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Our Annual Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest

By Rick Aiken, President

Never has our chapter received as great a response for the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest as this year's competition.

At our March 14, 1996 meeting 14 students from 5 local high schools will vie for the coveted first place prize in this increasingly prestigious oration contest. The interest exhibited in Broward County high schools this year has been exceptional. As a comparison, there were 11 entrants last year from 4 schools.

Contest Chairman Richard Jones has put together another magnificent program. Your Secretary Oscar Kraehenbuehl has assisted him in judging run off contests. The contest judges at the March meeting will be Oscar, Ed Sullivan and Bill Casson. First VP Joe Motes will be the timer and Past President Stu Browne will be prompting. As he did last year, Chairman Jones will preside over the contest and introduce the participants, their parents and teachers.

This year the first place prize has been increased to \$100. Second place is \$50 and everyone else will receive \$25. The March 14 winner will also move on to compete at the state level against the other chapter winners throughout Florida.

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!

The state winners from all over the country will then compete at the Reginal "semi-finals" with the top student speakers going to the finals at the National Congress for large college scholarships. Needless to say, this will make for some pretty stiff competition among these high school kids. Last year's chapter winner was Kathy Bagnall from McArthur High in Hollywood and McArthur has three entrants in this year's contest.

So don't miss this annual event of ours. It is a pleasure to watch youngsters exhibit such high degrees of public speaking ability. Judging can be extremely difficult.

It is hoped that Joe Rumbaugh will be able to attend because without his support this contest would not be what it is today.

NEXT MEETING - MARCH 14

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

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Feb 8, 1996 - Tower Club; Minutes by Oscar Kraehenbuehl

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Aiken and the invocation given by Oscar Kraehenbuehl in the absence of Chaplain Fred Topper who is recuperating. 25 members and guests were present including: Past President Jeff Cooke, Compatriot Jim Cox and his son Clifton, former member Bob Finch (who has applied for reinstatement) and our frequent visitors from the St. Louis Chapter, Compatriot Bill Adams and his wife Millie, plus their guests.

With regret, it was announced that Joe Rumbaugh is seriously ill. A 'thinking of you' card was signed by those present and will be forwarded to him at his brother-in-law's home, Richard Black.

Rich Jones, Chairman of the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest, reported that an abundant number of students from several schools have applied for our contest which will take place at the March Chapter Meeting. This opportunity to see and listen to some of the exceptional youth from our community is one of the outstanding events of our Society. Don't miss it !!

Rich Jones also reported that several essays have been received for the NSSAR Essay Contest. The local winner will be selected and forwarded to the FLSSAR contest chairman.

President Aiken remarked that Jr. ROTC Awards will be presented to deserving cadets at several high schools near the end of the term. Volunteers will be needed to participate in those worthwhile ceremonies.

Oscar Kraehenbuehl reported that numerous SAR application worksheets and brochures were given out at a recent meeting of the Genealogy Society of Broward County. Compatriots were reminded that informational brochures are available from the Chapter Secretary for distribution to any interested group or individual. In follow-up to a previous suggestion, no economical means have been found to list the chapter's phone number in the city directory.

Membership Report: A total of 56 members paid 1996 dues and will be reported as active Chapter members. We gained 3 members, suffered two deaths and had a net loss of five for the year.

It was announced that the Chapter Trust Fund has a balance of \$3232. The interest from this fund is available, upon request and authorization, for chapter activity. Recent contributions from eighteen compatriots were acknowledged, with special appreciation for their generosity given to: Joe Motes, Wellington Roemer, Brian Sullivan and Ed Sullivan.

The Board of Management Meeting in Gainesville on January 26-27 was attended by Harry Young and his wife, Stuart Browne and Oscar Kraehenbuehl. Some item of interest are:

+ There will be an outstanding centennial issue of the Florida Patriot distributed to all members. The quality and content of this 100+ page document will make it "a saver" for all recipients. Seven of our Chapter members submitted ads or greetings for the publication. March 15th is the deadline for any others who want to be included. Contact Oscar K. asap for additional details. (564-2813).

+ Due to a low level of pre-publication orders, the FLSSAR Patriot Index will be printed as a less expensive, soft back volume. Those who have placed orders for the prior edition will receive a refund. Further ordering info is being developed.

+ All contacts regarding pending SAR applications should be made via the FL Registrar of any contacts; considerable confusion has resulted from failing to do so.

The guest speaker, Charles (Chase) Adams, presented the legal and not-so legal history behind the federal income tax and its use by our Government. There wasn't sufficient time for him to make a complete case for doing away with Federal income taxing, but the bottom line to his proposal was to undertake a 'public revolution' to repeal the constitutional amendment that gives this taxing authority to our national government. The objective would be to require the federal government to revert to its initial charter of only doing that which can not be done by individual state and local governments.

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Chase Adams continued

(Editorial comment: This was an interesting thesis, but it seemed to this writer and his questioners that it was both impractical and too late for this extreme action. Government cutbacks are sorely needed (and the top agenda for many) but nothing was presented that would make a complete cutoff of Federal income tax funding a feasible scenario. -- Having said this, it was a thought provoking program.) Those interested and in pursuing this agenda further or wishing to have Mr. Adams present it to some other group, should contact him directly.

Trust Fund Contributors

The following compatriots generously included additional funds with their dues payment to be added to the Chapter Trust Fund. Contributions are gratefully accepted by the Secretary (Trustee) at any time.

Stuart Brown	Henry Fancher
Samuel Freas	Charles Furey
Oscar Kraehenbuehl	George Lazear
Allen Moore	Joseph Motes
Roland Price	Wellington Roemer
Roger Shaffer	William Slinkard
Dumond St. Martin	Brian Sullivan
Edward Sullivan	William Taylor
Benson Taylor	Clifford Weller

General Irzyk's Book Published

It is with pleasure that some will recall the outstanding presentation given at one of our meetings a few years ago by Ret. Brig. General Albin F. Irzyk. He told of his personal experiences as a WW II tank battalion commander, serving under General Patton. He now has published a book entitled "He Rode Up Front for Patton", telling of the Third Army's approach to Bastogne, the Battle of the Bulge, VE Day, et al. Many of you or your friends should find his personal encounters and accounts intriguing and exciting. The cost of the book is \$32.95, plus \$3 for S&H. If you want to order a copy, call the publisher at: (800) 948-2786 or Fax (919 781-9042.

YOUR OFFICERS IN PROFILE

Treasurer Ken E. Loomis was born February 5th 1942 in Hartford CT. Lived in East Greaney CT until 1956. Lived next 3 years in Ocala FL. Graduated High School in Wallingford CT in 1960. Moved to Fort Lauderdale September 1960. Served as a M.P. in the US Army Reserve from 1963 to 1969. Graduated from Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science in 1967 and has been a licensed Embalmer and Funeral Director since. In 1982, Ken was the President of the Broward County Funeral Directors Association. He has been employed for the past 20 years by Fred Hunter Funeral Homes. His first 14 years as Mortician of Fred Hunter Crematory and the last 6 years as Managing Director of the University Drive facility in Davie.

Ken built a new home 3 1/2 years ago in Davie and now enjoys western living. Married in 1965 to June A. Hoover, they have two daughters, Jennifer who is in Banking and Kimberly Jennessee who is a R.N. at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami.

Ken served as our Registrar-Genealogist from 1992 to 1994.

Past President Harry Young, Jr., was born in Berwick, Pennsylvania, but considers Cleveland, OH his home town.

In 1936 he participated in the men's open Great Lakes International Fencing Tournament. In 1940 and 1941 his black and white photos were exhibited in the Annual May Shows held by the Cleveland Museum of Art. He attended Cleveland College.

During World War II, he became an aviation cadet, and ultimately commissioned as Flight Observer. Duty assignment was at Big Spring, Texas as aerial and ground school instructor of bombardiering and dead reckoning navigation. In 1944 he was transferred to Boca Raton for radar training. On Christmas Eve he met Susan Cobb, whose parents were pioneers of Ft Lauderdale. On March 26, 1945 they were married in the old Baptist Church on Las Olas. Upon release from military service they lived in Euclid, a suburb of Cleveland, then moved to Ft Lauderdale in 1952.

On July 23, 1952 the Fort Lauderdale Daily News contained an announcement "Air Volunteers To Hear Talk By Capt. Young", of Flight B of the 9882 Volunteer Air Reserve Training Squadron, who will review "Exploration of Space". The lecture included three stage rockets, placing satellites in space, apogee and perigee orbiting, but resulted in audience skepticism. About a month later, the same lecture was given at a meeting held at the University of Miami, with similar reaction.

In October 1957, the Russians placed Sputnik in orbit, and on January 31, 1958 U.S. Army launched Explorer 1, and fellow reservists admitted that Young knew what he was talking about.

In 1972, he and two other aspiring genealogists incorporated the not-for-profit Genealogical Society of Broward County, Inc., of which he is a life member. Upon becoming a member of the Ft Lauderdale Chapter of SAR, he dropped twenty year memberships in Southeastern Museums Conference and Southern Industrial Development Council. During fiscal year 1992-93 he served as Vice President General of the South Atlantic District of the National Society of the Sons of The American Revolution. He also holds membership # 1059 in the Society of Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge. His six children are members of SAR, DAR, and through their mother Founders and Patriots.

Next month will profile your Chaplain, Fred Topper and Sergeant-At-Arms James F Organ, III.

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