

Remember When, FCOA?

1995  2005

While FCOA was busy with:

Recognizing Advocacy Efforts

In 1995, the Florida Council on Aging established the FCOA Advocacy Award, created to recognize the outstanding advocacy efforts of State Legislators on behalf of older persons. The first recipient was Representative Lars Hafner of St. Petersburg.



Hosting Famous Keynote Speakers

Ed Asner served as the 40th Anniversary Florida Aging Network Conference opening keynote in Ft. Lauderdale in 1995. The next year brought Rosalynn Carter to the Florida Aging Network Training Conference in Haines City, followed by Dr. Ruth Westheimer's opening keynote address at the 1997 Florida Aging Network Training Conference in St. Petersburg. Debbie Reynolds spoke during the 2002 Florida Conference on Aging in Tampa, and Governor Jeb Bush spoke at the opening session of the 2003 Florida Conference on Aging in Orlando.



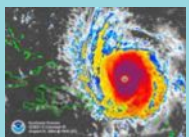
Researching and Publishing

FCOA and the Florida Department of Education partnered in 1997 to research and release "The Older Worker: Florida's Prime Resource." Responses to an Aging Florida magazine was first published and distributed in the Fall of 1998. Dr. Stephen Golant served as the Editor-in-Chief. The final three issues were published in 2003.



Conference Firsts: WHCoA and Hurricanes

The White House Conference on Aging conducted a Listening Session, the first one outside of Washington, D.C., during the 2004 Florida Conference on Aging in Miami. The conference closed one day early due to Hurricane Frances, one of four major hurricanes to hit Florida that year.



Celebrating Its 50th Anniversary

The Golden Anniversary of the Florida Council on Aging was celebrated at the Florida Conference on Aging August 22-25, 2005 at the Renaissance Resort at Sea World in Orlando. This special conference brought in superb speakers, including Stedman Graham, Dr. William Thomas, Senator Bob Dole and Frank Miles. Due to Hurricane Katrina, the planned State of the State and State of the Nation from Secretary of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs Carole Green and Assistant Secretary for the Administration on Aging Josefina Carbonell were cancelled. Nonetheless, CEU-credit workshops, an Exhibit Hall, exciting dine around locations, a cyber café and Rock n' Roll auction all made this anniversary one to "Remember When, FCOA!"



The rest of the country was busy with:

Two Presidential Administrations

Bill Clinton (1993-2001); George W. Bush (2001-2005; 2005-present)



2000 Summer Olympics

The 2000 Summer Olympics took place in Sydney, Australia. The United States won 40 gold, 24 silver and 33 bronze medals.



Tragedy

Terrorism: A bomb destroyed the Oklahoma City federal building on April 19, 1995. Terrorists attacked the United States on September 11, 2001 when hijackers flew jetliners into the twin towers of New York City's World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Natural Disasters: The 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake triggered a series of tsunamis on December 26, 2004 killing over 300,000 people. Hurricane Katrina landed near New Orleans on August 29, 2005 as a Category 4 storm. It caused the city's levees to breach, flooding the whole city and forcing a mass evacuation.

Y2K/The Millenium

Computer experts believed that in 2000, computer systems could interpret 00 as 1900, creating a worldwide computer meltdown due to the glitch dubbed "the Y2K bug." No major problems were reported on 1-1-00.



Papal Transition

Pope John Paul II reigned from October 16, 1978 until his death on April 2, 2005. Pope Benedict XVI, John Paul II's successor, was elected on April 19, 2005.



Technology

Cell phones, laptops, blackberries, palm pilots, digital cameras and MP3 players, among other items, changed how the world communicates over the course of this tech-savvy decade.



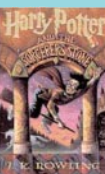
Music

"My Heart Will Go On," Celine Dion, 1998; "I Don't Want To Miss A Thing," Aerosmith, 1998; "Believe," Cher, 1999; "Breathe," Faith Hill, 2000; "Breakaway," Kelly Clarkson, 2004; "She Will Be Loved," Maroon5, 2005



Movies

1995 - BABE, BRAVEHEART; 1997 - TITANIC; 2001 - BRIDGET JONES'S DIARY, THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING, HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE, PEARL HARBOR, SHREK; 2005 - WAR OF THE WORLDS, BATMAN BEGINS, STAR WARS, EPISODE III



Literature

J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* came to the United States in 1998 and became a sensation among readers of all ages.

Do You Remember When, FCOA?

Thank you for attending the 2005 Florida Conference on Aging August 22-25 in Orlando - we are glad you made a new memory with us!

In celebration of FCOA's 50th Anniversary, this is the fifth and final in a series of "history pages" designed to celebrate and explore each of the five decades of rich FCOA history. FCOA'S 50th Anniversary was officially celebrated at the 2005 Florida Conference on Aging.