

# The Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

FORT LAUDERDALE CHAPTER



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President

NEWSLETTER

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## NEXT MEETING

DATE: Thursday September 12, 1985

PLACE: THE TOWER CLUB, Landmark Bank Building

TIME: Social Hour 11:00 till noon  
Lunch promptly at 12:00 noon

SPEAKER: Compatriot Joseph S. Rumbaugh  
A former President of the Florida Society  
of the Sons of the American Revolution  
Chairman of the National Historical Committee  
Member of the National Americanism Committee

Joe and his wife Louise made a trip this summer that was so unusual that few of us, if any, will ever take it. My interest in the trip was stimulated about 50 years ago when I read a book by a British subject describing his experiences .

Joe has chosen as subject  
"TRANS SIBERIA - FOURTEEN DAYS ON A TRAIN"

Joe has told me a little about it and I am looking forward with great eagerness to hearing what he has to tell us.

RESERVATIONS: Please make reservations promptly.  
Call: Harry L, Young Jr. 581-4506 (Office)  
763-5880 (Home)  
Ros Van Sickle 525-5967

Deadline for reservations- Tuesday Sept 10 for information to the restaurant, however, if you can not decide until later, please come and we will add a place for you.

COST \$7.50 per person. Consider bringing a friend or prospective member.

## AUGUST MEETING:

At our August meeting we had the privilege of Initiating Compatriot Jeffrey Curtis Cox and presenting him with his Membership Certificate and the S.A.R. rosette. His father Compatriot James C. Cox had planned to be present but was unavoidably kept away. His mother, Mrs James Cox, a member of the D.A.R. and Jeffrey's brother, Compatriot J. Clifton Cox, were present. The new Initiation Ceremony of the Florida Society was used for the first time in our chapter. It is a brief formal induction of a new compatriot into the chapter and much better than the simple presentation of a certificate or in some cases, mailing of the certificate. Jeffrey in attending the University of Florida so we will be able to see him only when he is home.

Our speaker Samuel M. Rosenstein, Senior Judge of the United States Court of International Trade told how his life had been changed after President Lyndon B. Johnson asked him to talk with him at the White House. The President asked permission to present his name for an appointment to be a Justice of the Customs Court. He then was thoroughly investigated by both the FBI and the CIA. To explain the investigations he told his acquaintances that the President had asked him "to undertake something". After his appointment and approval his contacts with people changed because he had to be very careful not to express any opinion which someone later might quote as prejudicial in some case which might later come before him. He also had to avoid doing anything which might later be used against him. He said that he was not sure if he would accept the offer if he had it to do over.

The Chapter was notified of the death of a former President General of the National Society, Richard Thompson. He was an active member of the Florida Society and lived in St. Petersburg. He was well known to some of our members.

The Chapter received a letter from Mrs Roy Y. Armstrong (Helen) announcing that her husband Compatriot Roy Y. Armstrong died July 23, 1985 at the Veterans Hospital in Lake City Fl. He was in the hospital three months and had congestive heart failure. Mrs Armstrong was able to visit him every day as the hospital was only about a mile from their home. He was a member of our Chapter at least 25 years and with his wife attended the luncheons and dinners. She sent her best regards to all the members and I will have the letter at the September meeting.

The members of our Chapter have received two invitations from two Chapters of the D.A.R. to join in the observance of Constitution Week. The first came from the Francis Broward Chapter D.A.R. Ft. Lauderdale and is for a luncheon on Thursday, Sept 19th at 11:00 A.M. at the Suncoast Resort Hotel, 1380 South Ocean Blvd. in Pompano Beach. The guest speaker will be Ms. Debby Sanderson, Rep. District 93. Her topic will be: "Florida Legislative Update" The price \$9.00. Checks for reservations should be made payable to Francis Broward Chapter, DAR and mailed not later than Sept 13th to Mrs Richard Mills 2800 NE 12th Street Pompano Beach. 33062

The second; The Palm Beach Chapter DAR has invited all area SAR members to join them in celebrating Constitution Week at a luncheon on Saturday, September 21 at 11:30 AM at The Breakers Hotel (Sea Gull Room). The speaker will be the Honorable Lenore C. Nesbitt, Federal District Judge, and member of the Coral Gables Chapter DAR who will speak on "A New Judge's View of the Federal Court." Judge Nesbitt will be accompanied by her husband, Judge Joseph Nesbitt, an SAR member. (Their children are CAR's). Cost of the luncheon is \$15- please send your checks to Norton B. Nichols, 2283 Ibis Isle Road, Palm Beach, FL. 33480.

Last month's call for a volunteer to carry out the Douglas G High Oration Contest produced no volunteers so the activity is still open.

This month we are asking for a volunteer to contact the Boy Scouts to find out the names of those who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout between Sept 1, 1984 and Aug. 31, 1985 and to get them to apply for the SAR National Eagle Scout Scholarship Award.