

# Florida Chautauqua

## Camp and Fireside

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### 2017 Assembly Notes



We are already hard at work planning the 2018 Assembly. Be sure to check our webpage to make sure you keep up with the most current information available. Be sure to update your contact information using the link on our webpage. We look forward to seeing you again in 2018.

#### *The Return of the Carrico Bass*



Luthier John Lohr, Bassist Steve Gilmore, Pianist Bobby Van Deusen, with the Carrico Bass.

From 1904-1909, the W. L. Carrico Orchestra entertained the visitors to the Florida Chautauqua. In 2012, W. L. Carrico's family made the decision to entrust the Florida Chautauqua Association with Mr. Carrico's bass he played here. During 2016, Mr. John Lohr took on the task of repairing the bass and returning it to playable condition. On January 28th, 2017, the bass once again took to the stage of the Florida Chautauqua to entertain.

During the 2017 Florida Chautauqua Assembly, Ten 8 Fire Equipment provided a look inside the design, construction, and maintenance at the Birth of a fire truck session. Those who visited this location had a rare chance to see the inner workings of fire apparatus.

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## Wesley Boles, RN. The Evolution of Trauma Centers



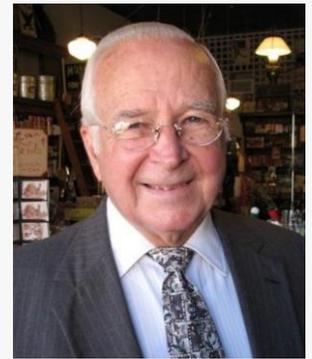
Wesley Boles RN on stage for the Keynote.

Wesley Boles RN spoke to Chautauquans and students at the Walton High School for the Friday Keynote.

Mr. Boles' presentation was very informative on the history of advancements in Trauma care through the years, and the development and advances of trauma care and trauma centers. He also related his personal experience recently as the head of trauma services at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center, which recently underwent a review by the College of Surgeons to be certified as a level 2 Trauma Center.

## A Note from our Chairman

A successful 2017 Florida Chautauqua Assembly is now behind us, and we are happy to hear many complimentary remarks about our program. While there were slight changes in the program format this year, all indications point to its being a success. We especially appreciate all the folks who attended, both locals and visitors. Comments and suggestions shared at the closing evaluation session were very helpful and



Dennis Ray, Florida Chautauqua Association Chairman

much appreciated. We will certainly be considering them as we plan next year's Assembly. Thanks again to those of you who came to be with us this year. We hope to see all of you at the 2018 Assembly!

## Excursion to Piney Grove Church

On Saturday, our chairman Dennis Ray took us on an excursion to his childhood church. Dennis related stories of the church to everyday life during the period the church was active. Dennis discussed the history of small churches in communities and how important they were to the communities they were founded in. Several original record books and artifacts, along with a recording of Sacred Harp singing (which Dennis's father taught) were shared with those who attended. You could tell Dennis' enthusiasm and how emotionally connected he is to this location, which made the session even more special for those who attended.



### Wallace Bruce Tree Planting

In conjunction with the City of DeFuniak Springs, Florida Forest Service, and the Florida Extension Office, the Florida Chautauqua planted a tree on the shores of Lake DeFuniak in honor of our longest serving President, Wallace Bruce. The tree is a sapling from the famous Live Oak in front of the Library. Dan Owens planted the acorn and, after it sprouted, Dennis Ray cared for the young tree for several years before donating it for this

### Walton High Jazz Band entertains

During the Friday Dinner Performance, we were joined by the Walton High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Robbins. Guests were treated to a great evening of music by the students who travel often to play many different engagements. The Florida Chautauqua loves to showcase the talents of our local students when we can.

### Wallace Bruce Award.

Past Association President Christopher Mitchell was honored by the Florida Chautauqua Association with the awarding of the very first Wallace Bruce Award. This is the highest award that Florida Chautauqua Association presents, and is reserved for very special presentations. Chris helped to bring the Florida Chautauqua Association to its current level, and it is fitting he was the first recipient.

### Thank you for sharing your time with us

On behalf of the Florida Chautauqua Association Board of Directors, thank you for joining us this year. We look forward to seeing you next year.