

2018 **The Betty Intagliata Lecture Series** 2018

THE CIVIL RIGHTS ERA: A Look Back at the 1960s

TUESDAY • FEBRUARY 20, 2018 • 7PM

The Civil Rights Era in Sarasota County



James C. Brown, a native of Sarasota, is a retired educator. He entered Florida A&M University on a football scholarship and received his BA degree with distinction in Political Science. In 1972, he received his Masters degree in Guidance & Counseling from the University of South Florida. Mr. Brown taught Social Studies on the secondary level in Sarasota for nine years and then went on to State College of Florida where he served as a counselor, Director of Admissions & Records, and Associate Dean of Educational Services until his retirement. He was the first black administrator hired by the college. He serves on many Boards & Committees in his community & teaches a course entitled: "A Historical Review of African-American Life and History in Sarasota."



John McCarthy currently serves as Executive Director of Gulf Coast Heritage Association at Historic Spanish Point in Osprey. John was honored with the 2017 Hero of History Award for his achievements in preserving and sharing history and his 32 year career with Sarasota County, most recently as General Manager of Parks & Recreation, which at one time also included the Dept. of Historical Resources of Sarasota County. Prior to his current position, John was Executive Director at SCOPE (Sarasota County Openly Plans for Excellence.)



Carolyn J. Mason was elected to the Sarasota City Commission serving from 1999-2003. She served as Mayor of Sarasota from 2001-2003. She went on to become the first African-American elected to the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners in 2008. She served as Chair of the Commission in 2013 and 2015. Carolyn is currently "Director of Donor Engagement" for Harvest House Center.



Jetson Grimes, entrepreneur & community organizer, was brought from Georgia to Newtown, an African-American community in Sarasota, Florida, by his mother in the year 1940. However, upon coming down with tuberculosis, his mother left the care of her baby son to Lenora Madame Brooks, a mid-wife who delivered many of Newtown's children, because at that time Sarasota Memorial Hospital was inaccessible to African-Americans. At age 11, Jetson was cared for by his aunt, who owned a janitorial service in the early 1950's so business ownership became part of Jetson's DNA. He became a barber (37 years) and owns "Jetson's Creative Trend" in Sarasota. He picked up his activism from his mentor Robert "Bud" Thomas, also a barber.



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