

I'm so excited to see you all here! Welcome to our Kick-Off Luncheon for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida "History Project."

We know you'll be excited about this project and the plans we have for the upcoming months.

Here's an overview of what we hope to accomplish today:

Review Agenda

The most important thing I want to do today is introduce you to Michael Kucsak, our newest BRIC staff member and the leader of this new project!!! I want to give you some background on Michael – he has a Bachelor's Degree in History from Jacksonville University and a Master's in Information Science from Florida State University (the "Library" word is missing, because he focused more on the automation side of the library world). Michael worked for the Northeast Florida Library and Information Network as their technical coordinator for several years – he was responsible for getting many of our smaller county libraries in northeast Florida on the Internet – he was also responsible for all training courses NEFLIN offered that were technical in nature – (Internet searching, HTML, etc.) He then went to work for the Nassau County Library System as their ~~System Mgr.~~ and was promoted to MIS director for all of Nassau County.

I've known Michael since he was at NEFLIN and have been very impressed with his training skills and his ability to work with all types of people in all types of situations. His IT knowledge is extremely important to this project, as we must decide whether or not -- or how to -- digitize much of this collection, which automation tool we need to catalog these items and make them searchable, etc.. He will be spending much time with our IT division and I can relax knowing Michael will represent the Archives Project well!

His background in and love of history make this a good fit for Michael – he represents the best of the "Wired Librarians" and we're thrilled to have him.

He'll be talking with you in a minute. I hope you'll take the time to introduce yourself and make him welcome. He has a lot to learn about Blue Cross – he's only been here a few weeks, so be gentle with the acronyms!!!

I want to begin today sharing with you a treasure we received not long ago. No one knew this existed, -- but we are so excited to have this! – SHOW the book and tape and read some passages.

We are just starting this project, and the purpose today is to ask your help as we look for items of historical importance, plan events and promotions, decide on products, databases, etc. we may want to develop – to do some brainstorming!

So I hope you'll find this fun, entertaining and uplifting – we all need some good memories this week – so let's get started.

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