

Florida Chautauqua

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Association Notes



While our Chautauquans arrived the Thursday of the Assembly, some of our staff and faculty were already bringing Chautauqua to the schools. Our living history faculties consisted of Jim Moore, playing General Andrew Jackson, Moni Bolings portraying Meriwether Lewis of Lewis and Clark's Expedition and finally, Dr. Richard Thomas, as famed Dentist and card shark, Doc Holliday.



Dr. Richard Thomas DDS in character as Doc Holliday
Interacting with students of the Walton School District

Each presenter went into the schools to interact and provide an informative, fun, and educational experience for the students who ranged in age from 9 year olds up to 16 year olds. Each re-enactor brought in artifacts from the character they brought to life and shared these with the students. Children were able to interact and question the presenters. This year, the presentations were given to just under one thousand students of the Walton County School District. These Chautauqua features are free of charge to the schools and another part of the Florida Chautauqua's commitment to bring unique educational experiences to local students. Each year-
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The 2018 Florida Chautauqua Assembly's theme is "Into the Pillars of Chautauqua" from January 25th through the 28th, 2018. Stay up to date on all the latest developments by going to our website (stated) below and update your contact information.

www.floridachautauquaassembly.org

2018 Assembly planning well underway.

The Board of Directors for the Florida Chautauqua Association have jumped off with both feet into the planning for the 2018 assembly. Themed "Into the Pillars of Chautauqua", the program promises to be as diverse and fun as the 2017 assembly. We already have topics coming in from our faculty, and new presenters who will be joining our faculty. With the feedback from those who attended the assembly this year, we will continue to evolve and improve the program. As the planning moves forward, we are more excited at the possibilities that the future holds for the Florida Chautauqua. We hope you are already making plans to join us and dive into The Pillars of Chautauqua.

A note from our Program Chair

I would like to thank everyone who attended our 2017 Florida Chautauqua Assembly. You made this year's event a great success. We also appreciate the suggestions and comments made by attendees.



Greg Cain, Program Chair

Those suggestions have already been discussed and many are being implemented. I am very confident you will enjoy next year's event even more. Our goal is to always improve with each passing event. Thanks again to those of you who joined us this year. We will see all of you at the 2018 Assembly!

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during the assembly, we work with Walton High School to insure the students can attend the featured keynote, attend the first set of breakout sessions, and offer the sessions throughout the weekend free to current students. Our goal is to immerse the students into the Chautauqua experience, and build a connection to the life long learning associated with Chautauqua. We also have been able to build into our program, opportunities for students to serve as ambassadors to our faculty, and interact with those who attend the assembly each year. Our students have become staff members during the event, working different sections of the assembly along with their instructors to learn skills, practice skills they learned in the classroom and apply them to real life. We also offer to the schools the chance to come to our Living History exhibits on Lake DeFuniak to enhance American History lessons in the classroom. Our relationship with the Walton School District has grown since the beginning, and we hope to expand this program with the support of Walton School District Superintendent Russell Hughes.



Rosalyn Carter interacting with Students during the 2013 Assembly.



Walton High School Culinary arts class with their teacher Mrs. Sallee with Apollo 13 Astronaut Fred Haise during the 2015 Assembly. The Florida Chautauqua works with our featured speakers to provide time for them to interact with the students of the Walton School District. We hope these interactions will inspire the students to dream big, and reach for their goals in the future. We are very proud of the students here in Walton County, and we are very proud of our relationship with the school district and hope to be able to expand it in the future.