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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Evergreen Cemetery in Fort Lauderdale was founded in 1910 and was purchased by the City of Fort Lauderdale in 1917. Most of the founding families of Fort Lauderdale are buried there, including the Stranahans who built the Stranahan House which is an historic landmark. Evergreen is the oldest intact cemetery in Fort Lauderdale.

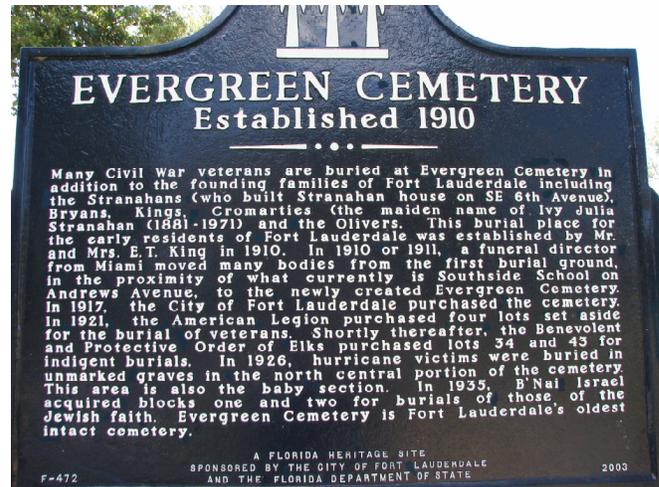
Approximately 40 years ago, the Francis Broward Chapter of the DAR walked through the cemetery and documented and transcribed all the headstones there as part of a cemetery preservation project. Approximately 18 months ago, the Lighthouse Point Chapter DAR started a project to update that transcription done almost 40 years ago.

Part of the update documentation process includes photographing all of the headstones in the cemetery so that they will be preserved for future generations. The soil in Evergreen Cemetery is soft and sandy and many of the headstones have sunk into the soil and disappeared over time, so it is important to record the existing headstones now before they suffer a similar fate.

On behalf of the Fort Lauderdale Chapter SAR, I have been assisting the Lighthouse Point Chapter DAR in photographing the cemetery headstones and have photographed well over 1,000 headstones during the few trips that we have made there. I have had an enormous amount of fun doing this and would encourage everyone to get involved in these historic preservation projects.

Our chapter Secretary, Ed Spencer, contacted me a few weeks ago with an opportunity for the Fort Lauderdale Chapter to participate in a Christmas parade being sponsored by the City of North Lauderdale on December 16, 2006. I would encourage all members to participate as this is a great way to promote our chapter and SAR as well as getting more involved with the community.

Respectfully,
Ted Duay, President



NEXT MEETING - OCT 14th

"Flaming Pit"

1150 N. Federal Hwy., Pompano Beach
(11 blocks north of Atlantic Blvd.)

Time: 11:30AM social gathering; Lunch at noon

Buffet luncheon - \$15.00

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Boston Tea Party

Eyewitness Account by a Participant

The tea destroyed was contained in three ships, lying near each other at what was called at that time Griffin's wharf, and were surrounded by armed ships of war, the commanders of which had publicly declared that if the rebels, as they were pleased to style the Bostonians, should not withdraw their opposition to the landing of the tea before a certain day, the 17th day of December, 1773, they should on that day force it on shore, under the cover of their cannon's mouth.

On the day preceding the seventeenth, there was a meeting of the citizens of the county of Suffolk, convened at one of the churches in Boston, for the purpose of consulting on what measures might be considered expedient to prevent the landing of the tea, or secure the people from the collection of the duty. At that meeting a committee was appointed to wait on Governor Hutchinson, and request him to inform them whether he would take any measures to satisfy the people on the object of the meeting.

To the first application of this committee, the Governor told them he would give them a definite answer by five o'clock in the afternoon. At the hour appointed, the committee again repaired to the Governor's house, and on inquiry found he had gone to his country seat at Milton, a distance of about six miles. When the committee returned and informed the meeting of the absence of the Governor, there was a confused murmur among the members, and the meeting was immediately dissolved, many of them crying out, "Let every man do his duty, and be true to his country"; and there was a general huzza for Griffin's wharf.

It was now evening, and I immediately dressed myself in the costume of an Indian, equipped with a small hatchet, which I and my associates denominated the tomahawk, with which, and a club, after having painted my face and hands with coal dust in the shop of a blacksmith, I repaired to Griffin's wharf, where the ships lay that contained the tea. When I first appeared in the street after being thus disguised, I fell in with many who were dressed, equipped and painted as I was, and who fell in with me and marched in order to the place of our destination.

When we arrived at the wharf, there were three of our number who assumed an authority to direct our operations, to which we readily submitted. They divided us into three parties, for the purpose of boarding the three ships which contained the tea at the same time. The name of him who commanded the division to which I was assigned was Leonard Pitt. The names of the other commanders I never knew.

We were immediately ordered by the respective commanders to board all the ships at the same time, which we promptly obeyed. The commander of the division to which I belonged, as soon as we were on board the ship appointed me boatswain, and ordered me to go to the captain and demand of him the keys to the hatches and a dozen candles. I made the demand accordingly, and the captain promptly replied, and delivered the articles; but requested me at the same time to do no damage to the ship or rigging.

We then were ordered by our commander to open the hatches and take out all the chests of tea and throw them overboard, and we immediately proceeded to execute his orders, first cutting and splitting the chests with our tomahawks, so as thoroughly to expose them to the effects of the water.

In about three hours from the time we went on board, we had thus broken and thrown overboard every tea chest to be found in the ship, while those in the other ships were disposing of the tea in the same way, at the same time. We were surrounded by British armed ships, but no attempt was made to resist us.

We then quietly retired to our several places of residence, without having any conversation with each other, or taking any measures to discover who were our associates; nor do I recollect of our having had the knowledge of the name of a single individual concerned in that affair, except that of Leonard Pitt, the commander of my division, whom I have mentioned. There appeared to be an understanding that each individual should volunteer his services, keep his own secret, and risk the consequence for himself. No disorder took place during that transaction, and it was observed at that time that the stillest night ensued that Boston had enjoyed for many months.

During the time we were throwing the tea overboard, there were several attempts made by some of the citizens of Boston and its vicinity to carry off small quantities of it for their family use. To effect that object, they would watch their opportunity to snatch up a handful from the deck, where it became plentifully scattered, and put it into their pockets.

One Captain O'Connor, whom I well knew, came on board for that purpose, and when he supposed he was not noticed, filled his pockets, and also the lining of his coat. But I had detected him and gave information to the captain of what he was doing. We were ordered to take him into custody, and just as he was stepping from the vessel, I seized him by the skirt of his coat, and in attempting to pull him back, I tore it off; but, springing forward, by a rapid effort he made his escape. He had, however, to run a gauntlet through the crowd upon the wharf nine each one, as he passed, giving him a kick or a stroke.

Another attempt was made to save a little tea from the ruins of the cargo by a tall, aged man who wore a large cocked hat and white wig, which was fashionable at that time. He had sleightly slipped a little into his pocket, but being detected, they seized him and, taking his hat and wig from his head, threw them, together with the tea, of which they had emptied his pockets, into the water. In consideration of his advanced age, he was permitted to escape, with now and then a slight kick.

The next morning, after we had cleared the ships of the tea, it was discovered that very considerable quantities of it were floating upon the surface of the water; and to prevent the possibility of any of its being saved for use, a number of small boats were manned by sailors and citizens, who rowed them into those parts of the harbor wherever the tea was visible, and by beating it with oars and paddles so thoroughly drenched it as to render its entire destruction inevitable.

-- George Hewes

Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2006
by Secretary Ed Spencer

The meeting was called to order by chapter President Ted Duay who called for the various officer reports.

Treasurer Joe Motes presented the Treasurer's report. The motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded. The report was unanimously accepted by the members present.

The Past Meeting Minutes were submitted by the chapter Secretary, William E. Spencer.

Vice President Lohmeyer then reminded the group that we will be having a joint meeting with the Lighthouse Point DAR and the Swamp Fox CAR at the Lighthouse Point Yacht Club on December 2, 2006 and that compatriots and spouses were encouraged to attend.

President Ted Duay announced that SAR name tags are still available to order, either magnetic or clip on. To request one, please contact either Ted or Debbie Duay. He then proceeded to induct three new members into the SAR. The new members are John Copanos, Jim Fitzgerald, and George Barker. Ted then made the following announcements:

Nominations for 2007 officers will occur at the October meeting.

Election of 2007 officers will be held at the November meeting.

President Ted Duay introduced our program, "The History of the SAR." The video provided a brief history on the SAR from its precursor organizations through its founding to the 1980's and its evolution into the organization we know today with its essay and oration contests. The video was well received by the membership.

There being no further business before the chapter, President Ted Duay adjourned the meeting.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Opal Spencer currently serves as the Parliamentarian for the Lighthouse Point Chapter DAR as well as the Senior President of the Swamp Fox Chapter CAR. She has been involved with genealogical pursuits for many years and enjoys doing Native American Research.



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Interesting Reading...

WHEN MINISTER JOE WRIGHT WAS ASKED TO OPEN THE NEW SESSION OF THE KANSAS SENATE, EVERYONE WAS EXPECTING THE USUAL GENERALITIES, BUT THIS IS WHAT THEY HEARD:

"HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME BEFORE YOU TODAY TO ASK YOUR FORGIVENESS AND TO SEEK YOUR DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE. WE KNOW YOUR WORD SAYS, "WOE TO THOSE WHO CALL EVIL GOOD," BUT THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE DONE. WE HAVE LOST OUR SPIRITUAL EQUILIBRIUM AND REVERSED OUR VALUES.

WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE RIDICULED THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH OF YOUR WORD AND CALLED IT PLURALISM.

WE HAVE EXPLOITED THE POOR AND CALLED IT THE LOTTERY.

WE HAVE REWARDED LAZINESS AND CALLED IT WELFARE.

WE HAVE KILLED OUR UNBORN AND CALLED IT CHOICE.

WE HAVE SHOT ABORTIONISTS AND CALLED IT JUSTIFIABLE.

WE HAVE NEGLECTED TO DISCIPLINE OUR CHILDREN AND CALLED IT BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM.

WE HAVE ABUSED POWER AND CALLED IT POLITICS.

WE HAVE COVETED OUR NEIGHBOR'S POSSESSIONS AND CALLED IT AMBITION.

WE HAVE POLLUTED THE AIR WITH PROFANITY AND PORNOGRAPHY AND CALLED IT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.

WE HAVE RIDICULED THE TIME-HONORED VALUES OF OUR FATHERS AND CALLED IT ENLIGHTENMENT.

AMEN

THE RESPONSE WAS IMMEDIATE. A NUMBER OF LEGISLATORS WALKED OUT DURING THE PRAYER IN PROTEST.

IN 6 SHORT WEEKS, CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WHERE REV. WRIGHT IS PASTOR, LOGGED MORE THAN 5,000 PHONE CALLS WITH ONLY 47 OF THOSE CALLS RESPONDING NEGATIVELY.

THE CHURCH IS NOW RECEIVING INTERNATIONAL REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF THIS PRAYER FROM INDIA, AFRICA AND KOREA.

COMMENTATOR PAUL HARVEY AIRED THIS PRAYER ON HIS RADIO PROGRAM, "THE REST OF THE STORY," AND RECEIVED A LARGER RESPONSE TO THIS PROGRAM THAN ANY OTHER HE HAS EVER AIRED.



President Ted Duay inducted new members Jim Fitzgerald, George Barker, and John Copanos during the September Chapter meeting.