

# Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Broward County, Florida Chapter



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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"To further the aim and purpose of building a greater awareness of the values of our American Way of Life."  
- *Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Purpose and Goals*

Dear Members:

Each day, each month, each year, we continue to pursue the mission of Freedoms Foundation and this month in our program and attendance we included age levels from five years young to senior citizens in the nineties!

Our Distinguished Citizens' Luncheon was another interesting monthly program designed by VP Gail Smith.

In addition to presenting a National Certificate Merit Award (in the Adult Community Category) and a special plaque from our Chapter to Phyllis Bannister, and a special Chapter Award to the Honorable Mayor Jim Naugle who has supported us over the many years and is always present to install the new officers, Gail Smith surprised our group with sixteen youngsters, ages 5 and 6, who paraded in wearing their top hats and waving American flags. They began the program with the pledge to our flag, and sang many patriot songs . . . to the delight of our members and guests.

Mary Hart, Chairman of the Day, was assisted by: Kay Warren, Reservation Chairman, Mary Timmins and Kay Warren who donated and decorated the tables, Ann and Al Della-Donna who graciously greeted at the door, and Astrid Hinz, Public Relations.

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"The secret to success is constancy to purpose."  
- *Benjamin Disraeli*

## Honorees at the March Event



At our March 14 meeting Phyllis Bannister was awarded the Freedoms Foundation National Merit Award in the Adult Community Category. Phyllis is dedicated and enthusiastic in any project she undertakes.

In 2001 she received the Freedom Award in recognition of dedicated service to God, Family, and Country awarded by the Broward Navy Days. That same year Phyllis received the Public Service Commendation in recognition of notable services which assisted greatly in furthering the aims and functions of the Coast Guard. She has worked tirelessly as a volunteer during Fleet Week, USA and as a member of the Broward County Council Navy League of the United States.

As a member of the Holy Cross Hospital Auxiliary, Phyllis has volunteered in the Medical Staff Office and the Michael and Diane Bienes Cancer Center. She also planned the programs for the monthly Auxiliary luncheons and was named the Volunteer of the Month in November 2002 in recognition of outstanding service to Holy Cross Hospital. Under Phyllis' leadership as President of the Holy Cross Hospital Auxiliary, she helped raise \$700,000 for the hospital through funds generated by the Gift Shop, Thrift Shop, and Annual Charity Ball.



Mayor Jim Naugle, the recipient of our Distinguished Citizens Award, was born and raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He is a graduate of Stranahan High School, attended Broward Community College and graduated from Florida Atlantic University, Class of 1975, with a BA Degree in Business Administration. Mayor Naugle is married to Judge Carol-Lisa Phillips and they have a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth.

The Mayor has served many civic organizations including the Florida League of Cities, Florida Municipal Investment Trust, Federal Action Strike Team, National League of Cities, Broward Workforce Board, Tarpon River Civic Association, Chamber of Commerce, Greater Fort Lauderdale Senior Games, Fort Lauderdale Community Redevelopment Agency, Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International, Broward Tourist Development Council.

Jim Naugle was first elected Mayor of Fort Lauderdale on February 12, 1991, re-elected February 1994, re-elected February 1997 with no opposition, re-elected February 2000, re-elected February 2006. He has served on the City Commission since 1985 and on City Boards since 1976. Jim operates a real estate company in Fort Lauderdale and is in his 32nd year as a real estate professional.

## President's Message *(Continued From Page 1)*

Reverend Roger Verse and Thelma Verse cordially invite you to join us at our April 29 Students' Luncheon when we will listen to the reports from the 50 students who participated in the four-day Spirit of Youth Conference held on the campus at Valley Forge. This all expense paid trip was provided by the proceeds from the George Washington Ball and private donations. We thank you all for your continued loyal support.

Affectionately,  
Arlynn Vollmuth Bentsen, President



**April Event**



**STUDENT AWARD LUNCHEON**



Date: Sunday, April 29, 2007

Time: 12:30 AM – Registration  
1:00 PM – Luncheon

Place: Coral Ridge Yacht Club  
2800 Yacht Club Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

**PROGRAM**

**STUDENT LUNCHEON**

**Reports from the “Spirit of America” Youth Conference at Valley Forge  
Come! Meet and greet Broward County’s finest youth and their parents!**

**Also**

**ELECTION OF 2007-2008 OFFICERS**

Chairman: Reverend Dr. Roger and Thelma Verse

Reservation Chairman: Kay Warren

Decoration Chairmen: Mary Ann Timmins and Kay Warren

Host and Hostesses: Ted Currier, Kathleen Blyth, and Jan Speer

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**THE CLUB REQUIRES THAT RESERVATIONS BE MADE NO LATER THAN  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2007.**

Enclosed is a check for \$25.00 each for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations.

Please make check payable to FREEDOMS FOUNDATION, BCC and mail to:



Kay Warren  
711 N. W. 71 Avenue  
Plantation, FL 33317  
954-587-2615

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to attend but please accept my donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## 2007 Calendar Of Events

All events will be held at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club  
2800 Yacht Club Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida



Theme: "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"  
SAVE THESE DATES!

April 29, 2007

Student Luncheon and Report

May 16, 2007

Installation of Officers & America's Future-Our Youth



## Reminders

The next Executive Board meeting will be held  
at 10:30 AM on Friday, April 13, 2007  
at Second Presbyterian Church.



## Welcome New Member

### Patron Category

Mrs. Elaine K. Salen  
1401 South Ocean Boulevard, #210  
Pompano Beach, Florida 33062  
954-784-9772

## Special Recognition

We wish to recognize  
Mrs. Harry Hollywood (Lillian)  
and  
Mrs. Carl Meister (Ellen)  
who donated to the  
George Washington Birthday Ball.  
Regretfully their names were omitted from the  
George Washington Category in the program.

## Plan to Attend



The 2007 Women of the Year Luncheon will be held  
On Thursday, April 19, 2007.  
Arlynne Vollmuth Bentsen, representing  
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge,  
will be one of the honorees.  
Don't miss this fabulous opportunity to support Arlynne  
and to honor Freedoms Foundation.



Please notify Mary Ellen O'Donnell (954-566-7529) or Judie Wright (954-462-3206)  
with information regarding membership needs or changes.



***A Night to Remember: The George Washington Birthday Ball***

***February 24, 2007***



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**Sweethearts'  
Soiree**

**February 11, 2007**

