

# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



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## January Chapter Meeting

The January 8th luncheon meeting was held in the Tower Club, President Joe Motes presiding. It was noted that Compatriot Wilmer Thomson died January 5th. He was a faithful supporter of the SAR and his chapter, his recent generosity having been noted in the last issue of this newsletter. A note of sympathy from the chapter will be sent. It also was reported the Eileen May, wife of Compatriot Floyd May, died recently. He is a member of the Boca-Deerfield Chapter and both are known widely due to their years of active participation in local and state activities. Both of these fine people will be missed by all that knew them.

The following reports were made.

**Essay Contest:** Chairman Rich Jones reported he has received numerous inquiries regarding this contest but doesn't expect to receive many essays until just before the deadline later this month.

**Rumbaugh Oration Contest:** President Joe Motes has issued letters to all Broward high schools soliciting their student to participate in the local contest to be held at the March Chapter meeting. A chairman is needed for this program in 1999. How about someone volunteering now so they will be more aware of what is involved when their turn comes ??

**Jr. ROTC Awards:** President Joe Motes has mailed an ROTC medal to each local school having a unit so it can be put on display to better acquaint the staff and cadets with this SAR award program.

**FLSSAR Annual Meeting:** Stuart Browne, Planning Chairman, reported that plans for the annual statewide meeting and BOM are well underway. It will be held April 17-19, 1998, in Deerfield Beach, and it is hoped everyone will take advantage of this close proximity to attend, observe and participate in the key event for our society. Volunteers will be needed to help in several activities, including assistance for Betty Sullivan who will coordinate some events for the ladies.

The highlight of the chapter meeting was the presentation given by Compatriot Ed Sullivan. He spoke as a national officer and past Governor of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. His theme provided a picture of events relating to the arrival, settling and lives of the Pilgrims, with special emphasis to renounce the many misconceptions and errors often ascribed to those events. The documented happenings at the first 'harvest festival' (not called 'Thanksgiving' at that time) also were recounted. Some related geneology sources were provided and guidelines for those with possible connections to these early settlers. (Editors note: This occurring shortly after the first permanent settlement in Jamestown.) - This was a very informative and entertaining dissertation. Don't you wish you had been there ???

As of press time, I was still working on a guest speaker for our February meeting.



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**NEXT MEETING - FEBRUARY 12  
TOWER CLUB !!!  
\$16.00 INCL. TAX AND TIP  
11:30 SOCIAL 12:00 LUNCH  
28TH FLOOR NATIONS BANK  
1 FINANCIAL TOWER  
SE 3RD AVE. & BROWARD BLVD  
FORT LAUDERDALE  
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:  
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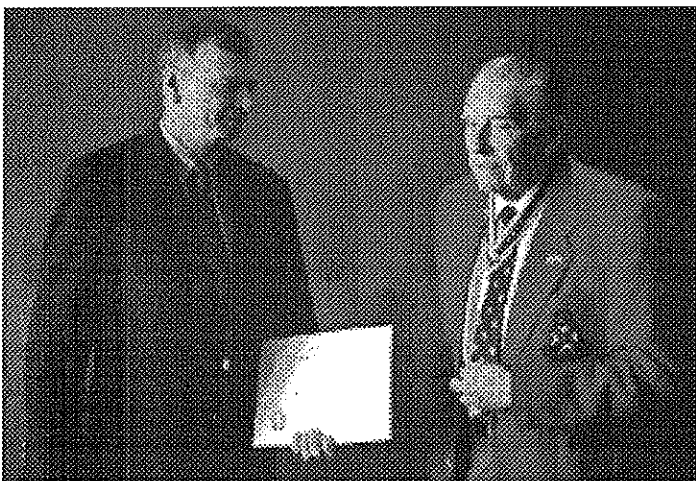
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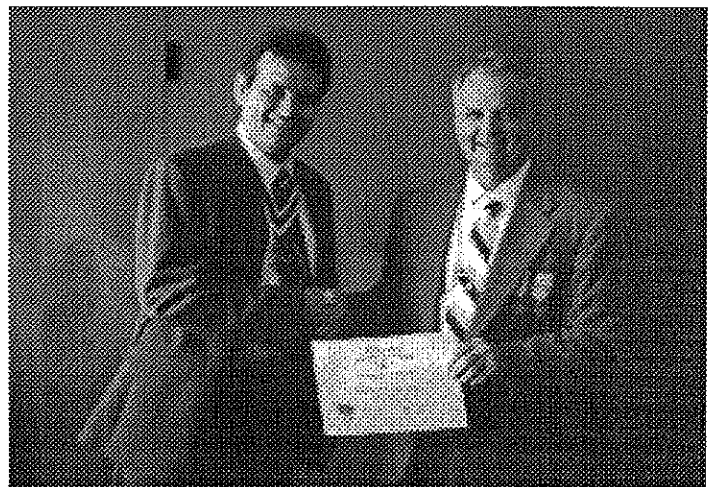
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**TO:**



**Compatriot Richard Jones receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Past President Harry Young for his service as Sergeant-at-Arms and Chairman of the Essay Contest.**



**Compatriot Ed Sullivan receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Chapter President Joe Motes for his presentation at the January chapter meeting on the Mayflower Descendants and the first Thanksgiving.**