mossy Head, Florida. They have four grown children and two grandchildren.



**R. Mike Hill:** Mike Hill is executive director of the Northwest Florida and Big Bend Health Councils, which serve 18 counties in northwest Florida. He is also president of PanCare of Florida, a non-profit organization which opens Federally Qualified Health Centers in Northwest Florida for people on Medicaid, Medicare and Medipass. In addition to his Health Council work, Mike is executive director of Hill and Company, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in education, health care, social services, and government relations. Before working with the Health Councils, he held several positions in Florida's educational community, including chief lobbyist for federal and state legislative and regulatory policy activities at the Florida Association of School Administrators. Earlier in his career, he worked for Bay District Public Schools and the Bay Correctional Facility. Over the years, Mike has received many awards for his work for a broad range of civic and professional organizations. He completed undergraduate studies in social and political science and graduate studies in Public Administration at the University of West Florida and earned an Ed.S. in educational leadership from Florida State University. Mike lives in Panama City, Florida and owns a home in DeFuniak Springs, Florida.



**Denise Mack:** Denise Mack is a recently retired high school teacher of history. She taught in District 211 schools in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, the largest high school district outside the city of Chicago. She served as a curriculum specialist master teacher for the U.S. Department of Education's Teaching American History Grant. During her tenure as a teacher she was employed as a consultant and exam reader for the College Board. Accolades include recognition from the National Society of High School Scholars Educator of Distinction, University of Chicago Best Teacher, Coca Cola Educator of the Month, Most Memorable Teacher and Golden Apple Semi-Finalist along



with numerous Principals' Awards. Denise received her bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University, her Master's degree from Northeastern Illinois University and completed post-graduate work at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. She currently resides with her husband in Miramar Beach, Florida.

**Amy Meyer:** Amy is a self-published author of "Day by Day - A Creative Guide to Living Your Best Life with Clarity, Intention & Flow." She is a photographer, a creative entrepreneur and the creator of The Soul Shine Collective. The Soul Shine Collective's mission is to inspire others to live their best life through challenges, coursework and workshops that can be utilized in both personal and professional settings. After a series of life altering events, including having two children under two, Amy was inspired to begin her own healing and wellness journey in the fight against postpartum depression and anxiety. She uses her life experiences, creativity, gift of discernment, education and inspiration to encourage others to strive for excellence and live their most authentic life. Amy helps audiences connect deeper by determining one's own self-worth and path for success. She earned a B.A. in Communications/Public Relations in 2005 from the University of West Florida and has more than 15 years of experience developing brand messages and strategic planning for government organizations, entertainment companies and corporate business clients to help channel their vision, develop team partnerships and direct marketing plans at local, regional and national levels. Amy calls DeFuniak Springs, Florida home where she lives with her two daughters and fur babies.



**Christopher Mitchell, President:** Chris is the 2020 Assembly program chair of the Florida Chautauqua Assembly and previously served as president & program chair from 2007-2016. He is a resident of DeFuniak Springs and is employed by the City of DeFuniak Springs as the City's grant writer and public information officer. Chris is an award-winning broadcast journalist with WMBB-TV, and ABC affiliate in Panama City, Florida. He grew up in Foxboro, Massachusetts and received his BA in Political Science at Georgia Southwestern College (now Georgia Southwestern State University) in 1985 in Americus, Georgia. Following his college graduation, Chris worked as a personal aide to former President Jimmy Carter at The Carter Center in Atlanta, a nonprofit, non-partisan public policy institute affiliated with Emory University. His work with the Carters has taken him Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and England.



**James E. Moore:** Jim Moore is a recent addition to the Association's Board of Directors. For years, he has served as a member of the Assembly faculty. Jim graduated from Walton High School in DeFuniak Springs. He earned a B.S. degree from Florida State University and attended University of Florida, College of Law to receive his LL.B degree. He continues to practice law and is an owner of the Holiday Inn Express in Niceville, Florida. His hobby is storytelling, a technique he developed over years as a Boy Scout leader. He has published two books and numerous articles on the history of Florida's panhandle. In 2011, he was a speaker at the 148th Prohibition National Convention in the historical role of Rev. Sidney J. Catts, a Baptist preacher from DeFuniak Springs who became the 22nd governor of Florida running on the Prohibition ticket.



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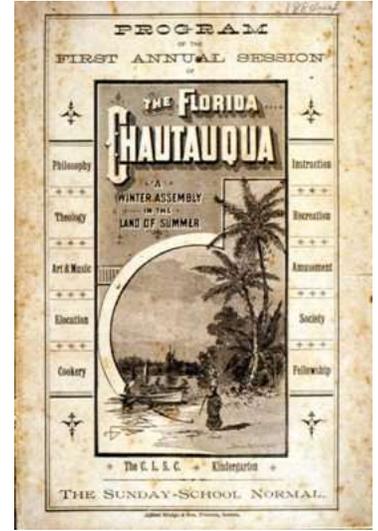
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## 1885 - 1927: *The Original Assembly*

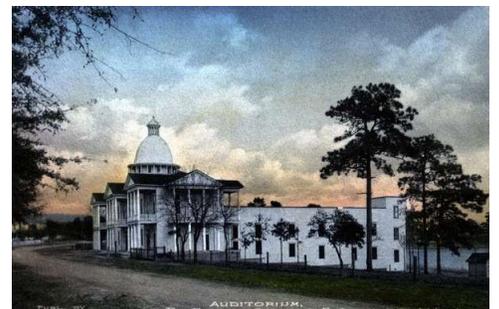
In 1883, W. J. Van Kirk attended Chautauqua in New York and, while there, he spoke to John Vincent about the creation of a Florida Chautauqua. With the interest in New York sparked, he returned to talk to his partners in the fledgling village of Lake DeFuniak about this venture. He returned to New York with C. C. Banfill, and the planning began. In January 1884, the official announcement by A. H. Gillet was published in the New York Tribune. On Thursday, February 28, 1884, it stated "The Southern Chautauqua, Pensacola, February 27. The Rev. A. H. Gillet, agent of the Chautauqua Assembly, has selected Lake DeFuniack (a common misspelling) as the site for the Southern Chautauqua." With the first assembly planned and all the details worked out, the *Chautauqua Assembly Herald* announced another Chautauqua in its August 16, 1884 edition. Noting "The child was born on these grounds," it presented the planned program, session, and speakers, and announced that anyone interested could gain information at Mr. Gillet's tent next to the amphitheater on the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution. The Florida Chautauqua Association was officially created August 1884, and the Florida Legislature passed the Articles of Incorporation for the Association in February 1885. The planned opening date of the first assembly would be February 10, 1885, and run through March 9<sup>th</sup>. However, in the *Leavenworth Times* February 1, 1885 edition, the opening date was changed to February 18<sup>th</sup> to allow time to finish the auditorium building, with the assembly closing March 15<sup>th</sup>.



During its fifty-two-year existence, the Florida Chautauqua Association would hold 41 assemblies, 1885-1922, 1924-1927. These assemblies would grow from the first-year attendance of 40 season ticket holders, to thousands annually over the years. It would have many firsts, a couple of which include the first known organized kindergarten in the state of Florida, and the first celebration of Arbor Day in the deep south that spurred the Governor of Florida to create the official Florida Arbor Day two months later. It improved the education system in the state of Florida through its Teachers Institutes, which led to the state establishing one of the two first State Normal Schools (teachers' college) here in DeFuniak. The Florida Educators Association was founded here. The list of the people who came here to teach, lecture, and learn is long. Many were the movers and shakers of the time with names like Wallace Bruce, William Jennings Bryan, Rev. Sam Jones, William McKinley and Isabella Pansy Alden. Some of the biggest authors, scientists, business minds and entertainers would cross the stage of the Florida Chautauqua. In the early years, Chautauqua Movement co-founders, John Heyl Vincent and Lewis Miller were often in attendance and spoke during the assemblies. It was often said that the Florida Chautauqua was second only to the Mother Chautauqua in New York for its content and program.

Through luck and love, the Florida Chautauqua enjoyed many years of success. Beginning in 1884, the planning would be done by a man who knew Chautauqua well, the Rev. A. H. Gillet, an agent of the New York Assembly. In the early years, one man, Wallace Bruce, would fall deeply in love with the fledgling Chautauqua. In 1888, Bruce partnered with several to buy out the old Association members and turned his attention to building a long lasting and successful assembly. He would lead the assembly as its president for 22 years 1888-89, leave to be U. S. consul in Edinburgh, Scotland, and return to lead in 1893 until his death in 1914. With his return, he took over at a pivotal moment for the Florida Chautauqua, as Rev. A. H. Gillet had died shortly before the 1893 assembly. Through his attention to maintaining the Chautauqua Method, Wallace Bruce kept the assemblies moving forward with success.

In the early years, railroads across the nation would have special excursion trains for people to travel to the Florida Chautauqua. With the United States' entry into World War 1, those trains would be redirected for military use. After World

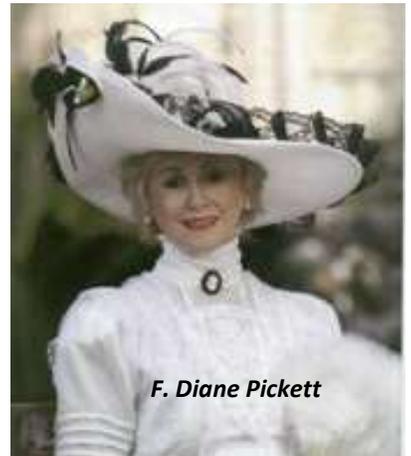


War 1, the Florida Chautauqua struggled with low attendance. No longer would the railroads provide special trains. Sponsorships and membership in the association dropped. Having suffered the deaths of Wallace Bruce in 1914 and his successor, son Kenneth Bruce, in 1916, the Bruce family would press on to continue. They would shorten the program and change its dates to later in the year, without success. In 1922, son Malcolm Bruce would hold his last assembly as president. In 1923, Wallace's daughter, Clara Abernathy, took over and worked to revive the assembly, holding her first assembly in 1924. By 1927, everyone knew the time of the Florida Chautauqua had passed, and the final assembly was held. Not one to go away quietly, the association would continue to provide plays and programs in the Hall of Brotherhood until 1936, when the city bought the building. The early Chautauqua era had ended for DeFuniak Springs, but the Chautauqua flame had not gone out completely.

***1993 – Present: The Revival of the Florida Chautauqua Assembly***

In 1993, local resident F. Diane Pickett formed the non-profit organization Florida Chautauqua Center, Inc. (now called the Florida Chautauqua Association) for the sole purpose of reviving, promoting, and sustaining the original Florida Chautauqua Assembly. On February 10, 1996, after a hiatus of more than 69 years, organizers officially brought back the Assembly. Much like the original Assembly, our programs have included history, health, art, and current events, along with entertainment from performers across the country and throughout the world. Founder Diane Pickett's contributions to the Assembly have been very generous over the years.

In 2007, the board of directors selected Christopher Mitchell of DeFuniak Springs to give the Assembly new direction in a rapidly changing world. The official Florida Chautauqua Assembly is now a 4-day educational and cultural program for families, featuring famous keynote speakers, educational breakout sessions, performance teas, evening dinner performances and exhibits relating to an annual theme beginning with the words "A Journey into...."



**F. Diane Pickett**

**Disclaimer:**

- The Florida Chautauqua Center, Inc. is neither religiously affiliated nor politically aligned. We select our speakers based on their unique perspectives and relevance to our annual theme.
- We do not allow media questions during keynote presentations. We empower our Assembly guests with an opportunity to be their own reporters and ask their own questions. We believe that our guests will be better served by learning directly from the "headliners of our times" rather than from the "headlines of our times."
- Regardless of guests' political positions or religious beliefs, we ask that all guests keep an open mind, ask thoughtful questions relating specifically to the topic being discussed, and form conclusions based on facts and discussions with the notable people and world leaders who accept our invitation to join us for such historic conversations and presentations.



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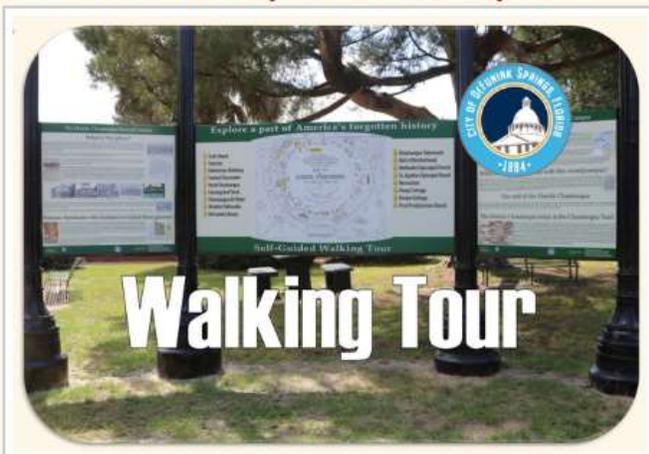
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Patrice Frey, President & CEO of Main Street America, addresses the 2019 Florida Chautauqua Assembly themed "A Journey into Main Street America" at the First United Methodist Church in DeFuniak Springs, Florida



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The Florida Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1993 to revive the Florida Chautauqua Assembly, an historic event in DeFuniak Springs, Florida which lasted from 1885 to 1927. Today, the Florida Chautauqua Assembly is a 4-day, educational event for the whole family held during the last week of January. In addition to welcoming famous keynote speakers and presenters of quality educational breakout sessions during each event, we host exhibits and collaborate with the Walton County School District to ensure that all young people have access to this unique learning experience.



We accept contributions and designated gifts to support this annual program and look for meaningful partnerships with businesses and foundations who wish to advance this event as a model to educate society through thoughtful civil discussions and out-of-classroom interactive experiences. Please contact us if you share this vision and can provide resources to support this significant event in historic DeFuniak Springs, Florida.