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November 2001 Newsletter

November Meeting: The November meeting will be the annual SAR-CAR Picnic. It will be held at Lettuce Lake Park (see attached map). The Chapter will provide a cold cut tray and drinks. The rest of the meal is potluck. Everyone is asked to contribute (chips, salad, rolls, dessert etc.). Please bring your own table service. The meeting will start at noon, as usual. As has been the case in the past, we will try to have a pavilion in the picnic area to the right. As you enter the park, go straight until you hit a "T". Turn right and continue to the end. We should be on your left. Let's all come out and support the CAR!!

November Program: The CAR Chapter will be making a presentation after lunch.

Elwin Thrasher, our long time editor, has passed the monthly newsletter on to me. I know I speak for the entire membership in thanking Elwin for his excellent effort these past years. Our newsletter has gained recognition for the chapter and won several commendations from the State Society. For the next few months, I'll be experimenting with different formats that fit with my abilities and those of my computer. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to offer them.

Elwin has asked me to extend his apologies for the error in the date in the last newsletter. Additionally, Pres. Tetrick asked me to call people to double check. I contacted some but did reach all of you. If I missed you, please accept my apologies. Bob Yarnell

Minutes of the Oct. 20, 2001 meeting of the Tampa Chapter SAR

Vice President Yarnell called the meeting to order at 12:04. Kevin Yarnell offered the invocation. Vice President Yarnell led the pledge to the flag and the pledge to the SAR.

Members present: Claude Ritchie, Marty Miller, Elwin Thrasher, Fred Patton, Jack Bolen, Mike Mitchem, Bob Yarnell, and Kevin Yarnell.

Welcome guests: June Bolen, Fimi Ritchie, June Patton, and Laura Mitchem

The SAR membership approved the minutes of the September meeting as published in the newsletter.

Vice President Yarnell welcomed everyone and explained the absence of the president. He related the information concerning the November meeting that will be a combined event with the local CAR chapter. As we have in past years the format will be a picnic. Details will be available in the next month's newsletter.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,318.06

The secretary announced that the annual report sent to the state each year is due almost a month earlier. Therefore dues, need to be sent in by mid-December at the latest. The chapter has been informed that two applicants have been approved. George Schabacker and Walter Lane, Jr. will be our newest members.

With no other business forthcoming, the meeting recessed for lunch.

Bob Yarnell gave the presentation for this meeting. Bob spent some time this past summer at a seminar sponsored by Colonial Williamsburg. The information for his talk was gained at this event.

The membership was given a brief overview of five people living in the colonies at the time of the revolution. The task of the membership was to determine whether each person would choose to be a Tory or a Patriot. The presentation reminded the membership that this decision was not an easy one to make. We tend now, to think that the choice would be an easy one. As a group, the membership correctly predicted the decision of three of the five people.

Kevin Yarnell won the 50/50. \$9.00 was thus added to the treasury.

Vice President Yarnell led the recessional and the secretary gave the benediction. The meeting adjourned at 1:08.

Respectfully submitted,

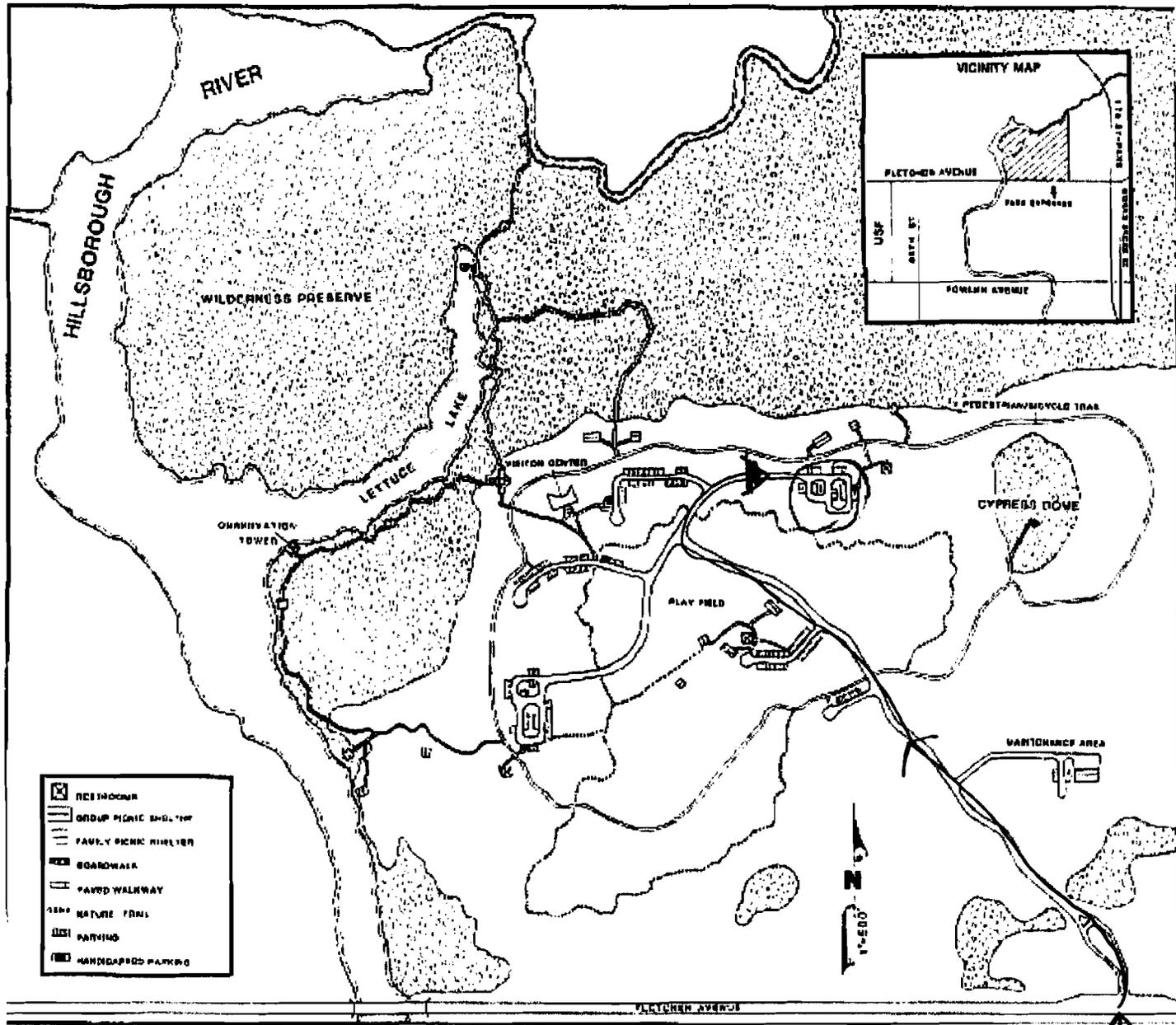
Kevin Yarnell
Chapter Secretary

Very Important Dues Notice:

Our dues for 2002 are due now. If you will be attending the November meeting, please remember to bring your check, made out to the Tampa Chapter SAR, with you. If you can't make this meeting, please mail your dues as soon as possible to:

Treasurer Kevin Yarnell
7507 Summerbridge Drive
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Total dues for the National Society, State Society, and our local chapter total \$50.00.



The park is located on Fletcher Ave. east of 56th Street.