

President's Day or Washington's Birthday?

In 1968 legislation was enacted that affected several federal holidays, one of which was Washington's Birthday. This act which took effect in 1971, was designed to simplify the yearly calendar of holidays and give federal employees some standard three-day weekends in the process.

President Richard Nixon issued a proclamation stating that from that year forward (1971), "President's Day" commemorating the birthdays of both Presidents Washington and Lincoln would be celebrated on the third Monday of February, as well as to honor all past presidents of the United States. He did not realize that a proclamation did not super-

sede federal legislation.

Apparently neither did many citizens of the United States.

Officially the holiday is still Washington's Birthday. There are several states which have made this designation legal, which is their right to do so. However, they are in the minority.

The federal government does not legally celebrate a "President's Day". Each year there are bills introduced in both the house and senate to return the name of the holiday to Washington's Birthday to honor the first president of the United States as it was originally intended.



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Coming In March

We will once again be guests of Pat Dunn at her home in Key West for a POT LUCK luncheon. Steve Dawkins will be the guest speaker. Bring clothes for DAR Schools.

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Dear Members,

Vice Regent Phyllis Wilkinson has resumed writing the "Amazing Women of the Florida Keys Chapter" with an article on our Chapter founder, "K" Wilkinson.

As I typed the words for the newsletter, I realized that while neither she nor I had the opportunity to meet her, many members of this chapter know her well.

May I suggest that for a few minutes during our meetings we spend time "Getting to know 'K'"? I am hoping that those who knew her will share some of their memories with those of us who will never have the opportunity.

Many thanks to Jane Freund and Phyllis Wilkinson for so quickly putting a program together when our guest speaker had to cancel at the last minute because of illness. Unfortunately, the competition with the music from downstairs was too much. We learned that the next time we meet in that location the program will come before the entertainment.

Our penny collection, earmarked for the DAR schools scholarships continues to add up. Please remember to bring your spare pennies to the meeting.

Hope to see you in Layton.

Jennie Bartlett
Regent

February Meeting

Date: February 9, 2002

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: Little Italy, Layton

Menu: Baked Lasagna Florentine (lasagna noodles layered with mushrooms, spinach, zucchini and cheese).

Veal Piccata (lightly breaded veal sautéed with lemon butter, parsley, white wine and capers) with baked potato or rice

Blackened Local Dolphin with potato or rice.

All served with salad, bread, tea, iced tea or coffee.

Dessert - choice of chocolate chip cheesecake or mousse cake.

(White or blush wine available at an additional charge)

Lunch \$15.00 including tax and gratuity

Program: "Layton and It's Environment" - Albert Greulich, speaker

Hostesses: Margaret Greulich and Karen Wolzanski

Reservations: By February 5
Call Phyllis at 453-0190, Lois at 296-8443 or Marj at 743-5262, HODARS and guests welcome.

Bring Your Pennies, Stamps and Labels.....

