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Hollywood Hills Student Wins Oration Contest

The annual Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest was held at the March meeting and Paul Hembd, a senior at Hollywood Hills High School, repeated as winner.

Eleven high school students representing four Broward high schools participated in this year's event and contest chairman Michael Kiriakon was delighted to have our own Joe Rumbaugh on hand to present the awards.

"This is the best investment I've ever made," Mr. Rumbaugh quipped during the awards ceremony.

Hembd, who plans to study for the ministry, was also our Broward winner last year. He won the state contest and advanced to represent Florida at the nationals in San Antonio, Tex.

We were also honored to have three teachers in attendance along with several parents. Participating students represented Hollywood Hills, McArthur, Stranahan and St. Thomas Aquinas High Schools.

Let's all get behind Paul and wish him well in his quest to become the national winner. He certainly represented us well last year and did us proud!

Our chapter went high-tech at this year's contest with Joe Motes videotaping the proceedings. We will provide copies of the tapes to all contestants and teachers as a learning tool.

Serving as judges this year were Gib Buckbee, Bill Casson and Rich Jones. Stu Browne was prompter.

See page four for a picture of this year's participants.

April Meeting Program

It is uncertain that the scheduled speaker, Dallas Cord, will be able to attend the meeting. He was planning to tell us about the Connecticut Color Guard.

Regardless of whether he attends, those present will be invited to give any thoughts or recollections regarding any of our recent departed compatriots.

REMINDER:

WE MUST GUARANTEE OUR RESERVATIONS 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

You could be billed for the cost of the lunch if you reserve and fail to attend. If you don't reserve, you can attend -- come anyway -- we can't promise that you can be fed, but no one has gone away hungry yet!

NEXT MEETING - APRIL 10

TOWER CLUB !!!

\$15.00 INCL. TAX AND TIP

11:30 SOCIAL 12:00 LUNCH

28TH FLOOR NATIONS BANK

1 FINANCIAL TOWER

SE 3RD AVE & BROWARD BLVD

FORT LAUDERDALE

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The Passing of Three Outstanding Compatriots

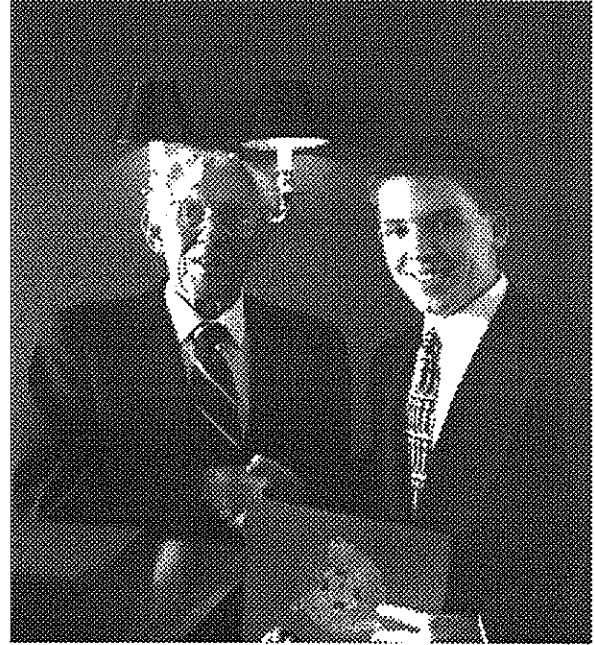
By A. Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Secretary

It is with sincere regret we announce that three of our chapter's compatriots passed away during March. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families. They will be missed.

FRED F. TOPPER: died on March 11th; he was 89 years old. Fred had been Chapter Chaplain since 1994 and was a staunch supporter of the Society and many other worthwhile local and national organizations. He was Past Master of his Blue Lodge in Greensburg PA, and a 63 year mason. He was a kind and generous man who personified the word "gentleman" in every way. Regrets were conveyed to his niece, Jane Spray, who attended several SAR functions with him.

C. ARTHUR RALSTON: died on March 6th; he was 93 years old. Art joined the SAR in 1974 and was President of the Ft. Lauderdale Chapter in 1978. He was an enthusiastic member and chairman of many local and state SAR committees and was awarded the Patriot Medal in 1991 for his many contributions. Those who were fortunate to know him will always remember his routinely positive and jovial attitude and jest for life. Poor health necessitated that in 1993 he move to Michigan to be near his family. His son, James, also a member of our Chapter, will be in town and attend our April meeting. A mass for Art will be held at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 3331 NE 10th Terrace, Pompano Beach, on Thursday, April 10th at 5:30 PM. The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the Ft. Lauderdale SAR Trust Fund (send it to your Chapter Secretary - Trustee). It should be noted that a generous donation in Art's memory already has been made to this fund by Compatriot Ed Frisinger.

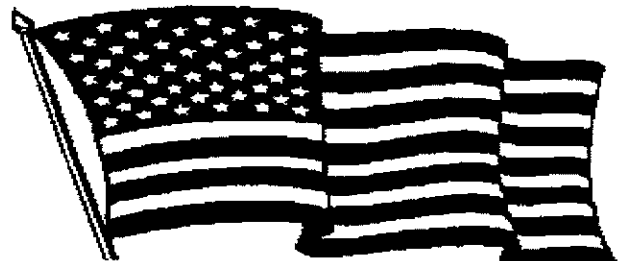
RICHARD L. AIKEN: died March 11th; he was 78 years old. In 1941 he joined the SAR in Pennsylvania, transferred to the Florida Society in 1975 and was President of the Ft. Lauderdale Chapter in 1981. He is the father of our immediate Past President and current Treasurer, Rick Aiken. He graduated from the Carnegie Institute of Technology and during WWII was a Naval aviator in the "Lighter than Air" Command. He leaves a legacy of five sons and four grandchildren.

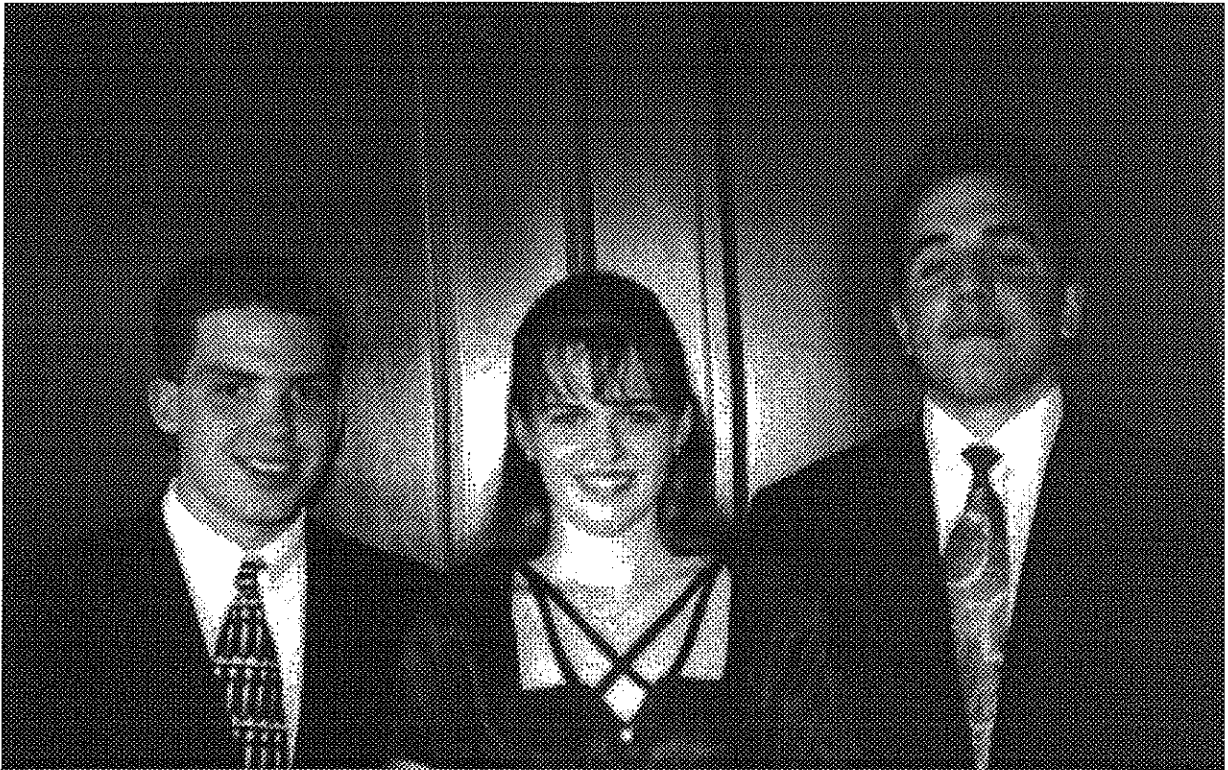


Joseph Rumbaugh presents certificate to this year's Oration Contest winner, Paul Hembd.

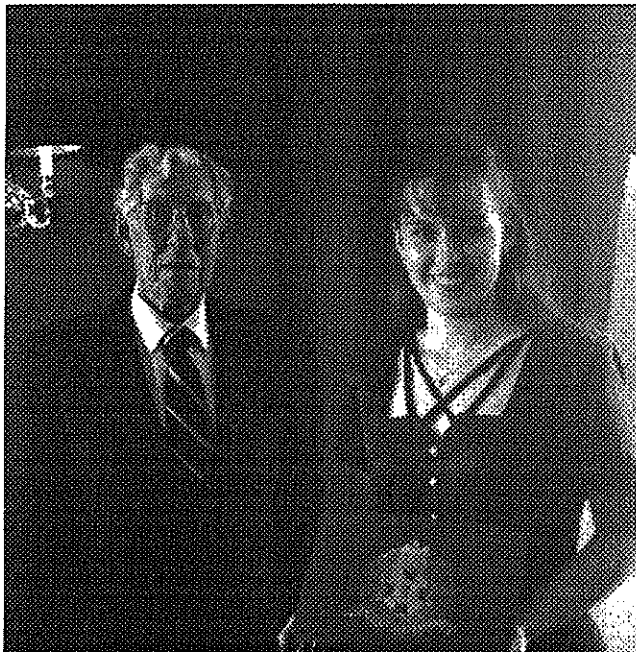
Reminder of FLSSAR Annual Meeting In May

The Florida Annual Meeting and BOM will be in Orlando, May 16-18, at the Marriott Airport Hotel. Details will be given in the next issue of the Florida Patriot. It is hoped many Compatriots will be able to attend to: (1) elect new state officers (our Ed Sullivan is a candidate for Sr. Vice President), (2) hear and cheer-on our oration contest candidate, (3) learn what's happening in the state and national organization, (4) meet and socialize with members from around the state and (5) visit recent sightseeing additions in the area and DisneyWorld... Mark your calendars now !

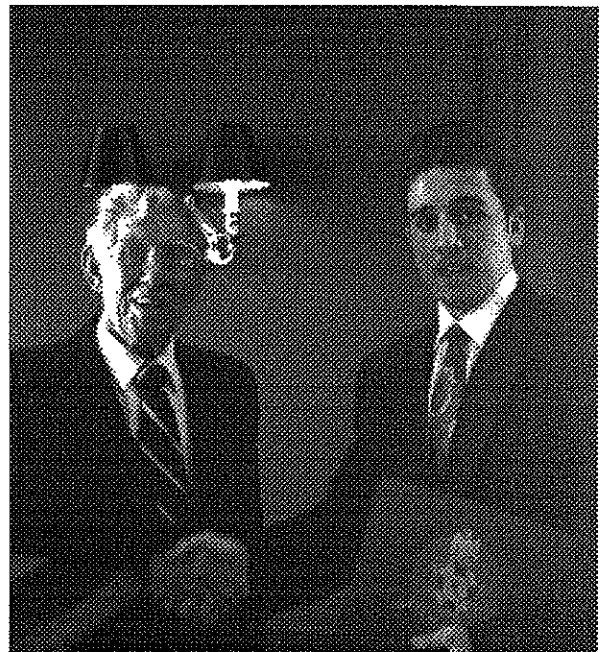




Pictured left to right: 1st place winner **Paul Hembd**, 3rd place **Holly Baublitz** and 2nd place **Michael Attanasio**



Joseph Rumbaugh with Holly Ann Baublitz



Joseph Rumbaugh with Michael Attanasio



Left to right: Erin Sharp, St. Thomas Aquinas; Paul Hembd, Hollywood Hills; Lourdes C. Lima, McArthur; Michael Attanasio, McArthur; Sabu John, Stranahan; Edward Knox, Hollywood Hills; David W. Elsheimer, Stranahan; Holly Ann Baublitz, McArthur; Ali Shelley, Hollywood Hills; Joy Roberts, Stranahan.

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