



The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Fort Lauderdale Chapter Newsletter



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Highlights of October Chapter Meeting

President George Dennis called the October 9th meeting to order at noon. There were twenty-four members and guests present. This was a good turnout, but was dampened a bit by the lack of seating due to the unexpected number. **PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS.** It was noted with sincere regret that David Butler died recently. The many accomplishments during his life included being a key activist responsible for preserving the Hillsboro lighthouse. He was not a member of this society but was the featured speaker at the April chapter meeting.

Treasurer Richard Jones reported a balance of \$2580 in the operating fund, which is more than adequate to cover expenses for the remainder of the year. Secretary Kraehenbuehl reviewed the increases in membership fees (no dues increase) approved at the annual NSSAR Congress.

Barbara Gay announced that the Fontenda Chapter of the DAR will be sponsoring a luncheon meeting with our SAR chapter on Saturday, January 10, 2004, at the Deercreek Country Club located in Deerfield Beach. This will be in lieu of the regular January chapter meeting. More details later but please mark your calendar with this change.

New Members Inducted

President Dennis duly inducted Daniel Dragonetti and Theodore "Ted" Duay into the society and presented them with their membership certificates and rosettes. Compatriot Duay has immediately become an active member by submitting several applications for supplemental memberships and by volunteering to be a candidate for chapter registrar. Unfortunately, Dan Dragonetti will be moving from the area soon and will transfer to another Florida Chapter.

Essay Contest support needed !!

Here is an opportunity for a member who cannot attend meetings regularly to help further one of the SAR's programs. A Chapter contact is needed to provide information and receive essays submitted by local high school students. This activity doesn't require a fixed schedule or much time. All you need is e-mail service and a willingness to help. - Contact Richard Jones for details: rjonesedit@aol.com or 954-974-5591



New members inducted during our October meeting are **Dan Dragonetti and Ted Duay.**

**NEXT MEETING - NOVEMBER 13th
TOWER CLUB !!!**

\$20.00 INCL. TAX AND TIP

11:30 SOCIAL 12:00 LUNCH

28TH FLOOR BANK OF AMERICA

1 FINANCIAL TOWER

SE 3RD AVE & BROWARD BLVD

FORT LAUDERDALE

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL:

954-441-8735

Members living in North Broward need to dial the area code plus the phone number, or e-mail me at: JoeMotes@aol.com

Nominations For Chapter Officers – 2004

The opportunity to serve as an officer of our chapter is available once again. At this time, the following officers have agreed to be nominated. It will be noted this list consists primarily of the present officers. Any and all of these men are very willing (anxious) to have other members volunteer for any of these positions. Just let President Dennis know or come to the November meeting and add your name prior to the call for election. – VOLUNTEER !!

President –

V. Pres. – Joe Motes

Secy. – O. Kraehenbuehl

Treas. – Rich Jones

Regis. – Ted Duay

Chancellor – Ed Sullivan

Chaplain –

Annual Meeting Change

It was moved by Oscar Kraehenbuehl, seconded and passed unanimously that we dispense with the more formal and expensive annual induction banquet. This will be replaced by a suitable ceremony at the December chapter luncheon meeting held at the Tower Club on the usual second Thursday.

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Speaker of the Day – Chase Adams

The guest speaker is an attorney who has an extensive background in business, law and finance and has served the community and country on numerous committees. On this occasion, however, he spoke about a subject dear to his heart, the Constitution and one of its current challenges -- excessive federal taxation.

He pointed out that the key to the success of our country has been its timeless constitution which provides the basis for a unified, simple plan of government operation. Its original goal was to establish government regulation for those things logically best handled by a central body, leaving the states to regulate everything else. Mr. Adams' main theme was that governmental taxation, as established in 1909 by the 16th Amendment (purportedly to finance WW I), has been distorted to create a centralizing power in Washington and limited authority by the states. Repeal of this amendment is being supported by a large number of governors and in congress by bills referred to as "fair tax" and "liberty" amendments. It was explained that these bills provide 10 years to establish alternative taxation and management procedures, but the key message was that the time to act is now. – Follow-up information will be sent to those interested in knowing more and, hopefully, who will add their support.

November 13th Meeting Notice

Robert Dooley will present an interesting travelogue of his 2001 tour in China. Come see and hear his observations while in this third largest country that contains about 20% of the world's population.



Chapter President George Dennis thanks Chase Adams for his presentation during our October chapter meeting.