

CHAPTER REGENT'S REPORT

1984-1985

FLORIDA KEYS CHAPTER - TAVERNIER

Mrs. Katharine M. Wilkinson, Regent

Since my first report as the Organizing Regent of this Chapter - Feb. 1982- when the ground work was being made, I am delighted to report the wonderful progress we have made and the number of reports we were able to send to our state chairmen this year. We were officially accepted on October 14, 1983 and have completed most of the committees for a beginning chapter. The members have been very cooperative and have made efforts to help each other do more than one job during the course of this year. Members live as far as ninety miles away and we have arranged our meetings in the Keys to accommodate all the members. It has been very gratifying to me, as their regent, and I take this opportunity of thanking each and every one for their total involvement and devotion to the principles of Historical, Educational, Patriotic and National Defense which the Daughters of the American Revolution stand for.

Our programs commenced on September 8, 1984 with members celebrating Constitution Week and being presented with the Proclamation from our Monroe County Mayor honoring this week. A special speaker was invited. October 13th. we had an Educational program with the principal from one of our high schools speak on new methods in the school system followed by a question and answer period. Very interesting and informative! Mrs. James McGarity, State Curator, came all the way over from Naples to speak and show us slides on the DAR Museum. The December meeting was a little different with a slide presentation on famous "Indian Women" which we procured from the Washington office. The Patriotic theme was carried out in January with our Vice Regent giving a program on the Statue of Liberty followed by our "Liberty Love Day" donation period. Our State Regent, Mrs. Robert C. Foster, was our guest for the February meeting and reason we had the Liberty Love Day celebration at our January meeting. It was a real treat to have our State Regent travel so far to be with us and meant a lot to our members. We enjoyed her comments and encouragements for a new chapter. Early Glassware was the theme for our March 9th. meeting followed by National Defense report from Mr. Joe Bilbrey, Commander Key West Military Order of the World Wars. This was outstanding... our April 13th. meeting. The last meeting of this term, May 11th., will feature our 3 DAR Good Citizens from the high schools in our county. The schools are always proud to have this program offered in their respective areas and one that is looked up to in all departments.

Membership has increased and continues to do so and from our thirteen organizing members in October, 1983 and up to the present time we have twenty-four members and three associate members with more applying. We feel so excited to think we have grown this much in such a short period of time and