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UPCOMING EVENTS!

April 3, 2011 – Spring Party

Home of Max and Margaret Maxwell
1036 Webster Street, New Orleans, LA
2 to 5 p.m.

November 28, 2011 – Annual Meeting

Home of Dr. and Mrs. William Woessner
7 Newcomb Boulevard, New Orleans, LA
2 to 5 p.m.



John and Bonnie Boyd
welcome us in their home.

THE SOCIÉTÉ IN REVIEW: ANNUAL MEETING AND RE- CEPTION

The Huguenot Society in New Orleans gathered on Sunday, November 28, 2010 in the historic antebellum mansion of John and Bonnie Boyd.

The occasion was the group’s thirty-eighth annual reception in honor of the Edict of Toleration (1598). Henry IV (1553-1610) King of France and Navarre, surnamed “The Great” and “The Good,” issued this royal proclamation. It ended the first era of the religious wars that had torn apart the French population during the second half of the 16th century. The edit granted Huguenots privileges previously denied to them. These included legal recognition of

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their civil rights, the opportunity of free assembly and public worship, an ability to enroll in universities, to work for the State, and to submit complaints directly to the King.



Lydia Ozenburger, Vice-President and Ed Bush, Past President

Many impressive people attended the November party. Among them were Phil Lorio III and his wife Kathryn. He is the Honorary Consul to Austria and she is a Loyola Law School professor.



Sylvia Beaumont and Ambassador H. Lynn Breaux

H. Lynn Breaux and his wife Mary Jo came from Lafayette. He was the U.S. Ambassador to France from 2000 to 2002.

Jack Hinrichs, Past President, awarded Olivier Brochenin, Consul General of France, an honorary Huguenot Society membership. In his acknowledgement Brochenin mentioned he has two Huguenot ancestors.



Jack Hinrichs with President Beaumont and Olivier Brochenin

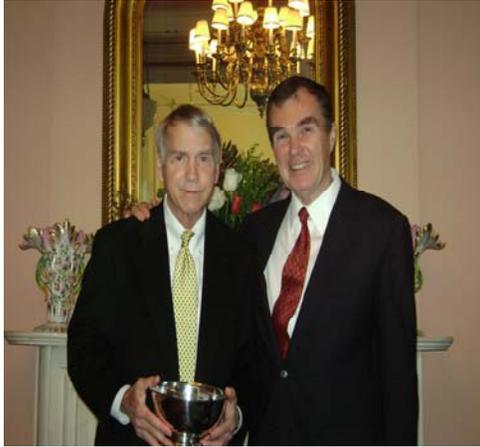
Hinrichs stated he was presenting membership certificates to twenty-five new people this year. This number has grown considerably from the four or five individuals who have joined in recent years.

Sorrell Lanier, our treasurer, addressed the approximately 90 people at the party, which was also our Annual Meeting. Rather than deliver a long, complicated report, he simply and graciously described the Society as “solvent.” He directed anyone with further interest to financial statements placed on a side table.

John Beaumont said that “Sorrell has given our Society decades of unheralded, devoted service. In fact, he has been treasurer for so long that almost no one remembers who served before him. Regrettably - for us anyway - Sorrell has announced his retirement effective at the end of this year. His successor will be Ed Bush.”

Sorrell was then presented with an 8” silver-plate replica of the Sons of Liberty bowl. In 1768 Paul Revere (1735-1818), a silversmith and a Huguenot, handcrafted a similar Liberty Bowl for each of the Sons of

Liberty, a secret organization whose fifteen members opposed British rule.



Treasurer Sorrell Lanier's Revere Bowl and President Beaumont

FALL WINE TASTING PARTY

On Sunday, September 19, 2010 Ben Foster hosted our Society's members in his lovely St. Charles Avenue residence.



Ben Foster and friends

The meeting's purpose was to enjoy wines from New York State, where many Huguenots settled in the 17th century after departing from France when Louis XIV in 1685 cancelled his grandfather's Edict of Toleration.

Past President Dave Grissett researched on the Internet extraordinary wines (red, white, and sparkling varieties) that are grown in the Hudson River Valley. He pro-

vided selections from Brimstone Hill Vineyard for our pleasure.

Grissett explained in his introductory talk that the Hudson River Valley is America's oldest wine making and grape growing region.



Dave Grissett, Margaret Maxwell, Joy and Rutledge Clement, and Max Maxwell

Brimstone Hill Vineyard started by planting and cultivating twenty French wine grape varieties. The company offers reasonably priced, quality wines that taste as if produced in France. For example, its Chardonnay ages in French Oak which results in a distinctive character resembling more a white burgundy than a California Chardonnay.

This wine tasting party carried on a custom begun in 2008. Each year since then we have featured Avignon and Languedoc wines as well as vintages from South Africa, home of Huguenots who hurriedly left France.



Marilyn and David Woolverton, Susan Gray, and Elizabeth Woolverton

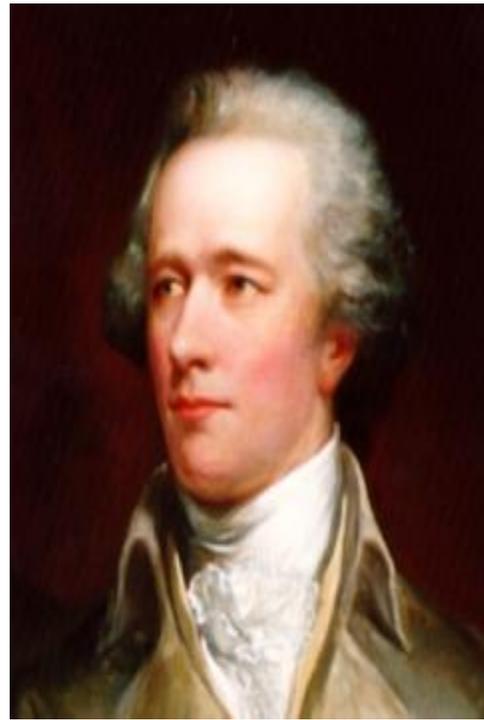
More important to our Society than oenology (the study of wines and wine making) was the addition of many outstanding new members who joined this year.



Jack Coiron with Suzie and Marvin Russell



Schoenfelds: Son Stephen and Father Robert



A Famous Huguenot

Alexander Hamilton (1755 or 1757 - 1804)

Alexander Hamilton was born around 1755 in Charlestown, Nevis, British West Indies. His father was an itinerant Scotch merchant and his mother an English-French Huguenot.

In 1765 after Hamilton's father moved his wife and two sons to St. Croix in the Danish (now United States) Virgin Islands, his father deserted the family.

To make ends meet, his mother opened a small store. A Presbyterian clergyman kindly provided the young boy with a basic education.

When he was 12 or 14 years old, Hamilton's mother died. He apprenticed at Christian's, a mercantile establishment whose proprietor became one of his benefactors.

During the American Revolution, Hamilton was the senior aide-de-camp to George Washington (1732-1799). A political philosopher and economist, he wrote many

of the *Federalist Papers*. Hamilton helped establish a tariff system, a national bank, and positive post-Revolutionary War relations with England.

Hamilton served as our country's first Secretary of the Treasury.

After Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) and Aaron Burr (1756-1836) tied in Presidential electoral votes in 1800, Hamilton threw his crucial support to Jefferson. Four years later Burr sought the New York governorship, but Hamilton blocked Burr in this attempt. Burr took offense at remarks attributed to Hamilton and challenged him to a duel. Mortally wounded from this encounter, Hamilton died the following day. He is buried in Trinity Churchyard in New York City.

Our Huguenot Heritage

Attention! Attention!

We're starting a new feature to publicize our Huguenot ancestors. If you would like an article in the Walloon about your forebear(s), please email background information to Elizabeth Sewell besewell@bellsouth.net.

To get the ball rolling, let's start with two of my (Elizabeth Sewell's) family members.

THOMAS DEUPREE

The Huguenot ancestor on my mother's side is Thomas Deupree (Dupree, Dupré). According to the *Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors*, he was born around 1675 in France and died around 1725 in Henrico County, Virginia.

His parents Joseph and Mary Deupree immigrated to London. They left France because after revocation of the Edict of Nantes Protestants had to worship secretly in private or face persecution.

Although London life was hard for the newcomers, in 1700/01 they accumulated sufficient funds to send their sons Jean, Thomas and Lewis with a minister on the ship *Mary Ann* to Manakin Town, King William Parish, Henrico Co., Virginia. The children settled there, but Thomas subsequently moved to Goochland.

A record dated May 12, 1705 documents the naturalization of French Huguenots like Claude Philippe de Richebourg, Thomas DuPré and Jean DuPré. Thomas married Margaret Easley around December 7, 1710. They had at least one son, Thomas DuPré, from whom I am descended.

PIERRE DUTOIT

Pierre Dutoit on my father's side was born May 7, 1671 in Moudon, Switzerland and died on October 3, 1726 in Manakin Town. He married Barbara De Bonnette in 1705.

He and his wife escaped from France by disguising themselves as a market man and woman. Their two children hid in vegetable baskets on either side of a donkey. A suspicious gendarme questioned them, then thrust a sword into one of the baskets. The daughter suffered a minor leg wound, but made no sound.

The Dutoits lived in King William Parrish before 1700 and are listed as Historic Founders of Manakin Town. Pierre acquired two land patents (61 acres and 400 acres) and was elected to the King William Parish vestry in 1711, 1714, 1720 and 1726. He fathered three children - Elizabeth, Isaac, and

Marianne (my ancestor who married James Goss).

HUGUENOT TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

OH, THE PLACES WE CAN GO!

Middle Hudson Valley

From hudsonvalleywinecountry.org

French Huguenots first planted vines in New Paltz during 1677. This occurred 100 years before California's wine processing started.

Huguenots discovered the Middle Hudson Valley's unique combination of soil, climate and sun that contributes to ideal grape growing conditions.

Planting on Hudson Highland hill-sides, they started a continuous practice of grape cultivation that remains vibrant today.

The Valley is just an hour's drive from New York City. A trip to this part of the country can be filled with activities for those of all ages.



The Shawangunk Wine Trail

From www.shawangunkwinetrail.com

The Shawangunk Wine Trail is nestled between the Shawangunk Mountains and the majestic Hudson River. Located just 85 miles north of New York City, the Trail comprises eleven family owned wineries from New Paltz in Ulster County to Warwick in Orange County. This concentration of wineries makes a visit to the Hudson Valley a memorable experience.

The Trail's eleven wineries adhere to many of the 300 year-old winemaking conventions that Huguenots brought from France.

The region's wineries present tastes from bone dry to dessert sweet. You will also find sparkling wines, vinifera and French/American varietals and blends. This thriving industry has become well respected for its prize winning wines.

Also scattered along the Trail are many special attractions, lodgings, B&B's and restaurants. While following the Trail, travelers can visit a thoroughbred horse farm, a honey farm with performing bears, nature paths through the majestic mountain range, and roadside fruit and vegetable markets.

Visitors can go hang gliding, camping, parachuting, fishing, horseback riding, canoeing. There are country fairs, art galleries and antique shops. Huguenots will want to see America's oldest street, Huguenot Street in New Paltz, where artisans working in stone houses display a 1650s way of life.

In spring there are apple blossoms, strawberry pickings and fresh flower sales. In summer the College at New Paltz features a repertory theater and the Music in the Mountains Festival.

To complete a visit to this region in grand fashion, go to Lake Mohonk Mountain House high atop the Shawangunks for a bird's eye view of four different states.



Any interest in traveling with other members to Huguenot-specific sites? We do not have particular places selected, but if desired, we would gladly explore some possibilities. Contact the Editor, beswell@bellsouth.net