

Remember When, FCOA?



1975 1985

While FCOA was busy with:

Restructuring and Rebuilding



In 1974, Dr. Albert Hardy developed a comprehensive set of bylaws that would answer questions related to existing bylaws. Approved in 1975, the new bylaws included changing the structure of FCOA's organizational chart. By 1977, FCOA had a total of 157 members.

Establishing Headquarters in Tallahassee



In 1980, the Tallahassee office of the Florida Council on Aging was established and a part-time secretary was hired. Lifeline became FCOA's first corporate member that year.

Conducting a Statewide Awards Program



In 1981, the Quality Senior Living Awards (QSLA) began, with SuperX Drugs as a co-sponsor. The QSLA Program was established to recognize the outstanding contributions of an individual Florida senior citizen working on behalf of older Floridians. Additional categories were added beginning in 1983, starting with the "Media" Award.

Founding the FCOA Hall of Fame



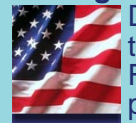
The FCOA Board of Trustees created the Hall of Fame Award in 1983. The purpose was to recognize extraordinary contributions to the field of aging statewide for ten years or more. The first recipient of the award was Senator Claude Pepper.

Attending Annual Statewide Conferences



In 1984, the HRS Aging and Adult Services Program Office joined with FCOA to hold coordinated statewide annual conferences attended by staff of the entire aging network of agencies serving the aging population and members of other professions that serve older people. Meanwhile, the FCOA conference continued to be an annual event.

Going to the 1980 Governor's Conference on Aging



During Bob Graham's gubernatorial administration, Honorary Chair Adele Graham, First Lady of Florida, coordinated this Conference that took place in Orlando in preparation for the 1981 White House Conference on Aging. The major focus of the December 1981 WHCoA, held in Washington D.C. and hosted by the Reagan Administration, was Social Security.

The rest of the country was busy with:

Three Presidential Administrations

Gerald Ford (1974-1977); Jimmy Carter (1977-1981); Ronald Reagan (1981-1989)



The Bicentennial Celebration

The country commemorated the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with a spectacular bicentennial celebration on July 4, 1976.



Social and Political Issues of the Day

Affirmative action became a controversial policy as minorities and women asserted their rights to jobs and quality education.

On March 28, 1979 a radioactive leak occurred at Three Mile Island nuclear power plant.

John Lennon was assassinated on December 8, 1980 in New York City; an assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan occurred on March 30, 1981.

Space Exploration

The U.S. launched STS-5, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* on November 11-16, 1982.



Funky Fads



smiley faces; lava lamps; pet rocks; bell bottoms; Rubik's cube; sea monkeys; station wagons; olive green and harvest gold household appliances; platform shoes



Music

1975: "Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds," Elton John; "Mandy," Barry Manilow; "Lady Marmalade," LaBelle

1980: "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," Queen; "It's Still Rock And Roll To Me," Billy Joel

1984: "Karma Chameleon," Culture Club; "Footloose," Kenny Loggins; "What's Love Got To Do With It," Tina Turner



Television

Little House on the Prairie (1975-1983); *Knot's Landing* (1979-1993); *Dallas* (1978-1991); *Hawaii 5-0* (1968 -1980); *Happy Days* (1974-1984); *Love Boat* (1977-1986)

Movies

ROCKY (1976); SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER (1977); STAR WARS (1977); ANNIE HALL (1977); CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND (1977); SUPERMAN (1978); GREASE (1978); SOMEWHERE IN TIME (1980); TOOTSIE (1982)



Do You Remember

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 third 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.