

Locals Gain Insight on Scientology and Clearwater History at the first Historic Fort Harrison Tour of 2019

CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, US, January 16, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On Saturday, January 25th the Church of Scientology Flag Service Organization will host its first Historic Fort Harrison tour for 2019. The building is the Church of Scientology's religious retreat. During the tour guests will learn about the property's history, get their questions about the religion answered and will learn about the community activities the Church hosts throughout the year at this historic property.



Ladies of the Red Hat Society enjoy their tour of the hisotric Fort Harrison.

Laurie MacAdams, a Clearwater resident since 1977 has visited the Fort Harrison since the late 90's, "I've toured

the Fort Harrison about 5 times. Every time I visit I always learn something new. I love learning!"

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During the tour guests will see the grand Fort Harrison lobby with its gold leafed moldings, wrought iron balustrades, black and white checkered marbled floor and other historic details of the 92-year-old building.

In addition to the Auditorium and the Fort Harrison Gardens, guests can view the beautiful Crystal Ballroom with its 11,000-piece Bohemian crystal chandelier and oval oak hard wood dance floor where dinners and dances were hosted for the area's social elite in its early days, and which is used for the Church-sponsored charity events today.

"I love attending events in the Crystal Ballroom. The tables are always decorated with fresh flowers and matching table settings. I never miss the opportunity to take pictures of it. The Church gives so much back to the community. I am grateful that I can benefit from the many

events they offer," said MacAdams.

In addition to learning about the Fort Harrison's historical features, guests may ask questions about Scientology's beliefs, symbols, etc.

Those who want to know more about the Church's Spiritual Cathedral across the street – the Flag Building – can visit the Scientology Information Center afterwards and watch "Inside Scientology: Flag," an episode from the Scientology TV Network which provides a visual tour of the building and an intimate look at the history and significance of the Church of Scientology's spiritual headquarters.

"Guests enjoy discovering interesting facts about the Fort Harrison's legacy in Clearwater," said Amber Skjelset – Scientology Information Center Manager and tour guide. "Many have no idea that the Philadelphia Phillies used to stay here during their spring training or that the Rolling Stones stayed here in 1965. Learning the building's history and the role it played in this city gives them a sense a pride and happiness that they could connect with it through these historic tours."

To attend this event, or for more information about the Church of Scientology and community events held at the Fort Harrison, please contact Amber Skjelset, Manager of the Scientology Information Center at (727) 467-6966 or email amber@cos.flag.org.

THE FORT HARRISON:

The Fort Harrison serves at the international religious retreat for the Church of Scientology. With more than 11,000 Scientology Churches, Missions and groups spanning six continents, Scientologists come to Clearwater for religious training and ministerial services. The Fort Harrison is made available to community groups and charities for their special events and fundraisers. Scientology is an applied religious philosophy based on the work of <u>L. Ron Hubbard</u>.

For more information on Scientology, visit www.scientology.org or the Scientology Network on DirecTV channel 320, or streaming at www.scientology.tv or apps at appleTV, fireTV and ROKU

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