



THE VALLEY FORGE FIFER

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

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Wrapping Up Olde Business

Mark Your Calendar

MEETINGS

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- ☑ Sunday, December 5, 2005, Palms West Holiday Parade. Meeting place #_____ at noon. Parade starts at 1:00 p.m. We walk a mile at a slow pace. You may wear Fifer George T-shirts, patriotic clothes/costumes or colonial wear. Older members will need to walk. Only the youngest will be riding this year.
 - ☑ Friday-Sunday, January 15-17, 2005, Egmont Key Lighthouse Camping Trip. Please contact State President Barry Marler if you are attending. (See page 2 officer box).

Dear Society Members:

Fifer George members, you are really great “kids helping kids.” This year, for the second year in a row, the Fifer George C.A.R. hosted and helped the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s office “Precious Cargo Unit” in the inspection and replacement of infant and toddler safety seats.

Deputy Gallo and her team of officers were aided by Everett and Graham Learner who handed out and collected paperwork, assigned parking spots, and gave out informational materials. Tyler Smith manned the vehicle entry, and mentoring at the Indian beading table were Kaylee Legan and Kirby Lanier. Also on hand were Zoanne Learner, Emelyn Kurtycz, Keilly Pike, and Zachary Pike. Emelyn’s younger brothers (*future C.A.R. members*), Harley and Quinlan, were also in attendance.

Thank you to those parents and grandparents who also helped out, brought snacks, and worked at the Indian bead table: Virginia Davis, Pam Smith-Gondek, Laurel Legan, Opal and Walter Kurtycz, Ted and Glorina Kurtycz, Brenda Pike, Jane Learner, Gordon Learner, Steve Pike, and Patrice Lanier. The C.A.R. appreciates each parent’s support and the support of Seminole and Spirit of Liberty DAR Chapters in this project.



Election Process, Historic Jupiter Lighthouse October Meeting Topics

Robert Somma, Government Studies Chairman, presented an informational meeting on the process of elections. Members participated in a mock campaign and elected a senator. After the election, C.A.R. members hiked to the top of Jupiter lighthouse which requires 105



steps up a steep spiral staircase to see the spectacular view.

Don’t forget, we all have the chance to camp at Egmont Key (Tampa) in January to learn more about lighthouses through President Barry Marler’s state project, “A Beacon to the Future.” To learn more go to: www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/district4/egmontkey/index.asp



DECEMBER

Alexandra Caroline Arnold - Dec 1, 1989; Christina Noel Arnold - Dec 1, 1989; Alicia Lauren Swift - Dec 2, 1986; Adrienne Brackey--Dec 2, 1994; Winifred Brackey--Dec 2, 1994; Jessica Mae Linus - December 8, 1987; Jennifer Grace Ann Fraenkel - Dec 11, 1984; Kaitylyn Cunningham - Dec 13, 2001; Elizabeth Page Doane - Dec 15, 1990; Nathaniel Truman Hallmark - Dec 16, 1984; Hunter Lee Smith - December 16, 1998; Andrew Everett Franz - Dec 31, 1983.

JANUARY

Casey Baxter - Jan 3, 1986; Samuel John Smith - Jan 6, 1994; Delaney Harrison - Jan 6, 1999; Jane Zeri Horth - Jan 10, 1989; Nicholas Smith - Jan 10, 1996; Paige Elizabeth Zahn - Jan 12, 1990; Bradley Stauffer Napier - Jan 13, 1992; Angela Marie Frammolino - Jan 15, 1991; Lauren Taylor Broyles Glazer - Jan 22, 1992; Evan Daniel Snyder - January 25, 1999; James Thomas Linus - January 28, 1992; Charisse White - Jan 30, 1986.

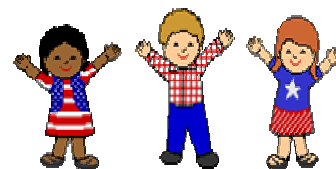
FEBRUARY

Brandyn Emsweiler Feb 7, 1992; Samantha Mouring - Feb 8, 1997; Charles Curry Isiminger - Feb 14, 1992; Griffin Brackey-Feb 16, 1991; Marcus Migut - Feb 20, 1998; Katherine Louise Warwick - Feb 27, 1990; Peyton Elizabeth Reeves - Feb 27, 1998.

MARCH

Douglas Robert Ferrell - March 2, 1991; Rebecca Lee Marlowe - March 3, 1985; Kylie Elizabeth Starling Smith - March 6, 1997; Meredith Baker Schott - March 7, 1998; Amanda Bogart - March 13, 1992; Sebastian Rhane Taylor - March 15, 2000; Lee Richard Rodriguez - March 17, 1989; Courtney Lavon Carhart - March 21, 1996; Pamela Fitch Mora - March 22, 1999; Connor Elkin - Mar 29, 1996; Alexander Philip Ciffo - March 30, 1987; Fredrick James Smith - March 31, 1989.

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C.A.R. Safety Seat Check 2004

"Kids Helping Kids"



C.A.R. Life Dues

Thank you to all of those families who committed to "Life" membership status. **"Life" members still pay state, local, and magazine dues annually.** A dues increase is effective 12/1/04 to \$12.00 per year and will increase to \$16.00 until "age out" status by 2006. This amount does not include state (\$4.00) and local (\$5.00) dues, or the quarterly magazine, Orange Blossom (\$8.00). Unfortunately, if your dues are not current as of 12/24/04, then you will be dropped from Fifer George Weissenfels Society. However, membership status will be returned once all outstanding dues balances have been paid. "Member at large" status may be granted to anyone needing this status (non-active at the local level). A "member at large" requires national dues only.

Please note: Mrs. Davis has mailed at least 2 dues notices, several emails, and tried to make phone contact. This is a lot of time and money. Please choose to be current and regularly pay in September, or become a "member at large."

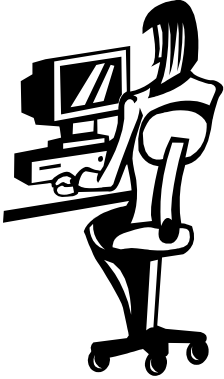
Battle of Monmouth ~ Retracing Our Footsteps

During the Battle of Monmouth on June 28, 1778 the fighting was fierce and intense. The heat of battle was searing, and the soldiers' throats were parched. Many were exhausted and wounded. All through the day-- amidst the smoke and fire of the fighting-- a private's young wife, Mrs. John Hays, carried water in a pitcher back and forth from a well to her husband and his fellow artillery gunners. Thus, the nickname Molly Pitcher. As the battle ensued Molly's husband was wounded and could not continue, but she knew his job well enough to grab a rammer and keep the gun firing. She served at the cannon for the remainder of the battle. For her heroic service she was ultimately granted relief by an Act of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

See http://earlyamerica.com/molly_pitcher.html for more information.



If you would like to receive this newsletter via email instead of snail mail, please email Mrs. Pike at hptub2@aol.com.

**Suggested websites:**

<http://lighthousegetaway.com/lights/florida.html>

<http://users.erols.com/lthouse/home.htm>

<http://www.sentinelpublications.com/lighthousekitty.htm>

<http://www.bear-tracker.com/guide.html>

<http://www.geocities.com./Yosemite/9152/wildlife.html>

http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/lewis_clark/1805.htm

http://www.nationalgeographic.com/lewisandclark/photogallery_12.html

www.nscarlibrary.org

http://www.first-school.ws/theme/h_wholidays.htm

Pee Wee Corner

Paper Cup Lighthouses



Be your own lighthouse engineer!

Building lighthouses is easy and fun when you use these simple materials:

tower = large soda cup

lantern = clear plastic cup cut to fit

cupola = disk of black paper curled into a cone shape

keeper's house = empty, washed small milk carton

island = paper plate turned upside-down

waves = crumpled cellophane

You'll need glue, tape, and paint to finish your lighthouse. You can add your own details -- small pebbles to make rocks, twigs and small pine boughs to make trees, plastic toy people and boats. You can even put a beacon in your light. Ask an adult to help you with that. Be creative!

<http://www.sentinelpublications.com/cup.htm>



C.A.R. Safety Seat Check 2004 "Kids Helping Kids"



Above: C.A.R. meeting on November 20, 2004, where the members learned about the Indian craft of beading, Lewis and Clark's journey and animals they saw along the Missouri River, and peace medals given to the Native American chiefs by the corps, as well as Molly Pitcher and the battle at Monmouth. Left: one of the three display shelves in the Wellington Library devoted to this years state and national themes. The display was done by Keilly Pike and Mrs. Pike and was in the library from August 31-October 7, 2004. Right: Parent Supporters Pam Smith-Gondek, Spirit of Liberty Regent chats with Gordon Lerner, husband of Jane Learner of Seminole Chapter.



Above left: Keilly Pike sits among the seats to be destroyed by the "Precious Cargo" deputy because they do not meet safety standards. The straps are cut to insure no child is put at risk. Above right: More fun at the safety seat check as Zoanne Learner and Emelyn Kurtycz take beading 101 from past president, Kirby Lanier and Mrs. Jane Learner. Above: Fifer George's first meeting of the year was in October due to the hurricanes. We met at Jupiter Lighthouse and were given a program on the electoral process by Government Studies chairman, Robert Somma (waving). Also on hand for the meeting are (L-R) Pam Smith-Gondeck, Charlene Smith, Kylie Smith, Tristan Smith, Kaylee Legan, Robert Somma, Keilly Pike, Laurel Legan, and John Somma. Not pictured but in attendance: Brenda Pike, Zachary Pike, and Sarah Breckon.