



**THE TAMPA CHAPTER
FLORIDA SOCIETY
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

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Our Next Meeting

The Board of Governors of the Chapter met on August 25th to start activities off for the 1988-1989 year. The next activity will be our first meeting this coming Saturday, September 17th. Barring presently unforeseen circumstances all our meetings for this year will be at the Egypt Temple Shrine, 4050 Dana Shores Drive. This year the joint meeting with the Clearwater Chapter scheduled for February will be with our Chapter hosting. The cost of the luncheons remains at \$9, the same as it was last May. And again the luncheons will be served noonish so plan to arrive at 11:30 to have an opportunity for a bit of conversation and perhaps even pre-luncheon refreshment.

Program Chairman "Van" Vandenberg has really lined up a speaker who should bring out a record number of Compatriots. He is Alton (Bud) Parker, the Hillsborough County Property Appraiser!!!! Not only are most of the county property owners very conscious of the assessments and reassessments of the value of their property over the last couple of years, but Bud is now in the midst of his runoff campaign for re-election. You can be sure there will be a question-and-answer period following his talk so here is an opportunity for everyone to participate in a program which should be near and dear to his and/or her pocketbook one way or another.

Yearbook Chairman Elwin Thrasher has the new yearbook all printed up and will hand out copies to the members attending the meeting.

At their meeting the Board of Governors considered a change to the Chapter By-laws which would prevent a person newly passing the requirements for membership in the SAR from being admitted to membership in the Chapter unless that person attended a regular meeting and was officially presented with his certificate by the Chapter. This requirement could be waived by the Board as circumstances warranted.

The Board also discussed the costs to the Chapter which might be involved in sponsoring the Douglass G. High Oratorical Contest, particularly if the Chapter's candidate were to advance all the way up to the national level.

Both of the above items will probably be brought up at the business portion of the meeting.

Our Last Meeting

Doesn't the summer go past quickly?? It doesn't seem that long ago the Chapter had the pleasure of having Dr. Samuel A. Ramirez present to us his "Greenhouses of the Mind". He diagrammed out for us some of the ways that the ideas which most of us have from time-to-time but either forget and/or do nothing about may be planted, cultivated and brought to fruition in the "Greenhouses" of our minds.

As of our last meeting Sam Beauregard's Treasurer's report gave our bank balance to be \$464.69. With the Chapter's source of income being almost exclusively members dues, the costs which might invloved in sponsoring participation in the Douglass G. High Oratorical Contest were the reason for the Board's concern with it.

Our Associate Member and West Central Regional Vice-President, Glenn Arter gave a report on the happenings at the Florida Societies 92nd Annual Assembly held in April at Cocoa Beach. Some of the things he reported were:

1. Hewwas re-elected Regional Vice-President and is now the Chairman of the Allegiance Sunday Committee which previously was chaired by Bob Baylies.
2. Bob retained his Chairmanship of the Publicity Committee.
3. Jack Seymour is now Chairman of the DAR Liaison Committee.
4. Russ Rising is on the Boy Scout (Eagle) Committee.
5. It isn't so noted in the summer issue of the Florida Patriot, but Glenn reported that Bob Baylies is on the Endowment Trust Fund Distribution Committee.

This representation at the State level for a Chapter of our size is good but don't think that others aren't needed to serve at that level. In regard to this, Bob Baylies urged Chapter members to attend the meetings of the Board of Management. The dates of these meetings are announced in the Florida Patriot and sometimes in this newsletter. Customarily they are held in the middle of the state from Friday afternoon until Sunday morning. Our Chapter has three votes on the BOM but usually has only one or maybe two members there to use them. All members are welcome to attend the BOM meetings and to participate in the discussions. You can vote for the Chapter if no one else is there to do so.

Incidentally

If you have not been contacted by the Telephone Committee by Wednesday evening as to whether you are going to attend the meeting Saturday and you are, PLEASE let Sam Beauregard know (961-6328) so that he can make the necessary arrangement/commitment with the Shrine for the number of luncheons for them to prepare.

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