

Kathleen Area Historical Society
P.O. Box 977
Kathleen, FL 33849



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The mission statement of the Kathleen Area Historical Society is to document, preserve, and interpret the history and folk life of eight area communities including Galloway, Gibsonia, Green Pond, Griffin, Kathleen, Providence, Socrum, and Winston. The Society is headquartered at Heritage Park in the Socrum community at 8950 N. Campbell Rd



The Polk County Historical Commission (PCHC) was established by the Florida Legislature in 1937. The nine-member Commission serves in an advisory role to the Polk County Board of County Commissioners and to the Polk County History Center to preserve and promote Polk County's history.



**POLK COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
STUDENTS FIRST

The Polk County Board of Public Instruction

(now Polk County Public Schools) was formed in 1869. Evolving from one room school houses and a school calendar built around the strawberry harvest, the PCSB district includes over 150 school campuses and more than 104,000 students, the 7th largest district in Florida.

FRIENDS OF KATHLEEN SCHOOL



**A Historical Marker
Fundraising Initiative
For Kathleen School**

July 2020

HISTORICAL MARKERS PRESERVE & PROMOTE LOCAL HISTORY

Did you know that this Kathleen School was built in 1928? Did you know that this school was the first in the Kathleen Area to offer a 12th grade education? Did you know that the first graduating class was in 1932, comprised of six students? Do you know their names?

Local history is the first history to be lost, but through the efforts of many individuals and organizations like the Kathleen Area Historical Society and the Polk County Historical Commission (PCHC), local history is preserved and promoted.

The PCHC offers a Historical Marker Program to educate, recognize and encourage the preservation of local history with topics like persons, events, institutions, buildings, ethnic groups, churches, sites, cemeteries, and communities. There are currently 26 PCHC markers in Polk County, including the marker pictured which was installed in 2017 on the grounds of Bethel Baptist Church in the Socrum community.

In cooperation with the Polk County School Board, the *Friends of Kathleen School* fundraising initiative seeks to sponsor

Cover Photo: Kathleen Middle School 2016

placement of a historical marker on school grounds to preserve and promote the history of Kathleen School. The process requires submission of a carefully researched and documented application to the PCHC for review and approval. Once approved, the marker is fabricated and installed. The cost of these very attractive 42" x 30" markers is approximately \$2,800. A public dedication and unveiling ceremony is then scheduled to celebrate the preservation of history

Join the effort to insure that the school's rich history is known and celebrated! *Through all the years so proudly may you stand, Hail Kathleen, Kathleen, Kathleen!*



I am a Friend of Kathleen School.

Please accept the enclosed gift of

\$ _____ for the historical marker
for Kathleen School. Checks payable to:

Kathleen Area Historical Society
P.O. Box 977, Kathleen, FL 33849

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____

Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail address _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

A historical marker dedication and unveiling ceremony will be held when the marker is placed. I agree, by my signature below, that excess funds raised beyond the cost of the historical marker, may be used to defray the cost of the ceremony.

Signature _____