



**The Florida Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter**  
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## President's Message

The not-so-cold days of February are upon us here in South Florida and in this message I want to just bring a few items to your attention.

First, finding interesting speakers for our meetings is always a challenge, but it's something all compatriots can assist with. If you know of someone knowledgeable on any subject that might be of interest to our chapter, please let me know. Certainly historic subjects are preferred but we've had some other very worthwhile topics discussed as well.

If you have someone in mind, please email me at [Chescrowel@aol.com](mailto:Chescrowel@aol.com) or call (561) 361-7003.

By the way, when sending emails it's a good idea to write "SAR" in the subject line. We are finding that some emails are not getting opened because the recipient doesn't recognize the sender and he doesn't want to open some virus laden email.

Secondly, I'd like to encourage compatriots to bring along any interesting relics or stories to our meetings. Just ask for a few minutes and the floor will be yours. Our members are a curious bunch with a natural interest in history and while you might not be able to do a full 20 minute talk, you are welcome to share with us whatever tidbits you like.

Also, regarding the location of our meetings, there have been some mild grumblings about the Colony West Country Club. It's a great place in that that offers a private room, but some have commented that \$15 for a burger or other rather simple fare is a bit steep. Others would prefer a location further east.

At this point we have booked the Colony West through the end of the year, but we are not locked in and will search for other options. Again, if you have any suggestions please let me know.

At the January meeting we gave out some original old 1880's newspapers for our member's reading pleasure. For those who couldn't make it in January, we'll have additional copies available at the upcoming meeting.

And with that, I look forward to seeing you on Saturday the 20th!

Respectfully Yours,  
Charlie Crowell

President, Ft. Lauderdale Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution



### NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 20, 2010

Colony West Country Club  
6800 NW 88th Ave in Tamarac

#### Future Dates:

FEBRUARY 20, 2010  
MARCH 20, 2010  
APRIL 17, 2010  
MAY 15, 2010

Time: 11:30AM social gathering; Lunch at noon  
Buffet Luncheon - \$15.00  
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: 954-441-8735  
or e-mail Joe Motes at: [joemotes@aol.com](mailto:joemotes@aol.com)

**FORT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER  
TRUST FUND REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

VALUE OF TRUST FUND AT DECEMBER 31, 2008	\$13,498.60
2009 EARNINGS	\$506.52
2009 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$568.00
TOTAL VALUE OF TRUST FUND AT DECEMBER 31, 2009	\$14,573.12
CONTRIBUTIONS PRIOR TO 1993	\$2,225.00
1993 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$230.00
1994 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$130.00
1995 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$76.00
1996 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$247.00
1997 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,883.00
1998 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$610.00
1999 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$845.00
2000 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$511.00
2001 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$586.00
2002 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$325.00
2003 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$745.00
2004 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$255.00
2005 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$385.00
2006 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$460.00
2007 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$455.00
2008 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$405.00
2009 CONTRIBUTIONS	\$568.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO TRUST FUND (PRINCIPAL)	\$10,941.00
AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR CHAPTER EXPENSES (INCOME)	\$3,632.12

NOTE: CHAPTER TRUST FUND IS INVESTED IN A CD AT BB&T BANK. THE CD YIELDS 1.85% AND MATURES 11/24/2010.



**Paul and Daniel Blackinton are awarded their membership certificate and rosette at our January meeting by President Charlie Crowell and Registrar Ted Duay.**



**Joe Motes is presented a Certificate of Appreciation by President Charlie Crowell for his duties in our Chapter during 2009.**



**Fort Lauderdale Chapter  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Minutes of Meeting on January 16, 2010  
Held at  
Colony West Country Club in Tamarc, Florida**

The meeting was opened at 12:01 PM by President Charles Crowell with 12 members and guests present. The invocation was offered by Jim Lohmeyer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the SAR Pledge, each led by the President. President Crowell asked that each member and guest introduce themselves and, following this, luncheon was served.

Following the luncheon the President asked the officers of the Chapter to report with the following results:

**Secretary:**

Minutes that were contained in the News Letter were incomplete in that two on-line links were missing, one for a government website on the methods for displaying the U.S. Flag ([www1.va.gov/opa/feature/celebrate/flagdisp.asp](http://www1.va.gov/opa/feature/celebrate/flagdisp.asp)) and the other giving an historical background of the Purple Heart Medal ([www1.va.gov/opa/feature/celebrate/purple-heart.asp](http://www1.va.gov/opa/feature/celebrate/purple-heart.asp)). A copy of the minutes was circulated for those members who had not received the newsletter and members were asked to review it prior to approving the minutes.

**Treasurer and News Letter:**

The Treasurer (Joe Motes) circulated a Financial Report and there followed a discussion or the various items in the report. With respect to the Chapter News Letter, he indicated that the mass E-mailing of the news letter might be encountering difficulties in transmission due to the large volume of the mailing and the large volume of the content.

He also brought up several other subjects for discussion: the chapter had previously approved participation in the program entitled Wreaths Across America. However no further action was taken and there was no expenditure made; the Chapter has been providing certificates of recognition to Eagle Scouts in Broward County since 2006, and there were records available as to the Scout Troop and the individuals who had received the certificates. It was moved, seconded, and approved that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

**Genealogist and Registrar:**

Ted Duay provided an update on pending applications as well as discussed an amendment to the SAR national by-laws that will clarify the acceptance of DAR genealogy material for SAR purposes.

Following his report, it was moved, seconded, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

Members present entered into a discussion with Ted and the President concerning various emblems, ribbons, and medals that members wear to signify an office or membership in the SAR. Most commonly, the SAR Rosette is worn by members on the lapel of a suit or blazer to signify membership in the organization. Medals, ribbons, and badges that signify a particular office, military service, or service and longevity of membership in the SAR are normally only worn when attending an SAR function. Individuals with more than one patriot ancestor can make others aware of this by wearing a Supplemental Star on either a chest or neck ribbon. All of these items can be obtained from the SAR on-line store. The president made mention of chairs and rocking chairs that can be obtained with the seal of the college an individual attended and circulated a flier from the on-line site for the manufacturer.

At this point in the meeting the President presided over the induction and presentation of membership certificates for Daniel and Paul Blackington. The new members of the Chapter and the SAR were presented with lapel rosettes by Ted Duay.

Several items of new business were entertained or introduced by the President:

Joe Motes mentioned that the Chapter needed to make reservations for meetings in March and subsequent months as none have been made at the present time;

The President provided a brief narrative and circulated a flier concerning the life of Austin Dabney, a freed slave who fought in the Revolutionary War and whose life and actions will be honored by the SAR and other historical and patriotic organizations on the 30th of January of this year. He stated that he would be attending and asked that the Chapter approve funds for a wreath to be presented at the ceremony. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for funds not to exceed \$100 for this purpose.

The President indicated that he would be attending the commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War in the latter part of February at Cape Canaveral.

A discussion followed as to the Trustees of the Endowment Fund, who was still a member, and the necessity for approving new members. It was decided that Ted Duay would research the requirement and duties of the Trustees and that new members would be selected at the next Chapter meeting.

There was discussion of how the Chapter obtained the blank certificates that were utilized in presentations and awards, and the current inventory.

The President presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the Chapter to Joe Motes for his years of outstanding service to the Chapter as Treasurer, Editor/Publisher of the monthly newsletter, his role with the Jr. ROTC, and his work with the Eagle Scouting program,

Joe Motes discussed the necessity of early and accurate reservations for the monthly meeting. He indicated that the current facility was asking for a head count a week in advance of the meeting. He also spoke briefly about the problem with electronic distribution of the newsletter and stated that he would try to post them on-line and then inform members of where they could be accessed rather than attaching them to an E-mail.

Jim Lohmeyer brought up the subject of the Spring meeting of the Florida SAR Board of Management (BOM) and that our chapter had been asked to assist and provide volunteers to act as hosts for the meeting in Kissimmee the 7-9th of May. Both he and the President said that they would be in attendance and would be volunteers for the Chapter.

The President distributed copies of the Philadelphia Ledger from 1882 so that Chapter members could look through them and see the types of articles that were being published in newspapers prior to the electronic communications era. In his comments he stated that one of the real problems with examining historical events is that we can only examine them on the basis of our own education and experiences, which are often quite different than those of the individuals who were living through the events.

The meeting was closed at 2:08 PM with a benediction by Jim Lohmeyer and the SAR Recessional lead by the President.

Respectfully Submitted  
John Dye, Secretary

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**Debbie Duay introduces Joe Motes at DAR Day. The event was held on January 30, 2010 at Nova Southeastern University.**



**Barbara Makant, Florida DAR State Regent, presents Joe Motes with DAR's Community Service Award.**