State Officers:

- President: Linda Antram Smith (Jean Calvin Chapter)
- Vice-President: Ed Neugaard (Admiral Gaspard de Coligny)
- Chaplain: Atwood Brewton (Fort Caroline)
- Recording Secretary: Roger F. Smith (Jean Calvin)
- Corresponding Secretary: Judith Jones Adams (Fort Caroline)
- Treasurer: David J. Bahn (Fort Caroline)
- Registrar: Charles L. Baker (Ernst d'Erlach)
- Historian/Librarian Kenneth E. Carter (Ernst d'Erlach)
- Chaplain: Atwood A. Brewton (Fort Caroline)
- Counselor: Mary Nelson Morgan (Fort Caroline)
- Past President: Robert E. Burt (Louis duBois)

Pictured at right is Linda Smith being sworn in as President by Linda Neal, current Vice President of the Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter and past Recording Secretary General.

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc. was held on February 12, 2011 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.
Jean Calvin Chapter. President Barbara Schulz reports that eight of the 18 members attending the annual meeting were from her chapter. Two of her attendees were nonagenarians, Martha Hauber and Elda Boyer, both 92 years young. Jean Calvin had the most new members of any Florida chapter (five) and Barbara tells us that she hopes to match that number in 2011. The newly elected president is Reynolds Cushing and the chapter will continue having three meetings a year, all to be held at Troyers Dutch Restaurant in Sarasota.

Ernst d’Erlach Chapter. Lila Sandstrom, the 2010 chapter president, writes that they are “small but strong.” This chapter has three members with positions in the state society: Charles Baker, Marshall Brewton and Sylvia McAuliffe. They meet three times a year, twice in DeLand and once in Ormond. Presentations in 2010 included one on Huguenot silversmiths and another on “Miracles of the American Revolution.” Newly elected president Kenneth Carter has set up a separate website for the chapter.

Louis DuBois Chapter. President Ted Duay informed us via e-mail that they have 14 members and all renewed for 2011. Ted is hoping to recruit one of his members to fill the vacant registrar position and that dates for 2011 meetings are yet to be determined.

Fleur de Lis Chapter. After the newsletter editor chastised J.B. deRosset for not submitting a chapter president report for the annual meeting, he was shamed into reporting the following: the last chapter meeting was held at the Coral Reef Yacht Club on October 25, 2010 and members were graced with the presence of State President Linda Smith and her husband Roger. The speaker was Professor Don Randolph who captivated the group by giving us a presentation entitled “On a Huguenot Descendant Connected with the Movies.” The next meeting is scheduled for March 31 at the Surf Club in Surfside. Surfing will be included in the activities.

Henry of Navarre Chapter. President Virginia Bailey of the Henry of Navarre Chapter requested the disbandment of the Chapter to the Executive Board due to low membership and lack of officers. The Chapter dissolution was approved with regret. The State Treasurer will maintain the funds of the Navarre Chapter as required in the FL Bylaws. The Navarre Flag was gratefully accepted to be used as the FL State Society Flag until such time as the Navarre Chapter reestabishes. All other property of the Navarre Chapter was turned over to the State President. The Navarre members will be automatically transferred into the Jean Calvin Chapter without charge.

Fort Caroline Chapter. The chapter held two meetings in 2010, both at the Selva Marina Country Club in Atlantic Beach, with 12-14 members and guests present at each meeting. Officers elected for the 2010-2012 term are: David Bahn, President; Atwood Brewton, Vice President; Jo Bahn, Secretary; Marie Bigelow, Treasurer; Rev. Hunter Camp, Chaplain; and Judi Adams, Registrar. At the September meeting, Nancy Waesche described her visit to the 2009 International Huguenot Reunion in France. In 2010, the chapter lost five members.

Admiral de Coligny Chapter. The chapter meets the last Saturday in February and October at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club (where the chapter just hosted the annual meeting). Officers for 2011-13 are Dr. Edward Neugaard, President; Linda Neal, Vice President; Annie-Kate Carpenter, Chaplain; Gay Harlowe, Recording Secretary; “Rooney” Zink, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary; and Mary Mixson, Color Guard. Dr. Neugarrd will remain vice president of the state society and John Stillman will be part of the state’s new membership committee.

Editor’s note: Each chapter’s geographical coverage is given at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flhuguen/. Click on the link to Chapters. The website also has the annual meeting minutes and the scholarship application form as well as other useful information.
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Born in 1890, Dwight David Eisenhower was our 34th president. He had a well documented Huguenot ancestry and will be remembered as Supreme Commander of the allied forces and the invasion of Normandy in 1944; originator of the interstate highway system; Vice President Richard M. Nixon; sending federal troops to Little Rock, Arkansas to enforce integration; and warning us about the implications of the military-industrial complex.

Eisenhower was born in Denison, Texas, the third of seven sons born to David Jacob Eisenhower and Ida Elizabeth Stover, and their only child born in Texas. He was named David Dwight, and was called Dwight. Later the order of his given names was switched. On his father's side, Eisenhower's great-great-great grandfather Hans Nicholas Eisenhauer emigrated from the Palatinate area of Germany (from Forbach, Lorraine, but had lived in America since the 18th century) to Philadelphia in 1741 and settled in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. In 1878, his great-grandfather Frederick Eisenhower moved the family to Abilene, Kansas. The family moved to Abilene, Kansas in 1892. Eisenhower graduated from Abilene High School in 1909.

Annual Meeting Highlights

Noteworthy announcements include:

One Allen Parker State Scholarship was awarded in 2010 in the amount of $650.00 to Mary Kate Harvey sponsored by the Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter. Two scholarships in the amount of $650.00 will be awarded in 2011 if qualified students step forward and submit an application by March 30, 2011.

A financial review committee reported finances are in good shape. Articles of Incorporation, Florida Bylaws and Standing Rules have been brought into compliance with national bylaws after action by membership at the Annual Meeting.

The 76th National Huguenot Congress will be held in Washington DC on the April 8-10, 2011.

Committee chairs for 2011 are: Parliamentarian - Barbara Schulz; Scholarship - Monica Douglas; Membership - Dr. Hunter Camp; Website - Linda Smith; and Newsletter - J.B. deRosset
Registrar Charles Baker reports the following nine new members for 2010:

Ft. Caroline Chapter  
- William H. Camp

Admiral de Coligny  
- Penelope C. Dewell  
- John E. Skillman

Jean Calvin  
- Reynolds Cushing  
- Sheryl T. Spain  
- Melva Bartush  
- Ginny Bartush  
- Wendy Parlier

Ernst d’Erlach  
- John Coffin (transfer)

The Registrar also reported that the following youth applications were approved:

Jean Calvin  
- Alexa Kennedy

Henry of Navarre  
- David Jason Behun

Louis DuBois  
- Connor J. Gould  
- Cameron B. Gould  
- Chloe R. Saxton

As of year end, total membership stands at 186.

In Memoriam

In addition to the three members honored in the last newsletter, the following five members passed away in 2010:

Gladys Hilton (Henry of Navarre) - February 4 - Charleston, SC.

Ruth Collette, 92 (Ft. Caroline) - July 2 - Jacksonville, Ruth had done considerable genealogical research and authored several books.

May Grundy Henderson, 95 (Ft. Caroline) - October 30 - Jacksonville,

David T. Demarest (Jean Calvin) - September 14 - Sarasota.

Lillian M. Swingle, 100 (Ernst d’Erlach) - July 11 - Orlando. Lillian had served as president of her chapter.