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Joint SAR-DAR Luncheon to be held September 17th

By Richard Aiken, President

In celebration of Constitution Week we have been invited by the Fort Lauderdale Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution to once again join them for a joyous luncheon. This year it will be held at the Fort Lauderdale Country Club in Plantation. (See below for directions)

Mr. Milton Hirsch, an astute Dade County Attorney, has been lined up to speak at the luncheon. In honor of the Constitution he will give us his thoughts and incite about the Constitution and those times in which it was developed.

Please note that the luncheon will be Tuesday September 17 at 11:30 am for cocktail/social (cash bar) and 12 noon for the luncheon. The charge will be \$15. Parking out front of the clubhouse is free. Though parking is plentiful, spaces closer to the clubhouse tend to fill up quickly around noon. So, come early. Socialize with our DAR sisters. See you there.

REMINDER:

Reservations for the SAR - DAR luncheon be called in to Rick Aiken by September 10th.

The DAR must have a count for the Country Club one week in advance.

Call Rick at: 568-0143



**Direction to Fort Lauderdale Country Club
415 E COUNTRY CLUB CIRCLE
PLANTATION, FL**

(South of Broward Blvd., just West of 441)

**Take Broward Blvd to NW 46th Avenue
Go South couple of blocks and 46th Avenue
will merge with E. Country Club Circle.**

**Proceed to main gate of Club on right
(about a mile).**

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

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

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Aiken at noon. He reported that Chaplain Fred Topper was recuperating at home. In his absence, the meeting prayers were given by Michael Kiriakon.

President Aiken reported that September's meeting is expected to be with the DAR at their annual Constitution Week celebration Luncheon. Details will be mailed to all members. He also solicited members to become more active in the Chapter by volunteering to serve as one of its officers next year. Any one interested should contact Past President Bob Dooley, chairman of the nominating committee. The very important and rewarding job of Oration contest Chairman also is open. Rich Jones has performed that service in an admirable fashion for the past two years but will now energize the national essay contest program. Call Rick Aiken if you are willing or have questions.

Board of Management Meeting Report-Sarasota, July 26-27

This meeting was attended by Harry and Susan Young, Stuart Browne and Oscar Kraehenbuehl. Accommodations were on the Gulf and adjacent to a marina. A large band, founded by SAR member Ed Hoyt, played great dancing and listening music for Friday's cocktail hour. The banquet meal was one of the better ones we've had. Too bad more of our chapter members weren't there to enjoy all of this. More on the following topics will be reported in the state newsletter, but the highlights are worth previewing:

+ The FLSSAR Centennial Commemoration Book will be shipped to all Florida members later this month. It will be a quality product with 128 pages and many photos. Only a few extra copies were printed, so if you want an extra one order it soon. An order form was printed in the summer issue of the Florida Patriot.

+ A new form and prepayment (\$4 minimum) are to be used for ordering copies of SAR ancestor info and applications from National Headquarters. Our chapter secretary can provide copies of this form.

+ The FLSSAR chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee has requested each chapter provide a contact for this committee. Gib Buckbee volunteered.

+ The FLSSAR has a home page and site on the Internet. Chapter and state information is provided, plus links to other related sites around Florida and the nation. Questions to "Ask Mr. History" can be submitted for research. (Volunteers are needed to help answer these questions. If you can/will help, send e-mail to the Electronic Access Committee. Address is on line.) Check out what's available at:

<http://www.flssar.org>

+ The FLSSAR Endowment Trust Fund has distributed all the funds it can for this fiscal year. New guidelines will be issued to better regulate reimbursements to the chapters for qualified awards and expenditures. For example, only 1 ROTC medal should be awarded per each 500 members in a school unit.

+ Operating funds of the Florida Society are over subscribed. This hasn't just occurred; but the magnitude of the problem is now clear. Over the years too many worthwhile projects and activities have been authorized without adequate funds to support them. By the end of this fiscal year, the shortfall is expected to be about \$12,000. A committee has been established to define cost reductions, cost containment and rules for future fiscal responsibility. To establish solvency now and for the near future, the directors recommended, and the membership approved, that Florida annual dues will be increased from \$9 to \$20, starting for 1997. Starting October 1 st, all new applications must include '97 state dues. This is required if the Society is to continue to operate, and not out of line with dues of other organizations with similar programs and objectives. The FLSSAR President will send a letter to each chapter explaining this situation and need in more detail.

+ A special fund raising program for the FLSSAR Operating Budget Trust Fund was also recommended and approved. It will be called the "365 Club".

Members can contribute the equivalent of a penny a day for one year (\$3.65); a one time gift of \$36.50 to cover a ten year period or a once-in-a-lifetime gift of \$365. The latter two categories of contributors will receive recognition in the Florida Patriot, a special card and in the latter case, a pin. - More info will follow. As you can see, it was an exciting and important meeting. Plan to attend and participate in the next BOM at Cocoa Beach, October 18-19.

The guest speaker for our chapter meeting was Kathryn Holtzman, an attorney who specializes in services that can protect and direct our lives and assets. She made a very compelling case why everyone should consider having a durable power of attorney, revocable living trust, health care surrogate, living will and preneed guardian designation. It's never too early to establish these, but it can be too late.