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Sons of the American Revolution



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February

Next Meeting
07 February, 2015
11:00 a.m.

Wharton County Junior College
Cafeteria
Hwy 1301 and Pioneer Street
Wharton, Texas

Program

Dr. Paul N. Spellman
OLD 300: GONE TO TEXAS



Dr. Paul N. Spellman is a Professor of Texas and United States History, as well as, the Division Chair at Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) Campus in Richmond, Texas. He is the author of several books on Texas History, ranging from historical novels for youth to the Oil Industry's beginnings in Texas to biographies of famous Texas Rangers.

Dr. Spellman was born in Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas, and grew up in the North through his high school years, and, upon returning to Texas earned and received degrees from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas; the University of

Texas at Austin; Texas A and M University at Corpus Christi, Texas; and his PhD from the University of Houston in 1997. His Dissertation provided the framework for his first academic book, *FORGOTTEN TEXAS LEADER: HUGH MCLEOD AND THE TEXAN SANTA FE EXPEDITION*, 1999.

Paul taught previously at Texas A and I University in Kingsville, Texas, Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi, Texas, and, The University of Houston. He came to WCJC in 1996 as an Adjunct Instructor of Texas History, and, has taught Texas and United States History full time since 1998.

In 2001 he became "Chair" of the WCJC school's division of Communication and Fine Arts in addition to teaching.

Dr. Spellman has recently completed his book *WHARTON: IMAGES OF AMERICA*, 2010 and, in collaboration with the Wharton County Historical Museum which celebrates the history of neighborhoods, towns, and cities across the country with over two hundred vintage photographs of Wharton County, Texas.

His current book *OLD 300: GONE TO TEXAS*, 2014, relates to the early history and times of Texas in the 1820's.

Paul's Family is descended from the Old 300, Zadock Woods' Family, and William Bradford's Mayflower Family. Zadock Woods' father, Jonathan Woods fought at the Battle of Bennington in the

American Revolutionary War. Dr. Spellman and his wife Kathleen live in Richmond, Texas, where they are active in church and community affairs. Kathleen works in the local school district.

MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
January 10, 2015

President Michael Bailey opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Smithharts Texas Grill in Angleton. Michael Bailey led the chapter in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. Ray Beall gave the blessing for our meal.

President Bailey introduced TXSSAR President-Elect Larry Stevens and his wife, Barbara. The Stevens just returned from New Orleans where he attended the Battle of New Orleans Bicentennial. His ancestors fought as militia men in that, the last battle in the War of 1812. Also, he noted that the National Society SAR conference will be held in Houston at the Marriott North on March 26 through March 29. Larry has been a member of SAR for twenty-seven years.



Dr. Michael Rees as Father Michael Muldoon

Judy Bernard introduced guest speaker and our compatriot, Dr. Michael Rees, who told of the life of Father Michael Muldoon. Father Muldoon was born in Ireland and studied at the Irish College of Seville, Spain before assignment to the Diocese of Monterrey, Mexico in 1831-1832. He assisted Stephen F. Austin in the settlement of Austin's colony in Texas by skirting the

Mexican laws on Catholicism by marrying Protestants and certifying Protestants as Catholics so they could receive land grants.



Michael Bailey presented award certificates and metals of recognition to Judy and Charles Bernard. Judy was presented with the Martha Washington Award for outstanding service to Cradle of Texas, Chapter #33, Sons of the American Revolution for 2014. Charles was presented with the Bronze Texas Society Service Medal for outstanding service as Vice President of Cradle of Texas, Chapter #33 TXSSAR for 2014.

The December 2014 Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Michael Bailey reviewed the financial activity of December that handed out and reported by Treasurer Arthur Evans:

General Fund	
Beginning Balance	
12/1/14	\$4,271.84
Deposits	0.00
Expenditures	150.82
Ending Balance	
11/30/14	\$4,121.02
McAlexander Fund	883.00
Total Bank Balance	\$5,002.02

The report was accepted.

Bill Sanders stated that he has continued to work on 15 membership applications. He explained some of the new requirements for documentation proof. He also stated that with one registrar resigning, we have only one in Dallas who is

overloaded with applications which will delay approvals.

Bill passed around a 2015 calendar which included pictures of his ancestors in Kentucky who were related to Daniel Bone. He also reported that the Knights of Columbus led the fight to have "Under God" added to our Pledge of Allegiance. Both houses of Congress passed a bill which was signed by President Eisenhower in 1954.

Our February 7th meeting will be in Wharton. Sanders said that Dr. Novasad, DDS of Wharton County Junior College faculty has made arrangements for our meeting to be held there. Dr. Paul Spellman, Professor of History at the WCJC Sugar Land campus, will be the guest speaker, telling about *OLD 300: GONE TO TEXAS*, his latest book.

Michael Bailey called for the election of officers for the coming year 2015. Winston Avera made the motion to elect the slate of officers by acclamation. George Easterling seconded the motion which was approved.

Those elected were as follows:

President - Michael Bailey

Vice President - Winston Avera

Secretary - Ted Bates

Treasurer - Arthur Evans

Chaplin - George Easterling

Registrar - Bill Sanders

Color Guard Captain - Frank Seidule



Avera, Bailey, Bates, Sanders, Evans, Easterling, Stevens Larry Stevens gave the oath and the officers were duly installed.

Michal Bailey reported the following:

- There will be a reenactors' swap meet, Pilgrims Camp, on January 24 & 25 near Columbus. This is a good place to find early American clothing and gear at economical prices.
- The Brazoria Heritage Foundation will be holding its annual program on March 7th. Michael Bailey and George Easterling will man an SAR booth there to explain our mission and recruit members.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by George Easterling.

George Easterling gave the benediction and Michael Bailey led the SAR recessional. Members Present - Chuck Bernard, Arnold Seidule, Arthur Evans, Bill Sanders, Tillman Daniel, Russell Dart, Michael Bailey, Mike Rees, George Easterling, Ray Beall, Ted Bates, Michael E. Uhl, Doc Rice and Winston Avera.

Guests Present - Judy Bernard, Connie Avera, Carl Wiggins, Glenda Beall, Joan Bates, Frances Hammel, Rodney Weems, Larry Stevens, Barbara Stevens, Sue Dart, Christy Uhl.

This Month During The American Revolution February 25, 1778

"Americans capture Fort Sackville at Vincennes (Indiana).

George Rodgers Clark, leading a force of approximately 150 colonials, covers almost 200 miles of land covered by deep and icy water. After threatening to offer no quarter, Rodgers secures the surrender of the British garrison. This is the beginning of the end of British domination of America's western frontier."

National Park Service
The American Revolution Day by Day
www.nps.gov/revwar/revolution_day_by_day/1778_main.html

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Note



After the meeting the Cradle of Texas Chapter has been invited to attend the Comfort Wood Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presentation of the Louise Community Service award to Mr. Darryl Chromcak.

The event begins at 2:00 p.m. at the Wharton County Historical Museum.

The Cradle of Texas Chapter's Color Guard has been asked to present the Colors.

Events held by the Comfort Wood Chapter are always a good time and the Wharton County Historical Museum is well worth your time for a visit. The building also houses the 20th Century Technology Museum.

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