

NEWSLETTER



The Ft. Lauderdale Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 28, 1888

NEXT MEETING DATE: MARCH 8, 1990

PLACE: *The Tower Club , One Financial Plaza , C & S Bank Building.
(Formerly known as the Landmark Bank Building.)*

TIME: *Social Hour - 11:00 a.m. Luncheon served* AFTER THE PROGRAM

COST: \$ 9.00 *per person for luncheon. Bring a guest or prospective member !*

PLEASE NOTICE that because of our speakers busy schedule, this months meeting will start a half hour earlier than normal. Social hour will be at 11 A.M.

RESERVATIONS: Please make reservations by Tuesday evening March 6th.

Telephone: President Jeffrey Cooke 485-6714 or
Secretary/Treasurer Ed Linskey 566-3458

PROGRAM: Our speaker for March will be Doctor Zachariah Zachariah world famous heart specialist. He will talk about your heart and how to take care of it. He will answer questions you may have pertaining to your heart. This will be followed by our annual Douglas G. High oration contest presented by Chairman Stuart P. Browne. As of press time four contestants are to give presentations.

MINUTES: Our February 8th meeting was held at the Tower Club with a good showing.
The speaker was Jeannie Seifert of The Greater Ft. Lauderdale U.S.O.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER

MARCH , 1990

Most Chapter meetings in March featured the Douglass G. High Oration Contest. Saramana Chapter reported six schools involved in the March 16th competition. The Naples Chapter had fourteen contestants! Fort Lauderdale, after being in the "doldrums" for several years, had seven contestants. Chapter newsletters have indicated that this SAR event is respected ! Let's have a good audience turnout for the State Contest in May !

The Tampa Chapter Newsletter for March, reports that Compatriots Vandenberg and Washburn attended the Naturalization of New Citizens of the United States, on January 26th, and gave each new citizen a small American Flag.

On March 16th, the St. Petersburg Chapter was host at the Tampa Naturalization Court, and gave out 200 small American Flags at the swearing in ceremony for new citizens.

Daytona-Ormond Chapter's March 15th meeting featured as speaker the Hon. Robert J. Ryan, former Ambassador to the United Nations. At the February meeting, Ken Harding, former Sergeant-at-Arms, U. S. House of Representative, gave " a good inside look " at Congress. (How's that for getting guest speakers ?)

February was a busy month celebrating George Washington's Birthday. Reverend Weems may have started that story about the cherry tree, but " J.R. " Blackburn, new President of the Miami Chapter, has a better version. According to " J.R.", Washington wasn't born in Virginia, but was born in Texas. When George's father asked him if he cut down "thet thar tree", George replied " Dad, I'm not gonna lie to you, I done it with mah lil'ole hatchet". His father then said " George, if yore gonna give up lying, we'll have to move out of Texas ! ".

The Miami Chapter Newsletter has a new look ! Not every Chapter can justify publication of such a professional newsletter, but the initial issue serves as an excellent format for even the smallest of chapters to emulate. Anyone interested in seeing a copy, please write to the Senior Vice President for same.

The Boca-Deerfield Chapter reported the death, on February 22nd, of Compatriot Wilbur " Bill" Sisson, FLSAR State President 1979-80. He will be missed, but not forgotten as a Senior Officer.

The Flagler Chapter had a booth at a Service Fair and Home Show, to give SAR some publicity and possibly attract some new members. At the February Chapter meeting, Compatriot Ben Lacy led some discussion about genealogical research assistance to potential new members experiencing difficulty in tracing their ancestry.

For those who are not near a large library with vast micro - film holdings about revolutionary war soldiers, consider the availability of rental film direct from National Archives.

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LOOKING AHEAD:

April is the month to honor Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States, 1801-1809, who wrote:

" I know no safe depository
of the ultimate powers of society
but the people themselves; and
if we think them not enlightened
enough to exercise their control
with a wholesome discretion, the
remedy is not to take it from them,
but to inform their discretion by
education. "

THOMAS JEFFERSON

As Compatriots, let us remember the objects of the FLSAR are patriotic, historical and educational.....

The near-editor

Harry L. Young, Jr.