


Remember When, FCOA?



1965 1975

While FCOA was busy with:


Various Aging Conferences

 The first conference was held September 19 – 21, 1966 at East Ridge in Miami and it focused on the health, insurance and medical care needs of older adults. Another major conference that year took place in Clearwater and featured a study in volunteer public service called *The Clearwater Study*. The major project of 1967 was a regional conference on “Social Service Needs of Patients in Long Term Facilities,” sponsored by the State Board of Health and other agencies.


Developing AgeWise

Under Title IV of the Older Americans Act, FCOA received a monetary grant in 1966 for three years by the Commission on Aging. Emmett Roberts, director of the Division of Family Services, gave FCOA \$2,000 in 1971 to continue publishing *AgeWise* for two years.

Initiating Relationships with Local Agencies

 By 1969, FCOA had begun to reach out to local communities through cooperation with local agencies. In 1969 and 1970, plans for regional educational seminars, in addition to annual meetings, were built into the Council's planned activities. In 1971, FCOA passed a resolution that furthered legislation establishing a Florida State Licensure program for nursing home administrators. This action stimulated the Council's already-developing interest in legislation. It resulted in the creation of a standing committee on legislation.


Promoting Retirement Education

 In 1971, a seminar on retirement education, co-sponsored by FCOA and the Adult Education section of the Department of Education, resulted in an ongoing agreement between the Council and DOE to serve the educational needs of the elderly.

Jumpstarting the Florida Conference on Aging

During the 1960's, and until 1974, FCOA held its annual meetings in conjunction with the Southern Gerontological Conference in Gainesville. In 1974, FCOA decided to hold the meeting elsewhere in order to encourage increased membership statewide.

Keeping Abreast of National Aging News

 Members attended or kept current on the 1971 White House Conference on Aging. Its major focus was income maintenance among older adults.

The rest of the country was busy with:

Major News of the Day

Two Presidential Administrations:
Lyndon B. Johnson, 1963 - 1969;
Richard Nixon, 1969 - 1974

The Vietnam War: South Vietnam fell to the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong in 1975, after 30 years of revolutionary civil wars and repeated conflicts against colonial powers; U.S. troops pulled out of Vietnam. (For more information, go to: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/honor/timeline/timeline2.html>)

The Women's Rights Movement: Several key events furthered this cause including Equal Rights in the Workplace Executive Order 11375 in 1965 and the 1973 Supreme Court decision of *Roe V. Wade*. (For more information, go to: <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/womenstimeline1.html>)

An Evolving Music Scene

(Hard Rock, Disco, Pop, Punk, Funk and Soul expanded the definitions of modern music)

Big Hits of the Early 70's: “American Pie,” Don McLean, 1972; “Let It Be,” The Beatles, 1972; “Bridge Over Troubled Water,” Simon & Garfunkel, 1970; “Ain't No Mountain High Enough,” Diana Ross, 1970; “Sweet Home Alabama,” Lynyrd Skynyrd, 1974; “Get Down Tonight,” KC & The Sunshine Band, 1975

Watching Television – In color!

(It was not until 1966 that NBC became the first network to show all of its TV programs in color. Learn more at: <http://inventors.about.com/library/inventors/blcolortelevision.htm>)

Favorite TV Shows: *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, CBS, 1970-77; *All in the Family*, CBS, 1971-83; *The Carol Burnett Show*, CBS, 1967-79; *Happy Days*, ABC, 1974-84; *Mission: Impossible*, CBS, 1966-73; *The Brady Bunch*, ABC, 1969-74; *Get Smart*, NBC/CBS, 1965-70; *Batman*, ABC, 1966-68; *Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In*, NBC, 1968-73

Going to the Movies

THE GRADUATE (1967); GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER (1967); THE GODFATHER PART II (1974); DOCTOR ZHIVAGO (1965); JAWS (1975)



Do You Remember When, FCOA?

However far back your memory goes, we hope you make a new memory with us!
Come to the 2005 Florida Conference on Aging August 22-25 in Orlando!

In celebration of FCOA's 50th Anniversary, this is the second in a series of “history pages” that will be issued to members in the months preceding the 2005 Florida Conference on Aging. The “Remember When, FCOA?” series is designed to celebrate and explore each of the five decades of rich FCOA history.