



THE VALLEY FORGE FIFER

**FIFER GEORGE WEISSENFELS SOCIETY
Children of the American Revolution
Palm Beach County, Florida**



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Mark Your Calendar

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- ☑ Sunday, May 15, 2005, C.A.R. Office Installation. Meet at Phipps Ocean Park, the Little Red Schoolhouse for an old fashioned lesson on manatees! We will congregate at the doors of the schoolhouse (period wear optional) and wait for the school bell rung by the school marm. So please bring your own picnic lunch in a basket or tin and stay for some beach time, too! This is our officer installation meeting. Please wear your C.A.R. t-shirts and bring some sunscreen! Brenda Pike, 792-7861 to RSVP/Regrets.
 - ☑ Sunday, May 29, 2005, 1:00 p.m., Memorial Day Weekend Service at Royal Palm Memorial Gardens. C.A.R. is laying a wreath. Wear T-shirts, please!
 - ☑ June 25, 2005, PACKET PARTY. Information TBA—we will be traveling to Swamp Fox for this year's party.

A word from our president

Dear Society Members:

It has been a fun filled exciting year that I can't believe is over already! Last May we were all looking forward to hosting the State Packet Party so that we could all learn about our new State President's Project. "A Beacon to the Future"...Lighthouses!! Now that proved to make for an enlightening year!! Some of our members climbed a lot of stairs to the top of our own Jupiter Lighthouse and learned about its history.



We had many planned events this year that we were unable to carry out due to the hurricanes or the destruction that they left behind. With or without them we still honored our veterans on Memorial Day; helped keep other little children safe with our child seat program and held our heads up proud in the Wellington Christmas parade. Many of us attended the Florida State Conference in Clearwater and brought back lots of awards for our achievements!! I hope a lot more of you can go to the next state conference. It is so much fun. We had a pool party one night and the next we got all dressed up for our "Awards Banquet" and then had a dance party. You meet all kinds of kids just like us from all over the state. Tell your parents now that it's just something you have to do!!

Now that my term has come to an end it is time to turn it over to your next president; Nicolette Chimato. I know she will do a great job and will enjoy helping her through her term as you have helped us win all those awards. I think the next Florida State President's project will be a fun one, but I'm not

going to tell you about it. It will be a surprise, so you had better make it to the next State Packet Party hosted by the Swamp Fox Society on Saturday June 25th, location to be announced at a later date. I'll see you there.

Fifer George Weissenfels Society, President 2004-2005

Kaylee A. Legan



74th F.S.C.A.R. State Convention



Members of the Fifer George Weissenfels Society participated in the memorial service, conducted by State Chaplain (and Fifer George Weissenfels Society member) April Pearson. April designed a service around the concept of healing. She chose a butterfly release to honor the life of Vanessa Kite. Vanessa died in July from complications related to asthma. The service was held Saturday afternoon during the 74th State Conference in Clearwater at the historic Belleview Biltmore hotel. Fifer George members (L-R): Graham Lerner, Zoanne Lerner, Kirby Lanier, April Pearson, Kaylee Legan, Keilly Pike, and Kim Harty. Not pictured: Everett Lerner.



Left: State Historian and Fifer George Weissenfels Society President, Kaylee Legan, holds a copy of the Fifer George Weissenfels scrapbook. The book won Honorable Mention. Society historian, Keilly Pike, looked on during scrapbook judging.



Right: An address by General George Washington was given during the Awards dinner.



Above left: Newly elected State President, Robyn Carroll, takes a moment to pose with 2005 Page, Keilly Pike. Keilly was named 75th Convention Chairman of Pages. Above right: Honorary State President, Everett Lerner, emcees the awards ceremony with a power-point presentation which is new for the members. It was well received. Everett was Chairman of Awards and holds the national office of C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations Chairman.





The attendees of the 74th Annual F.S.C.A.R. convention in Clearwater, Florida, gather for the annual photo at the historic Belleview Biltmore Hotel.



Above left: Graham Lerner accepts an award on behalf of the Fifer George Weissenfels Society members from F.S.C.A.R. State President, Barry Marler. Above right: The Grand March begins and society member Keilly Pike is escorted with new friends.



Above left: Kirby Lanier accepts an award on behalf of the Fifer George Weissenfels Society members from F.S.C.A.R. State President, Barry Marler. Above right: Zoanne Lerner, the youngest Fifer George member in attendance, collected one of more than 20 awards on behalf of the Fifer George Weissenfels Society members from F.S.C.A.R. State President, Barry Marler.



Above: The 75th F.A.C.A.R. Executive Board is sworn into office during the banquet and awards evening. Two Fifer George Weissenfels Society members: April Pearson and Kaylee Legan, will serve as State 2nd Vice President and State Recording Secretary, respectively.



Above left: April Pearson accepts an award on behalf of the Fifer George Weissenfels Society members from F.S.C.A.R. State President, Barry Marler. April served as State Chaplain for the past year and was elected 2nd Vice President. She will be in charge of the Orange Blossom.



The garden area outside the historic Belleview Biltmore was the site for the butterfly release ceremony and memorial service. The hotel is the oldest occupied wooden structure in the world. It retains its turn-of-the-century charm and the historic nature of the local made each attendee feel an historical connection. It was a lovely venue for our annual state conference. Next year's conference will be held in Orlando.



Above left and center: Butterflies were the centerpiece of the memorial service held by State Chaplain April Pearson. Above right: Mrs. Virginia Davis, State Senior Recording Secretary and former Fifer George Weissenfels Society Senior President, takes a break from note taking to enjoy a delicious box lunch after the business portion of the state conference.



Above left: The friendly lighthouse keeper from the historic Egmont Key Lighthouse made a visit and gave a wonderful slide presentation on the lighthouse and island today as compared to 100 years ago. At one time an active military fort stood on the island. There is little evidence of the island's historic past due to disassembly, erosion, and overgrowth. It was a fascinating presentation. Above right: Kimberly Harty reminds us all to not take things too seriously and keep them light and fun by wearing her crazy eyes. F.S.C.A.R. President, Barry Marler, gets a big chuckle from her antics. Kimberly came to the event from California, where she is a freshman at USC!



Above: State members and national candidates take time to enjoy a box lunch with members of the Fifer George Weissenfels Society.



Above left: A new memorial award honoring the life and service of Col. Legan, grandfather of Fifer George Weissenfels Society President, Kaylee Legan, was announced during the Awards Banquet. On hand for the announcement was Laural Legan, (List /DAR titles here), Mrs. Legan, the widow of Col. Legan, and James Legan, Kaylee's father and the son of Col. Legan. The award was a surprise for Mrs. Legan, and she was moved for the newly-created recognition named in honor of her husband. The new award and contest will be "Military Relations." Above right: Fifer George Weissenfels Society member, Everett Lerner tweaks his awards presentation while lunching with State President, Barry Marler.

See our website's link to Troops on the main page and support soldiers with kind letters this month!

**2004-2005 F.S.C.A.R. Awards
Fifer George Weissenfels Society**



Fifer George Weissenfels President Kaylee Legan accepts first place C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations from F.S.C.A.R. President Barry Marler at the State Convention in March.

Florida State Standard of Excellence – Gold Ribbon

First Place

- State Merit Award
- State Librarian
- C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations
- State Treasurer
- Patriots and Promoters
- Government Studies

Second Place

- Magazine and Newsletter
- Endowment Fund Program
- Kids Helping Kids
- Membership
- Public Relations
- Public Relations On-line
- State Registrar
- American Indian

Third Place

- State President's
- C.A.R. Relations--Overall

Honorable Mention

- Yearbook, Scrapbook/Society History Book
- Conservation—Lewis and Clark Adventures

Appreciation

- Mountain Schools



APRIL

- Stephen Alexander – 4/1/92
- Sara Grant – 4/7/92
- Kyle Bogart – 4/9/98
- Kaitlyn Mouring – 4/11/95
- Ariana Mouring – 4/13/99
- April Louise Pearson – 4/15/90
- Austin Hunter Alexander – 4/17/96
- Conner Corin Smith – 4/25/00
- James Bryan Funk – 4/26/88
- Kaitlin Elizabeth Matyskiel – 4/26/95

MAY

- Erica Suzanne Frammolino -5/2/89
- Cathryn Laura Caldwell – 5/3/89
- Bailey Quinn Barnhart – 5/5/94
- Brett Clark Jarnagin – 5/6/88
- Alexander Kaiser Smith -5/13/91
- Ainsley Ann Linus – 5/22/89
- Edward Price Zahn – 5/23/85
- Alexandra Leigh Caldwell -5/24/91
- Olivia Jane Gruner – 5/26/00
- Jonathan Andrew Reeves -5/27/95
- Elizabeth Anne Isiminger -5/28/93
- Zachary Seaver Pike – 5/31/96

JUNE

- Jacquelin Christine Schmidt -6/2/91
- John Daniel Lugovich -6/5/93
- Jacilynn McNett – 6/9/90
- Jessica Julia Hitt – 6/10/88
- Kacey Lynn Rodriguez – 6/17/86
- Emily Elkin – 6/20/98
- Hamilton Bryan Doane – 6/21/93
- Alan Hughes Locke – 6/21/85
- Randell Bishop Doane – 6/26/95
- Zoanne Michelle Bliss Lerner- 6/29/99

JULY

- Stephen Michael Scherer Jr. -7/2/92
- Cole Devitt – 7/6/93
- Nicolette Chimato-7/10/89
- Stephen Michael Lugovich– 7/26/90
- Kirby Elizabeth Lanier – 7/27/89
- Brett Albert Hollingsworth -7/28/89



If your name has been mistakenly omitted, please contact Mrs. Pike at: hptub2@aol.com



2005-2006
Officer Installation
May 15 @ 1:00
Historic Little Red Schoolhouse
Phipps Park
2145 S. Ocean Blvd.

Historic Little Red Schoolhouse

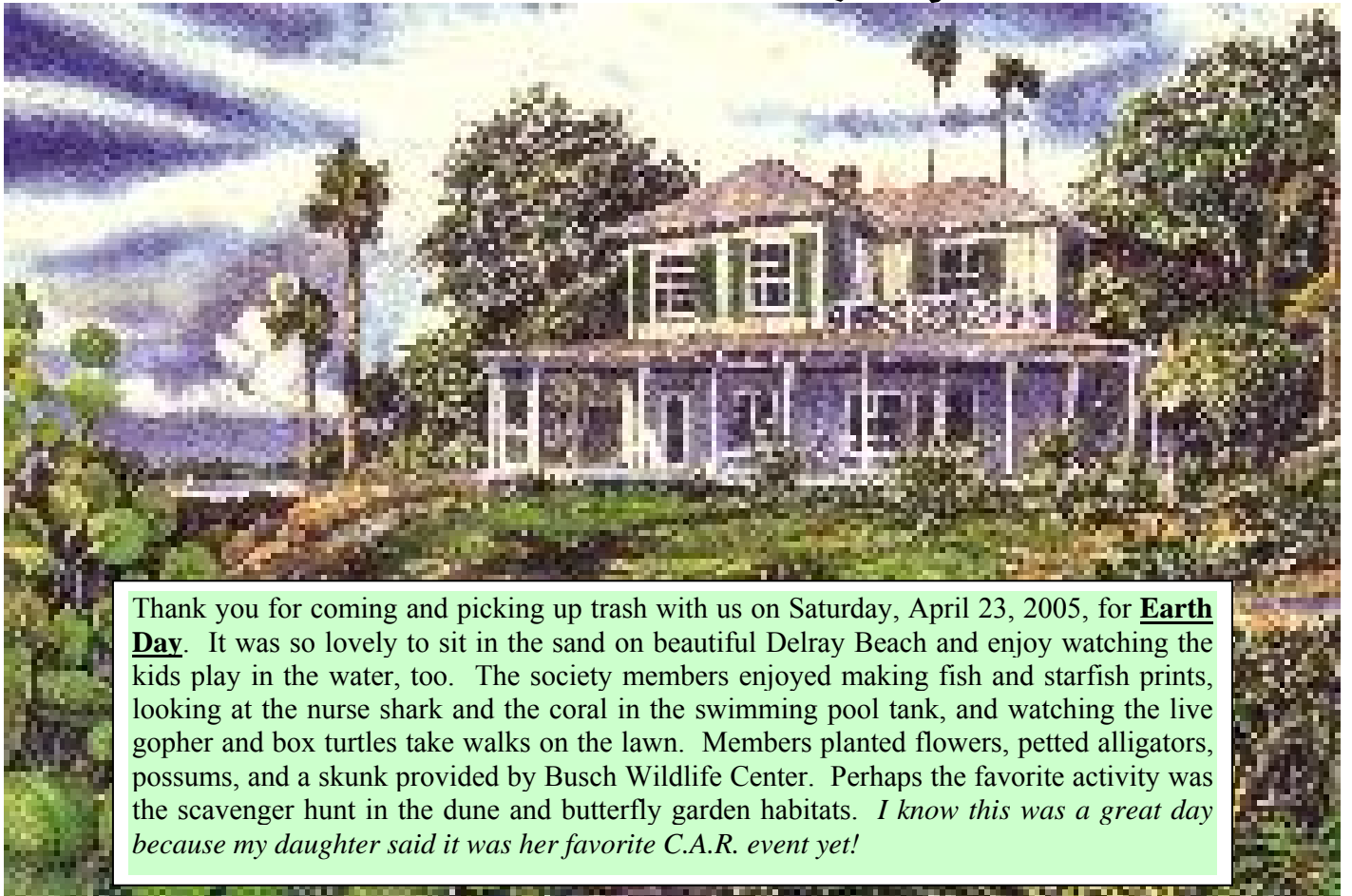
Phipps Ocean Park is home to the Little Red Schoolhouse, which was the first school built in the county.

The school sits on the beach so bring your sunscreen! Each family should pack their own picnic lunch of favorite foods. We'll eat on tables near the school before heading to the water.

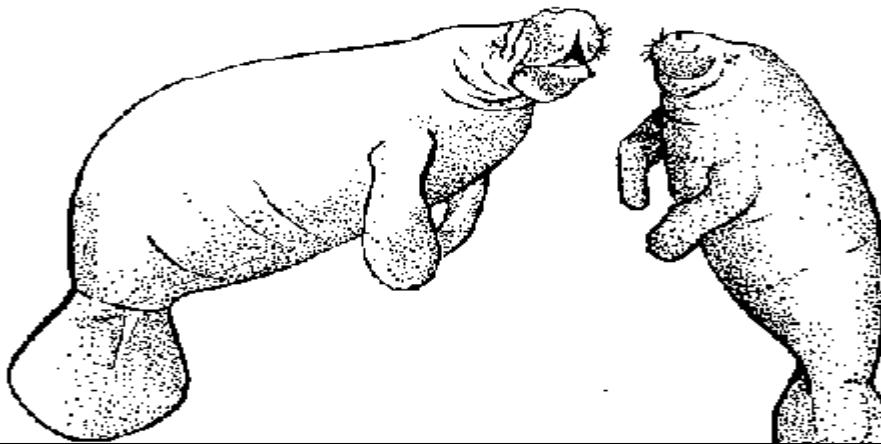
A program on education in 1776 and manatees is planned. The Little Red Schoolhouse dates from 1886 and was the first schoolhouse in what was then Dade County.



April 23, 2005
EARTH DAY
SANDOWAYHOUSE



Thank you for coming and picking up trash with us on Saturday, April 23, 2005, for **Earth Day**. It was so lovely to sit in the sand on beautiful Delray Beach and enjoy watching the kids play in the water, too. The society members enjoyed making fish and starfish prints, looking at the nurse shark and the coral in the swimming pool tank, and watching the live gopher and box turtles take walks on the lawn. Members planted flowers, petted alligators, possums, and a skunk provided by Busch Wildlife Center. Perhaps the favorite activity was the scavenger hunt in the dune and butterfly garden habitats. *I know this was a great day because my daughter said it was her favorite C.A.R. event yet!*



Color these adorable sea cows gray and if you'd like, draw some water cabbage which is one of their favorite foods. This website below will tell you how to make a manatee puppet from a brown paper sack!

http://www.floridaoceanographic.org/teacher/manatee_puppet.pdf

Peewee

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Manatee

(*Trichechus manatus*)

The West Indian manatees are large, aquatic animals that are gray-brown in color. They have a flat, paddle-shaped tail, 2

flippers and wrinkled faces with whiskers on the snout. The manatee's seal-like body can reach 13-feet in length and can weigh more than 3,000 pounds. Manatees are herbivores (they only eat plants).

Manatees are commonly found in shallow rivers, estuaries, saltwater bays, canals and coastal areas, particularly where seagrass beds are located. Manatees are migratory and concentrate in Florida in the winter.

The West Indian manatee is Florida's official state marine mammal. It is an endangered species. Loss of habitat and human interaction pose the greatest threat to this gentle, slow-moving creature. Most human-related manatee deaths are due to collisions with boats.

Explore American History on the Internet

<http://www.heraldry.ws/index.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Washington

<http://www.legendsofamerica.com/index.html>

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/gwhtml/gwhome.html>

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/trailofthe49ers/life.htm>



2005-2006

**Fifer George Weissenfels Society Officers
Palm Beach County, Florida**


Name	Office/Title	Senior Member/Mentor	Chapter Affiliation
Nicollette Chimato	President	Karen Chimato, Brenda Pike & Kaylee Legan-mentor	Spirit of Liberty
Graham Lerner	Vice President	Jane Lerner April Pearson-mentor	Seminole
Tyler Smith	Recording Secretary	Pam Smith Gondek	Spirit of Liberty
Keilly Pike	Corresponding Sec.	Brenda J. Pike	Spirit of Liberty
Kaitlyn Mouring	Treasurer	Virginia Davis	Spirit of Liberty
Kaitlin Matyskiel	Registrar	Virginia Davis	Spirit of Liberty
Alexandria Arnold	Chaplain	Grace Arnold	Palm Beach
Pamela Mora	Historian	Pamela Fitch Mora Kirby Lanier-mentor	Seminole
Adriana Mouring	Librarian	Annelies Mouring	Spirit of Liberty
Zoanne Lerner	Color Bearer	Everett Lerner Graham Lerner-mentor	Palm Beach SAR
Samantha Mouring	American Heritage	Annelies Mouring	Spirit of Liberty
Joey McKenna	American History	Amy McKenna	Volunteer parent
Emily Elkin	American Indian	Brenda Elkin	Halpatiokee
Kaylee Legan	C.A.R./DAR Relations	Laural Legan	Spirit of Liberty
Everett Lerner	Military Relations	Laural Legan Everett Lerner	Spirit of Liberty Palm Beach SAR
Ben Carhart	C.A.R. Magazine	Julie Carhart	Volunteer parent
Courtney Carhart	Conservation Chair	Julie Carhart	Volunteer parent
Conner Elkin	Endowment Fund	Brenda Elkin	Halpatiokee
Kristina McKenna	Government Studies	Amy McKenna	Volunteer parent
April Pearson	Kids Helping Kids	Martha Pearson	Lighthouse Point
Kim Harty	Magazine Fund		Lighthouse Point
Robert Matyskiel	Membership Chair	Lori Matyskiel	Spirit of Liberty
Kirby Lanier	Mountain School	Patrice Lanier	Spirit of Liberty
Zachary Pike	Public Relations	Sarah Breckon	Spirit of Liberty

**F.S.C.A.R.
Executive
Officers
2005-2006**


President:
Robyn Carroll
1st Vice
President:
Kelly Herreid
2nd Vice
President:
April Pearson
Recording Secretary:
Susanna Sovran
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Brooks Tolbert
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Kaylee Legan
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John Parrish
Historian:

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Christine Herreid
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Max Molloy
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Lois Swan

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Mentors aid in training because they have held positions or have specific expertise in an assigned area. Mentors are asked to help with related contest projects for the new officer they will mentor.

K U D O S

- ◆ Emily Struve will graduate from Wellington Christian School on May 27th. She will be attending University of Central Florida in Orlando starting in June
- ◆ Zachary Pike received his purple stripe in Tae Kwon Do
- ◆ PVT Justin J. Street is in his final year of membership of the C.A.R. and is now 21. He is returning home from Ft. Sam Houston in TEXAS where he was in AIT training as a Medic. He will be stationed out of Miami. He is also getting married on the 4th of July to Miss Amanda Pitcher. Justin is going to the Police academy. He has finished his EMT and Nursing training and wants to go into law enforcement.
- ◆ Alexandria Harrison is flying in for the wedding (another CAR) and she will be his flower girl and Sebastin Taylor (yet another CAR) will be his ring bearer
- ◆ Tyler Smith earned his brown belt in Tae Kwon Do and his *First Class* rank in Boy Scouts and several merit badges. Tyler was also named to the *Super Band* at Don Estridge High Tech MS which is a select group of 6th graders—only 38 were selected from more than 200 applicants
- ◆ Rebecca Marlowe will be applying for membership in the DAR upon receipt of *Member in Good Standing* from national C.A.R.

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Did I miss your birthday?
Please let me know if you are not on our birthday list. We are most happy to add you!

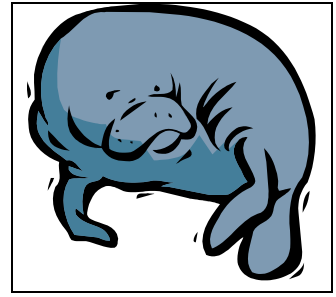
Happy belated birthday to:

- Ben Carhart Jan. 21, 1990
- Rachael Howell Feb. 19, 1997
- Alexandria Harrison Feb. 19, 2001
- Neil Fasekas Dec. 31, 1985

For Security reasons the addresses and phone numbers of members and seniors will be blocked from the newsletter. Only email addresses will be shown. Thank you for supporting safety.

NEEDED:
New members: Must be interested in America; like colors red, white, and blue; willing to have fun!
Apply in person at our next meeting!

A Note from our President Elect:
To start off, I just wanted to say that I am very pleased to have the opportunity to take the role as



this year's president of Fifer George Weissenfels Society. This is a great thing to be part of and a great chance to take hold of.

As a new year rolls around it usually means a new state theme. The state theme this upcoming year will be the famous sea cow, the manatee. With this being true, I only found it fitting that the society came to adopt its very own manatee by the name of Brutus. This lucky animal is one of Blue Spring's largest manatees weighing in at about 1,800 pounds and having an age of nearly 35 years! Brutus was adopted through the Save the Manatees Club which was co-founded by Jimmy Buffet and then senator Bob Graham. If anyone is interested in adopting a manatee of their very own or learning more about Brutus, they can go to www.savethemanatee.org or call the number 1-800-432-JOIN (5645).

This year we plan on incorporating a few of our activities around the manatee like visiting the local zoo to witness these amazing creatures while still attending to the traditional experiences of C.A.R. I also plan on fitting in some team building activities such as a possible ROPES course. I want this year to be fun and exciting for members of all ages, even the parents.

Let me just say once more that I am extremely pleased that I get this opportunity and that I will do the best I can being your president. If anyone has any ideas for activities please e-mail me at sftballin1313@netscape.net. I am open to every person's ideas and will consider every one. Let's make this the best year to come!

-Nicolette Chimato