

**BOOK BUYERS COMMENTS ABOUT  
BAKER'S HAULOVER –  
A MARITIME TREASURE  
OF HISTORY AND PIONEERS**

December 5, 2012 – “In a quick two hour look-through, I was impressed with the extent of the research you did over the years. I will slowly go over the history of the Haulover Inlet many times to enjoy its history. The many pictures are an amazing collection, and the dates documented are very helpful in putting things in perspective. I am impressed with your supreme efforts! We moved to North Miami in 1950 from Detroit to help run my grandmother’s bar, restaurant, and cabins on US1 and 138 Street. She started them in 1938 and we visited her several times in the 1940’s.” [Leon & Betty Dupree Migdalski \(North Miami High Class of 1957\), Titusville, FL](#)

December 10, 2012 - “. . . Just got my book in the mail and it made me cry, seeing all the old guys who helped mold my life. Thanks Again and a great job.” [Dale Haskell, Port Charlotte, FL](#)

December 10, 2012 - “Congratulations, congratulations! . . . it [the book] is bringing back happy memories - Haulover was the beach of choice for us “Barry girls.” Unfortunately, we had no idea of the real value and historic significance in maritime history of that area. With your publication, the world will now know! We are so proud of you and will share your good news with our alumni family.” [Sister Linda Bevilacqua, OP, PhD, President, Barry University, Miami Shores, FL](#)

December 20, 2012 – “I posted the link for your book in a number of different sites and will continue to post it periodically to help promote your work, a truly fabulous piece of history.” [Alvin Lederer, Historian, Leesburg, FL](#)

December 11, 2012 – “Kudos to you for writing a wonderful book

that brings to life the history of an area we grew up in. It gives new meaning and understanding to our favorite childhood place. It was like reading an autobiography of a beloved relative. We are enjoying it so much, thank you for all your hard work.” [Audrey Sessoms, Hollywood, FL](#)

December 13, 2021 – “I am so proud of what a great job you did [on the book]. I am starting to read it and can’t wait to show it to my family and friends.” [Olga Busch, Norwich, Connecticut](#)

December 13, 2012 - “Right from the very first page you can tell that it truly has been a labor of love. For me it is a fantastic page-turner. I just can’t put the book down. Every page brings back so many wonderful memories. I highly recommend this book to everyone, especially those of you who are North Miami High School Pioneers. It is a real keepsake.

Martha’s dedication to accurately write this wonderful history of Baker’s Haulover and the surrounding area can be seen on every page. In the back of the book she lists all of the sources that she used. It is amazing.

Marti also has a lot of information on North Miami, North Miami Beach, motel row and other areas of Northern Dade County. She even has an easy recipe on how to make Marcella’s Garlic Rolls.

Over the years many North Miami High School Pioneers were interviewed by Marti (Class of 1957) at different high school reunions and also in person, by letter and also by telephone. Some sent Marti photographs of their activities at Baker’s Haulover. For you North Miami High School Pioneers Marti has included a few great photographs. One is of Karen Cross catching three fish while the men got zilch, nada, zero. Mollie Williams also is shown with a large fish that she caught, Don Drybread in a boat during a race and the one of Andy Murica and Saverio Barbieri with a couple of gals, Sharon Wright and Jackie Gilbert soaking up some sun on the beach. I’m sure I haven’t listed all of them but I’m still reading the book.

Here is a list of some of the North Miami High School Pioneers that Marti mentions in her fascinating book. I’m positive

that I have missed many of them. For that I truly apologize. With the girls I am just using their maiden name because that is how we all knew them.

**A-F**

**Charlie Abell, Ron Adamson, Mary Affronte, Bill Ahern, Bill Altman, Penny Altman, Janet Armstrong, Lanny Armstrong, Ron Aselton, Tim Aselton, Bob Avery, Joanne Barbieri, Saverio Barbieri, Dave Bates, Charlie Bee, Joel Bewan, Bonnie Bishop, Johnny Bobbitt aka Holladay, Cliff Borden, Ron Boyce, Bill Boyer, Doug Brown, John Brown, Colden Burgamy, Mary Jane Cash, Ken Chandler, Ken Chatlos, Ron Cirrotti, Dick Clark, Karen Cross, Pete Cross, Sonja Cummins, Janet Dacey, Coach Jack Del Bello, Diane Derrer, Ken DiFillipo, Bonnie Disbro, Don Drybread, Frank Fager, Irene Finn, Tom Flom, Richard Flury**

**G-L**

**Scott Galvin, Bill Gardner, Gigi Gerardo, Tony Gerardo, Kenny Gershuwitz, Jackie Gilbert, Pam Groenberg, Emilie Greenway, Pat Griffin, Bill Hamaway, Mary Jane Hamrich, Pat Hanson, Dean Henley, Floyd Hinkley, Sally Holmgren, Mary Alice Hornsby, Gordon Humbert, Charles Hyder, Neal Keys, George Klammer, Don Lanning, Alvin Lederer, Lanny Limoges, Coach Howard Lipscomb, Jim Lombard, Jim Long, Sandi Lovette**

**M-R**

**John Malarky, Leonard Mancini, Nancy Martin, Ken Mathis, Richard Maureau, Wayne Mazur, Tom McCuiston, Larry McGee, Skip McFarland, Carolyn McMahan, Charles McNear, Norman Meyer, Rodney Miner, Jim Morgan, Andy Murcia, Mim North, Tom Olsen, Larry Owen, Rod Padderman, Bob Parker, Julian Parrish, Fran Phillips, Skip Rapp, Wayne Reamey, Ron Rincones, Tom Rockey, Helen Ryle**

**S-Z**

**Jim Selig, Jane Sheppard, John Shirley, Cliff Siegel, Steve Slack, Julia Santos, Phil Specht, Bill Stirrett, Marshall Strauss-Frank, Bill Tabbert, Linda Thomas, Nancy Thomas, Jackie Veal, Pat Wade, Gene Wakefield, Woody Walker, Cecil Watts, Joe Webber, Joel Weber, Judy Weston, Harry Wilder, Mollie Williams, Mike Wilson, Harold "Bud" Wright, Sharon Wright**  
**Check out Marti's book. You won't be disappointed."**

**Jim Morgan, Murray, Utah**

December 15, 2012 - "I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Now the lighthouse and Baker's Haulover will always be remembered by all . . . Thank you sooooo much."

**Maria Pniafe, Greece**

December 16, 2012 - ". . . what prodigious effort you put into your resource and acquisition of photos/illustrations. Your magnificent book is gorgeous both in text and cover design."

**Rabbi Stanley Garfein, Tallahassee, FL**

December 16, 2012 - ". . . sincere congratulations for seeing this project through to a very successful conclusion. All who are or have been involved with Baker's Haulover owe you a great deal. Thank you . . . one small corner of our history is now preserved due to your dedication." **Arthur Dunkelman, Jay I. Kislak Foundation, Hialeah, FL**

December 16, 2012 - "I am so enjoying your book. What a wonderful history. The stories are terrific." **Bill Wiatrowski, Alexandria, Virginia**

December 17, 2012 - ". . . it [the book] is very, very well researched and written . . . handsome, important publication . . . impressed with your talent with history!" **Dr. Paul George, Historian and Author, Miami, FL**

December 17, 2012 - "Your book is beautiful . . . It's definitely first class." **Rose Marie and Ted Curtis, Arono, Maine**

December 17, 2012 - ". . . we received your beautiful book here at the Long Island Collection . . . The image from the Baker Bible looks great! Congratulations." **Gina Piastuck, Department Head, East Hampton Library, New York**

December 17, 2012 - "Your book is a masterpiece of enduring value. I truly appreciate being a small part of this remarkable

legacy to Florida's history. [Sandy Morton, Tallahassee, FL](#)

December 17, 2012 - “. . . an incredible task. It is quite impressive.” [Barbara and Tim Gaussiran, Ventura, California](#)

December 18, 2012 - “Whew! That’s all I can think of to say after digesting your wonderful book . . . I read constantly and can’t possibly identify a time when I have been more impressed, involved and intrigued...by a book! Superb.”

[Steve Slack, Winter Park, FL](#)

December 18, 2012 - “I can’t hardly put the book and DVD down. It is fascinating and I guess like for me to be so far away in Chicago and remembering going to the beach, it is extra special. You did a fantastic job.” [Nancy Flodin Nyholm, Chicago, Illinois](#)

December 19, 2012 - “Your book is wonderful. It is obvious the amount of work that went into it. We wish you success in such a labor of love!” [Steve and Monica Sakonchick, Austin, Texas](#)

December 19, 2012 – “I spent about 60 minutes leafing through every page of your book – it is wonderful! It is a treasure! You did a great job. I have not actually read it yet, but I will really love doing that next . . . . I know some people who will love your book, and I will contact them. I need to buy at least one more copy for my sister and her husband (who also grew up in Miami). Thanks for your research on this project – it will obviously appeal to non-Miamians, also.” [Bruce Buckley, Tallahassee, FL](#)

December 20, 2012 – “What a tome! I haven't had a chance to peruse much of it but have in fact seen the list of deceased "contributors" which appears on page 395, and have also noted the photo of the redheaded knockout which appears on the cover's inside back flap. As you also requested, I will be happy to share my further thoughts on your book as I have a chance to read more of it. Congratulations again on your terrific achievement.”

[J. Michael Kelly, Chevy Chase, Maryland](#)

December 21, 2012 - "Thank you for your gift to History Miami's Archives and Research Center of a copy of your book, *Baker's Haulover – A Maritime Treasure of History and Pioneers*. As part of our collection, your contribution will help to document our rich heritage and preserve it for our community." [Dawn Hugh, Archives Manager, Miami, FL](#)

December 25, 2012 - "I bought your book "Bakers Haulover" for my husband for Xmas as we were both raised in Miami. I have spent the day reading it and find it fascinating. It brings back so many memories of our high school years. I especially like the chapter about the barefoot mailmen. I never knew this. I really think the one that was lost was, indeed, eaten by an alligator. I would recommend this book to anyone as it is a very interesting read. Also, I never knew the history of our classmate, Dan Diffenbach until I read your book . . . Thanks for all the effort you have put into this book over the many years you have been working on it. I would recommend it to anyone." [Katina Ledford Emanuel, Charlotte, North Carolina](#)

December 27, 2012 - ". . . I really enjoyed your book. It really is a wonderful and insightful look into the history of the dock." [Debbie Hallock, Cheshire, Connecticut](#)

December 31, 2012 - "What an amazing collection of pictures and stories! I loved seeing all the old photographs of my Grandma and Grandpa Trufan, Uncle Don, and my Dad . . . I can't imagine how much time and research you put into putting such a book together, but it is a wonderful end result! Congratulations on your work!" [Sally Trufan Vegso, Charlotte, North Carolina](#)

January 13, 2013 - ". . . you really did an excellent job with all your research and putting this wonderful book together. I have spent hours reading each chapter and love the quality of each page. Kudos to you your many years of research and helping us learn of the history. All the photos are great." [Brenda Howard Wilbanks, Cooper City, FL](#)

January 9, 2013 - "Dear Martha, Congratulations on the publication of your important contribution to Florida history! We are most grateful for the kind donation of your new book, *Baker's Haulover: A Maritime Treasure of History and Pioneers* for our Florida Governor's Mansion Library. Thank you for making your research available to all Floridians." [Carol Graham Beck, Curator, Florida Governor's Mansion Library, Tallahassee, FL](#)

January 13, 2013 - "I love your book, Marti." [Lee Reid, Sebastian, FL](#)

January 14, 2013 - "Great book." [Emma Phillips Wacaser, Bainbridge, Georgia](#)

January 15, 2013 - "I received my copy of your book today. I have just skimmed over the entire book, but it is wonderful. The book covers a beautiful era . . . I am the grandniece of Doris Barnes. After high school graduation, I spent the entire summer with Aunt Doris. This was in 1976, and she was still in love with the docks. Thank you for the wonderful history." [Tawn Brown, Palestine, Texas](#)

January, 15, 2013 - The information contained in the book is outstanding, and it will cause you to relive a time when Baker's Haulover was one of the outstanding places that added so much to the Miami/Miami Beach area. Bill and I spent hours reading to each other from the book. It will transport you back to the days of your youth, if you were lucky enough to grow up in the Miami area. As one who completed a doctoral dissertation, I can tell you that Marti documented and referenced the information contained in the book so well that I believe it could serve as a doctoral dissertation. I have one copy and have ordered two more to have them delivered in Sebring . . . Absolutely one of the finest books I have ever read. Well done! BRAVO!!" [Bonnie Bishop, Thomaston, Georgia](#)

January 16, 2013 - "I have read specific chapters and drooled over the pictures. This is more art than anything else! You have a great

eye for photographic work and know the history so as to put it in a perspective that can be easily understood by non-historians too. I love the book, which is why I am passing it along to my colleagues from South Florida, now working far from home . . . your labors are rewarded by the wonderful product and the heritage you have preserved . . .” [Joe Knetsch, Historian and Author, Tallahassee, FL](#)

January 16, 2012 - “. . . Your many years of hard work paid off so beautifully. Your parents would be so proud. Although it will take me time to read it all, what I’ve read was very interesting and brought back some very pleasant memories. I keep it on our living room coffee table.” [Joe and Martha Sincavage, West Haven, Connecticut](#)

January 17, 2012 - “My husband, John Wilson, was interviewed by phone by you for your book. He was very excited about the book and had every good intention of providing you photos etc. about his dad and his boat, the *Skylark*, however he became ill and it never came to pass. I ordered the book for him as a surprise for his upcoming birthday (Feb. 2) and sadly, he died on January 13th at a Hospice here in Vero Beach, never seeing it. As a memorial to him, I would like to donate a copy of your book to our wonderful genealogy and family history library here in Indian River County as I know it would be interesting and prove useful to others researching their family history . . . The book is impressive and I look forward to my leisure when I can REALLY read it.” [Mary Bier Wilson, Vero Beach, FL](#)

January 20, 2013 - “Computer problems kept me from responding sooner to let you know I received your wonderful book, *Baker's Haulover-A Maritime Treasure of History and Pioneers* in great condition. I keep it handy so that I can pick it up and thumb through the pages often. Each time I do I find a nugget that draws my memory back to growing up in the Miami area...first in Allapattah and then North Miami.

I so enjoyed reading about the Barefoot Mailman and how the mail was handled in those days. Also, reading about the history of how Baker's Haulover got its name and the building of the



Herman Fultz Bridge was of interest as well. My brother, Woody and I lived a few "country blocks" from Al Plueger the taxidermist so learning about his techniques of mounting fish to look so life-like was a bonus. I am so happy to hear that the Pflueger property on NE 6th Ave became a county park. I loved reading about the personal stories of your family and the fishing industry. It was nice to find out about your dad's skill in boat building...it served him well.

The book is packed with pictures and captions that keep the interest of the reader and are a "story within a story." What a mammoth undertaking to research and write such a wonderful book! Marti...you have truly left a legacy to many that will enjoy reading and learning about Baker's Haulover and its many interesting pioneers on land and sea." [Pat Walker Griffin \(NMHS, 1956\), Dade City, FL](#)

January 23, 2013 – “It was nice to see you at the book signing yesterday and thanks for acknowledging our family's contribution to your book. You should be very proud. In regards to my late sister Debbie: Deborah Day Diefenbach-London, passed away at her home in California on Wednesday, November 21st, 2012. Last Saturday, January 19th, 2013, the entire Diefenbach Clan (children, grandchildren, etc.) cast her ashes in the sea near the St. Lucie Inlet in Stuart, FL. We celebrated with an old fashioned fish fry reminiscent of the Blue Marlin's Fisheries Day. Although, your book is finished, we did dig up some other archival stuff that I will send to you. Once again, thanks for bringing history to life. [Dan Diefenbach II, Miami, FL](#)

January 23, 2013 - “You not only “preserved” the fishermen Captains but also a part of “Miami’s History.” . . . so far what memories I have when looking at all the great photos! I really miss the way Miami used to be. Everything you did is just beautiful, you can see you really put your heart and soul into every part of your book.” [Robin and Pete Fedas, Hialeah, FL](#)

January 24, 2013 - “. . . let me congratulate you on a great job. I was surprised at how big this book was. This was a monumental

task on your part to gather all the wonderful information . . . . I haven't read so much since high school . . . . I read your book because it was interesting to me. Great Job." [Henry A. Trufan, West Haven, Connecticut](#)

January 30, 2013 - " . . . . The book is amazing. So much history, so much information, and the photos are just stunning. The dedication and time that went into this book is overwhelming. Reading the caption below my father's picture brought tears both of happiness and sadness. Thanks to you, the men and women who spent their lives loving the ocean and the sport will be remembered. This book is priceless to me and my family. Thank you so much for your gift not only to me but to all the families. With deepest gratitude." [Troy Murphy, West Palm Beach, FL](#)

February 1, 2013 - "I want you to know how great your book is and I have been crying with each chapter. It makes me remember all the summers I spent on the docks with Slim and Doris. You have done a really great job. Thank you so much. I will order more copies for Howard's family. Thank you again. The quality of the pictures turned out." [Pat Cowan, Austin, Texas](#)

February 7, 2013 - "I have read the book . . . through various chapters. It's a wealth of information not just on Haulover's charter fishing history but on a lot more. Some of the parts I keyed in on: Interama, Marcella's Restaurant, Lighthouse Restaurant, Barefoot Mailman, land grant and name origins, bridges, movie stars, historical marker efforts. Very complete work ... a true work of history." [Rick Ferrer, Miami, FL](#)

February 11, 2013 - "Terrific book!" Remember jumping off the bridge and the good times at Haulover. Amazing book." [Ken Chandler, Port Charlotte, FL.](#)

February 17, 2013 - "On a score of one to ten, your book is a ten plus! Amazing." [Alvin Lederer, Leesburg, FL](#)

February 22, 2013 - "I have never seen an historical book with

such an exciting presentation. It is WONDERFUL. I am a student of history and have over the years looked at lots of reference material, much of it in pre-internet days. Your book is so well documented it surely will become a reference for anyone researching the Haulover area. The collection of photos is priceless, giving a personal been-there feel to the work. The lengthy bibliography and research contact list further enhances the credibility of the facts within. Miami has become such a diverse place it is easy to have the early history fade in the face of all the new adventures and international character of the new Miami. This book goes a long way to preserve the pre-Cuban era and the people whose lives helped shape that history.”

[Carol Ann DeMarco Dinonno, Coral Springs, FL](#)

February 25, 2013 - “I went immediately to the Index and found the name of Billy Hamway with whom I had fished on the *Popeye* and caught a 54 pound sailfish there at Haulover. So sad he died of cancer. Like him, I never wore sunblock back then either. When I had a cold, my mother would tell me to go out in the sun and bake it out. We didn’t know the harm of the sun’s rays. I think you are a wonder! It is such a beautiful book! I’m proud to know you!” [Mary Calley Brown, \(Former NMHS Teacher\) Pembroke Pines, FL](#)

February 29, 2013 - “It’s wonderful. I like historical things. I did see that you can read any chapter without having to read the others. My Dad used to take us for a ride on Sunday and take us out to lunch at the Lighthouse Restaurant. The book reminded me of the 1950s when I was a beginning teacher. I miss the motels on Sunny Isles. I went for a Miami River tour with Dr. Paul George who wrote a blurb on the back of your book. Will write you another letter when I finish the book.” [Connie Couture, \(Former teacher at NMHS\), Dania Beach, FL](#)

March 7, 2013 - “It’s beautiful. It all looks so familiar, you think you’ve been there. That was the good old time. You know Jackie Simpson, a football player for Edison (school), also parked cars part time at the Lighthouse Restaurant like I did. I worked there

about three years and received \$1.50 an hour but had to turn in the tips. The rest of the time I taught Physical Education and Diversified Cooperative Training at North Miami High School. Sometimes we would get food from the kitchen. It was excellent. I did go and eat there at other times, but couldn't afford to go there every week. Haven't read the entire book, but intend to read it all." [Coach Jack Del Bello, \(Former teacher at NMHS\), Sebastian, FL](#)

March 11, 2013 - "The book is beautiful. You didn't mention my sons were on the dock {second dock – Haulover Marina} when they were just babies. You did state that all three of them grew up to be captains. Have read a lot of the book but hope to sit down and read it all." [Captain Clare Mitchell, \*Lady Mitchell\*, Miami, FL](#)

March 17, 2013 - "What a blessing! We are loving it!" [Diana Sellers, Crawfordville, FL](#)

March 21, 2013 - "The first person to pick the book up, bought it." [Susan Garcia, Museum Store, History Miami \(Historical Museum of Southern Florida\), Miami, FL](#)

March 22, 2013 - "The book is awesome." [Barry Eisenberg, Naples, FL](#)

March 25, 2014 - "You did a good job! I'm ordering another book for my family." [Stephen R. Winn, Tallahassee, FL](#)

April 7, 2013 - "The book is wonderful! I was born in Miami and we would drive to Haulover Beach in the 40s and 50s to make a fire (on the beach) by digging a hole in the sand." [Don Drybread, Ocala, FL](#)

April 10, 2013 - "I greatly admire your exhaustive work." [Gerald Ensley, \*Tallahassee Democrat\*, Tallahassee, FL](#)

April 12, 2013 - "Hello Marti. I want to thank you for the gift of

your fine book. It really made a good day great for me! I have just now begun to read it when I saw where you signed it. You had a slip of paper over it and I missed it the whole week just glancing through. But I will make time to read it now. I really do have a fascination for early Haulover! Thank you so much for this fantastic gift!" **Danny Terpak, Haulover Beach Wall Reunion, 2013, Miami, FL**

April 18, 2013 - "The book is great. I have read parts of it and will over time read it all. Great historical perspective." **Dr. James Walton, Tallahassee, FL**

April 18, 2013 – "We received your book and I must tell you what an amazing job you did. You are to be commended." **Kathleen Slesnick Kauffman, Historic Preservation Chief, Miami-Dade County, FL**

April 18, 2013 - "I have known Martha for many years and can vouch for her long time in researching this book. I have read the whole book and it is great." **Claude Kenneson, President, Tallahassee Historical Society, FL.**

April 18, 2013 - "My relative, Charles Swinehart, is in the book. I bought one book recently and at the signing tonight am buying another. It is a wonderful book." **Judy Buckner, Tallahassee, FL**

April 23, 2013 – "Your book is an interesting treasure trove of information – Beautifully done! I am delighted to own it." **Jean Laird, Attapulcus, GA**

April 24, 2013 – "I really enjoyed your talk at the North Miami public library (about 10 days ago). The amount of effort you put into your book is quite remarkable, and the way you persisted in getting it done is quite inspirational." **Susan Weiss, Librarian, FIU, North Miami, FL**

May 27, 2013 – "Just got to spend 1 1/2 hours with *Baker's Haulover*, Martha Saconchik-Pytel's book, *A Maritime Treasure Of*

*History And Pioneers*. I love the cover, the porthole pulls you in and back you go in time. Some history I knew, but most I didn't. Haulover has always been special to me remembering long summer days on the beach and beach parties under the pier at night. When we were young, we didn't think about the history that a lot of us have come to cherish. A real joy to read!! Thank you Marti."

[Jackilyn G. Soto, Winter Park, FL](#)

May 28, 2013 - "We met you and bought two of your books at the Haulover Reunion. We love it, so much information and my husband recognized so many names and people he knew. It is amazing how much information and photos you put together. We will always cherish the book and the history that could have been lost forever but that you documented. This is "the book," a very through history of Haulover!" [Donna Caronia, Miami, FL](#)

June 6, 2013 - "I may order more books because everyone loves it. Your book is so well documented; it is a treasure. Folks, if you have ever been to Haulover Beach in Miami, you MUST purchase this book. Back in the fifties, we had Senior Skip Day there one day a year, right before graduation. The school buses even took us there. Those were the days!" [Bonnie Bishop, Thomaston, Georgia](#).

June 7, 2013 - "Your book on Baker's Haulover was wonderful. I enjoyed it immensely and definitely recommend it." [Claude Kenneson, President, Tallahassee Historical Society, FL](#)

June 9, 2013 - "Haulover will remain a part of me and my family forever!! Thank you Marti Saconchik-Pytel for all you have done to preserve our heritage." [Lee Reid, Seabastian, FL](#)

June 17, 2013 - "Great book." [Patricia Paterson, McCaskill, Arkansas](#)

June 28, 2013 – [On ordering an additional four books.] "Three of my boys grew up on the dock on the drift boats when they were seven years old. Marvin Mitchell III (Captain Mack) died August 18, 2010, at 46 years of age; Captain Thomas Oates, born 1959,

and Captain Michael Oates, born 1960. They grew up with Skip Rudy on *Capt. Buddy* and the *Hurricane* and Don Brown on the *Huskee*. I was also a mate on the *Huskee*. My husband Marvin Mitchell died November 17, 2005. He mated on the boats, 1963, *Lucky Strike*, *Privateer* and the *Daddy O* with Buzz Habermen. Captain Dick Dawson lived with us after he bought the *Mystery* from up north. I was a mate on the *Angler IV* and bought that boat from Barnyard Smith. Bill Sedon was my first Captain. . . The Haulover was my life and I miss it so much and all the good people that were there. Doris Barnes and I were good friends for a long time. . . I know Michael will like to meet you if you ever go to Destin, Florida. He is Michael Oates (Oatie) who runs the *Maverick*, a 73 ft. fishing yacht with a 33 ft. *Intrepid* and a 125 ft. yacht. . . . I am having a copy of your wonderful book taken to Captain Skip Rudolph in Long Island, New York (by boat).”  
[Captain Clare Mitchell, Bill Bird Marina, Miami, FL \[First woman captain at Haulover Dock, now Bill Bird Marina.\]](#)

July 20, 2013 - “I received it [the book] in excellent shape. You took great pride in the quality of publishing. I have fond memories of Haulover from the 50s and 60s of my youth. Thank you so much for the signing as well. I have allowed Dr. James Hanson, who practices out of my office to borrow it for the weekend. He and his son Jimmy have a long history of fishing from there for decades. Jimmy is now a commercial fisherman and owns Captain Jimmies in North Miami. Would love to meet you some day. I am a very committed Florida historian and add this book to my collection with pride. Thank you,” [Robert Butler, D.C., Miami, FL](#)

August 8, 2013 - “I like the book especially the way it was designed and the captions under the pictures, that were stories in themselves. I was amazed at the time it took to complete. I intend to finish the entire book.” [Tommy Hires, Murphy, North Carolina](#)

September 5, 2013 - “Thank you for writing this great book of the Haulover Beach, docks and restaurants; so much history we never knew. It has all the info up-to-date. Amazing! It’s a great history.

This is a beautiful book and a must read if you live or grew up in Miami, Florida.” [Sylvia Bomio, Miami, FL](#)

September 9, 2013 – “I was delighted with every page of this book. In my 60 years here, Hobart (Hobie) Feldman {who is in the Haulover book} somehow found my husband, Burt Weiss, and put together “a jam session.” Alberts on the piano, Paul Danziger on the drums and others that played with the “Big Bands” from the 40s. Besides Hobie being a charter boat captain, he was a pediatrician, musician, airplane pilot, councilman of North Miami, and an environmentalist at the Pentagon.” [Joan B. Weiss, Sunny Isles, FL](#)

September 10, 2013 – “We loved it! Wonderful! Amazing!” [Donna and Frank Cabrera, Miami, FL](#)

September 10, 2013 – “Thank you for the delightful program about your book, Baker’s Haulover: A Maritime Treasure of History and Pioneers. We so enjoyed hearing your entertaining rendition of the ups and downs of historical research along with great stories about the events and personalities of the era. The third benefit to our audience was the sharing of stories by those in the audience who had direct experience from that unique place and time. Thanks so much, again!” [Susan Sandness, North Miami Beach Public Library Manager, FL](#)

September 12, 2013 – “Memories galore – wonderful – exciting to me. I am so humbled that you have given me valid memories of my life. Thank You.” [Claire-Frances Flanagan Whitehurst, Coral Gables, FL](#)

September 18, 2013 – “Absolutely a beautiful book! I’m thrilled to see it.” [Barbara Frederich, Tallahassee, FL](#)

September 19, 2013 -“ I did read the book and for me I can read it over and over. I know a lot of the people mentioned and heard most of the names from growing up on the docks. I already knew a lot of the history beforehand. The book is very well written and



researched. I feel I'm the last of that generation. A dying breed. Very proud to be part of it." [Capt Dennis Forgione, Bill Bird Marina \(formerly Haulover Marina\), Miami, FL](#)

September 27, 2013 – “Your book is not only beautiful, it is impressive.” [Debby Stubing, Tallahassee, FL](#)

October 2, 2013 - “The book arrived in great shape and we all love it. I am sorry I missed your lecture, but I was out of the country.” [Jerome Hyafil, Bay Harbour, FL](#)

January 14, 2014 – “I received your book and DVD on Tuesday Jan. 14th and am totally speechless. Reading it brought back a flood of wonderful memories. The book far exceeds my expectations and is a real treasure! You have done a magnificent job in research and putting this book together, and the quality is excellent. I am so happy you also included a chapter on the Blue Marlin; they were wonderful people and taught many others on the art of smoking fish. We always took our fish there to be smoked. I have not completed reading your book yet but I am extremely pleased with it. . . . One of my best friends just looked through my copy of your book and was really taken with it and very impressed. I believe he will be ordering a copy too. His name is Grey Lyons from 142nd Street and N.E. 8th Ave., N. Miami. Grey, myself, and my friend in Alaska fished together for years and years and occasionally we still fish together today. . . . I am thoroughly enjoying every minute of your wonderful book!! I will certainly pass on any further stories and encourage my old buddies to do the same. Thanks again for bringing back all the wonderful memories.” [David Dings, Nova Scotia](#)

January 31, 2014 – “I bought this beautiful book. It, itself, is a piece of history to collect and keep as a treasure. . . . Your book is fantastic! Thank you for making it.” [Jeff Whichello, Ochopee, FL](#)

February 1, 2014 – “Excellent! Great Accomplishment!” [George Klammer, Sebring, FL](#)

February 3, 2014 - “I saw your book at the book shop of History Miami and read almost straight through over the next weekend. What a great book. Most amazing to me was the story of Gardiner Baker, whose papers are in the

**Kislak Collection. I thought I had discovered everything available on early South Florida settlers, having looked for records throughout America, England, and Spain, and even having toured the Kislak collection before he donated his better materials to the Library of Congress. And in your book I find a whole trove of early Florida papers. One way I know how deep your research was is that you cited my article on the Lewis family of 200 years ago, which few authors find since it was published in *Broward Legacy* rather than in *Tequesta*. The completeness of your research gives me renewed interest in writing a book myself someday. The rest of the book is terrific too, so chock full of local color. Best regards.” Patrick Scott, Ft. Lauderdale, FL**

**March 14, 2014 –“Just thumbed through it at first. Then came across the chapter on 'The Peters'! I knew Sally Peters Schreffler, went to Edison with her youngest son Richard! Then when the parents, Forrest and Sally moved up to Jensen Beach to help out with the smoke fish business,'75-'76, I moved in with Richard at the house on 59th, just off NE 2nd Avenue. I lived there for 3 years! I also knew that Sally Peters grew up over on 71st Street between Miami Avenue and NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, but the book covered so much more than I knew! Thanks again,” Timothy R. Mielke, Pembroke Pines, FL**

**June 5, 2014 –“Oh, Martha. What a book! Haven't gone through it all yet.” Shirley Bazemore Strickland, Pembroke Pines, FL**

**July 14, 2014 – “Beautiful . . . I love it. I haven't had time to get into it yet, but, I've breezed through it and can't wait to have a few quiet days to get acquainted.” Geoffery Jacobs, Loganville, Georgia**

**July 14, 2014 – “I received the very special book today. It's beautiful. Nice work ! My goal is to sit down and do some reading and exploring of the book over the next couple of weeks.” Jay Wilson, Davie, FL**

**July 15, 2014 – “. . . I thought that the book was excellent. It was very interesting and informative. Once I started reading it, it was hard to put down. I grew up in Miami and always went to the beach at Haulover. I worked at the Windward Motel (a few doors down from the Castaways) as a poolboy in 1963. We had our school (Monsignor Pace H.S. 1965) dances (including Proms) at the Americana. The mention of Jahn's Ice Cream (the Kitchen Sink) and Marcella's Pizza (the Garlic Rolls) brought back many memories. I fished at the**

Haulover Pier and on the seawall in the inlet, near the bridge. In my high school years, I remember fishing for snook off the boat docks at night before the boats would come back. We just used shrimp and a leader line (no sinker) when the tide was running out and we usually got lucky and hooked one before we were kicked off and told that we couldn't fish there. My dad had an 18-foot outboard boat that we would put in the water at Haulover to go fishing in the ocean and bay, crabbing near the mangroves, and swimming at Sandspur Island. I could go on and on with the memories but I would like to compliment you on the book. Even though I was born and grew up in Miami I was unaware of a lot of the history associated with Baker's Haulover. Your book gave me a tremendous appreciation of the Captains and crews that made Baker's Haulover into what it was. Without their love and dedication, the sport of fishing in South Florida would have never been as great as it was. I applaud and admire you for the dedication and work that it took for you to get the historical recognition plaque, that was so deserved, to be put in place. Thank you for also for the time, effort and work that it must have taken in writing a great book! [Dwight E. Schwartz, Tabernacle, New Jersey.](#)

July 19, 2014 - “. . . it (the book) arrived safe and sound. I just glanced at it and will have to take some time to peruse it in a more leisurely manner. I am on my way out-of-town this morning so will look forward to sometime in the very near future. I only lived about a mile from Pfluegers and my Dad had a friendship with Mr. Pflueger. It will be extra interesting to me, personally, to read about him.

Thank you for your labor of love writing the book and for your quick service in shipping and the packing was excellent and protective...much appreciated. Will be back in touch later with thoughts, etc.”

[Patricia Sullivan, Greensboro, North Carolina](#)

July 19, 2014 – “Marti, I enjoyed the book, and your story in putting it together even more. I haven’t made it to the museum (Museum of Florida History for the exhibit on fishing) but will go before the end of August.”

[Dewey Riou, Tallahassee, FL](#)

July 23, 2014 – “Martha! Congratulations – what a wonderful volume . . . . I looked through from front to back and read bits and pieces, but will go back and read thoroughly. . . . [Peter Tyson, Vero Beach, FL](#)

July 31, 2014 – “Dear Martha, What a beautiful book on the history and life of Baker’s Haulover. As I read the book, I could feel the love and dedication jump through the pages. The pictures of the captains meant so much. I remember some from my childhood. My Aunt Fern and Uncle Dee thought so much of you and your Dad. I met you and your Dad at Uncle Dee’s funeral. I will treasure this book and, Martha, thank you for the beautiful memories.

May God Bless You! As Ever,” [Judy and Gerald Baker, Gladstone, Missouri](#)

August 13, 2014 - “. . . the book was VERY informative and helpful. I thought it was extremely thorough and I did get a bunch of info from it. Thanks again! *Happy Paddling & Pedaling!!!* [Tim Brown, Blue Moon Outdoor Center, North Miami Beach, FL](#)

August 13, 2014 – “Regarding the book, we were struck by how comprehensive your research must have been to put together all the inputs. Al had the bigger interest in the parts about the boats and fishing. We both recognized the connection we have with the area and especially the history brought out by your work. Pat was not directly involved in the marina but the beach and community was familiar to her and her family too. We both enjoyed visiting there in our first years of marriage and our younger adult lives. Now when we go back to the area occasionally, we can see everything with a fresh view to circumstances that developed the area. We will treasure the book and continue to read it in greater detail”. [Pat and Al Sumner, Plant City, FL](#)

November 6, 2014 – “The book is absolutely wonderful. It brought back many memories of the places and restaurants. My Dad was a developer in Keystone Point, so that was interesting to me. I plan to get another copy for my son’s birthday. Thank you.” [Helen Napolitano, Newberry, FL](#)

November 24, 2015 –“ It is a beautiful book! It arrived great and I am enjoying It.” [David C. Koenig, Cocoa, FL](#)

February 5, 2016 – “I am absolutely amazed at how lovely the book is!” It’s very obvious that you did a lot of research for its creation – what a monumental task done with love. You brought life to the people therein; we feel like we know them all. They will never be forgotten, thanks to you and your memoirs of them.

What a privilege that you were “chosen” to bring the facts and the people to life for us. What an honor for you to share these precious people with us; we feel

like they are “family” to us all. The Good Lord knew who to entrust this task to – you!

Allen was especially interested in reading about Mrs. Peters Smoked Fish. He knew the parents of Bill Peters, Jr. Bill Jr. and Allen were in DeMolay together. This chapter brought back a lot of good memories for him.

We will always treasure the book and the stories therein. Love,” [Sissel and Allen Carr, Sebring, FL](#)

April 11, 2016 – “. . . One last quick note, on page 270 you have a picture of Wal Ziegler and his boat the Privateer. Walt, and his wife, Lucy were our next door neighbors at Jack's Trailer Park on West Dixie Highway in Ojus, Florida, where I went to elementary school. And when we moved into our first house in North Miami Beach we lived one block away from Doris Barnes. She on 16th Ave and we were on 15th Avenue where the family has always lived. This is where my father would enjoy holding his card games with Joe Gashler and Allan Brown who are also in your book. My father was a noted yacht captain himself for over 60 years in South Florida. Captain Butch Weikel will always be remembered. Thank you again, Martha, and I mean this from the bottom of my heart, it was a true pleasure to have met you and your husband. My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed your presentation. [Skip Weikel, North Miami Beach, FL](#)

6/10/2016 – “The book is GREAT.” I haven’t finished it yet. I find it very enjoyable.” [Al Pflueger, Jr., South Miami, FL](#)

