

Thanks

- Shelia Gaspers, Barbara Jeness, Tom Orr, Patti Teeft, and Sallie O'Hara for the Lighthouse Festival March 21st.
- Irene Kauffman and Pat Pearman for the Beach Blast at St. Augustine Pier March 29th
- Susie Kontul and Irene Kauffman for the Florida Welcome Center in Yulee on April 3rd.
- Colonial Bank for providing 5 volunteers for the Turtle Fest in Flagler Beach on April 4th. Also thanks to Marge Rooyakers, Roger Schonig and Carol Schonig for their efforts that day.

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AIA Volunteer News Briefs

Feature Grant-Cell Phone Tour

The Cell Phone Tour project will begin in July and will be funded by \$50,000 of grant funds with inkind match, \$2,000 from the City of Marineland and \$14,000 from Friends of AIA.

As with other grants that will be funded at that time, the in kind match will be met by documenting volunteer efforts. **So when you contribute your time you will be making a vital contribution to the various projects we are initiating or continuing this year.**

We will need to report almost 718 volunteer hours just to support this grant. Now more than ever it is important to report your hours to Vicki by the 15th of every month.

This project will design and implement an interpretive cell phone tour accessible at all points along the 72 mile AIA byway. The City of St. Augustine will take the lead for leading volunteers in scripting, posting and maintaining audio and interpretive messages for travelers over 45 designated points of interest for the byway traveler in St.

Johns and Flagler Counties.

The message will be pertinent to historic, archeological, scenic, recreational, cultural and natural intrinsic features at museums, parks and historical municipalities along the byway.

Many thanks to Flagler College interns Sarah Bennett and Jordan Greathouse for getting us a jumpstart on this project by compiling background information for the tour.

Fundraisers support Grant Implementation

Everyone has heard the phrase "It takes money to make money" and in our current economic times this is more important than ever. Although we have received several grants, Friends of AIA need funds to assure that these grants are implemented in a timely manner.

Thanks to the Fundraising committee (Bob Samuels, Pat Pearman and Susie Kontul) Fiesta Falls

Miniature Golf Course held an event on Sunday afternoon, March 29 where a portion of all proceeds went to Friends of AIA.

Much gratitude to Rich and Lauren at Fiesta Falls and to the hit of the day, Honey B the clown. Hopefully, similar fund raisers will be held though out the summer.

Events not only provides a forum to inform the public regarding our

organization, but also provides a venue to encourage contributions. This was recently illustrated at the Turtle Fest in Flagler Beach.

The backbone for our fundraising efforts is centered around the **Crew of 72**. There are still spots available for those persons or organizations committed to our cause. Please contact Sallie O'Hara or Susie Kontul for additional infor-



Irene Kauffman is interviewed by WAOC- at Beach Blast



Marge Rooyakers and "future volunteer" at Turtle Fest

Upcoming Events

- Gamble Rogers Folk Festival **May 1-3**
- Volunteer Orientation, St. Johns Co. **May 14**
- Viliano Beach 5 K **May 16**



Honey B at Fiesta Falls