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- Parliamentarian:
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Chapter
- Scholarship Chair:
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Jean Calvin Chapter

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Annual Meeting Held at Miccosukee Resort

On February 10 and 11, Huguenot descendants from around Florida gathered for the Society's 56th annual meeting, held at the Miccosukee Resort in Miami. The picture below is of Don Randolph swearing in new state officers Linda Smith, Atwood Brewton, Barbara Schulz, Judith Adams, Brett Brown and Charles Baker (missing: Edward Neugaard).



President Linda Smith



Fleur De Lis President Violet Storer with
sister and member Dorothy Cope



Guest speaker Rhonda Johnson and
outgoing president Robbie Burt



Brett Brown, Treasurer and
Judith Adams, Corresponding Secretary

Minutes from Annual Meeting Held February 11, 2009 in Miami, Florida

The 56th Annual State Meeting of the Huguenot Society of FL, Inc was called to order at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11th by Florida State Society President Robert E. Burt.

Miccosukee Resort greetings were delivered by Mr. William Osceola, Business Council Member of the Miccosukee Tribe and by Neny Garcia, Manager of the Miccosukee Resort.

The invocation was given by State Chaplain, Barbara Schulz, followed by recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Pledge to the Huguenot Flag.

President Burt appointed a minutes review committee consisting of: Judith Adams, Dr. Donald Randolph and Virginia Bailey.

Linda Smith was appointed recording secretary pro tem to replace Sylvia McAuliffe who was unable to attend the meeting. The recording secretary pro tem indicated the minutes for the 2008 state meeting were circulated and corrected by a committee appointed by the president and are on file.

The president of the hosting Fleur de Lis Chapter, Violet Storer, and Fleur de Lis member, J.B. deRosset, welcomed state members. Each person in attendance received a tote bag for shopping with a logo advertising our Huguenot Society.

Brett D. Brown moved to adopt the standing rules as printed. The motion was seconded and passed.

Charles Baker moved to adopt the program as printed. The motion was seconded and passed.

All members and visitors present were introduced.

The recording secretary pro tem gave highlights of the executive council meeting held the day before on Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

State president Burt presented his report for 2008 highlighting his attendance at various Huguenot chapter meetings as well as other lineage society meetings; the re-establishment of the Henry of Navarre Chapter; and the resurrection of "The Florida Huguenot" newsletter. His report was placed on file.

Vice President Linda Smith reported cooperation and communication with the transfer of Jean Calvin members into the newly re-established Henry of Navarre Chapter; sought chapter reports for Issue #1 of "The Florida Huguenot" newsletter; and kept contact with the webmistress for not only the Jean Calvin Chapter but for the website for the Huguenot Society of Florida. The state website now carries the Allen-Parker Scholarship forms as well as a copy of newsletter #1. Her report was placed on file.

State chaplain Barbara Schulz indicated the loss of eight members through death and filed her report for 2008.

State corresponding secretary Judith Adams reported she received updated addresses for the records; requested she would like the number of new blue roster covers to be ordered; issued the state meetings "Calls"; and printed and mailed "The Florida Huguenot" Newsletter #1. She placed her report on file for 2008.

State registrar Charles Baker indicated the new members balanced the loss of membership so that the total membership again remains at 190. He appreciated the efforts it took for each chapter to utilize the new forms he implemented during the year and has found the end result organized and successful. His 2008 report was placed on file.

Registrar Baker presented the yearly Membership Plaque Award to Judith Adams and Atwood Brewton from Fort Caroline Chapter for accepting the most new members of all the Florida chapters in 2008.

Interim treasurer Judith Adams reported she prepared the state membership report; she forwarded appropriate information and dues to the national organization; and deposited funds in appropriate accounts, keeping updated account information. She presented the treasurer's report. Roger F. Smith moved to accept the treasurer's report and place it on file for financial review. The motion was seconded. After discussion, the motion passed.

Brett D. Brown presented the revised 2008 budget as approved by the executive council. Barbara Schulz moved to accept the 2008 Budget as revised. The motion was seconded. After discussion, the motion passed.

J.B. deRosset reported for state scholarship chair, Monica K. Douglas. Mrs. Douglas indicated three \$750.00 state scholarships were awarded during 2008 to: Robert Blake Kimble IV; Lily Onyx Jones; and Mary Kate Harvey. She hopes to offer at least the same number upcoming. Her report was placed on file.

Chapter presidents reports included the following and will be placed on file: Chapter vice president Atwood Brewton reported for the Fort Caroline Chapter; Chapter registrar Charles Baker reported for the Ernst d'Erlach Chapter; The Gaspard de Coligny report was sent by chapter president Linda Neal and was placed on file; Chapter president Violet Storer reported for the Fleur de Lis Chapter; Chapter president Virginia Bailey reported for the Henry of Navarre Chapter; Chapter member Roger F. Smith reported for the Jean Calvin Chapter; and chapter historian Brett D. Brown reported for the Louis Dubois Chapter.

The names of Linda Smith, Barbara Schulz and Audrey Peacock were submitted to represent the Florida State Society at National Council in Washington, DC on April 10 and 11. Brett D. Brown moved to accept these delegates. The motion was seconded. After discussion, the motion passed.

Barbara Schulz moved \$100.00 to be sent in the name of the Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc. to the Leiden, Holland restoration and plaque at the Vrouwkerk Church where many of our Huguenot and Walloon ancestors worshipped before departing for America. The motion was seconded. After discussion, the motion passed.

The nominating committee consisting of Judith Adams, Charlen Randolph and Ann Register presented their report with Charlen Randolph reporting.

The following slate of officers have accepted that their names be placed to vote at the Annual meeting February 2009 in compliance with the Bylaws of the Huguenot Society of Florida, Inc: President: Linda Smith (Jean Calvin Chapter); Vice President:

Ed Neugaard (Admiral Gaspard de Coligny Chapter); Chaplain: Atwood Brewton (Fort Caroline Chapter); Recording Secretary: Barbara Schulz (Jean Calvin Chapter); Corresponding Secretary: Judith Adams (Fort Caroline Chapter); Treasurer: Brett D. Brown (Louis du Bois Chapter); Registrar: Charles Baker (Ernst d'Erlach Chapter); Historian/Librarian: Marshall Brewton (Ernst d'Erlach Chapter); and Counselor: Mary Nelson Morgan (Fort Caroline Chapter)

The incoming president shall select her parliamentarian and scholarship chair.

Virginia Bailey moved to accept the slate as presented. The motion was seconded. After discussion, the motion passed.

Denise Jameson moved to return funds plus interest to the newly re-established Henry of Navarre chapter as required by the Huguenot Society of Florida Bylaws.

The meeting was recessed for lunch. Chaplain Barbara Schulz gave the prayer.

At 1:00 p.m., the group was delighted by speaker Rhonda Johnson, Fleur de Lis member, who detailed her life and mission in South Korea.

Membership donated items were auctioned by J.B. deRosset with the \$102.00 proceeds earmarked for the scholarship fund. Also, a few Huguenot logo tote bags were available for purchase at \$5.00. More bags are available through the chapters or state officers.

After the program, the meeting resumed. The new officers were installed by Dr. Donald Randolph, past President of the Huguenot Society of Florida. Past president Burt presented the gavel and President's Medal and Ribbon to Linda Smith. In turn new President Linda Smith presented the Past President's Ribbon and Medal to Robbie Burt.

President Smith spoke about plans for the future including a fall meeting 2009 to be tied into a Florida genealogical gathering held in late October in Lakeland; continuation of the publication of "The Florida Huguenot" newsletter; continued updates on the state website; and the hope for membership increase and cooperation among chapters.

Brett Brown noted a PBS documentary, currently being shown, pertained to our Huguenot history and the translations of the early Bibles for the common man.

Outgoing Chaplain Barbara Schulz conducted a colorful rainbow memorial service in memory of each of our Huguenot members lost to death during 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda L. Antram Smith, Secretary Pro Tem

Approved by the Minutes Review Committee:

Judith Adams, Dr. Donald Randolph and Virginia Bailey.

Get your tote bag! Contributions to go towards scholarship fund.

Linda Smith has graciously offered to mail to anyone sending her \$5.00 the tote bag handed out to participants at the annual meeting. It is royal blue with black handles and measures approximately 16" by 16". Do Green grocery shopping while advertising our society.

You can contact Linda, our new president, at LLSdarien@mac.com.



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Around the State

*** **Ernst d'Erlach** Chapter President Lila Sandstrom reports that they meet three times per year and that one of those meetings is always near the Huguenot marker commemorating the first Christian marriage in North America between the French Huguenot nobleman Ernst d'Erlach and Princess Issena of the Timucan Indian tribe in 1566. (Deland)

Lila also wrote of the other officers just elected for the 2009 - 2011 term: Katherine McGarvey, Vice President; Kathryn Thomas, Chaplain; Marshall Brewton, Treasurer; Charles Baker, Registrar; and Bill Thomas, Historian.

Besides being elected Secretary, Ann Register created a Huguenot Bingo game.

The chapter was sad to lose founding member, Winifred Ager, at the age of 103. (Deland)

*** Violet Storer and Don Randolph of the **Fleur de Lis** Chapter report that they purchased and donated a copy of **David Demarest and His Legacy** for the Genealogical Section of the Miami Municipal Library.

New members in 2008 include a family unit consisting of: Mother Teryl Sovacool; her daughters Denise Lyn Sovacool Jameson, Melanie Davis, Rhonda Johnson (the speaker at the 2009 annual meeting); and granddaughter Hilary Katherin Jameson. (Miami)

*** Virginia Bailey was instrumental in reorganizing the **Henry of Navarre** Chapter on June 21, 2008. Eleven members from the Jean Calvin Chapter have been transferred and a spring meeting is planned. (Naples)

*** The **Louis Du Bois** Chapter will meet again in April, writes President Barbara Daum. (Palm Beach County)

*** 2009 to 2011 officers of the **Jean Calvin** Chapter will be Barbara Schulz, President; Betsey Lambert, Vice President; Arden Bartz, Chaplain; Jo Lee Potts, Recording Secretary; Linda Smith, Corresponding Secretary; Charles Beck, Treasurer; Muriel Cushing, Registrar; and Jack Ashcraft, Historian. The last meeting of the year will be held March 28 at the Dutch Heritage Restaurant. Speaking will be Robert Kimble IV, the chapter's scholarship winner. (Sarasota)

*** **Admiral Gaspard de Coligny** Chapter reports that at its February 28 meeting, officers installed will be: Ed Neugaard, President; Linda Neal, Vice President; Annie-Kate Carpenter, Chaplain; Tomi Reneau, Recording Secretary; Rooney Zink, Corresponding Secretary; Lynda Schoonover, Registrar; and Mary Mixson, Color Guard; Ed Neugaard will give the program about his trip to France, May, 2008, researching his Huguenot line. (Tampa)

*** Judi Adams of the **Fort Caroline** Chapter tells us that they already have one new member in 2009 (on top of the award for most new members in 2008). Judi feels they are very fortunate to have Marge Campbell as Registrar. She has worked tirelessly assisting the applicants in getting all the required documentation to submit with their application. Other officers include: Judi Adams, President; Atwood Brewton, Vice President; Marie Begelow, Treasurer; and Seabie Rucker, Chaplain. The Chapter meets the fourth Saturday in March and September each year. The next meeting is March 28 and will be held at the Selva Marina Country Club in Atlantic Beach, Florida.