

# Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge

## BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA CHAPTER



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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bankie Benton, President

Dear Broward Freedoms Member,

Thank you for the confidence you have in me to be your president for another year. We have a big year ahead and I look forward to us moving ahead into a bright future.

We were all saddened at the loss of our valuable members, Suzanne Blankenship and Ellen Meister. Both of these dedicated ladies were life members and we will miss their contributions to our organization.

During the summer your board has worked hard meeting in July, August and the September meeting is planned for Thursday evening, the 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Intracoastal Room at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club. Any member is welcome to attend. **YOUR BOARD HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:**

#1 Dues increases as of October 1, 2008  
Regular: \$30; Patron: \$125; Life: \$300

The increase cost of postage, printing and other operational expenses have made this necessary. I have also appointed our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP George Wortley, MC Ret. to form a committee to recommend additional money making ideas for you to consider in the near future.

#2 Change to have some of our meetings in the PM as some of our members work. The first meeting will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 PM social, dinner at 6:30 PM. The other evenings will be our Christmas Party Tuesday evening, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and George Washington's Birthday Ball Saturday evening February 21<sup>st</sup> 2009 all to be held at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club. Start spreading the word NOW to your friends and family to save the date for our Ball. (cont'd on page 5)

#### BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

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## View From Valley Forge

### Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge Youth Update

by Patricia McDougle, VP, Youth Education

Information on the Youth Conferences for the Fall of 2008 and Winter and Spring of 2009 has been received from Valley Forge. The dates are as follows:

October 30-November 2nd 2008

February 26<sup>th</sup>-March 1, 2009

March 12<sup>th</sup>-March 15<sup>th</sup> 2009

April 23<sup>rd</sup>-April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

This is the first time a Fall Conference has been created. Requests for qualified nominations for all conferences have been mailed to forty eight high schools-with a special urgency emphasizing the Fall Conference. The Board voted to send seventy five students, this year, and the number of students selected for each conference shall be divided over the four conferences with a minimum of fifteen students and a maximum of twenty five students in order to reach the total of seventy five. Two chaperones, one male and one female, will accompany each group to Valley Forge.

Additionally, the name of the Youth Conference has changed from the *Spirit of America Youth Conference* to *American Leaders Youth Summit*. A fond attachment for the former title lingers.

The tuition cost per student to Valley Forge has increased from \$420 to \$430. The Chapter will also pay a higher air fare this year.

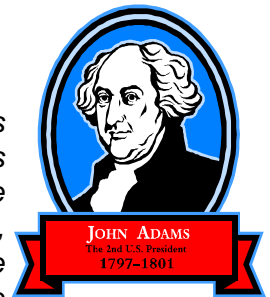
Volunteers are needed to interview the students and to recommend the best possible students to attend the four conferences. Chaperones are also needed. In addition to the rewarding experience of sharing the Valley Forge experience with the students, all expenses are paid for the chaperones.

If you would like to interview students or if you want to be a chaperone, please let me know as soon as possible, especially for the October Conference date.

For more information or to volunteer to interview students or to be a chaperone, contact Patricia McDougle, 954-791-595, [mcd090@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcd090@bellsouth.net)

## Words From the Past

*"We ought to consider what is the end of government, before we determine which is the best form. Upon this point all speculative politicians will agree, that the happiness of society is the end of government, as all divines and moral philosophers will agree that the happiness of the individual is the end of man. From this principle it will follow, that the form of government which communicates ease, comfort, security, or, in one word, happiness, to the greatest number of persons, and in the greatest degree, is the best."*- John Adams, 1776



## NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The Next Executive Board Meeting  
**Thursday, September 25th 5:30 p.m.**  
 Coral Ridge Yacht Club

Reminder!

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**October Event**



**Footsteps of American History**  
**A Report From Our Broward High School Teachers Who Made The Walk**

**Hostesses – Joyce Sladek and Jane Wikberg**

**Date: Thursday, October 23, 2008**

**Time: 6:00 PM – Registration  
6:30 PM – Dinner**

**Place: Coral Ridge Yacht Club  
2800 Yacht Club Blvd.  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304**



**THE CLUB REQUIRES THAT RESERVATIONS BE MADE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008**

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

**Please note that those who arrive *without* a reservation will be charged an extra \$5.00.**



your check payable to **FREEDOMS FOUNDATION, BCC** and mail to:

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

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

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

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**2008 – 2009 PROGRAMS**

**Mission**

**To educate and inspire an awareness of principles upon which America was founded and the responsibilities of citizens in a free society.**



**September 20, 2008**

**Freedom's Foundation AA 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting  
7:00 p.m. – Sun Sentinel Building**

**October 23, 2008**

**“Footsteps of American History: A Report from our Broward High School Teachers”  
6:00 p.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**

**October 30 – November 2, 2008**

**American Leaders Youth Summit  
Valley Forge Campus**

**November 2008 TBA**

**Tribute to Veterans and National Awards  
11:30 a.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**

**December 2, 2008**

**Holiday Party  
6:00 p.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**

**January 2009 PROGRAM TBA**

**11:30 a.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**

**February 21, 2009**

**George Washington Ball  
6:00 p.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**

**February 26 - March 1, 2009**

**American Leaders Youth Summit  
Valley Forge Campus**

**March 2009 TBA**

**St. Patrick's Day Luncheon  
11:30 a.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**

**March 12 - March 15, 2009**

**American Leaders Youth Summit  
Valley Forge Campus**

**April 2009 PROGRAM TBA**

**11:30 a.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**

**April 23 – 26, 2009**

**American Leaders Youth Summit  
Valley Forge Campus**

**May 2009 TBA**

**American Leaders Youth Summit Banquet  
11:30 a.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**

**June 2009 TBA**

**Installation of Officers  
11:30 a.m. – Coral Ridge Yacht Club**



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Weston, FL 33332  
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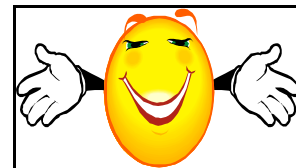
**Licet Collado**  
5162 SW 141 Terrace  
Miramar, FL 33027  
786-326-9768

**Mrs. Caroline Garzon-Cobo**  
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Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304  
954-763-3647

**Mr. & Mrs. Johnathan Klein**  
15842 Stonetower St.  
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954-434-4906

**Mrs. Yvette Dawson**  
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Lauderhill, FL 33319  
954-741-0067

**Ms. Joyce Ramey**  
3850 Galt Ocean Dr #501  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308  
954-564-1733



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(Continued)*

- #3 Our first group of students to Valley Forge this year will be in October. Your Board felt that this was a wonderful idea as these junior leaders will have all school year to share with their peers what they learned. Call Pat McDougale at 954-791-5957 to assist in the interviews with these outstanding young people.
- #4 Dr. Michelle Kayda (Shelly) chairman of the Youth Alumni Group has arranged with her committee their first event on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Sun Sentinel building to include a social hour with sodas and hors d'oeuvres followed by two outstanding speakers. Anyone wishing to attend with these inspiring young leaders, please call Shelly 954-294-3273 after 5 PM for reservations.
- #5 We sent three (3) teachers to the workshop at FFVF in July, Michael DuBuc, Marilyn Siadman and Diane Dunbar. Be sure to mark your calendar at our first meeting when they will share the highlights of their interesting experiences.
- #6 I have appointed the following changes to your slate of officers as others were unable to serve:
- \* Anita Hansen-VP Membership as Malyn Baruch found it necessary to resign.
  - \* Joyce Sladek will serve as assistant treasurer when Susan Carpenter, our Treasurer, cannot attend meetings.
  - \* Wayne Sladek will step in as Corresponding Secretary.
  - \* The board voted to hire Kevin Lane to assist Jose Pinera with Publicity as they work to make the public aware of our mission.
- #7 Your Board also voted to send Dr. Shelly Kayda and LTC Connie Christensen to the Volunteer's Conference at FFVF September 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. Next year's conference will be in late September. Plan now to make the trip in 2009. It is a beautiful time in Pennsylvania and you would have an enjoyable informative time.

Do you want to plan a cruise this year to raise more income? If so call me to advise where and when you would like to go: 954-551-4107. We need at least a 6 months lead time.

Rev. Dr. Roger Verse has planned some very interesting programs for you this year. Plan now to attend and bring an interested friend, a prospective member.

I hope you are having a wonderful summer and see you soon.

God Bless America,

**Bankie Benton**

## MEMBER HOT TOPICS!



### Good Wishes To, Lois Moore, A Dear Friend And Colleague of Freedoms Foundation

**By Astrid Hinz**

A Dear Friend and Past President of Freedoms Foundation is not well. Last November she had a mild stroke and recently she has had a much more severe stroke. She is now living in an assisted living facility in St Augustine. She would love to receive a note from those of you who remember Lois as a vivacious, talented, creative, dedicated and always a very loyal member. She was one gracious lady who contributed SO MUCH. To Freedoms Foundation. She was my friend.

PS: For those who wish to drop her a line, please address it to her son

Mrs. Lois Moore c/o Mr. Gregory Moore  
8 Sea Oaks Drive  
St Augustine, Florida 32080



### Something To Feel Proud About

**By Michelle Haddad Kayda, Ph.D.**

Our Local Chapter appears to be one of the first in the nation to formally establish a *Freedoms Foundation Alumni Association*. The mission of the *Freedoms Foundation Alumni Association* is for students who have participated in the training in Valley Forge to conduct follow-up activities and network, help each other plan their futures and organize events to help our chapter and the Broward County community at large. The first meeting of the *Freedoms Foundation Alumni Association* will be held on September 20, 2008 at the Sun-Sentinel building at 200 East Las Olas Boulevard from 7:00-10:00 PM. It will be a social gathering that will include major speakers including Dr. Brenda Snipes, supervisor of elections in Broward County. All interested members of the Freedoms Foundation are invited to attend, and we welcome your involvement! If you would like additional information, please call Shelly Kayda at 954-492-1265.



### The Teacher's Workshop

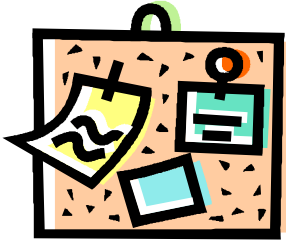
**By Paula Farland**

The Broward County Chapter provided full scholarships for three local teachers to attend Freedoms Foundation's American History Workshop, Presidential History and Heritage. Matthew DuBuc (Cardinal Gibbons High School, Marilyn Siadman (Stranahan High School) and Diana Dunbar (Stranahan High School) were the teachers chosen to attend this exciting and enriching workshop in July. DuBuc and Dunbar are both in the Social Studies Department at their respective high schools while Siadman is in the Guidance Department at Stranahan High School.

This educational trip took place from July 12 to July 18, 2008, beginning with visits to historical sites in Boston, MA. They continued their studies in NH, VT, NY, VA and PA (including Valley Forge, Gettysburg, visiting sites relating to Presidents Adam, Kennedy, Pierce,, Coolidge, Grant, Van Buren, FDR, Buchanan, Eisenhower and Jefferson).

To hear more about their exciting experiences come to our October 23<sup>rd</sup> evening meeting. The teachers will present in greater detail the events of this informative workshop on Presidential History and Heritage.

**MATTERS of INTEREST & IMPORTANCE!!**



**Membership Dues** must be received by **September 30<sup>th</sup>** so your name will be included in the 2008-2009 Membership Roster.

**Regular Dues: \$30    Patron Dues: \$125    Life Member Dues: \$300**

Please send your check to: Anita Hansen, Membership Chairman  
4280 Galt Ocean Drive, #18K  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

**Membership Changes**

Mr. Chris & Mrs. Susan Rachanski  
24 Winnebago Road  
Sea Ranch Lakes, FL 33308  
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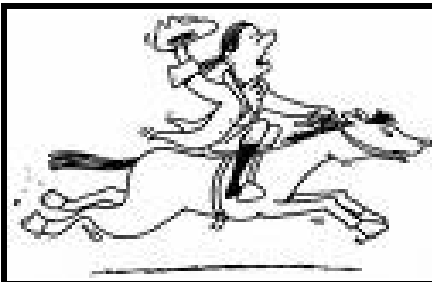
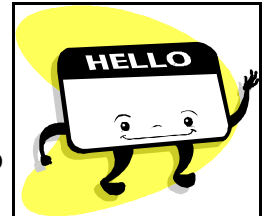
**Woman of the Year**

Congratulations to **Gail Smith** who was nominated to represent Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Broward Chapter as "Woman of the Year."

The Board couldn't have made a better choice!

**41st Annual Leadership Conference Attendees**

**Shelly Kayda** and **Connie Christensen** will be attending the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Leadership Conference on September 25 to September 28, 2008. We're looking forward to sharing their experiences at the "Spirit of Freedom - Chapter by Chapter".



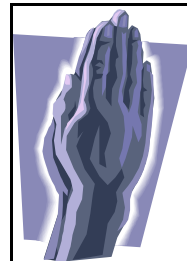
**The Birthday Ball is coming...  
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**Spread the word to friends and family...  
February 21, 2009!**

**Because We Care...**

***We Remember The Families Of Those Who Have Passed Away***

- Mrs. Eugene Blankenship (Suzanne)*
- Mrs. James A. Campbell (Barbara)*
- Mrs. Tahsin Gencsoy (Sue)*
- Mrs. Fremont Leggers (Frances)*
- Mrs. Carl J Meister (Ellen)*
- Mr. Samuel W Poore*
- Mrs. George C Wortley (Barbara)*



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 5:30 p.m.**  
Is the next Executive Board Meeting  
Held at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club





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## Member HOT TOPICS!

**Hot!**

Do you have a **HOT TOPIC** to share with your fellow Freedom's Foundation members? This new feature of our newsletter appears on page 6. Check it out! Please contact the editors for more information. We look forward to reading your views, news and schmooze!

## A few images from last year...



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