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The Colorful Birth of Fort Lauderdale

BY RICK AIKEN, PRESIDENT

Due primarily to insects, disease, lack of transportation, flooding and indians, the settling and development of our area remained extremely slow, virtually stagnant through the 1800's, thus keeping Ft. Lauderdale as only a frontier outpost on the map. But with the arrival in 1893 of Frank Stranahan, it seemed to coincide with a number of exciting things that began to happen during the next 18 years which culminated in the incorporation of the city of Ft. Lauderdale in 1911.

This colorful period in our history will be the subject of the speaker at our January 11 luncheon. Mr. Dan Hobby, Director of the Ft. Lauderdale Historical Society, will bring his special insight and knowledge to our meeting. In addition to other interesting items, Mr. Hobby will relate to us stories of the building of the railroad through Fr. Lauderdale, Governor Broward's system of canals and construction of the New River Inn in 1905 which seemed to be the focal point of society at that time in this burgeoning community. One of the Historical Society's present projects is restoration of the New River Inn at 231 SW 2 Ave. in the heart of the city's historical district. Upon completion this facility will house the city's new history museum. Over the

last twenty five years the city has done a nice job restoring this historic district which is also known as Himmarshee Village. Just west of the tracks on SW 2nd St., park your car and wander around. The new Riverwalk and Performing Arts Center compliment very nicely the historic nature of the neighborhood.

As an added attraction, Mr. Hobby will bring with him and display for our viewing, an original oil painting of one of the true pioneers of Ft. Lauderdale, Ivy Stranahan, who was our first school teacher in addition to being Frank's wife.

Whether you are new to the area or a long time resident, this program will be well worth your while. To learn about the pioneers of our community is something everyone of all ages should have the opportunity to be a part of. See you there.

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 JANUARY 11

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

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

RICHARD AIKEN 568-0143

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

November 9, 1995 - Tower Club

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Dooley and the invocation given by Michael Kiriakon. 28 members and guests were present including FLSSAR President Ralph Cramer, his wife Betty, and Regional VP Jim Blackburn.

The following reports were made:

The SAR booth at "Broward County Pioneer Days" was manned by Jim Organ, Michael Kiriakon, Rick Aiken and Oscar Kraehenbuehl. Posters and photos of activities were displayed but Jim's collection of pioneer and war relics was the main attraction. Thanks.

The BOM Meeting at New Port Richey was attended by Harry and Susan Young, Stuart Browne and Oscar Kraehenbuehl.

The FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund reimbursed \$483 of the Chapter's cost (\$823) for conducting the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest this past March.

Roland Price was commended for having obtained SAR membership for his son, Roland III.

Richard Jones reported that he would be presenting a SAR Flag Commendation certificate to Hops Grill and Bar for their outstanding, respectful exterior and interior display of the flag.

A rousing show of support was given by those present for having returned to the Tower Club for the monthly chapter meeting.

No additional nominations for Chapter Officer were made from the floor, therefore it was moved by Roger Shaffer and seconded by Stuart Browne that the previously announced slate be elected by acclimation. This passed unanimously. The office of 2nd Vice President remains unfilled.

President Ralph Cramer presented plans for publishing a Florida Centennial Issue of the Patriot. He solicited compatriots to take/obtain ads to finance it. Six compatriots subscribed.

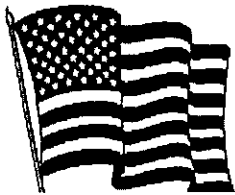
The program speaker, Rodney Dillon, gave an interesting presentation about some local events and people during the close of the Civil War.

Dues Reminder:

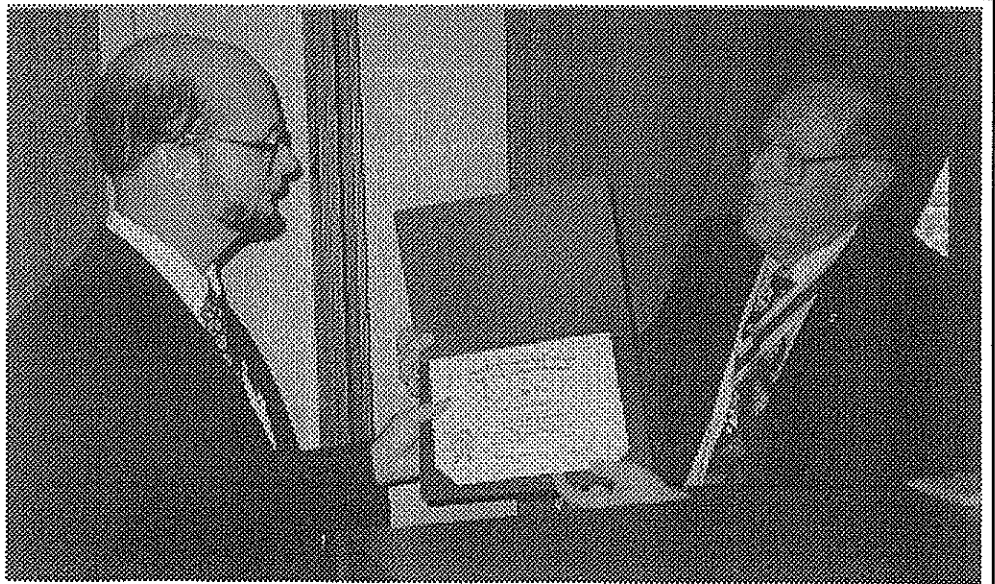
Please be sure that your annual dues are received by Treasurer Ken Loomis no later than January 31st.

A report and all non-local dues must be submitted to the FLSSAR shortly after that date. Those who have not paid will have to be dropped at that time.

If there are circumstances which will delay receipt beyond this dateline, please notify the Treasurer or the Secretary, Oscar Kraehenbuehl.



Guest speaker, Rodney Dillon is presented a Certificate of Appreciation by former President Bob Dooley for his presentation during the November meeting.



INSTALLATION BANQUET

December 8, 1995 at Tropical Acres.

Outgoing President Bob Dooley commended the organization for its support and assistance during the past year. He presented specially prepared, framed certificates of appreciation to the following members for there special contributions: Rick Aiken, Ken Loomis, Joe Motes, Jim Organ, Oscar Kraehenbuehl, Fred Topper and Harry Young.

The following compatriots were installed by Former Vice President General Harry Young.

President	Richard Aiken
1st VP	Joseph Motes
Treasurer	Kenneth Loomis
Secretary	Oscar Kraehenbuehl
Registrar/Gene	Allen Moore
Chaplain	Fred Topper
Chancellor	Roger Shaffer
Sergeant at Arms	James Organ

President Aiken assumed his office and stressed the importance of getting new, active members in order to have the Chapter grow and thrive.

These events were preceded by excellent hor d'oeuvres and cocktails in our specially decorated dining area. The service was excellent and the evening was topped off with music by a professional singer and dancing by those so inclined.

YOUR OFFICERS IN PROFILE

President - Born in New Your City's Greenwich Village 46 years ago, Rick Aiken spent the first 21 years of his life in New York and Long Island before moving to Fort Lauderdale with his family in 1970. He completed his Bachelor's Degree at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, PA in 1971, then served 3 1/2 years in the Army, 3 of it in Germany as a Communications Officer for an Air Defense Missile Battalion. Upon his reentry into civilian life in 1975, Rick obtained his Master's Degree at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. Over the next 20 years his working career has seen stops at Nova University, several local government administrative posts, a dabbling at freelance-writing and for the past six years in real estate sales. He lives in Fort Lauderdale down on the beach and looks forward to his next year as your President.

First Vice President -- Joe Motes was born 47 years ago in Leesburg, Florida which is between Tampa and Gainesville. His early years were spent on a farm in this Central Florida community, then his family moved to Cuba until the day of the Bay of Pigs Invasion in 1961, when they fled to Miami. He finished high school then joined the Marine Corps, serving for 7 years with a 13 month tour of Vietnam as a machine gunner. Upon his release from the Marines he obtained an Associates Degree in Computer Science at Miami Dade Community College. He worked for Eastern Airlines for the next 13 years until the day they folded and has been with Norwegian Cruise Lines since then. In addition Joe has had a sideline business for the last 16 years called Genesis Productions, Inc., a science fiction and Star Trek promotion company. He resides with his wife, Shirley and daughter, Ashley Lynn in Cooper City.

Next month will profile your beloved immediate past President, Bob Dooley, and 2nd immediate past President and present Secretary, Oscar Kraehenbuehl.

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