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# Discover the History of Clearwater's Harbor Oaks Community

**Local authors team up to share the story of the area using vintage images**

The newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's *Images of America* series is *Clearwater's Harbor Oaks* from local authors Tom Adamich and Gary Dworkin, MD, with a foreword by James Anthony Schnur and an introduction by Mike Sanders. The book boasts more than 200 vintage images chronicling the growth and change of this Clearwater community.

As post-World War I Florida developed and prospered, it became known as a popular destination for seasonal residents of wealth. America's growing industrial complex and the subsequent increase in the number of moneyed individuals in a variety of business sectors led to an influx of people hoping to take advantage of their newfound awareness of the climactic, economic and social benefits of Florida coastal living.

On Florida's west coast, Clearwater's Harbor Oaks neighborhood became one of the noted residential havens for several industrialists, celebrities and professionals during the Florida land boom of the 1920s, as well as during the Great Depression and post-World War II eras.

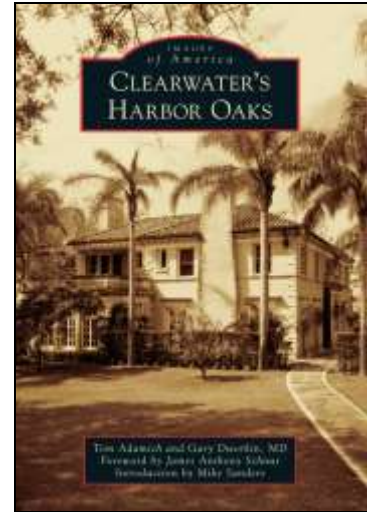
*Images of America: Clearwater's Harbor Oaks* profiles the community (listed in the National Register of Historic Places), its primary developer (Dean Alvord), noted architects/artisans, local and national history and the homes of many of America's elite individuals of the day.

Highlights of *Clearwater's Harbor Oaks* include:

- The book covers community design and urban planning, illustrating the first planned community in Florida to incorporate deed restrictions and community governance.
- See the who's who of the post-Victorian industrial revolution in the area.
- Highlights the local history of Clearwater, Pinellas County, Tampa Bay and the state of Florida's geographical subdivisions.

Available at area bookstores, independent retailers, and online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at (888)-313-2665 or [online](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com/).

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Tom Adamich grew up in nearby Seminole, Florida and is a librarian, archivist and historian specializing in vehicle and Florida history. Gary Dworkin, MD, is a noted cardiovascular surgeon based in Tampa Bay and a longtime resident of Harbor Oaks. He resides in the impressive John "Jack" Mohler Studebaker III home.

## *Clearwater's Harbor Oaks*

by Tom Adamich, Gary Dworkin, MD, Foreword by James Anthony Schnur, Introduction by Mike Sanders

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# About the Authors of *Clearwater's Harbor Oaks*

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**Tom Adamich** is a Digital Asset Librarian (since 2011), certified teacher-librarian (since 2000) and a librarian since 1991. Tom is a graduate of the Kent State University (Ohio) School of Library/Information Science and KSU College of Education School Library Media Certification. He is president of the Visiting Librarian Service, a contract librarian firm he has operated on a full or part-time basis since 1993.

Tom grew up in Seminole, Florida, and later served as Cataloging Librarian for the Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, Florida. He is also archivist, and historian – specializing in vehicle and Florida history-related topics.

Tom recently completed a multi-year project documenting the corporate archives of the Wills Sainte Claire Motorcar Company – the firm founded by C. Harold Wills in Marysville, Michigan in 1920. Wills was Henry Ford's Chief Engineer from 1903-1919 and responsible for many of Ford's early engineering successes. Wills also designed the famous Ford script logo still used today.

**Gary H. Dworkin, MD** was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and is a board-certified cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon who received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Northwestern University in 1979 in the combined 4 year B.A./M.S. Honors Program. He was awarded a medical degree from the Medical College of Ohio with Alpha Omega Alpha honors in 1983. His internship, general surgery residency, as well as his thoracic and cardiovascular surgery fellowship were all earned at the Medical College of Virginia.

Upon leaving Virginia, Dr. Dworkin became a Clinical Associate in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland Ohio. In 1992, Dr. Dworkin joined Cardiac Surgical Associates in the Tampa Bay area. In the subsequent 18 years, Cardiac Surgical Associates became one of the largest private practice cardiovascular and thoracic surgical groups in the United States



Dr. Dworkin has owned the Studebaker Estate in Harbor Oaks since 1992 and has made a number of additions and renovations to it.

Dr. Dworkin is a Diplomat of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. He is also a member, the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Past-President of the Florida Society of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons, and President of the Cleveland Clinic Alumni Association. He has practiced cardiovascular and thoracic surgery for over 18 years, but today, Dr. Dworkin dedicates his medical career to the treatment of venous disease.

Over the years, Dr. Dworkin has observed, taught, and performed cardiovascular surgery in Europe, Canada, China, and Latin America. He has led five large medical missions to the Dominican Republic, providing sophisticated cardiovascular surgical care to the disadvantaged. Dr. Dworkin also speaks Spanish.