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NEWSLETTER February 2014

Annual January dinner **Richard Phillips to present talk on General/Governor St. Clair**

This year's Washington's Birthday will be Friday, Feb. 21 at the Clintonville Woman's Club, 3141 N. High Street, Columbus and last from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The Washington's Birthday dinner is the chapter's major event, and this year's dinner promises to be another winner.

The program will feature historical writer Richard Phillips of St. Clairsville, whose presentation will be illuminate Revolutionary War General and Governor Arthur St. Clair.

Arthur St. Clair is important in the history of Ohio, as well as of the Revolutionary War.

In addition to serving as Washington's aide-de-camp and being with him at Yorktown when the British surrendered, St. Clair

served the young nation as President of the Continental Congress and then as governor of the Northwest Territory. When the territory was divided in 1800, he served as governor of the Ohio Territory.

Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River, and counties in four states are named in his honor.

Another exquisite choice of meals will be available.

Dinner Details: This year we are offering a choice of three entrees-- Prime Rib of Beef, Poached Salmon with Hollandaise Sauce, and Chicken Marsala. Meals will include a salad and a dessert. Beverages will include coffee, tea, and ice tea.

Don't procrastinate.

Be sure to fill out the form on the back today.



A few of those who attended last year's Washington's Birthday Dinner.

David Simmons speaks about Ohio's string of forts



The January meeting of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter gave attendees an opportunity to learn about an interesting and significant portion of the history of Ohio of which most were unaware.

The speaker was David Simmons, former editor of *Timeline*, the excellent magazine of The Ohio Historical Society, who narrated a slide show about the series of forts that extended from Cincinnati to Toledo. Some of these wooden forts were built during the 1790s during the Northwest Indian War, while others were built as a defense against the British and their Indian allies during the War of 1812.

Built by Revolutionary War General "Mad" Anthony Wayne, the forts were strategically placed to control waterways, securely store military supplies, and defend the Ohio territory from hostile Indian tribes.

Fortunately, two of the forts have been rebuilt as tourist attractions. Fort Meigs is located on the south shore of Maumee River in Perrysburg, and Fort Wayne is in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

David Simmons of the Ohio Historical Society addresses compatriots.

Four officers elected at January luncheon meeting

The first Chapter meeting of the 2014 saw the two-year terms of four offices come to an end--President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Sergeant-at-Arms. A quorum of members was present, so an election was held. Because President David Birthelmer did not stand for re-election, Chuck Finley was nominated and elected. First-Vice-president Jim Shough and Second Vice-President David Crombie were elected to another term. David Birthelmer was nominated and elected to fill the vacant Sergeant-at-Arms position.

Chuck Finley now holds the positions of chapter secretary and chapter president. He intends to continue the 2014 initiatives of establishing a chapter color guard and website and having some monthly meetings at times when members with day jobs can attend.

REGISTRATION FORM

Yes, I will attend the George Washington's Birthday Dinner Friday, Feb. 21 and will be bringing ___ guest(s).

Circle dinner Selection

My name _____ Phone # _____

Chicken Salmon Beef

Guests:

Chicken Salmon Beef

Chicken Salmon Beef

Chicken Salmon Beef

Chicken Salmon Beef

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