

The Patriot



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Board members attending the annual SRNY meeting on Dec. 3 at Fraunces Tavern® .
Photo courtesy SRNY.

2008-2009 SRNY Election Results Are In

Congratulations to all those elected to office at the annual meeting on Dec. 3.

Officers:

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Looking Ahead to 2009: 132nd Annual George Washington Ball

Our Director of Development, Allison White, reports that the 132nd Annual George Washington Ball will be held Thursday the 19th of February at the Metropolitan Club in New York City at 7:00 PM. The Ball is in honor of the birthday of George Washington and is being sponsored by the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York and the Knickerbocker Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This elegant white tie/black tie with decorations event promises to be the most outstanding George Washington Ball ever held. The evening will feature lots of dancing to the music of the Paul Errico Orchestra. Seating will be limited so please make reservations early.

Patron tickets at \$500 and Benefit tickets at \$375 are available and must be subscribed to by December 31, 2008 in order to be listed in the program. Regular tickets will be available at \$300.

There will be a journal program size 8.5" x 8.5". Ad space is available:

- Inside glossy cover \$1000
- Full Page \$500
- Half Page: \$250
- Quarter Page \$ 150
- There will be an ancestor page available at a cost of \$25/line. (Example: Sam James Jones honors his Revolutionary War ancestor, Jacob Lucas Turnage of GA.)

Maximum of 104 characters at 11 point type.

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New Book! Dr. Paul Lockhart

Please join us at Fraunces Tavern® Museum on Thursday, December 18 for a talk based on the book *The Drillmaster of Valley Forge: Baron Von Steuben and the Making of the American Army*. Author Dr. Paul Lockhart will discuss how Von Steuben's experience in the Prussian Army of Frederick the Great aided him in teaching the Continental soldiers European battle tactics which led to American victories in Monmouth, Stony Point and Yorktown. Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m. Flag Gallery; \$6 Admission (includes refreshments); free for Museum members.

Special Announcement: The Magna Carta

In the coming year, we look forward to bringing in the Magna Carta exhibit which will run from September 15, 2009 through December 15, 2009. Please look for more information in the next issue of *The Patriot*.

Evacuation Day Festivities



Veteran Corps of Artillery, State of New York during the Evacuation Day Parade, November 22, 2008
Photo courtesy of Charles C. Lucas

November 25, 2008 marked the 225th Anniversary of the British evacuation of New York City. Evacuation Day truly brought the Revolutionary War to an end. Citizens rejoiced when George Washington paraded through Lower Manhattan as the Americans regained control of the city. This year, festivities took place from November 22 through November 25 in and around the Fraunces Tavern® Museum. On November 22, representatives from various SRNY, DAR and other societies as well as members from different branches of the U.S. Armed Forces marched the same route General Washington took starting at City Hall and ending at Bowling Green Park.

On November 25, Revolutionary War re-enactors, including portrayals of George Washington, Benjamin Franklin and Continental and British soldiers, concluded the day's activities with a cocktail reception and dinner at Fraunces Tavern®. The day's events included the laying of wreaths at the grave of Alexander Hamilton and the Prisoners of War memorial at Trinity Church. Federal Hall hosted the reenactment of a speech given by Washington and a ceremonial handing over of the keys to New York City.

Thank You and Farewell: Amy Adamo

After five years with the Fraunces Tavern® Museum, Director Amy Adamo will be leaving us to become the director of a historic museum out of state. Amy's role as Director has included conservation, historic research and interpretation, exhibits and events. During her time here, Amy successfully completed the important job of cataloging and archiving the museum's art and artifact collections into one database, turning research and collections care into much more manageable tasks. Equally as important, Amy has overseen the conservation of our John Dunsmore art collection, part of which is currently on display in the new Dunsmore Gallery at the FTM. She has brought in numerous lectures and events such as book talks from authors Barnett Schecter, Thomas Fleming and Harlow Unger and our popular annual Christmas concert with Linda Russell and Friends. Amy will be missed and we wish her the best in her new venture.

Fraunces Tavern® Museum Welcomes Suzanne Prabucki



Photo by Jennifer Patton

Please welcome our new Curator, Collections Manager and Archivist, Suzanne Prabucki. Suzanne comes to us from the Sports Museum of America where she held the position Curatorial Assistant. She completed her graduate work at Buffalo State College in the History and Museum Studies program and is looking forward to caring for the FTM's collection.

News from the Education Department



Photo by Jennifer Patton

On Saturday, December 6th our volunteer docents were treated to a holiday luncheon at the Fraunces Tavern Restaurant. We are so grateful for all they do and we wish them the very best this holiday season!

Pictured left to right: Melvyn Birnbaum, Sami Steigmann, Alice Soderberg, Emily Westervelt, Nalleli Guillen, Larry Bauman, Sheila Feivelson, Don Westervelt, Marie Stango, Bob Santariello

Not Pictured: Erika Dorbad, Caroline Fuchs, Lauren Grant, Gillian Horn, Deirdre Lyons, Kaitlyn Medley

Happy Holidays!



The Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York as well as the staff of the Fraunces Tavern® Museum would like to wish you and yours a very happy, healthy and safe Holiday Season. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

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