



The Orange Blossom

The Florida State Society of the Children of the American Revolution

National Theme: Ensuring American Patriotism National Website: www.nscar.org

State Theme: *Discovering Florida's Roadside Attractions* State Website: <http://www.geocities.com/floridacarchapter/index.html>



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State President's Message

Hello all! :]

I am excited to be your 2008-2009 State President with our theme as ***Discovering Florida's Roadside Attractions*** as we all experience and learn about this unique and almost forgotten aspect of Florida history. Start by reading all about my project as you explore all that this edition of ***Orange Blossom*** has to offer. Many thanks to State 2nd Vice President Chrissy Herreid who put this all together in a wonderful fashion.

My year as President has already begun as I brought greetings to the FLSSAR during the installation banquet of their Board of Management meeting held in Kissimmee on Saturday, May 3. The first project pins for this year were sold thanks to the generosity of SAR at an astounding total of 34 pins.

For those of you who don't know me all too well, I am a member of the Fort Brooke Society in Tampa and just completed my freshman year at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Currently, I am a dual-major in History and Health Education and Behavior: Health Studies hoping to go on to grad school for nursing and maybe history. In addition, I have been a member of CAR since the age of 3 having been part of the Wisconsin, Virginia, and Florida State Societies holding various chairmanships and offices at the state level for Florida.

I am hoping for a large representation of our society at the Southeastern Regional meeting on July 29th and 30th as it will be at our very own Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Be sure to read up on all of the great activities planned. This is the perfect time to experience and learn all about the National society while we also support Kelly Knight of the Princess Malee Society in Jacksonville as she is National 1st Vice President! Let us work together to create a riveting year as it is not only up to me, but YOU to get out there and experience all that we can as a society.

Sincerely,

Valerie Bagenski
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Senior State President's Message

Dear Members, Seniors, DAR, SAR, and SR Supporters,

It is hard to believe that we have finished another great F.S.C.A.R. year and are embarking on a new one. But we are! I wonder what adventures lay before us as we are "Discovering Florida's Roadside Attractions?"

State Conference was a blast! April chose an excellent place to hold the conference—Deerfield Beach. Our hotel faced the ocean—what fun! But it was not all play we had our business meeting—elected our new State Officers and installed them. Our newly elected State President, Valerie Bagenski, gave us a scare, but she is fine and ready for a great year!

The National Convention in Washington, DC was interesting to say the least. Kelly Knight was elected National Vice President. The first vote ended in a tie and we had some excitement rounding up all of the Florida delegates for the run-off election. But we rounded them up and she won the run-off election. What a thriller! The installation ceremony is usually at Mount Vernon, President Washington's home, but not this year. The weather had been bright and sunny on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, however the rains moved in on Sunday. So it was off to "plan B." We held the installation services in the basement ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Everyone was sworn in and we went on with the rest of the days activities. Then we were off to the airport and sunny Florida.

Since being back in Florida Valerie and I have represented F.S.C.A.R. at FLSSAR's annual meeting. The FLSSAR is very supportive of F.S.C.A.R. and we pre-sold 35 pins at the meeting. And speaking of pins we have ordered them and will soon have them for sale. Believe me they look awesome and YOU WILL WANT ONE or two or maybe more.

We are busy making plans for future events. Southeastern Regional is going to be July 29th and 30th. Don't miss it! It is being held at the Sawgrass Marriott in Jacksonville. The registration form is in the Orange Blossom. Be sure to make your hotel reservations soon as June 20th is the last day for hotel reservations.

The packet meetings will be held the last of August and the first of September. With Southeastern Regional being held so late it has affected when we have our packet meetings. You will be notified when the meeting will be in your area by your society president.

We will have our December Board Meeting in conjunction with the British Night Watch. I have reserved rooms at the Days Inn in St. Augustine. The cost is \$62.00 a night and November 12th is the last day for reservations. Their phone number is 904-824-3383 and be sure to mention "Children of the American Revolution Group Rate." More information will be in the September Orange Blossom.

Plans are also being made for our State Seminar. It will be the weekend of January 17-19' 2009. It will be held at Lion Country Safari. If you want to camp you need to call the KOA campground adjacent to Lion Country Safari immediately. They fill up quickly with "snowbirds." The phone number is 1-800-562-9115 and the online reservation is koa@lioncountrysafari.com I will have room reserved at the Royal Inn, but that information will be in the September Orange Blossom.

We are looking at the Kissimmee area as the location for our State Conference. There will be more on that at a later date.

In C.A.R. fidelity,

Billie S. Brock
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billie.brock@comcast.net



Past President's Message



Dear C.A.R. Members,

Thank you for such a wonderful year as state president. I couldn't have wished for a better term. I was overwhelmed by the support I received from all of the local societies this year, particularly Blue Springs, Ft. Gatlin, Ft. Brooke, Tequesta, and Princess Malee for sponsoring events, and my own Fifer George Weissenfels Society for all their help. I also want to thank my mom's local DAR chapter, Lighthouse Point, for their encouragement and support. I'll be joining them soon as their youngest member as my application has been submitted.



I am pleased to announce that Kevin Baker, National President, has appointed me National Endowment Fund Co-Chairman. I am so excited to stay on the national board and be a part of Regionals again. I would also like to congratulate Kelly Knight, on her election to National 1st Vice President. I am so proud of you Kelly! Lastly, I would like to wish Valerie Bagenski a wonderful year as State President. Enjoy every minute of it!

Thank you all again for helping me fulfill my dream of being Florida State President. This past year was beyond my wildest imagination. I could not have done it without the help of my Senior, however, and I thank Dr. Herreid from the bottom of my heart for everything. Now I truly feel a part of this C.A.R. family, and with heartfelt appreciation sign this letter...

Love,
April Pearson



Editor's Message

Dear OB Readers,

I hope you all enjoy the first Orange Blossom of the 2008-2009 year. I am very excited to be serving as 2nd VP and Editor of your Orange Blossom. Please send me stuff like pictures and kudos to put in the Orange Blossom at orangetree83@aol.com or 27800 Quail View Lane, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544-3400.

Chrissy Herreid
State 2nd Vice President



**Congratulations and Best Wishes to
F.S.C.A.R. Members Serving the
National Society
2008-09!**

Kelly Margaret Knight
National First Vice President

Valerie Rose Bagenski
State President, Florida

Robyn Michelle Carroll
National Chairman, Awards

Abaca Davine Dowling
National Associate Archivist

April Louise Pearson
National Chairman, Endowment Fund

**2008-2009 F.S.C.A.R. Member
Board
Meetings**

State Officers, Local Society Presidents,
State Chairmen &
Honorary State Presidents

**At The Southeastern Regional
Conference**

July 29, 2008 Jacksonville, FL
3 pm, room to be announced later

At the British Night Watch

December 6, 2008
St. Augustine, FL

**Sr. Board Meeting 2:30 pm July 29th ,
2008**

Jacksonville, FL Room TBA

2008 State Packet Workshops

ALL Members, Seniors & Guests are invited
and encouraged to attend at least one State
Packet Workshop to learn about the 2008-2009
Programs for the F.S.C.A.R.

South Florida State Packet Workshop

Hosted by Swamp Fox Society

Saturday, August 9, 2008

Time & Place TBA

Contact Opal Spencer 954-566-3719

of_spencer@hotmail.com or

Billie Brock 904-251-9226

billie.brock@comcast.net for details

Central Florida State Packet Workshop

Hosted by Fort Gatlin and

Ft. Brooke Societies

Sunday, August 10th, 2008

Home of Mrs. John W. Jones (Barbara)

8711 Bay Ridge Boulevard

Orlando, FL 32819-3828

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Pool Party; Lunch included

RSVP Barbara Jones 407-351-4636 or

jjones6826@cfl.rr.com

**West Panhandle State Packet Workshop
Hosted by Santa Maria de Galvez Society**

Saturday, August 30, 2008

Time & Place TBA

Contact Rosa Seymour, 850-477-2019

rosasey@bellsouth.net or Billie Brock

904-251-9226 billie.brock@comcast.net

for details

East Panhandle State Packet Workshop

Hosted by Blue Springs Society

Sunday, August 31, 2008

Time & Place TBA

Contact Mary Robbins 850-482-5748

snoopyxii60@hotmail.com or Billie Brock

904-251-9226, billie.brock@comcast.net

for details

North Florida State Packet Workshop

Hosted by Princess Malee Society

Saturday, September 6, 2008

Home of Lindsey and Carol Brock

11042 Harbor Cay Court

Jacksonville, FL 32225-4043

Time: 10:00 A.M. Lunch, canoeing
and kayaking!

R.S.V.P. Carol Brock, 904-997-1070

brockc@duvalschools.org or Billie Brock

904-251-9226 billie.brock@comcast.net

*Please join us for the Organizing Meeting of the
Santa Maria de Galvez Society Children of the American Revolution
Milton, Florida July 26, 2008 11:00 AM*

*The Red Barn Bar B-Q
5887 Highway 90
Milton Florida 32583*

*There will be a buffet after the Organizing Ceremony
\$11.00 per adult and \$5.00 per children under 13, gratuity included, and pay-
ment should be submitted with RSPV prior to July 19, 2008:*

*Please make checks payable to;
Three Rivers Chapter, NSDAR*

*Rosa Seymour, Regent
Three Rivers Chapter
3915 Croydon Road
Pensacola FL 32514-6808
rosasey@bellsouth.net
850-477-2019*



Directions

On Interstate 10 East or West

*From I-10 take exit 22 (Avalon Boulevard, Route 281), north to US 90, turn
left onto US 90, look to your left and
you will see the Red Barn Bar B Q Restaurant
approximately 100 yards from turn.*

Two motel locations in Milton, FL, near The Red Barn BBQ (site of the Organizing Meeting).
They are:
Regency Inn & Suites – approximately 1.5 miles from meeting site along US Highway 90
west. 6560 Caroline Street (US Highway 90) Milton, FL 32570, 850-623-2296
Red Roof Inn & Suites – intersection of I-10 and Avalon Boulevard, approximately 5 miles from
Meeting Site 2672 Avalon Boulevard, Milton, FL 32583 850-995-6100
I believe both motels offer wi-fi and they have a Waffle House nearby.



Sagen Lynae Blackwell
National Vice-President
Southeastern Region

Mrs. Andrew J. Knight II
Senior National Vice-President
Southeastern Region

And
The Florida State Society

Cordially invite you to attend the
58th Annual Southeastern Regional Meeting
National Society Children of the American
Revolution

July 29 and 30, 2008

Sawgrass Marriott Resort and Spa

1000 PGA Blvd.

Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

Phone: (904) - 285 - 7777

Mention: N.S.C.A.R.

www.sawgrassmarriott.com

group code: NCANCAA

Fifty-Eighth" Southeastern Regional Meeting

July 29th – 30th, 2008

Registration Deadline: June 30th, 2008

Make Reservations Directly with Hotel: 1- 800 - 457 - 4653

<http://marriott.com/property/propertytypepage/jaxsw?groupCode=NCANCAA&app=resvlink>

Sawgrass Marriott Resort & Spa

Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

1000 PGA Tour Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Mention: NSCAR 58th Southeast Regional Meeting

Please Note: Fees for each event increase by \$5.00 after June 30th

Deadline for Hotel Reservations: June 20, 2008

Rates: \$129/per single/double/triple

Fill in the information in each box below for each attendee:	Registration (All must Register) \$15.00	Tuesday Night Senior Social \$15	Boxed Sandwich Sup- per On Fieldtrip to Historic St. Augustine +Oven Roasted Vegetable Pita + Roasted Turkey Breast on Sourdough Roll +Peanut butter & jelly for Children	Bus, Box Supper & Tour of His- toric "Olde St. Augustine" \$40 Children (12 and under- pnut butter) \$25	Wednesday Lunch Break Pick up lunch at Villa 1500 \$6 Pizza, salad, fruit, cookie, and soda / water	Banquet Adults \$39.00 + Choice of Mahi Mahi, + Seared Chicken Breast with Shallot Sauce + Vegetarian Pasta Children \$20.00 (12 & under) Chicken Fingers /French Fries (over 12 will pay adult price)	TOTAL
C.A.R. Member Age:_____			Vegetable Pita Roast Turkey Peanut butter and Jelly			Mahi Mahi Chicken Pasta Primavera Chicken Fingers Child's Chicken Fingers	
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C.A.R. Member Age:_____			Vegetable Pita Roast Turkey Peanut butter and Jelly			Mahi Mahi Chicken Pasta Primavera Chicken Fingers Child's Chicken Fingers	

REGIONAL MEETING REGISTRATION GRAND TOTAL: _____ Donation _____ (see donation form)

Make check payable to: N.S.C.A.R. Southeast Region. Send to: Mrs. Lois Swan, Sr. Southeastern Registrar, 12352 Brady Road, Jacksonville, FL 32223-2529; Phone number, 904-260-4368 and e-mail loissswan@comcast.net

Code of Behavior will apply at all Regional Events. National Dress Code will be in effect beginning on Tuesday at 4:00 P.M.

Donation Form

Dear Friend of C.A.R.:

The 58th Southeastern Regional Meeting of the National Society Children of the American Revolution is being held at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort & Spa, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL July 29 and 30, 2008.

The Southeastern Region is comprised of the following states:
Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

We would like to offer gracious hospitality and seek your support. Cost of all meeting essentials continues to rise. We ask your assistance to insure a successful Regional Meeting. Please complete the form below and mail it along with your check. We will acknowledge your donation in our program.

Your encouragement, interest, cooperation and financial support are greatly appreciated by the Members and Seniors of the Southeast Region.

Sincerely,

Molly and Sagen

Mrs. Molly J. Knight & Sagen Lynae Blackwell
Senior National Vice President & National Vice President
Southeastern Region

I/We would like to support the Southeastern Regional meeting:

☐ \$10.00	Sawgrass
☐ \$25.00	Starfish
☐ \$50.00	Sandollar
☐ \$75.00	Sea Turtle
☐ \$100.00	Dolphin
☐ \$101.00 - \$500.00	Marlin
☐ Above \$500.00	King Neptune

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

AFFILIATION _____

Make checks payable to N.S.C.A.R., Southeast Region

Mail to: Mrs. Lois Swan, Sr. Southeastern Registrar, 12352 Brady Road, Jacksonville, FL 32223-2529; Phone # 904-260-4368; email: LoisSwan@comcast.net

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

2007-2008 State Project Pin Recipients

“Chart a C.A.R. Course”

																								
	Apalachee Society				Adrian Schell				Charlotte Frey															
	Apalachee Society (4)				Sharon Wilkerson				Ann Gazourian (2)															
	Susan Nelson				Ellen Wright				Ramona Glen															
	Billy Bowlegs				Boca Ciega				Fleming Godden															
	Joan Alford				Cathy Paunov				Joyce Holmes (3)															
	Ginny Bailey				Chi Chi Okobe				Gail Jones															
	Connie Brown				Cynthia Flynn-Soulardros (2)				Gayle Jones															
	Lana Cahill				Chief Tiger Tail				Danny Kopp															
	Grace Callahan				C. Annelies Mouring				Jane Kopp															
	Kathleen Callahan				Clear Water Harbor				John Michael LaVergne															
	Carol Essary				Anonymous (2)				Mary Louise LaVergne															
	Michelle Fanslau				Evelyn Berg				Ronald B. LaVergne															
	John McCullough				Peggy Christie				Linda Lavie															
	Denise McLachlan				Ardelle Darling (2)				Laural Legan															
	Cora Molloy				Sarah Davis				Beth Ledbetter															
	Anita Moore				Prudence Fabricand				Barbara Lynch															
	Janie Nieburg				Lee Kauper				Lori Matyskiel (4)															
	Carla Nusbaum				Anne Martin (2)				Judy McCollum															
	Margaret Righi				Dinny Moore				Gregg McCullough, PA															
	Sarah Righi				Eby Owens				Linda Mohr															
	Lois Romdall				Janice Raymond (2)				Linda Morrell															
	Lina Salvo				Marion Raymond				Gloria Morse															
	Pam Sharpe (2)				Teresa Thomas				C. Mike Murray															
	Peggy Swank				Elizabeth Werner				Dee Dee Nitolo															
	Jean Taylor				Dara Zalkower				Marion O'Neill															
	Sharon Underhill				Diantha Kohler				April Pearson															
	Mary Lou Weddle				Fifer George Weissenfels So-				Elaine Pearson															
	Irene Wieder				ciety				Lori Pearson															
	Mary C. Wilson				Anonymous				Martha Pearson															
	Blue Springs Society				Diana Adams				Keilly Pike															
	Dale Cox				Bill and Mary Allen				Zachary Pike															
	Ruth Croxton				Andrew Biviano				Zee Porter															

																					
	Jennifer Bagenski	Christine Miller	Jayne Holland																		
	Valerie Bagenski	Zoe Miller	Diane Hopkins																		
	Amy Katherine Burnett	Nicholas Polatas	Polly Hudson																		
	John-Edward Burnett	Davine Roberts	Melinda Johnson																		
	Jo Ann Hamby	Nancy Sturges	Hunter Jones																		
	Charlene Herreid	Jean Taylor	Sterling Jones																		
	Chrissy Herreid	Kevin Warner	Elaine Keiler																		
	Kelly Herreid	Nicole Warner	Sue Kika																		
	Barry Marler	Ryan Warner	Judith Kilgore																		
	Ed Neugaard	San Bernardo Society	Ellen Kirby																		
	Bonnie Sopher (2)	Anonymous (6)	Julie Kirker																		
	Fort Gatlin Society	Dianna Lantz	James W. Lohmeyer																		
	Andreas Campbell	Santa Maria de Galvez Society (Organizing)	Ken E. Loomis																		
	Johnny Campbell	Cheryl Kelly	Maggie Marck																		
	Ricky Campbell	Rosa Seymour	Valerie Martinie-Mulhaland																		
	Sandra Campbell	Snowden-Horne Society	Margie McClain																		
	Alex Ryan	Laura Gamble	Hartland McDonald																		
	Kelsey Ryan	Sugar Mill Society	Kathleen McDonald																		
	Melissa Theiss	Donna Hicks	Robert McDonald																		
	Fort Mellon Society	Swamp Fox Society	Shannon McDonald																		
	Carol-Lynn Bevc	Diana Adams	Gail Michaelson																		
	Libby Boyd	Mary Allen (2)	Anne Miller																		
	Chuck Decker	Sally Alshouse	Joseph Miller																		
	Vanra Decker	Jane Bedwell	Kendall Miller																		
	Anne Howland	Carol Call	Sheridan Miller																		
	Sandy Hux	Emily Chouvalis	Saul Montes-Bradley II																		
	Susanna Sovran	Carol Cole	Joe Motes																		
	Victoria Sovran	Barbara Coponos	Connie Mueller																		
	Princess Malee Society	Jane Congdon	Martha Murphy																		
	Caitlin Brock	Hayley Crowell	Kaye Lynn Northcutt																		
	Connor Brock	Wendy Crowell	Nancy Olds																		
	Lindsey Brock, 2	Wendy Curran	Barbara Paul																		
	Liz Carroll	Martha Daula	Kacie Peterson																		
	Robyn Carroll	Debbie Duay	Kyle Peterson																		
	Jane Collins	Bobbie Edlund	Ann Porterfield																		
	Abaca Dowling	Liz Esmann	Cindy Rokham																		
	Mike Goff	Vera Feinberg	Amelia Roloff																		
	Amanda Keefe	Ruth Filsted	Tracy Roloff																		
	Alyssa Keefe	Jo Flint	Lois Romdall																		
	Ame Keefe	Susan Fotopoulos	Linda Scheuplein (2)																		
	Kelly Knight	Helen Carey Franz	Betty Schulz																		
	Molly Knight	Nancy Fredenberg	Donna Shafer																		
	George and Rebecca Lockhart (2)	Elizabeth Furey	Sondra Shinn																		
	Gearn C. Loom	Helen Vogt Green	Ed Spencer																		
	June Mahan	Mary P. Harrison	Opal Spencer																		
	Jean Mann	Alexandra Heebner	Ruth Strickland																		
			Peggy Swank																		

Commemoration of the 225th Last Naval Battle



On March 8th, 2008, C.A.R. members joined the Florida SAR in celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the naval battle that took place off the shores of Cape Canaveral, FL. This historic battle highlights the ship *Alliance*, and her commander Captain John Barry. The *Alliance* was on a voyage back from Cuba with 72,000 Spanish silver dollars on board, which was desperately needed to fund the Continental Army.

This very important mission was hindered however, when three British ships began to attack the *Alliance* and the *Duc De Lauzen*, another Continental ship. With Captain Barry's cunning and experience however, the Continentals won the battle and the silver was safely brought back to the army.

As part of the ceremony, C.A.R. members marched in a parade, and laid a wreath in front of the historical marker. State President 2007-08 April Pearson, gave greetings on behalf of the C.A.R. Members in attendance included April Pearson, Chrissy Herreid, Caitlin and Connor Brock, and Kemie Mahan, and C.A.R. members from Georgia.

After the Commemoration most of the seniors and members went to their cars and drove to the Merritt Island Red Lobster and dined on seafood as part of our 2007-08 maritime theme. The whole day was very enjoyable and everyone had a wonderful time. Of course next year we will be there again and hope that many others will come as well.

By April Pearson



F.S.C.A.R. 77th Annual State Conference

The 2008 FSCAR State Conference was held at Deerfield Beach April 4-6. Our hotel was right on Deerfield Beach and we had an amazing beach view! The conference began on Friday, April 4 when the business session was called to order by State President April Pearson. The candidates for state office gave great speeches and then visited with everyone in the reception line. We were all convinced to vote for them. Immediately after meeting the candidates, everyone went and changed clothes for a pizza party on the beach. Then we split up for Black Light Volleyball and fishing on the pier. Black Light Volleyball was amazing! Everyone got to paint themselves up in glow-in-the-dark paint and run around in the black light. No one really knew who won the volleyball game, but everyone had fun. People also had fun playing football and other games on the beach. The fisher-people had a great time, too. Robert Matyskiel won the fishing contest prize by catching the longest fish and most fish (one).

In the morning everyone got up early for the business session. Many reports were given and everyone was awe-struck by all of our accomplishments this year. New officers for 2008-09 were elected. After lunch on their own, everyone enjoyed the beach, except for President-Elect Valerie Bagenski who decided it would be more fun to crush her neck on John Parrish's back. After several tense and scary hours, we learned that Valerie was going to be all right and everyone rejoiced and wished her well at the evening banquet, which she spent in the hospital. After more excitement when a fire extinguisher exploded in the kitchen and everyone had to evacuate the hotel half-dressed for the evening's festivities, things started to go more smoothly. We were honored to host National President Katie Stanley and National Senior First Vice President Mrs. Lois Schmidt at the Awards Banquet. They helped us pass out awards and install officers. Many other National VIP guests attended including Kevin Baker and Richard Davis, who were candidates for National President, and Florida's own Robyn Carroll, National Recording Secretary and Kelly Knight, National Vice President of the Southeastern Region. After the banquet we had a fabulous Grand March and dance announced by Past State President 1998-99 Taylor Duvall and deejayed by Mr. Willie Williams

John Parrish, State Chaplain, led a moving memorial service on Sunday morning and the new senior board held their first informal board meeting. That brought the Seventy-Seventh State Conference to a close. Everyone left with great memories and felt a special bond with our C.A.R. family. We hope everyone will want to return for another fabulous conference next year.



State Conference Collage



F.S.C.A.R. State Awards 2007-08

State President, Local Society with the best overall program on maritime history 1st Place & the Robyn Michelle Carroll Trophy Fifer George Weissenfels, 2nd Blue Springs, 3rd (tie) Ft. Brooke and Swamp Fox Honorable Mention: Princess Malee

State President, Local Society with Most Pin Sales: 1st Place Swamp Fox, 2nd Princess Malee, 3rd Fifer George Weissenfels

State President, Local Society Contributing the Most Funds Excluding Pin Sales: 1st Place Fifer George Weissenfels, 2nd Princess Malee

State First Vice President, Best Yearbook: 1st Place & the Dona Sue Strait Trophy Fifer George Weissenfels, 2nd Swamp Fox, 3rd Fort Brooke

State Organizing Secy, Largest financial gift to an organizing or reorganizing society: 1st Place Fifer George Weissenfels

State Corresponding Secy, Most creative program on revolutionary correspondence: 1st Place Fifer George Weissenfels

State Treasurer, Society Donating the Most Money to the N.S.C.A.R. Operating Fund: 1st Place & the Ellis Franklin Chenault Trophy (tie) Princess Malee and Tequesta; Most appointments and re-appointments of National Promoters: 1st Place Princess Malee, 2nd Fifer George Weissenfels

State Registrar, Local Society with the Greatest Percentage of Net gain 25 or fewer members: 1st Place William Lauderdale; 26 or more members, 1st Place (tie) Blue Springs and Ft. Gatlin

State Historian, Best Local History Book: 1st Place & the Lucy Heidenreich Trophy Fifer George Weissenfels

State Librarian, Local Society with the Best Original Essay or Story about Florida Maritime History, 1st Place Fifer George Weissenfels: Local Society Making the Largest Monetary Contribution to the Library Fund at NSCAR Headquarters, Certificate of Participation (tie) Fifer George Weissenfels, Princess Malee, Swamp Fox, Tequesta

State Curator, Local Society Selling the Most Apple

Slice Pins, 1st Place Fifer George Weissenfels
American Heritage, Best Overall Program on Jr. Rangers: 1st Place Swamp Fox, 2nd Fifer George Weissenfels, 3rd Princess Malee

American History, Best Overall Program: 1st Place and the American History Trophy Swamp Fox: Society with the Best Program Using the Internet, 1st Place Fifer George Weissenfels

American Indians, Best Program on American Indians: 1st Place Swamp Fox, 2nd Fifer George Weissenfels

Archives, Best Entry for Preserve the American Adventure 1st Place Billy Bowlegs, Certificate of Participation, Swamp Fox

C.A.R./DAR Relations, Best Overall Program 1st Place and Vanessa Leigh Kite Trophy Fifer George Weissenfels, 2nd Princess Malee, 3rd Blue Springs

C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletters, Best Overall Society Newsletter: 1st Place and the Mrs. Donald L. Metz Trophy Fifer George Weissenfels: Most Interesting Article Submitted on Florida Maritime History, 1st Place Fifer George Weissenfels

C.A.R. Magazine Editors, Best Article about the Junior Ranger Program 1st Place Fifer George Weissenfels: Best Article about the Golden Anniversary of the Endowment Fund 1st Place Fifer George Weissenfels

C.A.R./S.A.R. Relations, Most involvement with SAR/SR 1st Place Fifer George Weissenfels, 2nd Blue Springs, 3rd (tie) Ft. Brooke and Princess Malee

Conservation, Best Overall Program: 1st Place and the Betsy Sires Malchow Trophy Blue Springs, 2nd Billy Bowlegs, 3rd Fifer George Weissenfels

Endowment Fund, Society Donating the Most to the Endowment Fund 26 or More Members 1st Place Fifer George Weissenfels, 2nd Princess Malee: Best Overall Program 1st Place and the Donald Molloy Sr. and Connie Brown Trophy Fifer George Weissenfels, 2nd Place Princess Malee

Government Studies, Best Overall Program: 1st Place Swamp Fox

Information Technology, Best Original Item Submitted for the NSCAR Website, 1st Place and the Daniel M. Kopp Trophy Fifer George Weissenfels, 2nd Prin-

cess Malee

Kids Helping Kids, Best Program 1st Place Fifer George Weissenfels, 2nd Swamp Fox, 3rd Princess Malee

Membership, Most New Members 1st Place (tie) Blue Springs, Fifer George Weissenfels, Princess Malee, 2nd Tequesta, 3rd Ft. Gatlin: Largest Net Increase 1st Place Tequesta, 2nd Ft. Gatlin, 3rd Blue Springs

Mountain Schools, Most Comprehensive Program 1st Place and Fifer George Weissenfels Trophy Swamp Fox, 2nd Ft. Brooke, 3rd Princess Malee

Patriotic Education Program, Best Overall Program 1st Place Billy Bowlegs

C.A.R. Patriots and Promoters, Most State Patriots 1st Place (tie) Fifer George Weissenfels and Princess Malee: Most National Promoters 1st Princess Malee 2nd Fifer George Weissenfels

Public Relations, Best Program 1st Place Fifer

George Weissenfels 2nd (tie) Blue Springs & Princess Malee, 3rd Swamp Fox

Supporting Our Troops, Best Overall Program: 1st Place and the Stanley F. Legan Trophy Swamp Fox, 2nd Princess Malee, 3rd Fifer George Weissenfels, HM (tie) Billy Bowlegs, Blue Springs & Ft. Brooke

State Merit Award, Red Level Swamp Fox, Honorable Mention Billy Bowlegs, Fifer George Weissenfels, Ft. Brooke, Ft. Gatlin, Princess Malee

State Standard of Excellence, Gold Level (tie) Fifer George Weissenfels, Ft. Brooke & Princess Malee

Francis Pringle Cox Award, Outstanding C.A.R. Member of the Year: April Louise Pearson

Ethel Harwood Boutwell Award, Most Outstanding Society of 2007-08 and the Ethel Harwood Boutwell Trophy Fifer George Weissenfels

FSCAR Scholarship Recipients 2007-08, Kelly Knight and April Pearson



F.S.C.A.R. Awards from National 2007-08

State President's Award

Blue Level

Florida

National Merit Award

Red Level

Swamp Fox Society

Honorable Mention

Fifer George Weissenfels Society

Princess Malee Society

Eleanor Smallwood Niebell Outstanding State Newsletter

The Florida Orange Blossom

1st Place, National Librarians's Contest

Local Society with the Best Original Writing about the American Colonies

Fifer George Weissenfels

1st Place, National Curator's Contest

Society Receiving Credit for the Most Red Apple Pins Sold

Fifer George Weissenfels (tie with Mt. Vernon, DC and Cowles Mead, MS)

Congratulations to all the winners of National Contests!

NATIONAL CONVENTION

April 18 –20 2008

By Abaca Dowling, First Vice President

This year's National Convention was held at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, VA, on April 18-20. The Florida Society had many members in attendance and most were delegates: Bear Marler, Robyn Carroll, Kelly Knight, April Pearson, Valerie Bagenski, Jennifer Bagenski, Abaca Dowling, Susanna Sovran, Chrissy Herreid, John and Steve Lugovich, Caitlin and Connor Brock and Kelsey Ryan. Connor Brock and Kelsey Ryan were first timers at National Convention this year. "The Ultimate American Adventure in DC" tour was on Friday morning. This tour was very exciting, because it allowed members to get to know each other and to see all the historical sites around D.C. On Friday evening there was a business session, and the *Florida Orange Blossom* state newsletter won the Eleanor Niebell Smallwood Award for the most outstanding state newsletter! As Orange Blossom Editor for 2007-08, I was proud to accept this award. Immediately following the business meeting was a "Meet the Candidates" line where each candidate gave members a piece of literature about themselves, shook hands with everyone, and slapped a sticker somewhere on everyone! By the time we had been through the whole line we were covered from head to toe in stickers! Shortly after everyone had met the candidates there was an "Official Candidates' Party" with music, games, and pizza for everyone. Saturday morning there was another business session followed by election of officers. There was a tie for the first vice president and we had to have a run-off election, but our Florida candidate, Kelly Knight finally won the office of National First Vice President. Hip, hip, hooray, for Kelly!!! Saturday evening was the Banquet and then the traditional dance and senior reception. Because of the rainy weather Sunday morning, the installation of the new officers was a little different this year. Instead of the annual Pilgrimage to Arlington Cemetery, Mount Vernon, and the First Presbyterian Meeting House everyone only went to the First Presbyterian Meeting House. The new National officers were installed along with the State presidents at the hotel. Congratulations go to Kelly Knight for being elected National 1st Vice President and to Valerie Bagenski for being installed as Florida's new State President. Florida's own Mrs. Molly Knight had been elected Senior National Vice President of Southeastern Region at the Senior Board meeting on Thursday. She was installed as Sr. National VP for the Southeastern region and Mrs. Billie Brock was installed as Florida Senior State President. Florida C.A.R. is very proud of the service of its members and seniors to the National Society.



National Convention Collage





Florida Society, Children of the American Revolution 2008-2009 State Theme

“Discovering Florida’s Roadside Attractions”

State Program: The 2008-2009 Florida Society, Children of the American Revolution’s State Program is to discover and preserve Florida’s Roadside Attractions that had their humble beginnings in the days before Disney World and other modern amusement parks. Members are encouraged to not only learn about the history of these attractions but also to travel and experience as many as they can first-hand. Florida became a tourist retreat in the 1870s which attracted residents from northern states who wanted to escape to Florida’s paradise. With the natural beauty and relatively mild climate that Florida has to offer, steamboat tours became one of the first popular attractions around the turn of the century when Florida’s population began to boom. Many Floridians in an attempt to make some extra money from the tourist bonanza began selling their own goods and entertainment along the roadsides of their properties. The “Sunshine State” was born as families, towns, and companies attempted to beat out their competition by promising the most exotic and necessary stop for vacationers. As the tourism industry evolved, attention was turned to the flashier, more modern places like Disney World and Busch Gardens. F.S.C.A.R. members are encouraged to refocus their attention towards the little-known, eccentric places that illustrate the true flavor of Florida’s culture. Visit classics like alligator farms and orange groves, or take airboat rides through swamp lands, but don’t forget the quirky and bizarre roadside attractions. Members may want to visit Gibsonton “Circus Freak” Wintering Town near Tampa, the Monkey Jungle of Miami, Juan Ponce de Leon’s long sought after Fountain of Youth in St. Augustine, or even a drive-in church in Cocoa Beach. These are only a few of the many attractions that can be found and experienced throughout Florida.

State Project: The 2008-2009 F.S.C.A.R. State Project is to raise funds for the Museum of Florida History. This museum, opened in 1977, is located in the heart of our state capital, Tallahassee. The museum strives to “collect, preserve, exhibit, and interpret evidence of past and present cultures in Florida, and also to promote knowledge and appreciation of this heritage.” The museum’s collections and artifacts are continuously rotating to inform the general public of Florida’s rich and colorful history. As a result, the collections range from prehistoric times with a fully reconstructed mastodon skeleton found in Florida, to gold and silver recovered from pirates and sunken Spanish galleons. It has on display a life-size partial replica of a steamboat, a citrus packing house from the 1920s and 1930s, and much more. FSCAR’s main focus is a collection entitled “Florida Tourist Memorabilia: 1890s to Present” which contains such items as old-fashioned post cards, classic orange crates, highwaymen paintings, and orange-themed china. Funds raised through F.S.C.A.R. pin sales and donations will be used to help with preservation and expansion of this collection through the purchase of items such as an antique alligator paw purse or carved alligator motif items in orange wood and boar’s tusk ivory.

The Museum of Florida History

Florida Tourist Memorabilia: 1890s-Present

WANTED



Hand-carved Alligator Motif Items



Alligator Paw Purse

ANY AND ALL ITEMS YOU MAY FIND!!!



Highwaymen Paintings



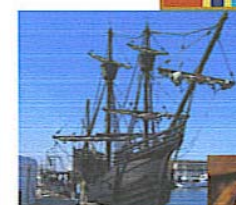
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The Original Camper Car



Roxy Bolton Collection



Spanish Galleon and Gold



Prehistoric Florida

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Thank you,
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The 2008 Florida DAR State Conference was held at the Orlando Airport Marriott, March 14-16, 2008. Florida CAR members attending were State President April Pearson, 1st VP Valerie Bagenski, 2nd VP Abaca Dowling, Organizing Secretary Chrissy Herreid, Registrar Caitlin Brock, State Chairman Bonnie Sopher and member Markie Parrish.



Dr. Herreid, April and Bonnie with flowers for Mrs. Bratton

Markie and Abaca served as Jr. pages, and Abaca had the honor of serving as Personal Page to DAR State Regent Mrs. Sue Bratton. State President April Pearson brought greetings to the ladies on Friday Night, and Pee Wee Patriot Bonnie Sopher of Ft. Brooke Society presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Bratton from CAR for all of her support of FSCAR this year. CAR received a gift of \$1,521 from the Florida DAR!! Thanks so much! CAR members manned the display table all day Saturday, visiting with DAR members and selling project pins and t-shirts. We also sold voices on a beautiful Easter Basket



(l to r) Cathy Sopher, Bonnie Sopher, State Regent Mrs. Bratton and Bonnie's grandmother Mrs. Davine Roberts

assembled by April's sister Karen Chandler. We raised over \$800 from all of our sales! That wasn't all, though. Sunday morning we hosted the annual CAR Breakfast. Almost 50 guests attended including guest of honor Mrs. Bratton. Everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast and laughed long and hard at the very entertaining skit "How We Became Pirates" presented by the FSCAR players. Thanks go to Mrs. Mary Miller for writing the skit and Mrs. Martha Pearson for her skilled adaptation so that we could put on the skit with only five performers! Everyone had a great time and can't wait to come back next year.



The F.S.C.A.R. Booth Team: (l to r) Abaca Dowling, Chrissy Herreid, April Pearson, Valerie Bagenski, (front) Bonnie Sopher

Aye, me maties! The F.S.C.A.R. Players Present "How we Became Pirates" at Sunday's C.A.R. Breakfast



SAR News

By Valerie Bagenski



After being installed at National Convention, Florida C.A.R. President Valerie Bagenski attended the Florida Sons of the American Revolution Board of Management Installation Banquet on Saturday May 3, 2008 at Kissimmee, Florida. Valerie and Florida Senior State President Mrs. Billie Brock, brought greetings to the gentlemen and encouraged them to show their support and participate with FSCAR for the upcoming year. In addition, Valerie presented the 2008-2009 State Project "Discovering Florida's Roadside Attractions" and received wonderful and positive feedback on the work planned for the year. The first project pins for this year were sold sight unseen

thanks to the generosity of SAR at an astounding total of 34 pins. Valerie and Mrs. Brock were able to witness the installation of new officers, including Mr. Ron Toops as State President of the Florida SAR 2008-09. Many thanks to 2007-2008 FSSAR State President Mr. Grant Wallin, Mr. Lindsey Brock, and all members for their support and encouragement through their kind words and donations through pin sales!



Blue Springs News

The Blue Springs Society began a study of Florida attractions at the April meeting with a program by Adrian Schell. Adrian showed pictures from his visit to Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, Tarpon Springs, the Ringling Museum of Art, the Edison & Ford Estates and the Sunshine Skyway Fishing Pier (the “World’s Longest & Luckiest” pier) on his trip to state conference in Deerfield Beach. He brought brochures for each family to take home.

Markie and Marshall Parrish showed trophies and certificates and reported on the state conference. It was decided to continue the study of Florida’s attractions by holding the May picnic meeting at Florida Caverns State Park near Marianna. New officers were elected with Markie Parrish succeeding her brother Marshall as president. Other officers elected were Katelyn Miller, Tommy Melvin, Adrian Schell, Danielle Melvin, Carly Miller, B.T. Johnson, Marshall Parrish, and Will Glover.

Picture 1: Ike Pender, the newest Blue Springs Society member, attends his first meeting with his “big brother” Laurence.

Picture 2: Blue Springs Society members pose with trophies won in the categories of conservation and membership.



Ft. Brooke News

Fort Brooke had a great spring. Member Chrissy Herreid and seniors Dr. Charlene Herreid and



Ms. Mimi Leroy-Marler attended the 225th Anniversary of the Last Naval Battle in March. The next weekend, members Valerie Bagenski, Chrissy Herreid and Bonnie Sopher attended the Florida DAR State Conference in Orlando. Ft. Brooke member Bonnie Sopher presented flowers to the State Regent Mrs. Sue Bratton. Valerie, Bonnie and Chrissy helped President April Pearson sell over \$800 worth of merchandise to the DAR ladies. The first weekend in April mem-

bers Valerie and Jennifer Bagenski, Chrissy Herreid and Bonnie Sopher attended the FSCAR state conference. Valerie, Chrissy and Bonnie were elected to state office including Valerie being elected State President.! Way to go, Val! Just two weeks later Valerie, Jennifer, Chrissy and Bear Marler attended a great national convention in Washington D.C. where they got to see Valerie installed as State President. This was in the



hotel basement instead of Mt. Vernon, but it was a great occasion anyway and we did not have to get our shoes wet. This was Bear's last National Convention as he will be aging out before the next National Convention comes around. We are very proud of his accomplishments of achieving the offices of State President, National VP of the Southeastern Region and National



Second Vice-President, the third highest office in CAR. We know he will continue to support Ft. Brooke CAR. Thanks for everything, Bear!



Ft. Gatlin News

Our members have accomplished so many wonderful things this year. We want to let you know about some of them. Please send in your member news so we can celebrate your family as well.

Fort Gatlin Society President Melissa Theiss won First place in the State of Florida in the Business Professionals of America prepared speech competition, high school division. Melissa is a freshman at Dr. Phillips High School. She will be competing at the National BPA conference in Reno, Nevada in May.



Ft. Gatlin C.A.R. Society member Kelsey Ryan with Florida Governor Charlie Crist, 2008

Kelsey Ryan was the recipient of Florida Governor Charlie Crist's Point of Light for her work in Florida for allergic children. The Kelsey Ryan Act of 2005 was passed and helped protect over 100,000 known allergic students in Florida. This Bill allowed these students to carry personal epipens with them in case of a severe anaphylactic reaction at school. Kelsey has been active in Tallahassee by testifying and meeting with several Senators who are sponsoring SB1650. This new bill will permit epipens to be kept in school first aid kits for those children who do not know if they may have an allergic reaction at school.

Kyra and Brent Bauske were seen on Samantha Brown's Disney Favorites on the travel channel at 9:00 p.m. Friday, April 11. They were in a segment filmed at Cirque du Soleil. They will also appear in an episode of "Dr. G.; Medical Examiner" on June 10 on the Discovery Health Channel. This episode deals with a health issue especially aimed at children. These talented two will also appear in the new movie "Beethoven; The Reel Story" which will be released straight to DVD this fall. Be sure to watch for it.

Last, but by no means least, we congratulate two of our prospective members. Anastasia Dirkes participated with others from 4 to 17 years old at the Kids For Kids Golf Tournament at Tusawilla Country Club in Winter Springs. This event benefited the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children on September 22, 2007. She raised close to \$800.00 in donations and received an award for raising the most money. Anastasia's sister, Lexi, has been there to support and encourage Anastasia.

Another KUDO for Anastasia is her organization "Anastasia's Bears for Care for Kids" started in 2006. When Anastasia was in the hospital she received gifts from the local firefighters during her hospital stay. When her sister, Lexi, was in the hospital, she was told the hospital could not afford to provide toy Bears for all of the children who needed to be in the hospital. From that experience, "Anastasia's Bears for Care for Kids", named for Anastasia was born. She has raised \$8000.00 by doing chores and handing out flyers to friends and family. She hand delivers wagonloads of the bears to the sick children at Florida Hospital.

This year Anastasia is recruiting help from family and friends to make a quilt for children fighting cancer. The theme is taken from this year's event Relay for Life "Around the World". With the help of sister Lexi, they are selling squares with the themes of flags around the world to show that they, too, are small but powerful in the fight against cancer. This past Saturday they raised \$200.00 for this cause.

Congratulations to all of these members and their families.

Swamp Fox News

In February, Swamp Fox members dressed up in their Colonial Costumes to participate with Estahakee Chapter, DAR in their "Patriots Silver Tea" which was held at the beautiful home of Mrs. Mary Allen. The guests love to socialize with the children. To entertain the guests, the members presented a funny skit, "How the C.A.R. Members Became Pirates" and asked State President April Pearson to join them. The participating members were: Sheridan & Kendall Miller, Hartland & Kathleen McDonald, Kacie & Kyle Peterson.



As March brought a new year for the C.A.R., Swamp Fox Society began its year with the election of officers for the years 2008-2009. Swamp Fox's Organizing President, Mrs. Opal Spencer installed Mr. Ed Spencer into office and the members welcomed him as their new Senior President. Mr. Spencer has been with Swamp Fox Society from its very first meeting and helped to select its name. He is also a member and Vice President of Ft. Lauderdale Chapter SAR, one of our Sponsors. Mrs. Spencer will continue to be in many supportive roles for Swamp Fox and as the State Senior Organizing Secretary.



We could hardly wait for April 4-6th and the 77th annual F.S.C.A.R. State Conference to be held in Deerfield Beach. Eight of our members who attended were: Kendall, Sheridan & Joseph Miller, Ryan & Dylan Winters, Elizabeth Furey, Hartland & Kathleen McDonald....most of them were there for the first time. They found it very exciting each time Swamp Fox's name was called out as winning an award. Thanks to our Swamp Fox Committee Chairmen for a job well done. It was great being part of a winning team.

Chorus Chairman Sheridan Miller and the C.A.R. State chorus under the direction of Mrs. Mary Miller, gave an outstanding musical performance at the Saturday night banquet. As a Finale, the National and State officers led the members around the room in the grand march as they sang, "The C.A.R. Song." Joseph Miller was a big hit dressed in his tuxedo as the National officers were lifting him up and all the girls wanted to hold his hand. A good time was had by all.

Spring is here again and April 20th was a perfect day to have our annual picnic and installation in Norwood Pines Park in Pompano Beach. There was no shortage of food as each family brought their favorite dishes, Mr Fred Segal brought a crate of fresh Belle Glade corn for corn-on-the-cob and Mr. Ed Spencer was the Grill Master for his specialty, hamburgers and hot dogs.

Vice President Wendy Crowell and Chaplain Hayley Crowell opened the meeting with the flag salute, C.A.R. ritual and a brief business meeting. The following members were installed into office by Mrs. Opal Spencer, Organizing President: President Hayley Crowell, 2nd Vice President Kacie Peterson, Chaplain Elizabeth Furey, and Librarian Wendy Crowell. Awards were giving to each of the members for their outstanding service. Mr. Spencer also presented an award to Mr. Joe Motes and the Marine Corps League for their help in shipping the packages to the Troops in Iraq. We are ready for the challenge of another fantastic year in C.A.R.



F.S.S.D.A.R. C.A.R. Committee Contest Winners 2007

Overall—All Measures

1st Place: Lighthouse Point Chapter
2nd Place: Spirit of Liberty Chapter
3rd Place: Chipola Chapter

Most New C.A.R. Members Sponsored in an Existing C.A.R. Society:

1st Place: Chipola Chapter
2nd Place: Clearwater Chapter, Ft. Pickens Chapter
3rd Place: Lighthouse Point Chapter, Henry Morrison Flagler Chapter, Tampa Chapter

Most dual CAR/DAR Members as a Percent of Membership:

1st Place: Lighthouse Point Chapter
2nd Place: Sallie Harrison Chapter
3rd Place: Fort San Nicholas Chapter, St. John's River Chapter

Financial Support:

1st Place: Spirit of Liberty Chapter
2nd Place: Garcilaso de la Vega Chapter, William P. Duval Chapter
3rd Place: Major William Lauderdale Chapter

The Jean Dixon Mann

Grandmother Award for 2008!

This award is given to the grandmother sponsoring the youngest child to be admitted to F.S.C.A.R. 2007-08. The award this year goes to Mrs. Janie Johansen Goldberg of Miami. Mrs. Goldberg is Senior Society President of Mercy Warren Society and enrolled her twin grandsons Benjamin James Goldberg and Kyle William Goldberg born 8/13/2006 on 12/12/2007.

Congratulations to all of the winning DAR Chapters for their outstanding support of FSCAR this year!

State Chaplain's Corner

In Memoriam
Mr. Charles Brown
Passed Away May 1, 2008
WW II Veteran
Husband of Connie Brown
Sr. Society President,
Billy Bowlegs Society
FSCAR Extends its Sincere Sympathies



To the Brown and
Molloy Families
For the Loss of their
Beloved
"Charlie"

Keilly Pike
State Chaplain,
F.S.C.A.R.

NSCAR National Project 2008-09

Ensuring American Patriotism

Working with the Patrick Henry Committee of the St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia the funds raised by the National President's program will go toward the purchase and distribution of the DVD ***Liberty or Death*** to school systems across America, ***Ensuring American Patriotism*** along the way.

C.A.R. Membership

C.A.R. needs to be recruiting new members all the time as our older members age out. Ask your friends to attend C.A.R. meetings and if they have a good time, ask them to join. You never know who will be eligible for C.A.R.

Chrissy Herreid, age 13, Ft. Brooke Society

Member Kudos

Bear Marler, State President 2004-05 made the Dean's List for spring semester at the **Georgia** Institute of **Technology**

April Pearson, State President 2007-08 received the following awards at Westminster Academy: Scholastic Leader of the Class of 2008, Top Ten of the Class of 2008, Achieving all A's in high school 2004-2008, Academic Excellence in Honors Physics (over 95% in class for entire year), Outstanding Academia in Advanced Placement Chemistry (one of only 2 students honored in whole school), National Honor Society Achievement cords.



Katelyn Miller, Blue Springs Society won the state Beta Club Spelling Bee. She received first place award and first place ciphering team from Marianna High at the Chipola College Math Olympiad. She placed second individual in the Wallace College Math Olympiad!



Blue Springs Past President and Marianna High School senior John Parrish received the DAR Good Citizenship award from the Chipola Chapter, DAR. John also coached the Marianna team that competed in the Student Technology Association competition in Orlando. The team placed in the top ten in Parliamentary procedure! To top things off, John lettered in Band at Marianna HS and received the Hustler Award and the Jazz Band award.

Markie Parrish of Blue Springs Society was on the Marianna High School culinary team that received 2 gold medals at the FCCLA state competition in Orlando. The team received two silver medals in the job interview competition.

Thomas Christian Smith, past president of Ft. Brooke Society was married to Gina Nichole Wolfe at his home in Shady Hills, FL, Monday May 5, 2008. Best



Marshall Parrish of Blue Springs Society received both the Marianna HS Band Honorary Award and Outstanding Player Award!

Bonnie Sopher of Ft. Brooke Society was recognized for her accomplishments as the Roosevelt Elementary Music Student of the Month for May and the Physical Education Student of the Month for April 2008. She earned the Roosevelt Elementary Outstanding Citizenship Award for all three quarters of the 2007-2008 school year!



New member Talia Fradkin won at the local, state and regional levels in the DAR Jr. American Citizens Contest for her poem "Fort Mose's Modern Heroine." Her poem has made it to the national level for judging.



Brent Melvin of Blue Springs Society won a medallion and cash award for his entry in the Optimist Club of Jackson County essay contest. His topic was "Today's Choices Shape My Future."



Keilly Pike State Chaplain and Pamela Mora of Fifer George Weissenfels Society were selected for admission to the prestigious Alexander W. Dreyfoos Jr. School of the Arts. This school is the 19th best HS in the Nation according to *America's Best 100 High Schools*. The girls have been admitted to the communication arts program.

Drew Melvin, Blue Springs Society won Light Weight Class in the 2008 Fed Cattle Show in Marianna with his 988 pound Angus cross steer.



Hayley Crowell, Swamp Fox Society scored the winning goal in the Palm Beach County Championship soccer game for her school, Don Estridge High Tech Middle School of Boca Raton.



Wendy Crowell, Swamp Fox Society, has been accepted to Lynn University in Boca Raton as a freshman majoring in Biology. When she turns 18 in September she will become a dual C.A.R./DAR member with Estahakee Chapter, DAR.

Elizabeth Furey of Swamp Fox Society earned her best report card ever this year with Straight A's for the whole year.

Kathleen McDonald, Swamp Fox Society, received an award from Duke University for high scores on the SAT exam. She participated in the 7th Grade Talent Search for 2008 which allows kids nationally to sit for the SAT to see how they will score. Kids must score in the 96th percentile, or above on their standard school exams to qualify for this program.

Kelly Herreid, Past State President 2006-07 traveled to London and Amsterdam in May to visit a friend who was studying abroad. She visited the Anne Frank Museum and Van Gogh museum in Amsterdam and the Tower of London and Westminster Abbey.



Clayton & Ethan Marsh are members of Swamp Fox Society and live in Piqua, Ohio. They are home-schooled by their mother, Carol Marsh. They publish the "Purple Frog Quarterly" newsletter about their home school activities. Fencing is one of their favorite sports. Clayton placed in the 90th percentile on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and is doing well with his violin lessons. Ethan also placed in the 90th percentile in the ITBS and has a 4th grade reading level in 2nd grade.

Hartland McDonald of Swamp Fox Society has been accepted to Cardinal Gibbons Catholic School for All Honors classes.

Zachary Pike, Fifer George Weissenfels Society, was honored at the PBCC/Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on April 3 for his art work illustrating the theme "Conserve & Create" during this year's VSA arts West Festival. His brilliantly-colored tree frog graced the festival t-shirts and he was presented with a frame copy of his artwork as well as a \$50 award.

Past Presidents' Club Corner

Austin Knapp, grandson of Florida Past State and Senior State Presidents' Club members Chuck and Vanra Decker, was elected State President of Maryland at the most recent Maryland C.A.R. state conference. Mr. and Mrs. Decker both served as Senior State President of Maryland and all four of their children served as state presidents. Chuck and Vanra are the first members of the Florida Past State Presidents' Club to have a grandchild elected to the office of state president. Congratulations to the Deckers, Austin and all of the family! Please be sure to welcome Austin as he will be attending Southeastern Regional in Jacksonville in July. The Florida Past State Presidents' Club provides financial and moral support to the Florida Society, Children of the American Revolution. Membership is open to all past state and senior state CAR presidents from any state who desire membership. The Club sponsors the FSCAR Pizza Party at National Convention each year and provides financial assistance to help FSCAR members attend National Convention.



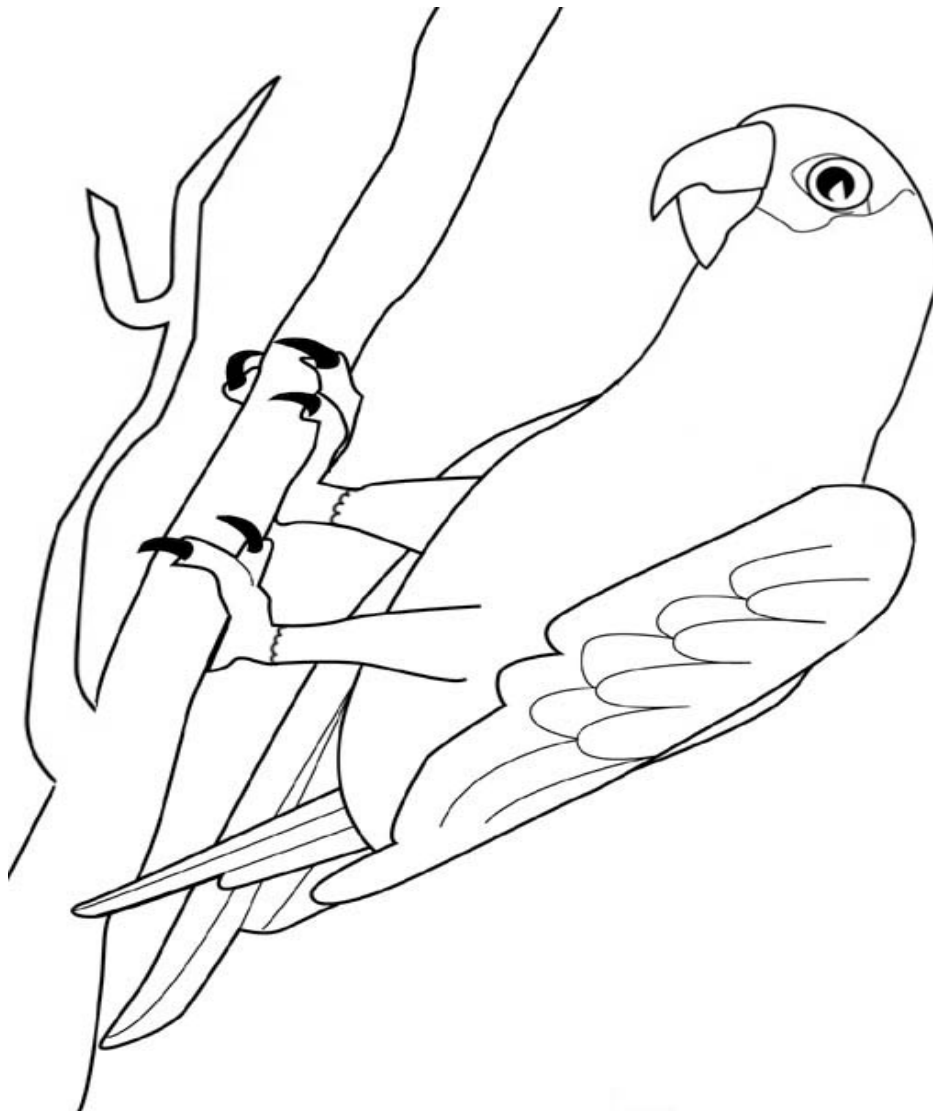
Peewee Patriot Page

The Florida Attractions Coloring Contest

Rules: You must be between the ages of 0 to 10 years of age to enter.

Directions: Color the picture and color a background (be CREATIVE!) and postmark your entry by July 20th to:
Chrissy Herreid, Orange Blossom Editor, 27800 Quail View Lane, Wesley Chapel, FL 33544-3400

Include: Name: _____ Birth Date _____
Local Society _____ Phone Number _____



One of Miami's oldest tourist attractions is Parrot Jungle, now Jungle Island. Franz Scherr opened Parrot Jungle in 1936 and for years tourists and school children were delighted by the antics of the parrots and other rare birds and amazed by the gorgeous tropical jungle garden setting. In 2003 Parrot Jungle outgrew its old home in south Miami and moved to an island in Biscayne Bay and is now called Jungle Island.

The winner of the Peewee Coloring Contest will be announced in the September Orange Blossom. Prizes will be presented during the 78th Annual F.S.C.A.R. State Conference Awards Banquet.

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Our New Members!**

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N.S.C.A.R. Mission Statement

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution trains good citizens, develops leaders and promotes love of the United States of America and its heritage among young people. *Adopted Oct. 18, 1999*

Up-Coming C.A.R. Events & Deadlines

Tentative Schedule—Please Confirm Dates and Times

June 14, 2008 FLAG DAY—Fly Your flag.
July 4, 2008 INDEPENDENCE DAY! Fly your flag.
July 29-30, 2008 58th Southeast Regional Conference, Jacksonville, FL
August 9, 2008 South Packet Workshop hosted by Swamp Fox Society, Ft. Lauderdale, TBA
August 10, 2008 Central Packet Workshop hosted by Ft. Gatlin and Ft. Brooke Societies, Orlando, Lunch, Pool Party, 1 P.M.
August 30, 2008 East Panhandle Packet Workshop hosted by Blue Springs Society, Marianna, TBA
August 31, 2008 West Panhandle Packet Workshop hosted by Santa Maria de Galvez Society, TBA
Sept 1, 2008 F.S.C.A.R. *Orange Blossom* Deadline for September Issue
Sept 6, 2008 North Packet Workshop hosted by Princess Malee Society, 10 AM, Lunch, Kayaking and Canoeing
Sept 19-20 2008 FSSDAR Fall Forum, Orlando, FL
Dec 1, 2008 F.S.C.A.R. *Orange Blossom* Deadline for December Issue
Dec. 6, 2008 British Nightwatch, St. Augustine, FL Host: Princess Malee Society
Dec 10, 2008 FSCAR State Office Nominating forms due
January 1, 2009 Dues & Magazine subscriptions postmarked to N.S.C.A.R. Headquarters
Jan. 17-19, 2009 State President's Project Seminar & Fieldtrip, Lion Country Safari, Palm Bch Cty FL
Feb. 1, 2009 F.S.C.A.R. *Orange Blossom* Deadline for March Issue
Feb. 28, 2009 STATE CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE