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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bankie Benton, President

Dear Broward Cty. Chap. Member,

For those of you who missed the rededication to the Jack and Harriet Kaye Park, it was a wonderful occasion for our patriot Harriet. You can view quite a bit of it here in the newsletter.

Now our next big project is the dance. Mike Di Yeso, Freedoms' President, will be with us; and we hope Russ Schulz will be able to return.

Dick Davis has informed me that he hasn't heard from very many as to what is being contributed to the silent auction. How many of you have asked the businesses that you patronize to give something? Please ASK! WE NEED YOU TO ASK! Also ask the politicians that you have been supporting to donate something. Do you have a vacation home you could give for a weekend? When asking the businesses, tell of all the wonderful things our organization does for the Broward County young people and teachers. If you don't like to ask, send them a letter. Then go by and ask if they received your letter and will they be able to donate. It won't take much of your time and it will mean so much to the young kid that goes to Freedoms.

Also, Vicki and Al need bottles of cheer. Either leave them at the Club for them or bring them by our home. We will be fixing the baskets of cheer the week before the Ball.

We have interviewed 90 young leaders, and the

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

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Board voted to send all 90. I was able to get Air Tran to give us two free tickets. Pat McDougale has done one fantastic job, and we look forward to hearing from them at the luncheon in May. The student luncheon date was changed to Sunday, May 4th at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club as the last group would not get back in time to have it in April.

I will be going to Virginia March 5th for 6 days and will have an organizational meeting for a new Freedoms chapter there. See you at the dance. God Bless America.

Sincerely,

Bankie Benton

2007 – 2008 Calendar Of Events



Unless otherwise indicated
all events will be held at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club
2800 Yacht Club Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304



SAVE THESE DATES!



February 23, 2008
George Washington Birthday Ball



March 19, 2008
St. Patrick's Day Program –
Patricia Hoefling

April 29, 2008
American Cancer Society Woman of the Year Luncheon

May 4, 2008
Annual Student Luncheon

May 21, 2008
Installation of Officers – 2008-2009



In Memoriam

We remember with affection Life Members, Frances Eggers and Samuel W. Poore, who recently passed away. We send our condolences to their families.



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NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Executive Board Meeting is
Saturday, February 2, 10:30 a.m.
Coral Ridge Yacht Club, Board Room
on the second floor.





February Event



GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY BALL



EDWARD M. JOHNSON
1801 West Terra Mar Drive
Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, Florida 33062
954-786-8253

Dear Friends of Freedoms Foundation:

Time is growing short as we prepare for the **2008 GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY BALL on Saturday, February 23, 2008.**

To make the Ball a successful fundraiser, we need the support of every member and friend so that we can continue to send our local students to the Spirit of America conferences at Valley Forge. This year we plan to send 90 students, **the most we have ever sent!**

The Ball Committee submits the following **“Wish List”** for underwriting opportunities. Your donation entitles you to two Ball reservations, a listing in the Ball program and an invitation to the Soiree.

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Donation</u> | <u>Category</u> | <u>Donation</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dinners | \$5,000.00 | Cocktail Hour | \$4,000.00 |
| Decorations | \$4,000.00 | Invitations | \$1,200.00 |
| Orchestra | \$1,000.00 | Entertainment | \$ 650.00 |
| Programs | \$ 700.00 | Postage | \$ 500.00 |

Please select one of the categories or choose one to share with a friend. Any portion of the above donations will be greatly appreciated. So be an **“Angel”** and contact **Miriam Handley, 4280 Galt Ocean Drive #25P, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308**

Please make checks payable to: Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, BCC. and submit **No later than February 8, 2008 to meet the printer’s deadline for the program.**

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Name: _____ Amount donated _____

Address: _____ Phone No.: _____

We urge you to assemble your tables for the Ball and send in your reservations as soon as possible.

Level 1 – PATRIOT’S TABLE

\$ 100 per person (Includes parking, cocktail hour, wine and dinner)

Level 2 – BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TABLE

\$ 150 per person (Includes above and recognition in program)

Level 3 – GEORGE WASHINGTON TABLE

\$ 200 per person (Includes above and Sweethearts’ Soiree on Sunday, February 10th, 5:00-7:00 PM at the Bay Colony home of Lorraine Thomas.)



BASKETS OF CHEER RAFFLE

Please call Vicki and Al Kuznetzoff if you would like to donate bottles of “cheer” for the raffle. 954-689-9291



SILENT AUCTION

Please call Anna or Dick Davis if you have items or money you would like to donate. 954-564-6022



**George Washington Birthday Ball
February 23, 2008 – Coral Ridge Yacht Club –
2800 Yacht Club Boulevard – Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

LUNCHEON MEETING JANUARY 16, 2008



Our program was "Travels through China '06-'07 with Cookie and Roy Williams", who taught conversational English for two months each year through Global Volunteers, an organization that operates in 21 countries. With many beautiful slides and sparkling narrative, Cookie and Roy gave us a wide-ranging look into the cities and countryside of China.

They report that they are welcomed everywhere they go and are often given newspaper publicity for their exceptional work with both children and adults.

A China motif with Chinese food and authentic table decorations was carried throughout to make for a very special afternoon.



<<<<<<< l to r Roy Williams, Jane Wikberg, Cookie Williams, Bankie Benton

l to r Joyce Sladek, Lillian Hollywood, Gini Woodman, Roberta Rowan >>>>>>>>



<<<<<< l to r Mary Ann Timmins, Arlynne Bentsen, Anne Bloom

Women of the Year Luncheon – APRIL 29, 2008



The 1000+ Club of the American Cancer Society will hold its annual luncheon to recognize 10 outstanding Broward charitable organizations on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at the Marriott Harbor Beach Hotel. Freedoms Foundation's nominee is Broward Chapter President, Elizabeth Eubank Benton. Liaison for "Bankie" is Mary Kay Follin. Hostesses are Margery Ferraro, Cynthia Kelly, Monica Lent, Alexis Promuto and Jane Wikberg.

If you would like to enter an ad in the commemorative journal, which will be received by approximately 1,000 guests, please contact Mary Kay at 954-772-4551. Ad deadline is March 21, 2008 FIRM.

It is not too early to make up a table for the luncheon. We want to have an excellent turnout for "Bankie". A hostess will contact you. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, perhaps you can join others for a page ad with your names listed in the journal. More information will follow in the next newsletter.



Spirit of America Youth Conferences – 2008

SPIRIT OF AMERICA YOUTH CONFERENCES – 2008

First conference: February 28-March 2

Chaperones: Edward and Susan Carpenter, Barbara Proctor

Second conference: March 6-March 9

Chaperones: Patricia McDougle, Jose Pinera

Third conference: April 24-April 27

Chaperones: Roger and Selma Verse

REMINDER: Orientation for all Broward students and chaperones:

Thursday, February 7, 2008 – 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Coral Ridge Yacht Club – Intra Coastal Room

2800 Yacht Club Blvd. Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.



A Letter to Our Web Site

Rose Espinola sent this letter to our web site. As a result, she will take part in the Spirit of America Conference this year.



From: Rose Espinola

To: edjohnson@ffvfbroward.org, maryodonnell@ffvfbroward.org, ffvf@ffvf.org

Sent: 1/1/2008 8:24:05 P.M. Eastern Standard Time

Subj: Freedoms Foundation Spirit of America Youth Conference

To Whom It May Concern:

Two years ago during my junior year of high school at Fort Lauderdale High I was sponsored by the Broward Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge to participate in the Spirit of America Youth Conference. It was one of the top two leadership programs of the dozen-plus that I participated in during high school. I believe that it was well organized, truly educational, and sincerely dedicated to promoting leadership, diversity, and American pride. The conference is my earliest memory of feeling American and feeling *proud* to be an American. It was the first time that I understood the political and religious diversity of America beyond South Florida. Today, I keep in touch with my roommate from the field trip - a woman from Utah who is very different from me in many ways. I still have my souvenirs from the swap meet.

Freedoms Foundation strongly impacted my growth as a leader and as an American. It is for this reason, that I would be honored to participate in one or more of the Spring 2008 conferences as a counselor, interviewer, contact for information, or anything of the sort. I currently attend the University of Pennsylvania and live in Philadelphia, so it would be fairly convenient for me to attend the conference. It would be great if you could provide me with dates, and information as to who I should contact on the Broward or national level.

Best Regards,
Rose Espínola

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Rose Espinola
University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, Class of 2011





Color Guard, Sea Cadets, Spruance Division, Ft. Lauderdale Council, Navy League of the United States. Commander Alan Starr (photo by Kevin Lane)



Gail Smith (photo by Kevin Lane)



Mayor James Naugle
(photo by Kevin Lane)



l. to r. Anne Bloom, Barbara Priestman, Arlynn Bentsen



(standing l to r) Christine Keel, Bankie Benton, Paula Farland, Astrid Hinz, Connie Christensen
(sitting l to r) Minna Cohn, Mary Ann Timmins, Arlynn Bentsen, Lorraine Fletcher



Russ Schulz



The Young Patriots



REDEDICATION JACK and HARRIET KAYE PARK



On Saturday, January 26, 2008, the sun shone brightly on the many Broward Chapter members and guests who attended the rededication of the Park. Present were Ft. Lauderdale Mayor, the Hon, James Naugle; Commissioner Christine Keel; Phil Thornburgh, Director of Parks & Recreation; Linda Carter and Barbara Witte of the Community Foundation of Broward.

Russell Schulz, Vice President, Volunteer Chapters, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge flew in from Philadelphia for the occasion. In his remarks, Russ described the Spirit of America conferences and their influence on the students who attend. They are highly motivated and come away with a new perspective and appreciation of the founding principles that make our Country great.

Co-Chairmen, Arlyne Vollmuth Bentsen and Astrid Hinz, and President "Bankie" Benton put together an impressive patriotic program. The Sea Cadets, Spruance Division, U. S. Navy League Ft. Lauderdale Council, with Commander Alan Starr, presented the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by LTC Connie Christensen, AN USAR, Southern Region Advisor, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. The Young Patriots under the direction of Lu Wittenkeller gave a sparkling performance. Stirring music was provided by pianist, Gail Smith, and by vocalists, Maryann Webel and Lone Chirafisi. The Invocation was given by Dr. Roger Verse, Broward County Chaplain; the Benediction, by William "Bill" Benton.

Following the program, both the new plaque and new sign at the Park were unveiled. The text of the plaque is as follows:

JACK AND HARRIET KAYE PARK

THE JACK AND HARRIET KAYE FUND FULFILLS THEIR
VISION OF INSPIRING PATRIOTISM IN BROWARD
COUNTY STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF TODAY,
TOMORROW AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.
STUDENTS ARE SELECTED TO ATTEND THE HISTORIC
FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE
"SPIRIT OF AMERICA" CONFERENCES, A LIFE CHANGING
EXPERIENCE, TO STRENGTHEN THEIR APPRECIATION
OF THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.
TEACHERS ARE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
ANNUAL GRADUATE WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS.

DONATED BY THE BROWARD COUNTY CHAPTER
FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE
JANUARY 26, 2008

Luncheon followed at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club.

Committee: Connie Christensen, Gail Smith, Dr. Roger Verse, Kay Warren, Jane Wikberg
Hostesses: Anne Bloom, Paula Farland, Lorraine Fletcher, Barbara Priestman,
Mary Ann Timmins.

Please take a look at the pictures from this event on the opposite page.



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REDEDICATION JACK and HARRIET KAYE PARK



(left to right)
Christine Keel, Jane Wikberg, Connie Christensen, Astrid Hinz, Jim Naugle, Arlyne Bentsen, Anne Bloom, Bankie Benton, Bill Benton, Linda Carter
(photo by Kevin Lane)



(left to right) Astrid Hinz, Linda Carter, Bankie Benton, Jim Naugle, Arlyne Bentsen, Christine Keel, Phil Thornburg, Russ Schulz
(photo by Kevin Lane)