



# Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge

## BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA CHAPTER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 1, 2009  
Dues are due
- June 1, 2009  
National Awards Nomination  
Deadline
- June 14, 2009  
National Flag Day
- June 17, 2009  
Membership Meeting  
at 12:00 p.m.  
Installation of Officers  
Coral Ridge Yacht Club
- July 4, 2009  
Independence Day
- July 5-10, 2009  
FFVF – SLIP Program  
Valley Forge
- September 7, 2009  
Labor Day
- September 17, 2009  
Constitution Day
- September 24 - 27, 2009  
42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Volunteers  
Conference, Valley Forge
- September 23, 2009  
Deadline October  
Newsletter  
[askaprp@yahoo.com](mailto:askaprp@yahoo.com)
- October 1, 2009  
Leavey Award Nominations  
Deadline

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Broward County  
Member:

Saturday, June 13th will be my last board meeting as president of this great organization. It has been a great two years and I thank you for all of your help in moving our Broward County Chapter onward and upward. I look forward to helping our future president, Robert Reich, to continue growing our organization.



The Student Luncheon was truly superb this year. Each year it makes you extremely proud of our future leaders as we listen to what they have gleaned from their experience at Valley Forge. Our thanks to the chaperones and to Pat McDougale for a job well done.

I am sorry to report that our past president, Astrid Hinz, is now fighting bone cancer. She hopes to be at the installation on June 17th in her motorized wheel chair. Mary Hart also had a fall

which cracked her back. She had a new procedure performed to repair the damage and I understand is improving at home. I'm sure these ladies would enjoy a card or note from you.

Mary and Frank have faithfully been our representatives to the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce. I accompanied them to the Awards Breakfast and I also went to The Downtowner of the Year Luncheon, where Denny O'Shea, president of Stiles Development Company was honored. We are keeping our organization in the forefront of the business community.

I attended The Woman of the Year Luncheon with several members, served as a hostess, and worked the day before to help get the room prepared. We also filled 600 plus gift bags with items, including a flyer about our Freedoms Foundation. The attendance this year was down several hundred. All organizations are feeling the downturn of our economy. Our representative, Gail Smith, looked lovely and we were

all quite proud of her.

We have lost several of our members. Mr. & Mrs. Donald King's son called to say they had died within two weeks of each other and how much they had enjoyed being members. Also the newsletter of Mr. George E. Transom, Jr. was returned marked deceased. We also had newsletters from Mrs. Margaret T. Danreiter and Maj. Gen. & Mrs. Naiff H. Kelel returned. If anyone has any information regarding these members, please let me know.

It has been disappointing that we have not had better attendance at our meetings this year. Are we meeting too often? Should we have a different format? We would appreciate your thoughts.

If anyone would like to become a real patriot and give \$1000 earmarked as a scholarship to send a student to Valley Forge, it would be honorable. We appreciate the generous gift of George and Anita Wortley to send several students this coming year.

GOD BLESS AMERICA  
*Bankie Benton*, President

### **A SEPTEMBER INVITATION FROM BANKIE AND BILL BENTON!!!!**

#### **HOW ABOUT FLYING TO RICHMOND, VA FROM FORT LAUDERDALE THEN JOURNEYING ON TO VALLEY FORGE TO FREEDOMS FOUNDATION CAMPUS FOR THE VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>-27<sup>TH</sup>?**

Bankie and Bill Benton invite you to their new home on the Rappahannock River, to the Pilot House Inn or to B&B's nearby. Jet Blue flies direct in 1 hour and 50 minutes. You're in the heart of historic country with Jamestown, Williamsburg, Yorktown, Mt. Vernon, Monticello plus Washington, D.C. is en route. Let's surprise Russ and Mike at headquarters and have a group from our chapter at the conference. The Amish Country also has much to offer. This is a beautiful time in VA and PA. Bankie plans to have the Virginia Chapter up and running by then. If you are at all interested call Bankie at 954-551-4107 for details.

## Freedoms Foundation Broward County Chapter Hosts Youth Conference Annual Student Luncheon



"These are the times that try men's souls." A statement that might have come from the morning news, it was actually written by Thomas Paine in the darkest hours of our struggle for liberty. Paine's writing was referred to at this year's Annual Student Luncheon as an important rallying message. The painting on the cover of the

program book was titled, "The Prayer at Valley Forge" by Arnold Friberg. It was painted to recall the winter of 1777-1778, at the lowest, most hopeless and discouraging time in our revolutionary war.

All seventy-five students, their parents and guests were invited to the annual student luncheon. The students were invited to share their enthusiasm with chapter members, for the life-changing experience they all had at one of several separate weekend Spirit of America Youth Conferences at Valley Forge. The students attended seminars and workshops that explored the foundation of American democracy and the free enterprise system and that developed leadership skills and good citizenship.

President Elizabeth 'Bankie' Benton welcomed guests, asking her husband, Bill, to give the invocation and Kiara Singer, Nova H.S. and Ian Carpenter, Cardinal Gibbons H.S. to explain the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and then, along with LTC Connie Christensen lead everyone in the Pledge.

Jake Shultz, Flangan H.S. and Madhu Nagaraj, Marjory Stoneman H.S. read



Chaperones: Preston and Lynn Selvage (April), Ted Currier and Connie Christensen (March), Pat McDougle (VP Youth Education), Jose Pinera (February), and Susan and Ted Carpenter (October). Not pictured, Barbara Proctor (February). (Photo by Kevin Lane)

the 'News of the Day,' as if they were TV anchors reporting the latest news on May 17, 1776. The most significant news was brought by 'messenger' (David Reece, Zion Lutheran H.S.) from John Hancock, presiding at the Second Continental Congress, that a resolution had been introduced stating the colonies should be free and independent states with no political connection to the crown of Great Britain.

Matthew Sabatella, guest artist, sang songs about the fight and preservation of freedom that were popular during the time of Lincoln

and the Civil War. Reminding the audience that Memorial Day is around the corner, he sang the beautiful and haunting song *The Empty Chair*. He concluded his program by inviting everyone to join him in singing *America the Beautiful*.

The day's events concluded with Terrence Chin-Loy-Marjory Stoneman HS, accompanied by the chapter's own popular pianist Gail Smith, leading the audience in *The Star-Spangled Banner*. Terrence's tenor voice was awesome and he received a standing ovation.

Before each student departed, 2008 alumni Katie Carpenter and Dione Reece presented them with a personal copy of the *Declaration of Independence* and the *United States Constitution*.



Participating in the program and speaking about their Valley Forge experiences: L to R Standing: Patrick Regan, Jr.-Cardinal Gibbons HS, Jake Shultz-Flanagan HS, Terrence Chin-Loy-Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS, Madhu Nagaraj-Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS, Zack Durand-JP Taravella HS, Abbey Bethel-Deerfield Beach HS, Ian Carpenter-Cardinal Gibbons HS. Seated: Raquelle Newman-University School at NSU, Bankie Benton, chapter president, and Gaby Alvarez-University School at NSU. Participating but not pictured Kiara Singer-Nova HS and David Reece II-Zion Lutheran Christian School. (Photo by Kevin Lane)

### 2008 – 2009

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MRS. ELIZABETH EUBANK BENTON  
*President*

MS. ROBERTA ROWAN

*1st Vice President*

HON. GEORGE WORTLEY MC, RET.

*2nd Vice President*

MRS. LORRAINE FLETCHER

*Vice President, Awards*

MRS. PAULA FARLAND

*Vice President, Continuing*

*Education*

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REV. DR. ROGER VERSE

*Vice President, Programs*

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*Vice President, Public Relations*

MRS. ALEXIS PROMUTO

*Vice President, Ways and Means*

MRS. PATRICIA McDOUGLE

*Vice President, Youth Education*

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*Treasurer*

MRS. JOYCE SLEDAK

*Assistant Treasurer*

MS. MARY ANN TIMMINS

*Recording Secretary*

MRS. MARY KAY FOLLIN

*Assistant Recording Secretary*

MR. WAYNE SLADEK

*Corresponding Secretary*

MRS. JOYCE SLEDAK

*Assistant Corresponding Secretary*

MRS. ROSEMARY LINDSEY

*Assistant Corresponding Secretary*

MRS. GINI WOODMAN

*Parliamentarian*

MRS. GAIL SMITH

*Historian*

MS. MARY ANN TIMMINS

*Remembrance Fund Chairman*

MRS. JANE WIKBERG

MRS. ASTRID HINZ

MRS. THELMA ARCHER-JOTCHAM

*Advisors to the President*

REVEREND DR. ROGER VERSE

*Chaplain*

MR. RICHARD HANDLEY

*Photographer*

MRS. BILLIE PRICE

*Telephone Chairman*

MRS. ROY FERRARO

*Underwriting Chairman*

### MEMERS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE RECENT FLEET WEEK INCLUDE:

Bill and Bankie Benton  
Barbara Priestman  
Kay Warren  
Maxine Streiffert  
Mary Kay Follin  
Rosemary Miller  
Malyn Baruch  
Larry Rowe  
Lorraine Fletcher  
Vince and Alexis Promuto  
Bill and Jane Wikberg.

**Notice of Amendment to the Governing Rules of the  
Broward County Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge**  
*Notice is hereby given that a revision of the governing rules of the Broward County Chapter  
will be considered on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at the regular membership meeting*

In the process of reviewing the existing governing rules and the definition of a chapter as outlined in the bylaws of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, it was concluded that the best process for amendments to the existing rules was to propose a revision of the governing rules and format those rules according to the structure of bylaws. The motion that will be presented is: *“On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, I move that, as a substitute for the present governing rules, that the bylaws submitted by the committee be adopted.”*

Amendments to the revision may be proposed by the membership and final adoption of the revision as amended shall require a majority vote. If the motion to substitute is rejected, the current governing rules remain in force.

In general, the revision provides for a better definition of the structure of the chapter and further delineates areas of responsibility – some previously vague or knowledge of who was responsible missing. The major amendments or enhancements proposed by the Bylaws Committee are as follows:

1. The object of the chapter has been stated in broad terms rather than as a reference to specific articles in the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge bylaws.

2. A first and a second vice president have been added as elected officers and two additional vice presidents have been added – Budget and Finance and Student Alumni. The vice presidents are collectively referenced as administrative vice presidents.

3. Provides for specific duties for the first and second vice president.

4. An article has been added to establish standing committees which are defined as a committee which performs a continuing function and remains in existence permanently. A brief definition of the scope of each committee is provided. The standing committees correspond to the administrative vice presidents and the corresponding vice president is chairman of the committee.

5. A provision has been added which provides for filling vacancies in an elected office and the automatic succession of the first vice president to the office of president in case of a vacancy in the office of president.

6. Specifically delineates the appointments the president may make and these do not include expanding the membership of the board of directors by appointment.

7. An article has been added for *meetings* which establishes a fixed date for regular membership meetings, provisions for an annual meeting, the calling of a special meeting, and the quantification of a quorum.

8. An article has been added for a board of directors (previously referenced both as “executive committee” and “executive board” – national bylaws call for a board of directors) which fixes the membership of the board at sixteen (16) members. The duties of the board — beyond general governance — mandate that the board adopt an annual budget and approve all presidential appointments.

9. The revision provides for an Executive Committee which by definition is a board within a board. This smaller body is authorized to act for the full board between meetings of the board of directors for unanticipated business. Note however, that the Executive Committee may not take any action contrary to a decision of the board of directors.

10. The preparation and publication of the membership roster has been made explicitly a function of the Membership Committee.

11. The Ways and Means Committee has been expanded to include coordination of all fund raising events (not just the George Washington Ball), the solicitation of donations, grants, and sponsors both individual and corporate.

12. Responsibility for the newsletter and the web page has been added to the area of public relations.

13. An article has been added establishing a parliamentary authority.

14. An article has been added which delineates the procedure for amendments to the bylaws.

*Patricia McDougale*

May 28, 2009

**Bylaws Committee**  
Patricia McDougale, Chairman  
Mary Kay Follin  
Barbara Proctor  
Bankie Benton, ex-officio

**BYLAWS OF THE BROWARD COUNTY CHAPTER OF FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be BROWARD COUNTY CHAPTER OF FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE (hereinafter referred to as the Chapter).

**ARTICLE II – OBJECT**

The object of this Chapter shall be to support Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge including its educational and awards programs which help students, teachers, and citizens gain a greater awareness and appreciation of the principles of a free and democratic society.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** Membership in this Chapter shall consist of three (3) categories: Life, Patron, and Regular. Chapter membership shall include membership in Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

**Section 2. Application for membership.** Any adult interested in the objectives of the Chapter and the mission of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is eligible for membership by submitting an application for membership in writing to the Vice President. – Membership.

**Section 3. Membership Dues.** Membership dues for the fiscal year July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> are payable May 1<sup>st</sup>. Any member whose dues are not paid by July 1 shall be delinquent and if not paid by September 1st shall automatically forfeit membership. Patron and Regular members joining the Chapter after March shall pay the full amount of annual dues and the dues paid shall be applied to the next membership year. Life Member shall pay a one time payment of \$300 per individual. The annual dues for Patron Member shall be \$125 per individual and for Regular Member \$30 per individual.

**ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Elected Officers.** The elected officers of the Chapter shall be a president, a first vice president, a second vice president, a

24 recording secretary, a treasurer, a corresponding secretary, and nine administrative vice presidents: membership, ways and means,  
25 budget and finance, public relations, programs, awards, continuing education, youth education, and student alumni.

26 **Section 2. Nominations:** The Nominating Committee shall consist of a minimum of three members, one member appointed by the  
27 president from the board of directors, and the remaining members elected from the membership at the March general membership  
28 meeting. Only active members in good standing shall serve on the Nominating Committee and no member may serve on the  
29 Nominating Committee two consecutive years. Vacancies in the nominating committee shall be filled by the Executive Committee.  
30 The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented at the April membership meeting and shall be submitted for publication in  
31 the May newsletter. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of elections. Nominees and officers must be  
32 members in good standing and may not serve as an elected official in other than a non-partisan capacity at the city, state, or national  
33 level, or run for political office.

34 **Section 3. Elections:** Officers shall be elected by ballot by a majority vote at the May membership meeting. If there is only one  
35 nominee for an office, a voice vote may be taken.

36 **Section 4. Term of Office.** The elected officers shall be installed at the June membership meeting and shall take office on July 1<sup>st</sup>.  
37 Elected officers shall serve a one (1) year term or until their successors are elected. No officer may serve more than three consecutive  
38 terms in the same office and no individual shall serve for more than six consecutive years as a member of the board of directors.

39 **Section 5. Vacancy in Office.** In the case of a vacancy in the office of president, the first vice president shall serve as president for the  
40 remainder of the term. A vacancy in any office other than president shall be filled by the president, subject to the approval of the board  
41 of directors

42 **Section 6. Duties of Officers.** The elected officers shall perform the duties provided in this section and such other duties as are  
43 prescribed for the office in these bylaws, by the board of directors, by the Executive Committee, by the president, or in the adopted  
44 parliamentary authority. All officers shall deliver to their successors all material pertaining to their office prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

45 **A. Duties of the President.** The president shall:

- 46 1. be the chief executive officer and official spokesman of the Chapter;
- 47 2. appoint, subject to the approval of the board of directors the following:
  - 48 a. a chaplain, a historian, a parliamentarian, and a Remembrance Fund chairman, and two high school student alumni,
  - 49 b. an Audit Committee, and
  - 50 c. special committees as deemed necessary;
- 51 3. preside at all meetings of the membership, the board of directors, and the Executive Committee;
- 52 4. be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee;
- 53 5. review all contracts, official chapter correspondence, publications, and invitations;
- 54 6. be responsible to the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge president and the National Volunteers Advisory Board for all  
55 chapter activity, including required financial and other reports;
- 56 7. be responsible for chapter compliance with Articles V and VI of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge bylaws and  
57 the chapter bylaws and standing rules; and
- 58 8. attend the Annual Volunteer Chapters Leadership Conference at Valley Forge with one other board member.

59 **B. Duties of the First Vice President.** The first vice president shall:

- 60 1. perform the duties of the president in the absence of the president;
- 61 2. assume the office of the president for the unexpired term in the event of a vacancy in the office;
- 62 3. serve as a member of the Membership Committee; and
- 63 4. serve as a member of the Ways and Means Committee.

64 **C. Duties of the Second Vice President.** The second vice president shall:

- 65 1. serve as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee; and
- 66 2. serve as a member of the Ways and Means Committee.

67 **D. Duties of the Treasurer.** The treasurer shall:

- 68 1. serve as the chief financial officer of the chapter;
- 69 2. be custodian of all Chapter funds;
- 70 3. obtain and present to the board of directors for approval the required corporate resolutions when changes in signatories  
71 are required and submit all required documentation to the financial institutions;
- 72 4. keep an accurate record of receipts and disbursements and maintain an appropriate accounting system as required by  
73 Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and federal tax laws;
- 74 5. make financial reports to the board of directors and to the general membership at each regular meeting and at other times  
75 when requested by the president or the board of directors;
- 76 6. submit quarterly reports and one-half of dues collected to the national controller each quarter, as well as annual financial  
77 report to the National Controller with copies of all quarterly and annual reports sent to the Southern Region Advisor;
- 78 7. present financial records for review by an auditor or audit committee designated by the president after the close of the  
79 fiscal year;
- 80 8. present an annual financial report to the chapter membership a soon after the end of the fiscal year as is reasonable; and
- 81 9. serve as a member of the Budget and Finance Committee.

82 **E. Duties of the Recording Secretary.** The recording secretary shall:

- 83 1. be custodian of all records except those assigned to others;
- 84 2. record the minutes of all meetings of the general membership, the board of directors, and the Executive Committee and  
85 maintain an official minutes book that meets legal requirements; and
- 86 3. keep attendance records of each meeting of the board of directors and the Executive Committee.

87 **F. Corresponding Secretary.** The corresponding secretary shall:

- 88 1 receive and review all Chapter correspondence;  
89 2. send notices of all board of directors and Executive Committee meetings;  
90 3. send cards and thank you letters as required;  
91 4. write any official correspondence as directed by the president or the board of directors; and  
92 5. maintain a file of all correspondence.

93 **G. Duties of the Administrative Vice Presidents.** The administrative vice presidents shall serve as chairmen of the standing  
94 committees which correspond to each specific area of responsibility and shall be responsible for the performance in the  
95 specific areas, and shall report on the committee's work and progress at board of director meetings.

96 **H. Financial Account Signatories.** The president, the treasurer, and one other member of the Executive Committee shall be  
97 signatories on chapter investment and bank accounts. Every financial transaction – check or other withdrawal – shall require  
98 two of the three signatures.

99 **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

100 **Section 1. Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings shall be held on the third Wednesday of each month except July, August, and  
101 September unless otherwise ordered by a majority vote of the board of directors.

102 **Section 2. Annual Meeting.** The regular meeting in May shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of  
103 electing officers.

104 **Section 3. Special Meetings.** Special meetings may be called by the president, or by a written request signed by not less than five (5)  
105 members of the board of directors or twenty (20) members of the general membership. The object of the special meeting shall be  
106 stated in the call of the meeting.

107 **Section 4. Quorum.** Twenty (20) members shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting of the Chapter.

108 **ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

109 **Section 1. Composition.** The members of the board of directors shall be the president, first vice president, second vice president,  
110 recording secretary, treasurer, corresponding secretary, the immediate past president, the administrative vice presidents, and two non-  
112 voting student alumni.

113 **Section 2. Duties.** The board of directors shall constitute the governing body of the Chapter except as otherwise specified by  
114 Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, shall adopt an annual budget, shall amend Chapter standing rules, policies and procedures or  
115 guidelines, and shall approve all appointments made by the president. Members of the board of directors shall attend all board  
116 meetings unless excused by the president. Three unexcused absences shall be deemed a resignation.

117 **Section 3. Meetings.** The board of directors shall meet not less than four times a year, date, time and place to be designated by the  
118 president. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by written request signed by not fewer that five (5) members of the  
119 board of directors with a call given in writing or orally at least five (5) days before the meeting.

120 **Section 4. Quorum.** A majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

121 **ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

122 **Section 1. Composition.** The members of the Executive Committee shall be the president, the first vice-president, the second vice  
123 president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the corresponding secretary, and the immediate past president.

124 **Section 2. Duties.** The Executive Committee shall exercise the authority of the board of directors between meetings of the board but  
125 only to the extent the action cannot wait until the next board meeting and the action taken is not contrary to the instructions of the  
126 board of directors.

127 **Section 3. Meetings.** Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the president or any two members of the Executive  
128 Committee with at least twenty-four (24) hour oral notice. Notice may be waived by the members of the Executive Committee in  
129 accordance with statutory requirements.

130 **Section 4. Quorum.** A majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

131 **ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES**

132 **Section 1. Standing Committees.** The standing committees of the Chapter shall be Membership, Ways and Means, Budget and  
133 Finance, Public Relations, Programs, Awards, Continuing Education, Youth Education, and Student Alumni. The standing committees  
134 shall report to the board of directors and shall be responsible to the president between meetings of the board. The term for committee  
135 members shall correspond to that of the officers. All chairmen shall deliver to their successors all materials pertaining to their  
136 committee prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>.

137 **B. Membership Committee.** The committee shall be responsible for recruitment of new members, for membership retention,  
138 for maintaining all membership records, for dues notices and collection of annual renewal dues, and for the preparation and  
139 publication of the annual membership roster.

140 **C. Ways and Means Committee.** The committee shall recommend ways and means to properly fund the Chapter's activities  
141 and shall plan and coordinate fund raising events, the solicitation of donations, grants, and sponsors both individual and  
142 corporate.

143 **D. Budget and Finance Committee.** The committee shall prepare an annual budget of estimated receipts and expenditures for  
144 the fiscal year and shall present the budget to the board of directors at the first board meeting in the new fiscal year, shall  
145 monitor actual to budgeted amounts and make recommendation for amendments to the budget when warranted, and shall be  
146 responsible for monitoring the Chapter's investments and recommending changes in investments to the board of directors.

147 **E. Public Relations Committee.** The committee shall investigate and recommend methods of acquainting the general public  
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with the functions and programs of Freedoms Foundation, be responsible for chapter public relations and press releases, the chapter's newsletter, and the chapter's website.

**F. Program Committee.** The committee shall plan and coordinate a program for each membership meeting that is consistent with the objective of Freedoms Foundation and/or of general interest to the membership and shall be responsible for reservations, decorations, hostesses, luncheon menu, and telephone reminders.

**G. Awards Committee.** The committee shall be responsible for seeking out and submitting nominations for Freedoms Foundation National Awards Programs and for planning and coordinating the chapter's National Awards Ceremony and for seeking out and submitting nominations for the Leavey Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education.

**H. Continuing Education Committee.** The committee shall make Broward County high school teachers in American History or Social Studies aware of the Freedoms Foundation Summer Graduate Courses and select the number of teachers approved by the board of directors to receive a scholarship to attend the Summer Graduate Courses.

**I. Youth Education Committee.** The committee shall coordinate the selection of Broward high school students to attend the Freedoms Foundation youth conferences, make all of the arrangements for the students to attend, and plan the Annual Student Luncheon.

**J. Student Alumni Committee.** The committee shall build and maintain a data base of Broward students who have attended any one of the youth leadership conferences at Valley Forge and shall be responsible for planning events or activities to which alumni shall be invited to attend and/or otherwise shall maintain contact with the alumni.

**ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the proceedings of the Chapter in all cases to which that are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, any special rules of order that the Chapter may adopt, and any statutes applicable to this organization that do not authorize the provisions of these bylaws to take precedence.

**ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS**

These bylaws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Chapter membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided a written notice of each amendment has been given at least twenty (20) days in advance. Any amendments necessitated to comply with Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge bylaws or policies shall be affected by the president of the Chapter and be reported to the membership at the next regular meeting.

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! - Preparation of our 2009 Membership Roster will begin soon. We want to be sure your name and contact information are included. Send your check today!**

Payable to: Freedoms Foundation Broward County Chapter  
Send 2009 Dues to: Barbara M. Priestman, Membership Chairman  
2713 Sea Island Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

**Dues may be deductible for tax purposes-Please consider being a life member (Memberships are individual)**

\_\_\_\_\_ LIFE Membership @ \$300.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ PATRON Membership @ \$125.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ REGULAR Membership @ \$30.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Check one:  Single  Married  Widowed  Divorce  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send my newsletter to me by  email or by  US mail. Thank you.**

**We invite you to become involved and check the following that interest YOU**

- Hostess
- Awards Program
- Membership
- Newsletter
- George Washington Birthday Ball
- Silent Auction
- Special Projects
- Interview Students
- Public Relations
- Telephone Committee
- Accounting/Bookkeeping
- Chaperone Students
- Web Page
- Other

**FOR OUR LIFE MEMBERS: This is not a request for dues from you, but please return this form showing any changes in your name or contact information. REMEMBER US IN YOUR WILL.**

**Questions? Contact Barbara Priestman at [Gotchacovered6@aol.com](mailto:Gotchacovered6@aol.com)**



**Hear Ye!! Hear Ye!! Hear Ye!! Luncheon Meeting and Installation of Officers**

*Mark your calendar, invite family and/or friends to join you, and mail registration form on or before Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> to:*

**Mrs. Kay Warren, 711 NW 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Plantation, FL 33317 (954-684-2180)**

*Come join us and support your newly elected officers*

When: Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> Time: Lunch at 12:00 Noon  
Where: Coral Ridge Yacht Club Cost: \$25 w/reservation, \$30 w/o (per person)

----- (Detach and Return) -----

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Valley Forge Luncheon Speech

Good afternoon, my name is Raquelle Newman. I attend the University School of NSU. I was asked to speak briefly about my experience at Valley Forge. I could be cliché and try to impress you all with historical facts about



our Founding Fathers, or try to put my words into some sort of historical context, but I don't think that that would accurately convey how the trip personally impacted my life. The experience was a reflection of the participant and his/her expectations of the trip. In saying that, by anticipating new friendships, memories and a fulfilling time in Pennsylvania, I can honestly say that my expectations were met. When I arrived at the airport, I was overwhelmed by laughter and warm smiles. There was an aura of excitement about meeting one another. The openness of the group was welcoming and refreshing and it seemed as though they had all already known each other.

Once on campus, I was taken by my peers. The discussions and thoughts of the other students were not only engaging, but they also reminded me of how teenagers my age who truly inhabit the qualities of future

leaders in the United States *actually exist*. Nowadays, it is easy to forget or ignore our responsibilities as citizens and/or as decent human beings, and it is easy to become discouraged by the current state of the world, but in an environment such as that of Valley Forge—where students are encouraged to express themselves and validate their respective opinions—we learned how to embrace our youth and synthesize our desire for betterment with fresher ideas. I think I speak for most of us when I say that the experience and the emotions associated with the trip cannot wholly be described. We created friendships and bonds amongst one another and people from different regions of the United States. Simultaneously, we eliminated and confirmed assumptions about the behaviors of people from other corners of the country as well as answered questions about our home state—mostly questions about the weather and...how often we go to the beach.

In the end, if there is one thing I believe we all took from the experience, it was a renewed sense of hope and understanding of the role each of us has as future leaders of America. Whatever we choose to do, and whichever paths we decide to take, we will always maintain the potential to implement change and make a difference in our country—because essentially, that is what it is...our country: Past, present and future. How has this experience changed us? I think that it has inspired us to stay focused and lead a goal-oriented life.

... it is our time **now** and too much is never enough.

We're on a **mission** to realize that "happiness is a daily **decision**," To **see** that...**we**, can be the ones who say... "no" to any farther suppression of,

Our **might**...our **right** to...**care**:

Cause' we're getting older now, and the world will soon be ours, so realize that we got less time to act like we got time to...**spare**.

So...be that change in the world and take that step...forward, Cuz' you do have a...**voice** to embrace the **choice** that you...

Have to **be** whoever you wanna...**be**

There's no **body** that can strip you of your **pride**...your **ancestry**.

So do us all a favor and be that change in the...world,

Our world, yes, the world that we ...share.

## Congratulations to Newly Elected Officers

Meet Robert Reich, the newly elected president of the Broward County Chapter. Bob graduated from Cornell University, received a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and was a participant in the renowned Masters in Taxation program at New York University.



Bob owns his own financial advisory firm, Generational Wealth Management, LLC with offices in Boca Raton. His firm is a full-service company specializing in retirement planning and estate conservation and focusing on protecting income and inheritance especially through trying times as the current economic situation. His clients are mainly retired individuals. The firm's securities and investment advisory services are offered through **AXA** Advisors, LLC.

Bob was a member of the Broward County Chapter in 1998/1999 and considers himself fortunate to have chaperoned a Spirit of America trip that year. He says, "I was most impressed by the educational program at Valley Forge, even considering the schools I had attended." Bob came back as a member of our chapter last year because "our national identity is disappearing" and because he is passionate that the need is greater than ever that we must protect and defend the principles of our founding documents.

In his spare time Bob enjoys skiing, weight lifting, playing tennis, and swimming. Such energetic activities should keep him physically fit for the challenges of the office of president of the Broward County Chapter. Good luck, Mr. President. We look forward to your leadership and a successful 2009-2010.

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The mission of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is to impart to Americans – particularly young Americans – an understanding of and commitment to our heritage, basic values upon which this nation was built, the private enterprise system, and responsible citizenship.



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**Freedoms Foundation  
Woman of the Year**

Gail Smith was one of twelve women honored by the 1000+ Club of the American Cancer Society at an awards luncheon on May 5, 2009 at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa.

The awards honor not only the individuals for their spirit of volunteerism but the organization which they represent and the part that it plays in our community. This year's theme—*Above and Beyond*—is appropriate to the many good deeds and generosity demonstrated by all of the women.

Gail came to Fort Lauderdale at age 10, graduated from Fort Lauderdale High School, BCC, and FAU. She has been a member of the Broward County Chapter



Gail Smith and Bankie Benton pictured at the 1000+ Club luncheon.

of Freedoms Foundation since it began in 1973. Performing & composing music are her passion and the chapter has benefited from her many performances at luncheons and special events.

Two other chapter members were among the women honored: Beth Holland and Jean Rohrbaugh. As past women of the year, Jane Wikberg and Bankie Benton were also recognized.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**National Flag Day** is the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 adopted on June 14<sup>th</sup> by the Second Continental Congress establishing the flag of the United States. This holiday was officially decreed by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1916. It was not until August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14<sup>th</sup>** of each year as **National Flag Day**.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> - Independence Day**

In 1776 John Adams wrote to Abigail Adams:  
*It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not.*

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Constitution Day** was established by Congress in 2004 as a federal holiday - the day the U.S. Constitutional Convention signed the Constitution in 1787. The act mandates that all publicly funded educational institutions provide educational programs on the history of the American Constitution on that day.

