



## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 21, 2009  
**Newsletter Deadline**  
[askapr@yaho.com](mailto:askapr@yaho.com)

October 21, 2009  
**Membership Meeting**  
Coral Ridge Yacht Club  
Lunch at Noon \$25

November 18, 2009  
**Annual National Awards Luncheon**  
Coral Ridge Yacht Club  
Lunch at Noon \$25

December 3, 2009  
**Bob Tryanski**

December 8, 2009  
**Cocktail Party**  
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
Coral Ridge Yacht Club  
\$25 per person

January 20, 2010  
**Membership Meeting**

January 28, 2010  
**Student Orientation**

February 17, 2010  
**Membership Meeting**

February 19, 2010  
**George Washington Ball (Friday)**

March 17, 2010  
**Membership Meeting**

April 21, 2010  
**Membership Meeting**

May 16, 2010(Sunday)  
**Student Luncheon**

June 16, 2010  
**Membership Meeting**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Although the summer is not yet over, we are getting in full swing for the fall. Plans for the George Washington Ball are progressing under Boyce Anne's guidance. Chase Adams is compiling an exciting list of speakers for our fall and winter programs. And, Pat McDougle, in addition to her duties as Youth education VP is generously coming to bat as interim Treasurer until the position is filled. Chase and Larry also gave of their time to attend, along with myself, a much needed meeting with the Communities Foundation of Broward, which controls the purse strings to Harriet Kaye's generous bequest to our organization. Jose Pinera has been instrumental in updating our web site, with the help and advice of Pat McDougle and Barbara Proctor, our Parliamentarian and newsletter editor. Bankie is just as busy as ever working for us. She is helping individuals create new Freedoms Foundation chapters in Virginia. I want to thank all of the above, as well as many others of you who have given of your time and advice to help me transition as incoming President. As I have made clear to the Board, I am deeply involved in conducting a business that I love and enjoy and that requires time to make sure that my clients' needs are always met. In order to successfully fulfill my obligations to the Freedoms

Foundation, it is essential that I receive the help and support which all of you have graciously offered so that I may pursue the two primary goals of my tenure. These are to increase membership and stabilize our finances.

Without growing our organization, we will, eventually, cease to perform our mission of educating young people about the sacrifice and greatness that forged our nation. As we all know, this message is being lost in school curricula that is more concerned with revisionism than reality. And, without adding predictable sources of income, we will be unable to pay for worthy students to experience the Valley Forge experience. In furtherance of the former, our VP of Programs is seeking speakers who will inspire greater attendance at our events as well as to encourage you to invite potential new members. Regarding the latter, we have set up a dialogue with the Communities Foundation to determine the possibilities of generating more funds from Harriet's bequest.

With your continued help, we will attempt to further these worthwhile goals during the ensuing year.

- Robert Reich



## YOUTH CONFERENCES 2010

Another school year has begun in Broward County and so too has a new season for the Broward County Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge where the time is here to prepare for the youth conferences in 2010. The dates announced by Valley Forge for the American Leaders Youth Conferences are as follows:

February 25 – 28

March 11 - 14

April 22 – 25



### Value of the Youth Conferences

- Participation in the program, gives students
- an increased knowledge of the American political process;
  - improved leadership and communication skills; and
  - a new understanding and commitment to community and country.

Tours and recreational activities include:

- Trips to Colonial Philadelphia & Valley Forge
- Team building exercises
- Sports activities
- Semiformal banquet and dance

The chapter board voted to send eighteen students to each of the three conferences. Letters of invitations to fifty public and private Broward high schools were mailed in early September. The deadline for submission of nominations is October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Interviews of the students are scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup>. Acceptance letters are scheduled to be mailed by December 1<sup>st</sup> — this is earlier than in previous years but it will allow the students to coordinate going to Valley Forge with a commitment to SAT preparation and testing.

### Sending Additional Students

For the first time, the chapter is seeking sponsors for additional students to attend the youth conferences. Sponsors may nominate students who will be required to qualify in the screening process. The cost of a sponsorship is \$1,000. Students nominated by their school but not selected for a scholarship from the chapter will be encouraged to seek their own sponsor.



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**“If we don’t teach it, they won’t learn it. And, if they don’t learn it, they won’t defend it.”**

– William Bennett  
Former US Secretary of Education

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It is both amazing and rewarding to meet the young people that our chapter sends to Valley Forge and to hear about their experiences and what they learned. As an example, a 2009 attendee from Hollywood Hills High School said, “. . . I learned how important America’s history is and was reminded of how hard so many worked and sacrificed to make it that way.”

Another from Taravella High School said, “. . . after this week-end of a lifetime, the American flag is something more internal – a personal bond between my country and myself. I’ve never thought that way before, never felt an honest connection for me and my country.”

### Volunteers Needed

The Youth Education Committee needs your help.

- Interview Students (four to six) – you will meet some remarkable teen-agers
- Chaperone a trip – experience first hand the programs, events, and visits to Colonial Philadelphia attended by the students.
- Assist in the planning of the required orientation meeting and later the annual student luncheon

If you want to volunteer, have questions, or want more information contact the VP of Youth Education, Patricia McDougale, 954-791-5957, [mcd090@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcd090@bellsouth.net).

## FREEDOMS FOUNDATION MEETINGS SURVEY

In anticipation of the goal of the Outreach Committee to increase our membership to 1,000 members over the next 12 months, we are examining other venues that may better fit our needs.

The Programs Committee was asked to investigate the possibility of holding our meetings at different venues, different days of the week, different times of the day, etc.

Therefore, we are taking a survey of the ENTIRE membership to help us make that decision.

Please fill out the survey form and either mail it to Chase Adams at 1001 W. Cypress Creek Rd. Ste.414, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, or fax it to Chase Adams at (954) 351-7437.

Thank you for your help. We appreciate it.

**Remember: You are the only person who can give us this information. Please do it now!**

Chase Adams  
V.P. Programs  
[chase@chaseadams.net](mailto:chase@chaseadams.net)

### MEETING SURVEY

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<b>Location:</b> Coral Ridge Yacht Club	<input type="radio"/> <b>Same as Current</b>	<input type="radio"/> <b>Further North</b>	<input type="radio"/> <b>Further South</b>	<input type="radio"/> <b>Further West</b>	
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<b>Day:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month	<input type="radio"/> <b>Same as Current</b>	<input type="radio"/> <b>Other/Write in</b> _____			
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<b>Cost:</b> \$25 per person	<input type="radio"/> <b>Same as Current</b>	<input type="radio"/> <b>Other/Write in</b> \$_____			
<b>Venue Quality:</b> Yacht Club	<input type="radio"/> <b>Same as Current</b>	<input type="radio"/> <b>Other/Write in</b> _____			

**THE CHAPTER CAN NOT FUNCTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE MEMBERS—INDICATE YOUR CHOICE:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards Program                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Projects   | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/Bookkeeping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Students | <input type="checkbox"/> Chaperone Students     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations   | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Page               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> George Washington Birthday Ball |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                  |

CONTACT INFORMATION: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2009 NATIONAL AWARDS

### 2009-2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### APPOINTED POSITIONS

OPEN

*Chaplain*

OPEN

*Historian*

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*Parliamentarian*

**KAY WARREN**

*Remembrance Fund Chairman*



The Broward County Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge is pleased to announce that one national organization, one local organization, and ten individuals nominated by the chapter are the recipients of a Freedoms Foundation

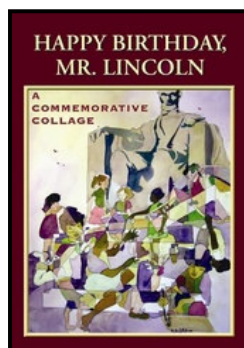
National Award and will be presented with a George Washington Honor Medal at a special awards luncheon on Wednesday, November 18, 2009. All entries focus on the themes of patriotism, responsible citizenship, and community involvement.

### Public Communications Category

The National Award for Public Communications recognizes the most significant dynamic addresses, sermons, editorials, letters to editor, books, articles, television and radio programs which increase the understanding of our American Way of Life. These communications may be on a one-time work or a series of works.

Warren Willis, CWO4 USN Ret. Las Vegas, Nevada. Project: *My Beautiful America*. Nominated by Patricia McDougale

Don Schultz, Jacksonville, Florida. Project: *Finding the Forgotten*. Nominated by Laura Jean Dluzak



Steve Amerson, Granada Hills, California. Project: *Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones*. Nominated by Patricia McDougale

The National League of American Pen Women, Washington, DC, Project: *Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln: A Commemorative Collage*. Nominated by Gail Smith

Steve Davis, Lt. Christy Nebel, & Sgt. Ron Patton, Atlanta, Georgia. Project: *A Hero's Salute - SSgt John Beal*. Nominated by Patricia McDougale

### Adult Community Category

This National Award is for programs by groups or individuals who "go above and beyond the call of duty" on a local, regional or national level which promote good works and serve their communities on an ongoing, day-to-day basis. These programs or projects should have been conducted for at least one year or longer, and be a series of works.

Daniel Rodriguez, New York, New York. Project: *The Singing Policeman*. Nominated by Gail Smith

Karla Smiley, Founder & Americas Moms for Soldiers, Fort Lauderdale. Project: *Mail Call*. Nominated by Patricia McDougale.

Anji Scarbrough, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Project: Bayview Elementary School. Nominated by Constance Reed and Laura Jean Dluzak

Barbara Luther, Lansdowne, VA. Project: Community Involvement. Nominated by Jane Wikberg

## Tour Across America

Gail Smith, long-time chapter member, has embarked on a national tour across America with America's Beloved Tenor, Daniel Rodriguez who will be performing many favorites including Broadway, Mario Lanza hits, patriotic selections, spiritual, operatic selections, and more. The tour includes 110 venues — September 2009 through May 2010 — and Gail will be Daniel's accompanist on the first and last twenty-five stops of the tour.



Gail is one of the first members of our chapter which was organized in 1973. She has been to Valley Forge many times, planted a tree on the Florida site in the Medal of Honor Grove, and ridden in Fourth of July parades under the Freedoms Foundation banner. To the Broward County Chapter she is an institution: as far back as memory serves Gail has been there playing patriotic songs while everyone gathered at almost every chapter luncheon and special event. Gail is known as the *First Lady of Piano* — sometimes the *Piano Lady* — based on her experience in performing, arranging, teaching, writing books on music and its history, and more.

You may remember Daniel as the singing New York policeman who rose to fame after September 11<sup>th</sup> as he rendered a cappella performances of *God Bless America* and *The Star-Spangled Banner* that proved far greater than a patriotic gesture. Ringing, heartfelt and beautiful, his performance stirred the hearts of the entire nation. President Bush paid tribute to him with the following words: "I want to thank Daniel Rodriguez for lending his fabulous voice in tribute after tribute to the greatness of America."

Music is an expression of the soul and if I keep my soul filled with the spirit of kindness, the desire to care, and the wonder of spirit that guides me, then through my music I will express all that is good within me.  
~Daniel Rodriguez

We shared in Gail's excitement for the opportunity to be part of this fabulous musical adventure. However, she reports that touring is tough (and hectic) — a bus to over there, an early morning flight to another there, packing, unpacking — and oh how she misses Fort Lauderdale and home. She will be home by the end of October and will go out again in April.

**Breaking News:** Gail nominated Danny for a Freedoms Foundation National Award in the category of Adult Community and we have just learned that he will receive a George Washington Honor Medal for his philanthropy and charity endeavors.



## BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

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## In Memoriam

Miss Mary N. Porter  
Mrs. W. Kimball Harvey  
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Mrs. Arlene S. Kressler

## Installation Luncheon

The final general membership meeting of last fiscal year was held on June 17, 2009 in the Commodore Lounge at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club. The event was both a time to look back and a time to look forward.



Seated: Outgoing president, Bankie Benton and Fort Lauderdale Mayor, Jack Siedler; Standing: Incoming president, Robert Reich

Jack Siedler, the mayor of Fort Lauderdale, was the guest speaker. He introduced himself with a brief history and talked about future events planned by the city including bringing back the Air and Sea Show and the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Las Olas.

Everyone was thrilled to see past-president Astrid Hinz who is battling bone cancer. She looked lovely (and patriotic as always). Her beautiful, warm smile and positive attitude came along too.



Important business at the meeting was the adoption of the revised bylaws which had been previously distributed to all members and the installation of the newly elected officers for 2009-2010. Jane Wikberg and "Bankie" Benton conducted the installation ceremony.



Presentation of thank you gift to outgoing president Bankie Benton by Jane Wikberg (right)

Jane Wikberg presented outgoing president Bankie Benton with a beautiful thank-you gift from the chapter and read a letter from Russ Schultz, FFVF Executive Vice President which in part said:

. . . Yes, Bankie since the day you took the gavel and assumed the responsibilities as Chapter President until today we all knew "who was in charge" of the chapter. You have led the way in discussions, laying out plans, and executed that which was planned in regard to meetings, parties, gala events and the like. Your patriotic and personal loving touch and concern for people was everywhere. . . Bankie, you and your husband Bill have been busy folks for a long period of time—and we thank you for all that you have done for Freedoms Foundation.

As a 30 year Navy Veteran I'd like to pass on a special Navy phrase to you Bankie it is **"BZ" to you Bankie—the "BZ" stands for THANKS FOR A JOB EXTREMELY WELL DONE!**

Bankie, my very best to you downstream and we all wish Bob Reich our very best as he takes over the helm from you today!

Incoming president Robert Reich expressed his humility in being elected as chapter president and his commitment to the mission of both the chapter and Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge in educating our young people and in the preservation of the principles of our founding fathers. He explained that he has much to learn — and many people to get to know — but that he is excited about the challenge.

Many thanks go to Bankie from all of us for her hard work and dedication to the chapter. We wish Bob great success as he leads the chapter forward in meeting the challenges of the times for both the chapter and our country.

## **PROSPECTIVE SPEAKERS FOR BC-FFVF MEETINGS**

The Programs Committee has received some outstanding recommendations from members for programs this year. Some of the speakers we are inviting to speak at our meetings:

- Legendary FSU coach Bobby Bowden
- Robert McClure, CEO of the James Madison Institute
- Gay Hart Gaines, Chairman of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association
- Dr. Kenneth A. Osgood, Associate Professor of History at Florida Atlantic University
- Georgie Carter Krell, Immediate Past President of American Gold Star Mothers, and Freedoms Foundation 2008 National Awards recipient
- Dr. Randy Pohlman, Dean of the Huizenga School of Business/Nova Southeastern University
- Jim Lovell, Commander of the Apollo 13 Mission
- Sheriff Al Lamberti of Broward County
- Jimmy Cefalo, Broadcaster
- David Levin, Broadcaster, Author
- Larry Arnn, President, Hillsdale College
- Edwin Feulner, President, The Heritage Foundation
- H. Wayne Huizenga, Sr., Businessman, and Recipient of the Horatio Alger Award
- Former Congressman Clay Shaw
- Abiud Montes, U.S. Marine Corp. Operations Chief/ Force Readiness Assistance and Assessment
- Michael Di Yeso, CEO, Freedoms Foundation Valley Forge
- Rich DeVos, Businessman, and Recipient of the Horatio Alger Award

Since we have a limited number of meetings each year, some of these speakers will not be on our agenda for 2 or 3 or more years. The schedule is still flexible regarding which speaker will be at which meeting.

Come to the next meeting, Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, and be part of the solution, rather than stay away and be a part of the problem. If you have a suggestion for a speaker, please send an email to [chase@chaseadams.net](mailto:chase@chaseadams.net), or a fax to Chase Adams at (954) 351-7437.



**Hear Ye!! Hear Ye!! Hear Ye!! Kick Off Meeting of the Great New Movement of Patriots – you will remember the day that it started, and that you were part of it! You know what they say, be there, or ..... else you won't be there. Mark your calendar and invite family and/or friends. Come early, come late, but be sure you come!**

***Mail your reservation form on or before Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> to:  
Mrs. Kay Warren, 711 NW 71<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Plantation, FL 33317 (954-684-2180)***

**When: Wednesday, Oct. 21st                      Time: Registration at 11:30 & Lunch at 12:00 Noon**  
**Where: Coral Ridge Yacht Club                      Cost: \$25 w/reservation; \$30 w/o (per person)**

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE CANCELLED WITH AT LEAST 24 HOURS NOTICE TO AVOID A CANCELLATION FEE OF \$30**

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## **Broward County Chapter**

PO Box 4116, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33338

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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Astrid at the Florida obelisk  
in the Medal of Honor Grove at  
Valley Forge

### **Good Wishes to Astrid Hinz a mentor, friend and colleague of Freedoms Foundation**

**By Patricia McDougale**

A dear, dear friend and past president of our chapter of Freedoms Foundation is not well. She is battling bone cancer and recently broke her shoulder with the simple act of reaching to turn off a light switch. She would love to receive a note or card from those of you who knew her. She has always been a loyal member of our chapter and has contributed so much to Freedoms Foundation. Despite all, Astrid remains bright and cheerful when you speak to her.

For those who wish to drop a line to her:

Mrs. Astrid Hinz  
c/o St. Andrews Estates S. Medical Center  
6045 S. Verde Trail  
Boca Raton, FL 33433-4476