



The Orange Blossom

The Florida Society of the Children of the American Revolution
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State Website: <http://www.geocities.com/floridacarchapter/index.html>



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State President's Message

Hello Again! Truly, it is surreal to think that we are over halfway done with this C.A.R. year! Thank you all so much for all of your help, support, and kind words as we have been "Discovering Florida's Roadside Attractions." I have been busy representing our State Society and doing my best to Discover Florida's Roadside Attractions through many adventures. To note, I have visited the Suncoast Primate Sanctuary, formerly known as the Chimp Farm, and also the "World Famous Sponge Docks," both of Tarpon Springs with my local society of Fort Brooke. At the F.S.S.D.A.R. Fall Forum in Orlando, several members were in attendance and used their charm, despite Mr. Brock not being in attendance, to raise quite an astounding amount of money for this year's State Project. Astonishing as it is, considering the low gas prices now; all were amazed to find that gas in Orlando was \$5.50 per gallon! In addition, I was present for and installed the officers of the newly reorganized Chi Chi Okobe Society of Sarasota. Lastly, I along with members, Adrian Schell, Chrissy Herreid, and Markie Parrish, attended F.S.C.A.R.'s Day at the Museum of Florida History on Saturday November 15th. We were fortunate enough to have the Deputy Secretary of State JuDee Pettijohn, who is in charge of Florida's Cultural Affairs, Historical Resources and the Library, present to give us greetings. Members and seniors were able to see firsthand the museum we are working with and also the collection, "Florida Tourist Memorabilia: 1890's – Present" which we are raising funds for. Following such, all in attendance took a tour of the Mission San Luis de Apalachee in an effort to not only experience one of Florida's Roadside Attractions but to learn about Florida American Indians. The British Night Watch, held Saturday, December 6th, was a wonderful success with great weather, wonderful times, and old friends. Thank you so much to the Princess Malee Society for hosting this event and also for their generous donation of \$300 to the State Project. I hope to see many of you at the Project Seminar at Lion Country Safari in Loxahatchee, January 17th through 19th, 2008, and at the 78th State Conference at the Quorum Hotel in Tampa on March 20th-22nd. The registration form for the Project Seminar is located in the September issue of the *Orange Blossom*. Information on the 78th Annual State Conference is located in this edition of the *Orange Blossom*. As always, don't forget to visit our National Website at www.nscar.org to be kept up to date on our National Society.



I wish all of you a Happy Holiday and New Year! I'll see you next year!

Sincerely,
Valerie Rose Bagenski

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Senior State President's Message

Let me first wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas. It is hard to believe that we will soon be 2009, where did 2008 go? We had a wonderful time at the British Night Watch. We had more members and seniors join us for dinner than ever before. After the British Night Watch parade we gathered at the White Lion for hot chocolate. Participation in the British Night Watch parade has become a wonderful tradition for F.S.C.A.R.

I want to thank everyone for the cards in the death of our brother-in-law. Each of you were so thoughtful. On a brighter note, I have been sharing the news of C.A.R. with several DAR Chapters and we have 3 DAR Chapters that have expressed a desire to start a C.A.R. society in their areas. They are now deciding who will be the Organizing President. As soon as they notify me I will submit the names to N.S.C.A.R. and we will be on our way to having 3 new societies. I am excited!!

Our State Seminar at Lion Country Safari is fast approaching. If you have not made your hotel reservation please do so before January 2 as that is when the rooms will be released. The reservation form for the seminar can be found in this issue of the Orange Blossom. In February we have been invited by FLSSAR to participate in the commemoration of the "Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution." It will take place in Cape Canaveral February 28th. All C.A.R. members are invited to participate. After the ceremony will have our traditional lunch at Red Lobster. March is an active month in that we have both the FSSDAR State Conference and F.S.C.A.R. State Conference. The FSSDAR State Conference is March 13-15, 2009 at the Orlando Airport Marriott. Members who are young ladies 13 or older and wish to page please contact Mrs. Maria Miller as soon as possible. The following weekend, March 20-22, 2009, is F.S.C.A.R. State Conference. We will be at the Quorum Hotel in Tampa, Florida. The information on the hotel can be found in this issue of the Orange Blossom. Be sure to put the National Convention, April 17-19, 2009 and Southeast Regional, June 30-July 1, 2009, on your calendar. You will not want to miss any of these exciting events. I started this off wishing you a Merry Christmas and I want to close by also, wishing you a Happy New Year.

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Hey all you OB readers! These past few month have been full of C.A.R. activities, from Society meetings, to Statewide Events. But you can believe it's all been recorded in the Orange Blossom. I really appreciate everyone sending in their Pictures, Kudos and stories. And a note to all you PeeWee Patriots out there, keep doing the activities located in the OB! Make sure to send more news to me at OrangeTree83@aol.com. I really appreciate all the support and I am thrilled to know so many read the Orange Blossom!



~2nd Vice President, Christine Joyce Herreid

2008-2009 State Project Pin Recipients
“Discovering Florida’s Roadside Attractions”
(Continued)

Laura Harrison	Daughters of the American Revolution	Wm. R. Stevenson, Treasure Coast
Mary Ellen Harrison		Ron Toops, Lake Sumter
Barbara Ann Ives	Pru Ann Miller (2)	Terry Walton, Naples
Anita Magnotta		
Kendall Miller		
Sheridan Miller		
Connie Mueller	Sons of the American Revolution	(Names Received by the Sr. State Treasurer as of December 1, 2008.)
National Flag and Display	Chuck Bragg (2), Indiana SAR	
Raymond O’Connor (2)	Brett Brown, Palm Beach	
Kacie Peterson	Gene Brown, Clearwater	
Kyle Peterson	Charles Day	
Carolinea Reverte	Ben DuBose, Brevard	
Linda Scheuplein	Florida SAR (4)	
Betty Schulz	Richard Fowler, St. Lucie River	
Ed Spencer	Ron Hamilton, Central Florida	
Opal Spencer	Frank & Barbara Hodalski, Saramana (2)	
Virginia Spencer	Carl Hoffman, Saramana	
Tom Tristin	Lonnie Jones (2), Aaron Snowden	
San Bernardo	John McCullough, Naples	
Hope Glover	Elwyn Moore, Palm Beach	
Kay Yarbrough (4)	Norm Myers, Central Florida	
Santa Maria de Galvez	Charlie Schaffer, Clearwater	
Carolyn Bozeman	William Scott, St. Petersburg	
Vicki Carlton		
Cheryl Kelley		
Rosa Seymour (2)		
Benjamin Thames		
Zackary Thames		



National President’s Project:
 Raise funds to supply the Liberty or Death DVD produced by Historic St. John’s Church in Richmond Virginia to all state school systems. See the website at www.historicstjohnschurch.org/history.html. By providing educators with these DVDs we can carry out the work of Ensuring American Patriotism. Each DVD will include a brochure explaining that the DVD is a donation from N.S.C.A.R. This will help to increase awareness of and interest in our organization!

2009 Up-coming Events



**Florida State Seminar
"Discovering Florida's Road Side Attractions"
Lion Country Safari
Loxahatchee, Florida
January 17-19, 2009**



Schedule

Saturday, January 17, 2009

4:00 p.m.	Check in to Royal Inn or KOA Campground
5:00 p.m.	Gather in the Senior State President's Room
5:30 p.m.	Go to Dinner

Sunday, January 18, 2009

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast hosted by F.S.C.A.R. Senior State President's Room
9:30- 11:30 a.m.	Tour the Safari Park in your car
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Catered lunch in the Pavilion
2:00- 5:00 p.m.	Tour Safari World
6:00 p.m.	Dinner in the Senior State President's Room

Monday, January 19, 2009

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast hosted by F.S.C.A.R. Senior State President's Room
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HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!



**Seminar Hotel—Royal Inn, 11851 Southern Blvd. Royal Palm, FL 33411
(561) 793-3000**

News Flash!!!! Rooms will be released January 2, 2009!

The Royal Inn is just down the road from Lion Country Safari. I have reserved rooms in the New Main Building. All rooms have 2 double beds, a refrigerator and a microwave. The rate is \$76.00 a night and you must mention Children of the American Revolution Florida Society. There are several restaurants across the street that we can choose from for a Saturday night meal together.

If you wish to camp there is a KOA campground next door to Lion Country Safari. For reservations call: 1-800-562-9115 2000 Lion Country Safari Rd., Loxahatchee, FL 33470

**Question??? Contact Billie Brock, F.S.C.A.R. Senior State President (904) 251-9226 or
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"DISCOVERING FLORIDA'S ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS"

F.S.C.A.R. State Seminar 2008-2009

Lion Country Safari, Loxahatchee, January 17-19, 2009

Registration and Meal Form: List Each Person SEPARATELY.

Mail completed Registration and Meal Form with check payable to

F.S.C.A.R. to Senior Conference Chairman Lois Swan, 12352 Brady Road,

Jacksonville, FL, 32223-2529, 904-260-4368, loisswan@comcast.net POST MARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 3, 2009.



NAME AND HIGEST TITLE		\$15.00 Registration Fee Adults and Children	\$25.00 Park entrance and Evening meal	\$30.00 per family or \$15.00 per sin- gle 3 meals	TOTAL
Name					
Title					
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Questions? Contact Billie Brock, billie.brock@comcast.net

Address _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

The Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution
Cordially invites you to the 226th Celebration of the
"Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution"

At The Canaveral Port Authority

445 Challenger Road

Cape Canaveral, FL 32290

Saturday, 28 February 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Our Guest Speaker will be Commander Douglas L. Edson USN
All Societies and Chapters of the C.A.R., DAR, SAR are invited to participate.

Please complete the below information and return to: Compatriot Ben DuBose,
950 Falls Trail, Malabar, FL 32950, or send the below information to Compatriot
DuBose at brevardsar@cfl.rr.com. CAR members and societies please contact Mrs.
Billie Brock, F.S.C.A.R. Sr. State President to confirm attendance at
Billie.brock@comcast.net.

Name of Society _____

Presenting weath at the ceremony? Yes___ No___

Name of Presenter _____

Wreath dedicated to _____

Bringing Society flag? Yes ___ No___

Number of members expected to attend _____ Number in Colonial Dress _____

The Country Inns & Suites, 9009 Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral, FL
32920, 321-784-8500, has a block of rooms reserved until 1 February 2009.
When you mention Sons of the American Revolution the special rate is \$99.00.

Check out the
2009 Floridiana Festival and Highwayman
Artist Show

Saturday February 7, 2009
Historic Gulfport Casino Ballroom
5500 Shore Blvd. South
Gulfport, FL 33707
All exhibitors highlight old Florida
Souvenirs and memorabilia
Handtinted Florida landscapes, souvenirs, and kitschy
Roadside attractions and souvenirs
Contact Sr. President, Mrs. Billie Brock
If you are interested in attending



Mark Your Calendars for the
Florida State Society,
Daughters of the American Revolution
State Conference
March 13-15, 2009

Orlando Airport Marriott Hotel, Orlando
Come help represent F.S.C.A.R. at our booth!
Be sure to attend the FSCAR Breakfast on Sunday morning!
Young ladies 13 and over may participate as Junior Pages.
Please contact State DAR Chairman for C.A.R. Mrs. C. Maria Miller
by Feb. 15, 2009 for details.
Please contact F.S.C.A.R. Sr. State President
Mrs. Billie Brock if you can attend the FSCAR Breakfast
And participate in the skit!

f.s.c.a.r. state conference!



Don't miss the 78th F.S.C.A.R. State Conference...

Quorum Hotel Tampa
700 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, FL
813-289-8200
March 20-22, 2009
Rooms--\$109.00 plus tax

You must mention Florida Society Children of the American Revolution to get this special room rate. Call Billie Brock immediately if you have any problems reserving your room. The last day to make reservations is **March 5, 2009**.

“Located in the heart of the Westshore business district, the Quorum Hotel-Tampa is just two miles from Tampa International Airport and Raymond James Stadium and positioned directly between Tampa's two largest shopping malls - Westshore Plaza and International Plaza. The Quorum's proximity to Interstate 275 provides easy access to other major venues such as the Busch Gardens, Clearwater Beach and more. The hotel offers complimentary Seated Massage: Monday through Saturday evenings from 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Blue Water Grill.”

Visit to the Museum of Florida History

November 2008

By State 2nd Vice President Chrissy Herreid

State President Valerie Bagenski, Chrissy Herreid, State 2nd Vice President, Adrian Schell, State Historian and Markie Parrish, State American Indians Chairman, gathered together to visit the Museum of Florida History in Tallahassee on Saturday, November 15, 2008. Seniors attending to support the group were Ms. Mimi Leroy-Marler, Sr. State 1st Vice President, Dr. Charlene Herreid, Sr. State 2nd Vice President, Ms. Pam Bagenski, Sr. State Curator, Mrs. Mary Robbins, Sr. State Historian, Mrs. Dorcas Jackson, Sr. State American Indians Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Croxton, Sr. President of Blue Springs Society and Glenda Bowden, American Indians Chairman of Chipola Chapter, DAR, a sponsoring chapter of Blue Springs Society, C.A.R.

When we got to the Museum we had a lunch of yummy freshly made sandwiches, chips and sodas at the Museum's new café. Then we met with VIPs and were given a guided tour through the museum. Some exciting exhibits were on the early history of Florida and the Civil War and of course, the tourism exhibit! This is the exhibit that we are raising money for with our state pin sales and other activities. Some of our favorite spots were Grandma's Attic and the original "RV" on display made from a Model T car!

After seeing the museum, we caravanned to the San Luis Mission nearby and State American Indians Chairman Markie Parrish and State Sr. Chairman Mrs. Dorcas Jackson hosted a visit to the huge Apalachee Council House and Catholic Church that have been rebuilt on the original site from the 1500s. Our wonderful guide in period costume, Monica Lowell, showed us around. Beginning in 1565 and ending in 1702, the Spanish settlers and priests and the Apalachee Tribe of Indians who lived here built a blended culture. We learned that although everyone was expected to belong to the Catholic Church, the Apalachees were permitted to keep their own system of government and used the Council House to gather together and make important decisions. After our visit to the mission, we all went our separate ways, but we had a wonderful day learning about Florida History.



British Night Watch 2008

By State President Valerie Bagenski

Roaming all over St. Augustine, Florida, this year's British Night Watch was another one for the books. Members, seniors, and guests slowly but surely filtered into town all through the night of Friday the 5th of December. With late ventures into the quaint streets of local residents, the 24-hour Denny's attached to our hotel, and down San Marco Avenue hoping to buy some sodas, there was certainly not a dull moment to be found.

After a good night's rest everyone met at our traditional meeting location of the Maria Jefferson Room in the Lightner Museum. Having wrangled everyone up, President Valerie Bagenski conducted the board meeting before there was a brief intermission for a lunch break. With our pizza lunch was a delicious and ridiculous array of cookies, and drinks which all in attendance seemed to devour rather quickly. Following such, Mr. Charles A. Tingley, Senior Research Librarian for the St. Augustine Historical Society was our guest speaker for the meeting. He did a wonderful job at enlightening us all about how what we know today as modern tourism evolved in Florida and how crucial the development of the transportation was in that process. After learning a thing or two, the seniors held their board meeting as members and guest wandered all over the Lightner Museum and around the local areas of Old Town.

With an afternoon free for all in attendance to experience St. Augustine on their own, some fell in love with St. George Street and the city, while others imagined what it would be like to be a student at Flagler College. All were able to see the true flavors of this city which we have all grown to count as a mini-vacation during the beginning of December. Afterwards, members, guests, and seniors changed into their colonial clothing for the Annual British Night watch. Despite some minor confusion in regards to reservations, dinner at the A1A Ale House occurred on the wrap around balcony so that we all could, for once, fit into two massive tables holding 30 people. Some members and seniors were glued to their cell phones or kept wandering back into the restaurant to check on the score for the Football SEC Championship game between the University of Florida Gators and the University of Alabama Crimson Tide. Woots and Cheers sounded from within the restaurant to announce that the Gators had won the game just as dinner was finishing.

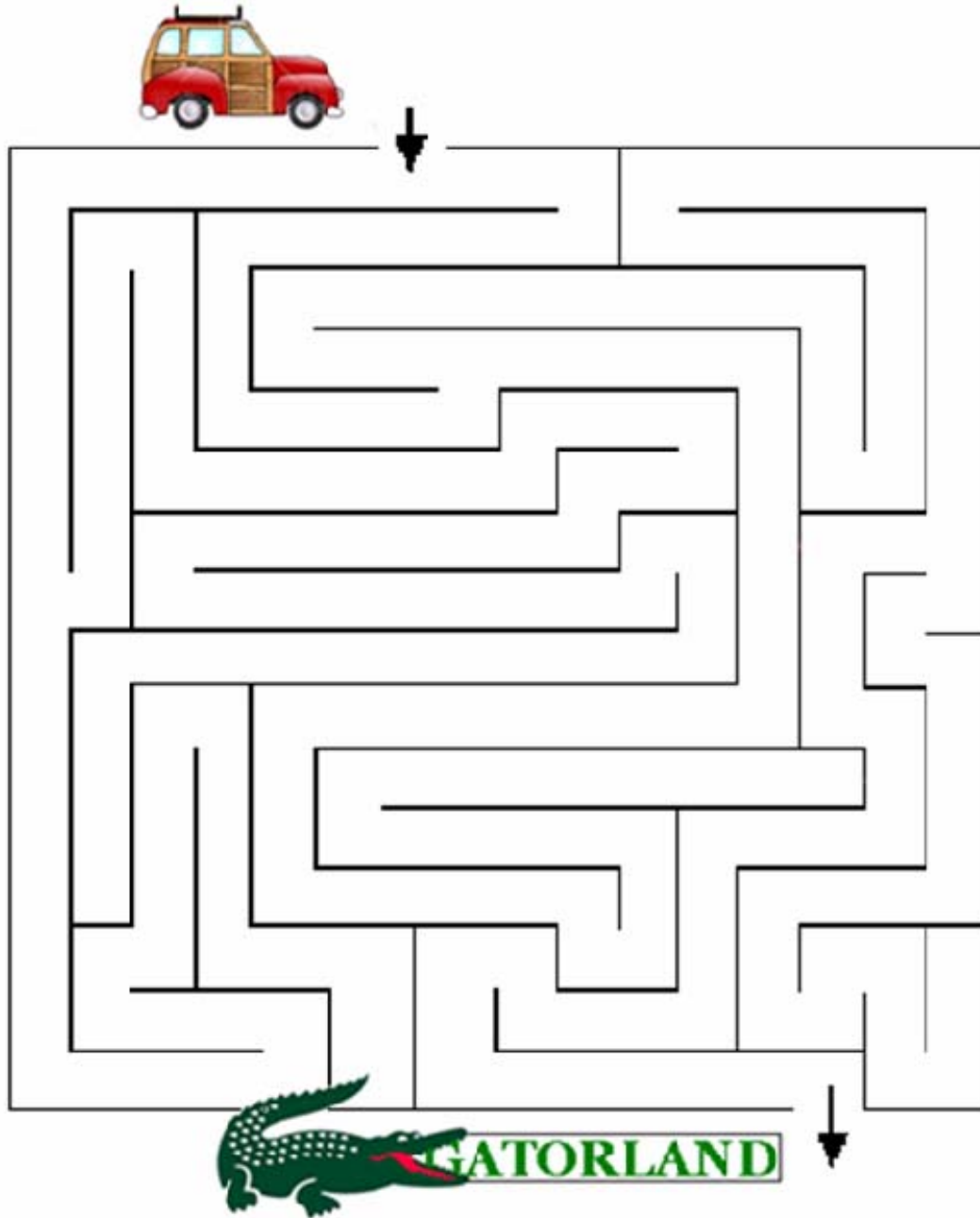
When we finished our meals, the time was getting late and we all gathered in front of the Governor's House awaiting the beginning of the British Night Watch. From the distance, the resonating sound of the drums started up as the reenactors made their way down St. George Street. The street was filled with the sounds of drum, pipes, bagpipes, and the calls of the officers to their men. With the start of the walk we snaked our way through the streets to the city gates and then on to the White Lion. All sat outside on the patio and enjoyed hot chocolate, desserts, and the last time we would all be together before heading home.

This year's Night Watch had such a large turnout it was quite an astounding thing to see! Thanks to Caitlin Brock and Mrs. Maria Miller, from the host society, Princess Malee, and many thanks to Mrs. Delores Schmidt, Regent of Maria Jefferson Chapter D.A.R. for letting us use their meeting room. Everyone had a great time and for those who didn't participate...there is always next year, and the year after that to experience the British Night Watch. Make sure to go to the Seminar at Lion Country Safari in Loxahatchee, Florida in January!

BRITISH NIGHTWATCH PICTURES!



Peewee Patriot Page



Peewees! See how long it takes you to get your touring car to Gatorland! Gatorland is a tourist attraction in Orlando that opened in 1949 and is still owned by the same family. It is a “110-acre theme park and wildlife preserve, combining ‘Old Florida’ charm with exciting, new exhibits and entertainment.” Find out more about Gatorland at <http://www.gatorland.com/default.php>!

Committee and Officer Articles

F.S.C.A.R. State Registrar

Caitlin Brock



Have you sent in your reservations for the State Seminar at Lion Country Safari? If you haven't you need to get them in. It is going to be awesome. Go to lioncountrysafari.com and take a look. Check out the form in the Orange Blossom and get your reservations in to Lois Swan. The hotel rooms will only be held until January 2, 2009 so make your hotel reservations soon.

We have had 33 new members added to F.S.C.A.R. in September and October. Keep up the good work! Keep telling your friends about F.S.C.A.R.!

State Historian

Adrian Schell



The Constitution Convention Museum State Park in Port St. Joe and the John Gorrie Museum State Park in Apalachicola are two of nineteen state parks that may soon be closed to the public.* It would not be good for any of the parks on the list to be closed in July 2009. However it would be especially bad to close these two museums that help children understand Florida history.

It has been proposed that in addition to the nineteen state owned parks to be closed, three parks, that are only managed by the State Division of Recreation and Parks, be returned to their property owners. Egmont Key State Park in Pinellas County is scheduled to be returned to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service with no guarantee that it will remain open to the public. The F.S.C.A.R. has a special interest in Egmont Key State Park and its lighthouse because in 2004-2005, the State President's Project raised money to help preserve it.

Please let Governor Charlie Crist and your State Representative know how important it is to keep our state parks open.** *State parks on closure list: Yellow River Marsh Preserve, St. Marks River, Lake June-In-Winter, Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve, Constitution Convention Museum, John Gorrie Museum, Deer Lake, Allen David Broussard Catfish Creek, Tarkin Bayou Preserve, Terra Cela Preserve, Letchworth-Love Mounds Archaeological, Dunns Creek, San Marcos do Apalachee Historic, Windley Key Fossil Reef Geological, Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical, Dudley Farm Historic, Kissimmee Prairie Preserve, Nature & Heritage Tourism Center, and Cedar Key Museum. (To be transferred back to property owners: Egmont Key, Forest Capital Museum, and Three Rivers.)

**Contact information for The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor: <http://www.myflorida.gov>

**Contact information for members of the Florida House of Representatives: <http://www.myflorida.gov>

**Contact information for Malinda Horton, Executive Director Florida Association of Museums:
fam@flamuseums.org

State Membership Chairman



Members please bring guests to our meetings and events. This is how membership is increased. Please bring a friend to any or all C.A.R. activities. Let's spread the word about C.A.R. In my home society of Princess Malee, we have encouraged everyone to bring a guest to our meetings and events. So far we have had a record turn out at our meetings and events. We have gained 9 new members with 5 approved and 4 pending. Several other guests are working on their genealogy. This really works!

Zoa Miller, Membership Chairman
Princess Malee Society, age 9

State Mountain Schools Chairman

Connor Brock



I hope you are sending in your soup labels and box tops to the schools. The schools really need our help. They are not getting as much money as they usually do. As we all know it is Christmas time and these kids don't get a lot for Christmas. Think about sending a small gift for several kids to the schools. Our Society usually bring gifts to one of our meetings and send them to one of the schools. Tamasee and Crossnore have kids living there all year long. Kate Duncan Smith and Hindman have kids that attend during the day and have kids that won't get much for Christmas. It is not too late to make it a Merry Christmas for some kid.

Member and Senior Kudos

Mrs. **Virginia Poffenberger**, Sr. President of SantBernardo Society, F.S.C.A.R. has a daughter who is also named **Virginia (Ginny) Poffenberger**. Ginny was a member of F.S.C.A.R. and is now the Sr. State President of Texas!



Connor Brock, Princess Malee Society, recently won a Fishing Tournament for catching the Largest Red Fish. It was 27 inches long. His team won the Grand Slam for the Tournament. They caught one of every fish that was required.



Caitlin Brock, Princess Malee Society made the Seacoast Christian Academy Middle School Girls Basketball Team. She also made straight As on her report card.



Blue Springs Society member **Pender Johnson** placed second in the Cubmobile Derby at the National Peanut Festival in Dothan, AL! As a result the eight year old was able to ride in the festival parade. His big brother, B.T., won the same race in 2006 and placed fifth this year.



Captain John Carroll Houston Society members Kevin, Ryan and Nicole Warner and prospective member Reaghin Davenport participated in a youth triathlon on November 2, 2008 in Panama City Beach. Everyone beat their personal best times. Nicole Warner came in 3rd in her age group. The event supported Kids Tri 2 Inc, whose mission is to foster active and healthy lifestyles for kids.

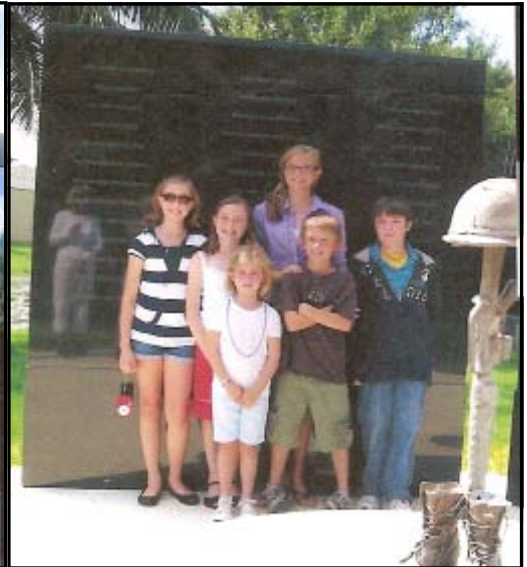


Taylor Ford, Santa Maria de Galvez Society, was elected as a 6th grade representative to the Student Government at Hobbs Middle School, Milton, FL.

IN THE NEWS

Billy Bowlegs Society

Billy Bowlegs Society has been busy this fall. In November, Billy Bowlegs prospective members Tyler, Layne, and Kiley Marshall and Jake, Max and Ellis King attended a ceremony to dedicate the Ft. Myers Cemetery Viet Nam War Memorial with their grandmother, Elizabeth Marshall of Estero Island Chapter, DAR. The Wall has etched in its elegant granite exterior the names of 76 service members who died in the Viet Nam War from Southwest Florida. The monument was made by Lucas Century a Sanibel Resident.



Mrs. Connie Brown (right) Sr. President, Billy Bowlegs Society

Billy Bowlegs Society also welcomes Miss Lucy Molloy, daughter of Honorary National President ('84) and Past State President Donald Molloy and wife Tara. Lucy was born August 11, 2008, 7 lb 7 oz. Also welcoming Lucy were sisters Paige and Josie. Below left: Honorary National President Donald Molloy with Past Sr. State President Mrs. Millicent Duvall and Lucy. Below Middle: Proud Grandma and Billy Bowlegs Sr. Society President Mrs. Connie Brown with baby Lucy. Below Left: Lucy's proud sisters Josie and Paige. Welcome to Little Lucy and congratulations to the Brown and Molloy families!



Blue Springs Society

Blue Springs Society has had a busy autumn. In September the big event was a Constitution Day luncheon with Chipola Chapter, NSDAR and William Dunaway Chapter, S.A.R. C.A.R. members took part in the program with dual C.A.R./DAR member, Katherine Simpson, acting as flag bearer to represent both societies. Blue Springs Society President Markie Parrish called the meeting to order and later led the C.A.R. Creed. Adrian Schell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Blue Springs Society Chaplain Tommy Melvin read the chaplain's part of the DAR opening ritual. The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States of America was recited, complete with motions, by the Melvin children (Tommy, Drew, Danielle, Dillon, and Gabby.) Marshall Parrish gave the blessing and John Parrish gave the benediction.

On the last Saturday in September, Blue Springs Society offered two tours of the battlefield of the Battle of Marianna for the public. Historian Dale Cox conducted the well attended event graciously donating all proceeds to the society.

At the regular October meeting Patrick Henry and the Second Virginia Convention "came alive" through the DVD *Liberty or Death*. C.A.R. members acted as waiters at the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Chipola Chapter, NSDAR on October 19th.

Blue Springs Society focused attention on Native Americans during



Harry Dunaway, Kathryn Simpson & Robert K Dunaway processed the flags at the Constitution Day Luncheon.



Blue Springs Society at the Museum of Florida History, November, 2008.

November. Markie Parrish, State American Indian Chairman, and Dorcas Jackson, Senior State American Indian Chairman, met with Marianna's mayor as he signed a proclamation making it American Indian Heritage Month.

At the regular November meeting the program was about the Iroquois Confederacy and the influence it may have had on the U.S. Constitution.

On November 15th it was off to Tallahassee for the F.S.C.A.R. tour of the Museum of Florida History where the section "Florida Tourist

Memorabilia: 1890's to Present" was of special interest. Mission San Luis de Apalachee was the next stop for a program on Native American government presented in the largest council house in the southeastern U. S. by costumed interpreter, Monica Lowell.

November was not completely filled with museums and learning about Native Americans. Blue Springs Society members and seniors joined Chipola Daughters to ride on the William Dunaway Chapter S.A.R. float in the Marianna Veteran's Day Parade. The float, "Honoring Our Patriot Ancestors," a favorite subject for newspaper and television camerapersons, received wide media coverage.



Chrissy, Valerie, Markie and Adrian posed with interpreter Monica Lowell at the Mission San Luis Council House.

Captain John Carroll Houston Society



In September, members of CJCHS participated in the **Athletes for a Cure Duathlon** held at the most famous (but not oldest) Florida Roadside Attraction of all: **Walt Disney World!** Members competed to raise money for Team Winter a group lead by the now famous 9-yr-old Winter Vinecki. Winter and her brothers are racing around the country to raise money for prostate cancer research in honor of their dad, Michael, who was diagnosed this past May. You can learn more about Team Winter at www.teamwinter.org. CJCHS Members

are pictured with Winter: (l to r) Ryan, Nicole, Winter and Kevin. At the end of the day, CJCHS members enjoyed Chip 'n Dale's Campfire Sing-a-long at the Fort Wilderness Resort & Campground. Posing with Chip (or is it Dale?) are members Nicole, Kevin & Ryan.



On the way back to Jacksonville, members visited **Cassadaga, Florida**, an historic spiritualist community – and roadside attraction - officially established in December of 1894. Today, Cassadaga is known as the Psychic Capital of the World. The local bookstore offers interesting merchandise and the chance to hand-select your own psychic from a collection of promotional literature and videos. Our members declined but we agreed that it is interesting...and eerie.

On October 26, 2008, members Nicole, Ryan and Kevin supported **The Jacksonville Historical Society** by running in the 5K Pumpkin Run at the Evergreen Cemetery. Kevin finished his first 5K in just 27 minutes; he came in 2nd out of all 10 & under boys and received a plaque to commemorate his efforts. Ryan & Nicole finished 4th. Great job to all!



On Thanksgiving Day, members Nicole and Kevin Warner, and senior, Pam Green, participated in the 25th Annual Outback Steakhouse Distance Classic to benefit the **Mandarin Food Bank** in Jacksonville. Nicole and Kevin ran the 6K. In addition to raising money for the local food bank, members and prospective members donated several cans of food. Photo at left: (l to r) Prospective member Joey Betancourt, Kevin, Pam, and Nicole.

On December 7th, CJCHS members competed to raise money for the **Children's Miracle Network** at the Festival of Lights; an evening run lighted by luminaries and carolers in downtown Jacksonville. Members Nicole, Ryan and Kevin Warner were joined by 3 prospective CJCHS members, the Messer family. (l to r) Georgia, Kevin, Katie, Nicole, Chris and Ryan.



Chi Chi Okobe Society

Sarasota, Florida

Greetings to all! The former Manasota C.A.R. Society of Sarasota Florida has been officially renamed the Chi Chi Okobe Society. Chi Chi Okobe is a legendary Native American from the Sarasota area. The story is that he fell in love with Sarah DeSoto, daughter of explorer Hernando deSoto. Chi Chi Okobe became ill and she nursed him back to health. Then she died and he died from the sadness.

We installed our officers for 2008-09 on Sunday, October 19 at a combination installation/pot-luck dinner meeting at the Sara DeSoto DAR Chapter House. F.S.C.A.R. State President Valerie Bagenski swore in our officers. They are as follows: President, Elizabeth Elzer; Vice President, Chuck Elzer; Chaplain, Eddie Soulandros; Recording Secretary, Nikolas Soulandros; Historian, Ellie Lacombe. Mrs. Cynthia Soulandros will continue to serve as Senior Society President. Two new members are reported!



Chi Chi Okobe Officers for 2008-09 take the oath of office.



Chi Chi Okobe officers with F.S.C.A.R. State President Valerie Bagenski after the swearing-in ceremony.

After attending the meeting, State President Valerie Bagenski and her mom drove through Bradenton and saw the Madira Bickel Indian Mound. Here's a really OLD Florida Attraction, dating back 2,000 years! After a quick stop for a picture, it was time to go home.



Fifer George Weissenfels Society

Cruising South Florida FGW Style



Nothing says family road trip like a box of cheese crackers and armloads of cherry licorice vines. A few coolers of iced drinks and the Fifer George Weissenfels Society Children of the American Revolution readied for a trip down I-95 and back into roadside attraction history.

To experience roadside attraction at its finest, the Coral Castle in Homestead ranks high. It is a fantasy rock garden created by diminutive immigrant Ed Leedskalnin. Legend says he used the ancient Egyptians' pyramid construction method to build his one acre rock garden—by himself! Some of the coral rock he quarried on site weigh more than 30 tons. Leedskalnin charged visitors ten cents a head to tour the castle grounds. At the front gate a sign said, "Ring Bell Twice" and another just up the walkway said, "Adm. 10c Drop Below."

Members stood in his small apartment and saw his meager belongings, sat in the throne room of carved chairs and enjoyed the lesson found in his sundial.

The children also stopped at the iconic roadside attraction--Monkey Jungle. The reserve sits in the agricultural areas of west Miami. The monkeys are part of a troop released in 1933 so animal behaviorists could study them.

The final stop in the roadside attraction tour was to Jaxson's Ice Cream—a 49-year-old roadside institution in Dania. As one of the oldest, continually operating ice cream parlors in South Florida, its interior boasts an antique license plate collection enviable to the inmates at Sing Sing Prison.

The nostalgic candy store inventories "candy you ate as a kid" selections from Zagnuts to (horrors) candy cigarettes! It was not long until the mounds of ice cream sundaes and shakes disappeared.

Rolling along toward Palm Beach County, the children had accomplished their goal of seeing some of Florida's best and closest roadside attractions and enjoying time with the family!



Fort Brooke Society

Member Bonnie Sopher and her parents hosted a membership pool party at the Tampa Yacht Club on September 4, 2008. Members and seniors attending were Bonnie Sopher and her parents, Cathy and Terry Sopher, Society President Chrissy Herreid and her mother, Charlene Herreid, and Society Sr. Treasurer Ms. Mimi Leroy-Marler and Sr. Society President Ms. Pam Bagenski. We welcomed prospective member Lily Calary and her parents Bill and Pam Calary.

Members and guests enjoyed an “al fresco” lunch on the club patio and Bonnie Sopher presented a program on the Mountain Schools. After the meeting members and seniors enjoyed a refreshing dip in the pool.

In October, Ft. Brooke members and senior visited the Suncoast Primate Sanctuary, formerly known as the St. Petersburg Monkey Farm. This location is now a sanctuary for apes and monkeys that need a home and care.

We received a guided tour of the facility and got to see the original “Cheetah” from the Johnny Weismuller Tarzan movies. We enjoyed the company of Boca Ciega C.A.R. Sr. Society President Mrs. Catherine Paunov, who is a former C.A.R. National Officer, and Boca Ciega DAR Chapter Treasurer, Colleen Perry. We had a late lunch at another “Old Florida” tourist attraction, the Sponge Docks at Tarpon Springs. We enjoyed great seafood and went home full and happy.



“Cheetah” from several Tarzan movies lives at the Sanctuary



State President Valerie Bagenski hosted FSCAR at the Museum of Florida History in Tallahassee on November 15, 2008. Also attending was Ft. Brooke member and State Second Vice President, Chrissy Herreid and Ft. Brooke seniors Ms. Bagenski, Dr. Herreid and Ms. Leroy-Marler. Special favorites were Grandma’s Attic and the vintage RV circa 1915 “Tin Can trailer.” Members were proud to know that their donation will help preserve Florida tourist memorabilia into the future.

Members Jennifer and Valerie Bagenski and Chrissy Herreid made the yearly trek to St. Augustine to participate in the British Night Watch on December 6, 2008. Look for the story in this Orange Blossom and also pictures of us there.



Princess Malee Society



Princess Malee members attended the 20th Annual Hands-on History Day at the Spanish Quarter Museum in St. Augustine on October 11, 2008.

We also enjoyed a bowling outing as a membership meeting on November 2 and marched in the Jacksonville Veteran's Day Parade on November 8, 2008. We have nine new members with five accepted and four pending. Go Princess Malee!



Santa Maria de Galvez Society



On September 13, 2008, Santa Maria de Glavez Society, C.A.R., Three Rivers Chapter DAR and Aaron Snowden Chapter S.A.R. had a wonderful Constitution Week Luncheon. The C.A.R. members had a very large part in the program. Taylor Ford was the special speaker, giving a wonderful history of the Constitution. The Mayor of Milton, Florida was the special guest and signed the proclamation.

Taylor Ford addressing the DAR/C.A.R.
SAR Constitution Week Luncheon in
Milton, FL



Amanda Wolfe, Santa Maria de Galvez Society Recording Secretary and Amelia Wolfe, Society Historian, enjoyed a visit to Tamassee DAR School during the winter break.

Member Taylor Ford participated in the "Legend and Lore of the Historic Bagdad Cemetery" on October 11. He assisted his grandfather in portraying Daniel Burgess, a saw filer for the local mills and the proprietor of the Robinson Point Pavilion during the popularity of "ragtime" music. Here Taylor appears in period costume with a vintage automobile of the time.



Swamp Fox Society

On September 6th, the Broward County Regents Council asked Swamp Fox Society to serve as pages for Mrs. Sue Bratton and the FSSDAR State officers who attended their Mini-State Conference at the Marriott Hotel in Fort Lauderdale. We were all dressed in our "Sunday Best" white dresses with wide yellow ribbons identifying us as "PAGE". We even got to wear gloves! It was very interesting and the wonderful ladies from the DAR made us feel very special! Members who participated were: Elizabeth Furey, Kathleen and Hartland McDonald, Hayley Crowell, Kendall and Joseph Miller and Ryan and Dylan Winters.

On October 5th Swamp Fox Society gathered at the home of our President, Ed Spencer, and packed 30 "care packages" to send to our Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Hartland and Kathleen McDonald, Sheridan, Kendall and Joseph Miller and their cousin and our two new members, Meghan and Shannon Matthews, had a lot of fun as they made handmade cards and messages to include in each of the boxes. We surely hope they find the goodies useful and enjoyable! SAR member, Joe Motes, packed all those boxes into his car and took them to the Marine Corps League who helped to mail the packages to the Troops.

We have had a lot of great participation with the Pompano Beach Library lately. The Library allowed



Swamp Fox to set up a wonderful display in the lobby about the history of our constitution for Constitution Week. We followed that up on October 11th with a "live, in-costume" presentation to the "After School Kids" in the Library's auditorium.

Elizabeth Fury, Chairman of the American Heritage Committee gave an excellent program about Patrick Henry and his famous speech, "Give me liberty, or give me death". She also told them about Jamestown and Yorktown. The members explained to the After School Kids what CAR means to them.



On November 2nd, Swamp Fox Society held a meeting at the New River Groves, a famous roadside attraction located in Davie, Florida. Lisa Ross gave us a tour of their groves and told us that the recent citrus diseases had wiped out groves but they had replanted the groves with other tropical fruit trees and the business still thrives. New River Groves is widely known for their delicious Key Lime pies and was able to have the Florida Legislature to declare it the "State pie".



We were honored to celebrate Native American Month with Everett Osceola of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. New River Groves allowed us to use their Seminole chickee in the groves so that we could have a pow-wow with Mr. Osceola and his family. Kacey Peterson, Elizabeth Furey and her friend, Sheridan, Kendall and Joseph Miller and their cousin sat with the senior members in a circle and learned so many things about our Indian friends. Unfortunately his family had an emergency so his wife and two daughters could not join us. Regardless,

we were happy to make them honorary members of Swamp Fox Society and invite them to our annual picnic in April.

Thanks to the McDonald family, the Mountain School Committee has kept in touch with our friends at the Tamassee School's "Florida Cottage" by sending birthday gifts to all the girls with November and December birthdays. We always try to find gifts that represent "Florida" in hopes that the kids from South Carolina will get a kick out of that. Just this week, we received a lovely thank you note - it seems the Tamassee kids really enjoyed getting a little special something in the mail!

Last, but certainly not least, we were asked by SAR Joe Motes to present the Troop Care Packages and the check for postage to the Marine Corps League at their November 19th meeting. Our President, Ed Spencer, was very honored to offer our packages on behalf of Swamp Fox Society. We're so lucky to have all these brave soldiers on our side!!

Congratulations to Our
New Members
Fall 2008!

Owen Matthew Gilbertson
Sarah Marie Kappel
James Hunter Kappe
At Large

George Amze Frano
Christopher Theodore Frano
Nikolas Joseph Soulandros
Edward Anastasios Soulandros
Chi Chi Okobe Society

Lauren Elizabeth Bennett
Richard Lauchlin Bennett Jr.
Davina Lee Hollingsworth
Cole Alexander Spurlin
Ava Carol Spurlin
Chief Tiger Tail Society

Ryan Scott Porterfield
Jenna Katelyn Porterfield
Faith Caitlin Russell
Logan Dennis Witt-Bahis

Fifer George Weissenfels Society

Ayla Renee Charipar
Michael Anthony C. Charipar
Isabella Grace Gaskins
Ayla Maria Permenter
Princess Malee Society

Gorham Douglas Partington
San Bernardo Society

Zaida Reana McKenney
Faizon Levell McKenney
Evangelin Jubilee Ruth Rice
James Arthur Young IV
Santa Maria de Galvez Society

Hartland Rose McDonald
Kathleen Corley McDonald
Kyle Steven White
Lauren Melissa White
Sean Tyler White
Swamp Fox Society

Kevin Alison Burt
Tequesta Society

Stories of Old Time Florida



Here are pictures of Clifford and Wealtha Berkey, grandparents of our one and only F.S.C.A.R. President Valerie Bagenski, on a visit to a cousin's home and grapefruit grove in Tampa in 1939. Do you think they would have ever imagined that almost seventy years later their granddaughter would be F.S.C.A.R. State

President and have her state project on Florida Tourism? The Berkeys were always going for that Sunday drive, but to end up in Tampa FL from Indiana??? Wish we knew the story behind the pictures!



DAR NEWS

Fall Forum

Fall Forum 2008 was a great time! We gathered at the Orlando Airport Marriott Hotel on September 20, 2008 and despite the absence of our best pin salesman, Mr. Brock, sold a good number of pins. Attending were State President, Valerie Bagenski; State First Vice President Abaca Dowling; State Second Vice President Chrissy Herreid; State Registrar Caitlin Brock and State Historian Bonnie Sopher. Also in attendance was Immediate Past State President April Pearson. April and Bonnie donned XXL t-shirts to sell to the ladies and we nearly sold out of our t-shirts! We were also happy to explain this year's F.S.C.A.R. State President's Project, *Discovering Florida's Roadside Attractions* and DAR members were very interested in the project and in finding out more about the Florida Museum of History in Tallahassee! We enjoyed a wonderful lunch at Chili's and everyone agreed when we wrapped up at 4 pm that we had had a great time!



F.S.C.A.R. Booth at Fall Forum (l to r) Abaca Dowling, Bonnie Sopher, Valerie Bagenski, Caitlin Brock and Chrissy Herreid.

State 1st VP Abaca Dowling served as a Jr. Page alongside her mother, Julie Dowling.



President Valerie Bagenski with her state project backboard.

State President's Membership Program 2008-2009

Have you been procrastinating submitting your membership application?

Don't wait any longer!

Join C.A.R. today!!



Between April 20th, 2008 and April 20th, 2009 there will be a **one-time sale on membership!!**

Local societies will receive rebates of the application fees for new members as a gift from the Endowment Fund.

Now you really do not have any more legitimate excuses to not send if your application! Make sure to take advantage of this deal now because remember it is a one time sale!

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

Tentative Schedule Please Confirm Dates and Times

January 1, 2009 Dues & Magazine subscriptions postmarked to N.S.C.A.R. Headquarters; state dues due

Jan. 17-19, 2009 State President's Project Seminar & Field Trip Lion Country Safari, Loxahatchee, FL

Feb. 1, 2009 F.S.C.A.R. *Orange Blossom* Deadline for March Issue

Feb. 1, 2009 Dues to National postmarked on or before this date to vote at National Convention

Feb. 28, 2009 STATE CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE

Feb. 28, 2009 Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution, Cape Canaveral

March 6, 2009 NATIONAL CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE - NOTE DATE!

March 13-15, 2009, Florida State Society, D.A.R. State 2009 Conference, Orlando

March 20-22, 2009, Florida Society, C.A.R. State Conference, Tampa, FL

April 17-19 N.S.C.A.R. National Convention, Washington, DC

June 30– July 1, 2009 Southeastern Regional, Atlanta area, Georgia