

Sons of the American Revolution Fox Valley Chapter Newsletter



January 2011

State Society Meeting at Peoria

The Illinois Society of the Sons of the American Revolution met at the historic Hotel Pere Marquette in downtown Peoria for the November quarterly Board of Managers meeting. Those in attendance were treated to a wonderful meal and a most interesting multi-media presentation by Peoria Historical Society Trustee Bernie Drake.

You do not have to be a member of the Board of Managers to attend these programs and business meetings. All members and spouses are invited and feel free to bring a friend! It is a great weekend escape right in our own Illinois. While the men attended to business, the ladies were given a guided tour of several of Peoria's grand mansions. Why not mark your calendar and join us?



Up-Coming Events for Members

- **Jan. 20:** Ft. Dearborn Chapter Luncheon Meeting at the Union League Club, 65 West Jackson, Room 700, Chicago, IL. Noon luncheon is \$30 and features a lecture by Dr. Thomas Richard Prince on "The Brave New World of 21st Century Health Care & The Changing Financial Crises." Please R.S.V.P. Bing Seibold at Binghamseiboldiii@msn.com.
- **Jan. 27:** Salt Creek Chapter evening program at the Salt Creek Wine Bar, 8900 Fairview Avenue Brookfield, IL at 7:00 PM. DAR member Mrs. Godard will speak about Abigail Adams. Please R.S.V.P. Joe Smith at: Smiff1938@sbcglobal.net as space is limited. No cost to attend.
- **Feb 5:** ILSSAR Board of Managers meeting at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Conference Center. Friday evening social, Saturday morning business meeting, and noon catered luncheon (\$28 per person). Contact Bruce Talbot via email at: BruceRTalbot@aol.com
- **Feb 5:** DAR/SAR 19th Annual luncheon at the Wilmette Golf Club, 3900 Fairway Drive, Wilmette. Starts at 11:30 AM, includes a noon lunch buffet and a lecture by art historian Elaine Wertheim on President George Washington. Cost: \$25. Contact Mary Harwich at (847) 835-4657

FOX VALLEY CHAPTER BUDGET REPORT

Compatriot David Bailey Sr. is serving our chapter as treasurer and recently prepared our quarterly financial report.

ITEM	AMOUNT	BALANCE
Beginning Balance for the Quarter (US Bank Statement)		\$5,605.04
Income		
Dues	\$1,080.00	
Fall Dinner Gross Receipts	\$1,505.00	
Citizenship Awards Donations	\$55.00	
Color Guard Donations	\$10.00	
Eagle Scout Awards Donations	\$20.00	
American Flag Display Award Donations	\$10.00	
Patriot Research Donations	\$15.00	
Visiting Veterans' Homes Donations	\$30.00	
Undesignated Donations	\$165.00	
SUBTOTAL	\$2,890.00	
Expenses		
Fall Dinner Expenses	\$1,083.17	
Active Due Military Dues Payment	\$140.00	
General Administrative Expense (postage, printing)	\$90.29	
Community Service Awards Expenses	\$15.00	
SUBTOTAL	\$1,328.46	
ENDING BALANCE for QUARTER		\$7,166.58

As you can see, your Board of Managers has taken care to make sure our financial house is in good order for the start of the new year. It is also important that members realize that the remaining quarters is where we see our money being used to support our community and youth programs. Without your dues and generous contributions, we would not be able to visit Illinois veteran homes and provide them with the many comfort items we provide each trip to make their golden years a little more enjoyable. There would be no funds for ROTC scholarships for Fox Valley youth to help them with college costs, or a well deserved medal for one of our emergency service officers. Thank you for your continued support!



Center for Advancing Americas Heritage

It takes everyone giving what they can to turn a neglected 1874 building into a center we can all be proud to call home.



So many are pitching in to not only save this great old building, but to save the legacy our fore fathers created with the founding of this great nation. The Conway-Fulton Building of 1874 is being restored to its historic appearance on the outside and will soon store the genealogical and historic treasures of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Once completed, this historic building will house our national headquarters, a state-of-the-art genealogical library and research facility, and a public exhibit gallery. Educational outreach to schools will provide enhanced lesson plan support for increasing civic awareness of the American Revolution and the principals that found our nation. A once blighted section of Louisville, Kentucky will be brought back to life and will inspire rehabilitation of an entire section of the city.



Please consider making a pledge to support the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. Donations can be made on-line at the SAR Foundation website at <http://www.sarfoundation.org> or by calling (502) 315-1777.

Illinois Society of the War of 1812

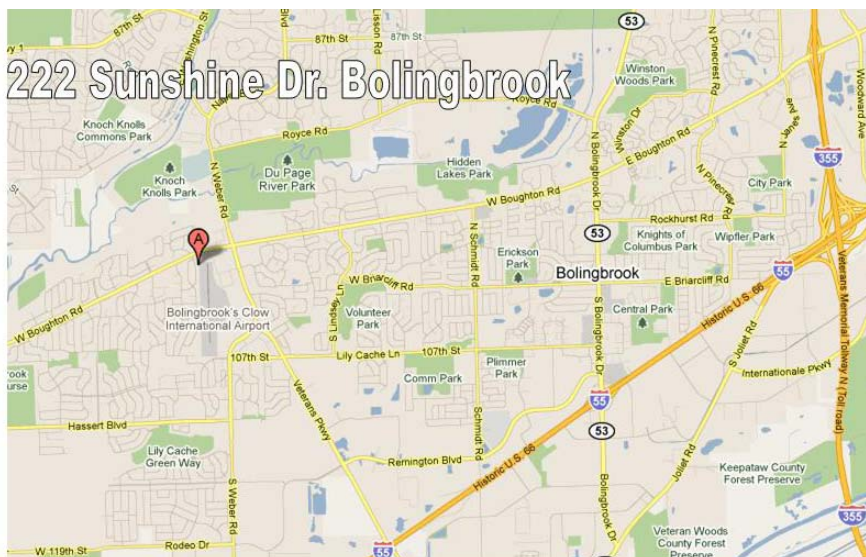
Illinois Society Recording Secretary Jim DeGross is also a member of the Illinois Society of the War of 1812. Many of our patriot ancestor's sons took up arms to defend the nation their fathers had founded during the British invasion of 1812. The 200th commemoration of the War of 1812 is rapidly approaching, and Jim is looking for SAR members who qualify for membership in the War of 1812 society. Membership is open to any male, 18-years of age or older, who can trace their family line back to a patriot who provided military service to the United States during the War of 1812. Members who join the Illinois Society of the War of 1812 will be able to participate, in the formation of one of the four original U.S. Volunteer Ranger Companies which will be available for community celebrations across Illinois during 2012. If you are eligible for membership in the society, please contact compatriot Jim DeGross at JimDeGross@charter.net or phone (618) 667-8660.

- *Did you know that there were 94 forts or blockhouses actively used during the War of 1812 in the Illinois Territory?*
- *Did you know that Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star Spangled Banner" national anthem during the War of 1812?*



We Need Your Help for the April Awards Dinner

The Board of Managers will meet on Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at 7:30 PM at Chapter President Bruce Talbot's home. Among our other chapter business, we will begin planning for our Spring Awards Dinner and need your suggestions. We would like to present a law enforcement, fire services, and paramedic award at the Spring dinner. If you know of a public services officer that has gone beyond the call of duty, please bring their name forward at the meeting. If you can not attend, send the nomination to BruceRTalbot@aol.com. We are also interested in hearing your suggestions for a dinner speaker. Lets hear from you!



RSVP the Jan. 26 meeting at (630) 759-1124.

Directions: From I-355 go west on Boughton Road to the traffic signal at Sunshine Drive. Turn south and drive 1/2 block to 222 Sunshine. From the west, take IL Rt 59 south to 75th ST, turn east to Naper Blvd. and then go south to Boughton RD, go west one block to Sunshine.