



# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

## Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter

**Next Meeting – Tower Club, 28th Floor of the Nations Bank Building**  
1 Financial Tower, SE Third Ave. & Broward Blvd. (Parking inside building is \$ 2.00 )

**DATE:** THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1993

**TIME:** SOCIAL - 11:30 am      LUNCH - 12:00 Noon

**COST:** \$ 11.00 per PERSON

For RESERVATIONS : Call Wally Floyd's secretary (California Federal)

by **11:00am TUESDAY**, June 9th, at **566-9705**.

( Late reservations can be made until 11am. Wednesday, by calling 564-2813 )

### **PROGRAM :**                    " *Historic Preservation in Broward County* "

*Our speaker will be Mrs. Helen Landers, Historian, Broward County Historical Commission. Her topic has been in the news lately, involving groups that differ on whether some buildings or land should or should not be declared 'historic sites'. Mrs. Landers will give us a better understanding of how prospective sites are identified and approved and how the overall preservation program will affect future development in Broward. Her discussion will include the ordinance regulating historic sites that is currently being brought before the County Commission.*

**+++ Come !! Bring your friends !! +++**

### **NEWS :**

- + Some highlights of the Annual Meeting in Lakeland, May 7-8:
  - Dr. Arthur Chapman, Miami Chapter, was elected FLSSAR President .
  - The state competition of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Orator Contest was won by our Chapter's winner, Regina Eva Gumm, from Westminster Academy. She will represent our state at the NSSAR contest in Phoenix this June, and will do it well.
- + Representatives from your Chapter presented SAR metals and certificates to outstanding cadets in the Junior ROTC programs at the Ft. Lauderdale High School and North East High School. We were pleased to have Navy Capt. Clingscales and Cadet Curl (Ft. L. High) as guests at our May meeting.
- + We wish to acknowledge a memorial gift to the Chapter Trust Fund from Ed Frisinger in memory of Louise Rumbaugh and Ed Corson.
- + We have a new schedule for those who wish to prepay their National dues for LIFE.  
Examples: 50yrs = \$264; 55yrs = \$238; 60yrs = \$213; 65yrs and over = \$187.  
For an application or more information, call your Treasurer (Oscar K.): 564-2813



**Hope to see you and your guests at the meeting ..**



**Please make reservations so adequate seating will be available.**

*( Turn sheet over for a bit of history and trivia. )*



# DID YOU KNOW ?



## Bourbon County, Kentucky

More than any other European ruler outside the British isles, King Louis XVI of France was vitally interested in the course of events in North America. As a result of the Seven Years' War, France had suffered a crushing defeat by England and was eager for revenge. An overwhelming victory by Continental Forces under George Washington would have repercussions across the Atlantic by "redressing the balance of the Old World."

Encouraged by his foreign ministers, Louis XVI put substantial sums of money on the line to aid American rebels in secret. Then the whole climate of Europe changed suddenly in the aftermath of the battle of Saratoga. England began putting out peace feelers, and there were signs that Spain might move to recognize and aid the new nation that was coming into-being.

French secrecy ended on January 7, 1778. That day a royal council unanimously endorsed "a treaty of amity and commerce with the United States of America." One month later, on February 6, a formal treaty was signed.

In addition to fostering economic aid to the U.S. the treaty was a powerful psychological weapon. Even in the American backwoods the import was not missed. Settlers in the practically uncharted "wilderness of Kentucky" moved in December, 1778, to let the French ruler know Americans would forever be grateful. They called for the use of Bourbon—the French royal line to which Louis XVI belonged—as the name for a huge "county" that was not even marked on maps of the era.

Later subdivided several times, Bourbon County became famous as the native home of a distinctively American type of whisky—which took the name of the region named in gratitude to the Bourbon ruler of France.