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Daughters American Revolution

The Florida Keys Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution held the September luncheon meeting at the home of the chapter regent, Jean Giroir, in Tavernier. Janel Russell of Islamorada was co-hostess.

Ranger Thomas L. Goldbin, Key Largo District Everglades National Park Service, presented a program and led a discussion and question period following a slide presentation.

THE EVERGLADES PROGRAM

The Everglades Park contains 1½ million acres, and in the rainy season is 90 percent covered by water.

The American alligator has been on earth for 70 million years and, even today, is essential to the preservation of water supplies for the Everglades' wildlife during the dry season. Thousands of alligators make thousands of "gator holes" which are deep and retain water for the wildlife.

About 30 federal employees make up the staff of the park. All funds for all National Parks come from national sources, and account for about 1-10th of one percent of the national budget. (Everglades National park, incidentally, assures The Keys of a water supply.)

The Key Largo District office of the Everglades National Park, located on Route 1, was an early recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Society's Flag Display Certificate.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED

During the business meeting the Chapter received a DAR banner and a Stars and Stripes with staff and stand, as a gift from the Boudinot Chapter in Elizabeth, New Jersey. The colors will be displayed at the Chapter's gravestone rubbing exhibit during the Casa Marina's 65th anniversary event. Linda Berard of Key West is the chapter chairman for the exhibit.

One member proposed the Chapter purchase a new flag for the Plantation Key Elementary School.

Individual members of the conservation committee will oversee the planting of Malayan coconuts purchased from the Monroe County Extension Service. The coconuts each member potted now have roots growing outside the containers. No group plantings are planned for this year.

The chapter's October meeting will be held in Key West. Inquiries are invited. Call Patricia H. Dunn public relations chairman, 294-1798.



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1986

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12:00 NOON