

Museum Funding Sources

The Museum Board and Staff continually seek revenue sources and are very thankful and appreciative of the external sources we have. Many of our resources have been cut out or greatly reduced due to the BP oil disaster and general financial difficulties that have affected every individual, family and business. We can not thank our local businesses and families enough for their continued support.

- The Museum was notified that we were recommended to receive the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs 2011-2012 grant for \$8,600 that we wrote. That recommendation is before the State budgeting committee.
- Several of the museums of Okaloosa County have received financial support from the Okaloosa County Commission. Even with the tremendous budget restraints all over, the County was able to continue their support with only a 10% decrease in funding. The Museum will receive \$14,400 for general operations. We are so appreciative of the support of our County Commission and their vision to preserve the heritage of this great county.
- The City of Destin Council brought up and voted to donate to the Museum \$1,500 to help defray the 10% loss of revenue from the County budget. We cherish the partnership and continued support of the City.
- The Belk Charity Sale was held on November 6. The Museum sold \$50 of advance sale tickets and will receive a portion of the ticket sales from the day of the event.
- The Museum has also filed with BP/Gulf Coast Claim and received some money for loss revenue as compared to last year.

You can help by keeping your membership current. The Museum Board is also open to hearing your ideas on additional fundraising opportunities or possible exhibit sponsorships. Thank you for your continued support for YOUR MUSEUM. We could not make it without your support!

Happy Birthday Captain Salty

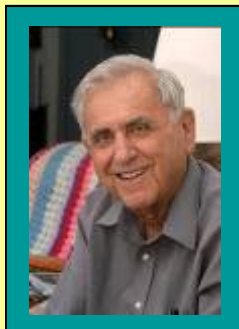


November 1st
Captain Reddin "Salty" Brunson
celebrated his 97th birthday.
Sarah Brunson and Jean Melvin
 helped to celebrate
at the American Legion in Destin.

6th Generation Marler Descendant



River Michele Tomlinson,
 great-great-great grand daughter of
 William Elisha Marler
 &
 Sarah Rotincia Lancaster
 visited the Museum
 to see her grandmother, Kathy Marler Blue.



Focus on a Family

Zovak "Jerry" Najarian



Written by: Jean Melvin

In October 2010, the Museum lost a dear member of our Museum family with the passing of Jerry Najarian. Jerry has been a strong Museum supporter and volunteer since the original Museum opened in 1985. Jerry always supported monetarily, but most important was his love of Destin and his efforts in being sure that the events that shaped Destin's future were recorded and preserved. Jerry also ensured that the things he felt Destin needed were provided.

The Museum misses him everyday, yet he is still with us in all that he did for preserving the history of Destin.

The Museum wishes to thank Jerry's family for making the Museum the beneficiary of memorials given in Jerry's honor, through this he continues to support the Museum.

Jerry was a Community Leader



Betty & Jerry
Wedding Day
July 25, 1953



Jerry receiving
Presidential Volunteer Award
2009

- Eglin engineer for 44 years
- Destin City Councilman
- Destin Planning Commission
- Destin Waterways Committee
- Destin Community Center President
- Destin Chamber of Commerce President
- Destin Fishing Rodeo Chairman
- Troy Emerald Coast Alumni President
- Destin Area Red Cross Disaster Chairman
- NW FL College Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance Advisory Board
- Destin Community Land & Trust Board
- Destin Water User's Board of Directors
- National Federation of Music Clubs' Chairman
- Florida Federation of Music Clubs
- Choctaw Bay Music Club
- Museum volunteer



Jerry loved
the Destin Fishing Rodeo.
He is shown here
with a white marlin catch.



1950
Nascar Driver
"Mario" Najarian