

# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



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## February Chapter Meeting

The February 12th meeting was held the Tower Club, President Joe Motes presiding. We were pleased to have as visitors, Mrs. Dorothy Strok, a DAR member, and her son Mr. Thomas Strok and his son, Tom. SAR membership is being pursued by both of these gentlemen. With regret, it was reported Compatriot Col. Guy Loomis is very ill and that Compatriot Ed Frisinger and his wife, Mary Agnes, will be moving to California in a couple of months. Ed plans to maintain his membership in this chapter. They will be missed.

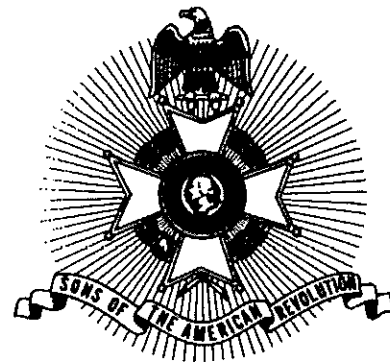
Pres. Motes reported that the JROTC program has been expanded by the NSSAR to select an Outstanding Cadet of the Year, with significant bonds awarded to the winner and two runner-ups. A letter will be sent to the JROTC unit leaders asking for their nominations and a mandatory essay if they wish to participate in this state and national competition. There will be no change in the usual local medal award program. Pres. Motes also reported that six students currently are scheduled to participate in the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration contest at the March meeting. Judges, time keeper and a prompter volunteered to help run the contest.

Rich Jones, Essay Contest Chairman, announced that the winner for our chapter was William Norman, a student at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. He and his teacher will be invited to attend our April meeting. His essay has been forward for the statewide competition.

Oscar Kraehenbuehl reported that the US Navy Sea Cadets are deserving of recognition similar to the JROTC cadets, but the FLSSAR has concluded they should not be covered under the same program. It was moved and passed that a Bronze Good Citizen medal and certificate be offered to an outstanding Sea Cadet

in the local Connolly Division. They will be notified by the secretary.

The speaker, Ms. Carol Hieronymus, was a much-honored, retired teacher who enlightened and entertained us with an illustrated discussion about the history of the legitimate theater, and commentary on Shakespeare's works. In traditional fashion, a quiz followed. Harry Young and the Sullivan's were the star responders. Thanks to Bob Dooley who arranged for this speaker.



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**NEXT MEETING - MARCH 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:  
JOSEPH MOTES 434-6060**

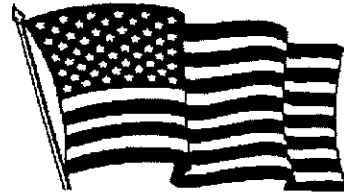
## Farewell Joseph Rumbaugh

Compatriot Rumbaugh died on February 13th at the age of 86. He had lived in Ft. Lauderdale for over 50 years and is well known due to his participation and philanthropy in many organizations and facets of the community. As a result of one such generous gift to the SAR, his name and memory will remain associated with the annual oration contest. We were fortunate for him to be a member of our chapter and a former FLSSAR president. His memorial service was attended by a number of Compatriots, including FLSSAR President Phil Carr and Former President General Matt Sellers. Flowers were sent from SAR Headquarters in Louisville. - He will be missed!

Wellington Roemers \*  
Dumond St. Martin  
Wilmer Thompson \*

William Slinkard  
Edward Sullivan

**The March meeting will have no guests as we will be holding the Joseph S Rumbaugh Oration Contest.**



## Membership and Trust Report

Annual dues have been collected and the chapter membership status is as follows:

Total memberships: 41 vs 48 this time last year

Changes during the year: 4 new members

3 deaths, 1 resignation, 1 transferred to another state,  
6 failed to pay dues (4 live out-of-state)

All were urged/advised how to reinstate.

The current faithful may be few, but recent membership interest by several impressive gentlemen may indicate a turnaround. It is hoped they will seek and receive any help needed to prove their necessary lineage and will submit applications expeditiously.

In addition to dues payment, 17 compatriots made contributions totaling \$604 to the chapter trust fund. This fund now has a balance of \$5500. Payments from the trust's interest have been authorized for: ROTC medals to be displayed in the schools, student essay contest prize and the 1997 treasury shortfall due to unusual large participation (expenses) for the oration contest. The following compatriots are thanked publicly for their contributions. While all gifts are welcome, helpful and appreciated, special kudos are warranted for the generosity of those identified by (\*).

Stuart Brown \*  
George Dennis  
Henry Francher \*  
Brian Fleming  
Ed Frisinger  
Jack Holcomb \*

Daniel James  
Richard Jones  
Oscar Kraehenbuehl  
Ken Loomis  
Allen Moore  
Joe Motes \*



**President Joe Motes presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms Carol Hieronymus for her presentation at the February meeting.**