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**Linda Antram Smith**

## *Join Us for the Annual Meeting Set for February 20 in Sarasota*

By now you have received the "Call to Meeting" for the annual meeting to be held at the centrally located Holiday Inn of Lakewood Ranch, 6231 Lake Osprey Drive, Sarasota, FL 34240. It is easy access from I-75. There is free parking and free internet.

The theme for the meeting will be "We are the Descendants of Huguenot Freedom Fighters."

After dinner on Friday evening, we will see a 35 minute video showing WWII freedom fighters in Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, a tiny Protestant farming village in the mountains of south-central France. On Saturday, we will be treated to a slide presentation by our Treasurer Brett D. Brown. . His presentation will focus on the French Protestants who were persecuted as heretics and compelled to leave their homeland to at least six other countries. At the same time in the 15th and 16th centuries, the Catholic Church was corrupt, with church officials controlling the wealth and living like royalty. The center of the Huguenot Church was the word of God, not statues or other ornaments. Brett will describe the world forces causing the breakaway from the control of the Catholic Church.

Check your "Call to Meeting" that was either mailed or emailed to you by Corresponding Secretary Judi Adams. If you can't find your copy, please contact Judi (jja3435@aol.com) or me (lisdarien@mac.com) for another form for the meals and registration.

## Excerpts

from the minutes taken at the HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF FLORIDA, INC  
semi-annual Membership Meeting Club Eaglebrook, Lakeland, Florida October 31, 2009

There was not a quorum of members present; therefore, no business was conducted. Information was disseminated and reports were given. The minutes from the February 2009 Annual State Membership Meeting had been reviewed and corrected by a committee composed of Judith Adams, Donald Randolph and Virginia Bailey. The President appointed a committee to review and correct the current minutes before distributing them to the executive council as prescribed in the Florida state bylaws. The review committee consisted of Virginia Bailey and Judith Adams. In the absence of the Parliamentarian Sylvia McAuliffe, President Smith appointed member Roger F. Smith, a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, as Parliamentarian Pro Tem.

### REPORTS OF STATE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Florida State Society Chaplain Atwood Brewton reported the loss of 3 members through death. Those members were: Marjorie Campbell of Fort Caroline Chapter, Thomas Dietrick and Thomas Courtney both of Jean Calvin Chapter. She also reported the death of Associate Member Raymond McAuliffe, husband of Honorary President General Sylvia McAuliffe. A memorial service for all deceased members will be held at the Annual Membership meeting February 20, 2010.

Florida State Society Registrar Charles Baker reported the receipt of six new applications with five approved so far. Five new members were approved but three others were lost through death making a total membership of 193. He stressed the need of each chapter to use the uniform reporting form sheet adopted last year. The form is a spreadsheet accessed through Microsoft Excel or with a free download of Open Office. A sheet of directions is included. Registrar Baker will email the forms to anyone who needs them. These forms are used to keep records of membership by the Registrar, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer and are forwarded to National Headquarters. He also stressed the need for chapters to increase their membership.

Florida State Historian/Librarian Marshall Brewton filed a report which included a "Bibliography on the Huguenots of Florida." He recommended the bibliography be put on the Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc website. He has also aided an author who is writing a book for school age children about the stories of Fort Caroline and Charlesfort.

Florida State Scholarship Chairman Monica Darling Douglas filed a report indicating Allen Parker Scholarships had been awarded this year to two recipients who had completed paperwork on time. The recipients were Mary Kate Harvey sponsored by the Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter and Emily Potts sponsored by the Jean Calvin Chapter. Each recipient received \$750.00 toward books and school supplies.

### NEW BUSINESS

Judi Adams reported all tote bags from the February 2009 Annual Meeting were sold. She was instructed by the Executive Council to look into costs for more bags for future sale since the items were popular. The lowest bid she received was \$4.62 per bag with the purchase of 72 bags. A motion was made by Barbara Schulz to purchase 72 bags with a new logo. It was seconded and passed.

President Smith announced that the 2011 membership meeting will be hosted by the Admiral de Coligny Chapter.

For a complete set of the minutes, please contact Barbara Schulz (BJSgen@aol.com).



# Around the State



Fleur de Lis Chapter, January 15, 2010

**Jean Calvin** The chapter met on January 30 at Troyer's Dutch Heritage Restaurant in Sarasota. Charles Beck, Chapter Treasurer, recovering from a broken ankle, presented the program about his ancestor, Daniel Bec. Charles has traveled to Germany several times to further his research.

**Fleur de Lis** At its semi-annual meeting on January 15, held at the Coral Reef Yacht Club in Miami, the chapter elected the following officers: J.B. deRosset, President; Vi Storer, Vice President; Pam Admire, Secretary; Freddy Neal, Chaplain; and Charlen Randolph, Treasurer. Don Randolph delivered a fascinating lecture on the life and times of Jean Calvin.

**Admiral Gaspard de Coligny** The chapter's treasurer and corresponding secretary Frances "Rooney" Zink and her husband Jim just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Healing wishes and prayers go to Olin Wright, Jr. as he continues to recover from surgery. Olin is a Coligny member and former President of the Huguenot Society of Florida.

**Fort Caroline** The chapter already has one new application in process, following the four new members enrolled in 2009. One member was lost last year, Marge Campbell. She passed away in July, 2009. The spring meeting will be held on Saturday, March 20 at the Selva Marina Golf and Country Club in Atlantic Beach. At the meeting will be installation of the officers for the 2010 - 2012 term as well as a historical program. The chapter extends its get well wishes and prayers for Marie Bigelow who was hospitalized in December. Marie is the treasurer for the chapter.



Ed Neugaard



Ginny Bailey

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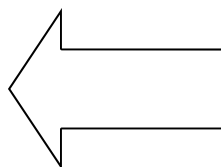
# Alan Parker Scholarships Available



Treasurer Brett Brown reports that more than \$1,300 is available for 2010 scholarships. He thanks those chapters that contributed to the fund, since without those contributions, the awards would be cut in half.

Cut off for applications is **March 30, 2010**. We have had a dearth of applications in the past. Many of us have grandchildren who could benefit from the financial assistance.

The application form can be downloaded from our website. See the arrow !



## Minutiae, Not Trivia

As founder of the longest running trivia contest in the United States (see <http://appletonhub.postcrescent.com/article/20100126/APC05/1260449>), the editor appreciated the following questions posed by Linda Smith. Answers will be forthcoming at the February 20 Sarasota meeting.

Can you name the American with Huguenot ancestry who:

1. was the only person to become a 6-star admiral in the Navy?
2. weighed over 300 pounds?
3. was the first president to have his picture taken?
4. was a founder of the American Bible Society?
5. was a staunch believer in reincarnation?
6. was pictured in the photo of "The Golden Spike"?
7. was convicted to 15 years in prison?
8. was an actor described as an "iconic loner"?
9. said "Acceptance under someone else's terms, is worse than rejection?"
10. was the first American to enter California overland?
11. was considered the father of American historical societies?
12. said "The object of Freemasonry is to promote the happiness of the human race?"

