

Sons of the American Revolution Fox Valley Chapter Newsletter



November 2010

Fall Dinner Program Recap

The Fall 2010 Fox Valley dinner program was held at Ashbury's at Boughton Ridge Golf Course on Sunday, October 24, 2010. We had a great turnout from our members to hear our special guest speaker, Dr. Sheldon S. Cohen, Professor Emeritus of History at Loyola University. Arguably, the best line from Dr. Cohen's talk: Patriot Abraham Whipple lead a group of revolutionaries to burn the British ship *Gaspee* down to the water line. Upon hearing the news, the angry British commander wrote a letter to Whipple saying, "You burned his majesty's ship – for that I will hang you from the yard arm of my ship!" Whipple wrote back, "Before you hang a man, you should catch him first." Dr. Cohen signed copies of his new



book on the life and times of Abraham Whipple at the conclusion of his lecture.

New Members Welcomed at Dinner

Illinois Society President Franz Herder was on hand to administer the new member pledge at our Fall Induction Ceremony. The new members who were present at our Fall dinner program also received their SAR rosette from Fox Valley Chapter Register Michael Johnson. The rosette is awarded to a member who attends their first SAR meeting and is worn on the suit jacket lapel as a badge of membership. New members pictured at the dinner include George D. Carroll Jr., Robert C. Colby, and Terry L. Greenrod, with ILSSAR President Franz Herder (far left), Register Michael Johnson (center shaking hands) and chapter President Bruce Talbot looking on (far right rear). New members who were unable to attend include: Derek and Joseph Babb, David Bailey Jr., Michael T Crawley, Mark A. Earls, and Aaron A. Thomas. Do you have a male relative who qualifies for membership? We can assist you with all the paperwork for a very memorable Christmas gift!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 18 Fort Dearborn SAR Luncheon at the Union League Club contact Bing Seibold at Binghamseiboldiii@msn.com
- ISSAR dues: Dec. 31
- Feb 9: ILSSAR Board of Managers meeting at the Bloomington Marriott, contact Bruce Talbot via email at: BruceRTalbot@aol.com

GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL AWARDED TO MARK D. SLABY

The Sons of the American Revolution Fox Valley chapter was pleased to honor Mark D. Slaby of the Medinah Country Club with the Good Citizenship Medal for his work in support of "Folds of Honor". Mark helped organize the "Patriot Golf Day Tournament" on July 8, 2010 at Medinah Country Club. The charity event turned out to be the largest individual event supporting the Folds of Honor Foundation. Folds of Honor Foundation provides scholarships to the children and spouses of service members who were killed or disabled during their military service to our country. The golf tournament that Mark organized featured Chicago Bears players Tommie Harris, Johnny Knox, and the late Walter Payton's son Jarrett Payton. The event raised over \$200,000 for Folds of Honor Foundation.



Mark was nominated for the Good Citizenship medal by Fox Valley Vice President Dale Bottom. Dale, a veteran Naval officer,

learned of Mark's efforts from golfers at the country club and was impressed with the hard work that Mark put into promoting the event, which drew over 200 golfers and a broad base of corporate and media sponsors. The theme for the golf tournament was "Who are you playing for?" which kept the focus on the scholarship recipients and the sacrifice their loved one made to defend the country.

Folds of Honor is a 501 (c-3) charity (federal I.D. number for donations is 75-3240683) and is deserving of your support. There are several ways you can contribute: if you text "THANKS" to 50555 on your cell phone a \$10 donation will be made to Folds of Honor. You can also mail a check to: Folds of Honor Foundation, 5800 N. Patriot Drive, Owasso, OK 74055, or you can visit their web site at <http://www.foldsofhonor.org>



2011 Dues letter has been mailed by Illinois Society

Illinois Society Treasurer Robert Collins has mailed out the dues notices for the State and National Society. These dues are separate from the Fox Valley Chapter dues. The current fee schedule is \$30 for the national society and \$20 to the Illinois Society for a total of \$50. Please make your check payable to "ILSSAR" and mail to Compatriot Robert Collins, 3 Seneca Avenue West, Hawthorn Woods, IL 60047. If you did not receive a dues notice in the mail, please contact Bob right away! His email address is: collcons@yahoo.com and phone number is: 847-949-7824.

Your dues are very important in that they help fund our many community outreach programs, the majority focused on youth support through scholarships and recognition for good citizenship. Please return your response card and check as soon as possible. It really makes a difference!



Recognizing our members



Compatriot Bob Baird is one of the founding members of the Fox Valley Chapter and currently serves on the Board of Managers as Chaplain. Bob also is the chairman of our high school Outstanding Citizenship recognition program. Each year Bob contacts over 80 high schools in the Fox Valley area to recognize students who have excelled in promoting good citizenship in their school and town. Bob's many years of service to the Fox Valley area and his continuing support to the chapter was recognized at the fall dinner program with a presentation of the Sons of the American Revolution Meritorious Service medal.



Chapter President Bruce Talbot congratulates Compatriot Bob Baird on being awarded the prestigious Meritorious Service Medal

Illinois State Society President Franz Herder presented Compatriot Mike Johnston with the silver Good Citizenship medal for his many years of service to the Illinois State Society. Mike, our current chapter register, also serves as a member of the Board of Managers for the Illinois Society. Over the years, Mike served as the recording secretary for the state society and currently serves as historian. Of course Fox Valley members know Mike as our past chapter president and the member who puts in extra effort to assist applicants with the exacting documentation required for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. Mike's son Mathew is also a member of S.A.R. and is currently on active duty with the United States Marine Corps. Congratulations, Mike on being recognized by the State Society!



The Fox Valley Chapter was recognized by the National Society for our members financial support of the Center For American Heritage. The National Society awarded a flag streamer to be displayed on the flag pole top ornament of the chapter's S.A.R. flag.

Chapter President Bruce Talbot presented the flag streamer to Sergeant-At-Arms Chuck Sener to be affixed to the chapter S.A.R. flag.

Have you made a personal contribution to the Center?

<http://www.sarfoundation.org/thecenter.htm>



Member Spot Light: Compatriot Carson W. Yeager

Compatriot Carson W. Yeager of Elmhurst, Illinois was recognized at the Fox Valley fall dinner program with a spirited rendition of the "Happy Birthday" song. Carson was born on September 23, 1916 and, along with his son Carson R. Yeager, is a long time member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Carson went to high school in the Illinois farming town of Stockton and attended Bradley University. Carson served in World War II as Navy Lieutenant JG working on sonar applications. After the war, he settled in Hinsdale and worked as an engineer for AT&T and Western Electric, and also worked on the Nike missile defense system deployed in Chicago in 1958.



Compatriot Bob Collins of the Fort Dearborn Chapter and his lovely daughter Caitlin (a member of the Children of the American Revolution) talked to Fox Valley fall dinner guests about the "Honor Flight" program.

The Illinois Honor Flight program goal is to fly every living WW-II veteran to Washington D.C. to visit their new memorial. Special lapel pins are being sold to help fund the \$80,000 needed to send one plane of WW-II vets to Washington D.C. Pins can be ordered on-line at:

<http://www.ildar.org/iscar/stateproject.html>



Heroism Medal to Naperville's Erik Bock



The Fox Valley Chapter will be awarding Notre Dame college student Erik Bock the Heroism Medal for his rescue of a teen age girl swept away on the flood swollen DuPage River on July 26, 2010. Erik was working in the yard when he heard a girl's screams for help. He followed the screams through the forest preserve and found the girl wedged under a fallen tree in the swift moving DuPage River. Using a survival tip he saw on "Man vs Wild" on The Discovery Channel, Erik was able to rescue the girl.



Erik was unable to receive the medal at our fall dinner

because of a college trip to London, but his dad attended the dinner and described how proud he is of his son's actions. We hope to have Erik at our spring dinner program to recognize his heroism.



Brian Bock, Erik's father, describes his son's heroic actions.