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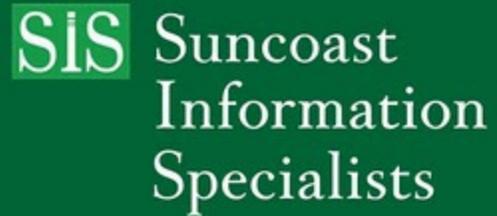
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OUR HOST

The logo for Stetson Law, with "STETSON" in a green, serif font and "LAW" in a grey, serif font.

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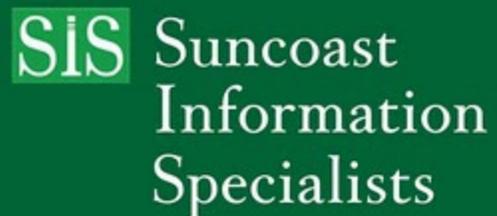
25th Anniversary

October 14, 2011

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Memories from the Founders of SIS

I was elected the first vice-president of SIS.

Memory of the many hours we spent putting together the bylaws of the group, with Judy Dolce, Pat Boody, Kit Boone, Betsy King, and (memory lapse) perhaps Elizabeth O'Brien of Tarpon Springs – and others. We often met over snacks in the living room of my home in Parkside Villas (just off 54th Ave. No. and west of 66th Street North; address 7335 Parkside Villas Dr, St. Petersburg). The two little kids who likely were floating around the house at that time are now married (or divorced) and one has my grandson and granddaughter. The third child was just a “twinkle in our eye” (an old expression). Two of my children are now students at Palm Beach State College hoping to advance on to U. of Florida and UCF.

After becoming established as a group, the first president, Judy Dolce, resigned (before the end of her term) in order marry and move back to upstate NY. I then assumed the presidency and later was elected, but I do not recall how many terms – perhaps only one term?

I remember the lunches at various restaurants around Tampa Bay. A good time while conducting business of the group and incorporating professional development into our meetings! Good presentations. Good networking.

One librarian at the St. Pete Times arrived here at the Palm Beach Post around the same time I moved here. I sometimes joke with people at the Palm Beach Post that the St. Pete Times might be the best newspaper in the state, but the Palm Beach Post is a close second!

Best wishes for a successful celebration! Doug Cornwell

Officers for the 1986–87 year were: Doug Cornwell, President; Gwen Walters, Vice President; Kit Boone, Secretary; and Betsy King, Treasurer. Carolyn Bass (TECO) volunteered to prepare a regular newsletter. Following a couple of “trial” issues in 1986, Volume 1, Number 1, of the SIS Info was issued in January 1987.

Some members expressed an interest in sponsoring a continuing education workshop, perhaps with new automated tools, etc. After several discussions and meetings, the general consensus was that the work involved would be too much for the interest shown. It was generally felt that the personal and professional contacts made were the most valuable part of SIS and that bimonthly meetings were sufficient.

Several times in SIS's history, concern has been expressed about the lack of support, too much work by too few people, lack of participation, etc. Somehow, these complaints seems to wax and wane over time.

SIS now boasts more than a hundred members, from virtual every niche of the local information profession community, representing more than 60 different institutions. During the past decade, SIS has definitely fulfilled its original goals -- “sharing ideas and fostering cooperation and growth” among the area librarians.

Taken from A Brief History, <http://www.suninfospec.org/history>. Betsy King assembled this information for the SIS 10th anniversary.

SIS 25th Anniversary
October 14, 2011
6:00 PM to 9:30 PM

6:00 - Registration in the atrium

6:00 - 3M Poster Session (Optional)

6:30 - Hors d'ouvres, beverages, and networking

7:30 - Business Meeting

Including:

~Officer Elections

~FLA Scholarship

~Honoring Past Presidents

~Raffle

8:00 - Daniel Ruth "The Information Explosion"



Daniel Ruth, Columnist/Editorial Writer

“Daniel Ruth, 61, has been scribbling away for 38 years as a reporter, film critic, television critic and columnist for the *Tampa Tribune*, the *Chicago Sun-Times* and the *St. Petersburg Times*. He also has worked as a radio talk show host as well as an adjunct professor for the University of South Florida, the University of Tampa and Columbia College in Chicago. Daniel is a Peter Lisagor Award recipient for his columns in Chicago and has been honored by the Pinellas County Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union with the Irene Miller Vigilance In Journalism Award.”

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