

Jack Fernandez, the author of a trilogy of books centered on Ybor City, and a Flamenco dancer who performs with the Columbia Restaurant Dancers, will be featured guests when the Apollo Beach Woman's Club members meet Wednesday, Oct. 14.

The Cuban-themed luncheon is a special fund-raising project planned by ABWC members, who raise money to support the club's scholarship program for college-bound Apollo Beach high school graduates. The meeting will be held at Doc's Grill at the Summerfield Crossing Golf Club in Riverview. Members meet at 11:30 a.m. with luncheon and the program to begin at noon.

Fernandez is a retired University of South Florida chemistry professor. His books, *Conquistadors*, *Café con Leche* and *Viva Matilde*, trace the history of a fictional family from Northern Spain who move to a sugar plantation outside of Havana, Cuba, and eventually immigrate to the United States to live in Ybor City. The books will be available for purchase at the luncheon.

Flamenco dancer Maria Esparza will entertain during the event which will feature traditional Cuban dishes including chicken with black beans and yellow rice and flan. Mimosas and sangria beverages will also be served.

The luncheon is \$25 with proceeds to support the ABWC Scholarship Fund. Reservations must be made by Oct. 9 to Regina Lesnau, 813-642-3305.

In addition to its scholarship fund, the ABWC also helps groups and individuals in Apollo Beach who need assistance. Recent projects have included providing supplies for children at Apollo Beach Elementary School and Dobie Elementary School, and providing meals for families in need during the Thanksgiving and Christmas. Club members also have provided summer "camperships" so needy children can attend a summer day camp program at Apollo Beach.

ABWC members also enjoy cultural and social activities including those offered by the Garden Club, Book Club, Culture Club and Bridge Club.

Dues are \$20 annually and can be sent to Judy Peck, vice-president/membership at 6639 Cambridge Park Drive, Apollo Beach, FL 33572. For membership information, contact Peck at 813-746-1072.