



Cradle of Texas Crier
Cradle of Texas Chapter # 33
Sons of the American Revolution



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Michael J. Bailey, Editor

March

Next Meeting
08 March, 2014
11:30 a.m.

Fat Grass Restaurant & Bar
1717 7th Stet
Bay City, TX 77414

Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh



Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh will be reporting on her recent trip to Israel to attend the Global Water Conference and visit associated water industries.

Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh
Brigance Road
Brazoria (Wild Peach) Texas
born in Freeport Texas 9.17.39

education :
Brazoria Elementary School class of 1953
West Columbia High School class of 1957
Southwest Texas State University, class of 1961
now Texas State

work history :
Brazoria Telephone Company during high school and college
Sweeny Public Schools 1966 - 1978
seafood restaurant 1970 - 1975
Cardinal Construction 1978 - 1979
Dow Chemical Company 1979 - 1997
very small ranching operation now
Habitat for Humanity of
Southern Brazoria County 1990 - 2006
Brazoria County Commissioner 2007 - 2010
Texas Gulf Bank now

church affiliation :
First Presbyterian Church of Brazoria
member and ruling elder

professional affiliations :
Sweeny Education Association past president
SWT Exes of Southern Brazoria Co past president
Habitat for Humanity
of Southern Brazoria Co past president
volunteer executive director

Habitat for Humanity International
Regional Steering Committee south Texas representative
Habitat for Humanity Texas founding board
Rotary International
Center for Greater Houston's Future Scenarios representative
Houston-Galveston Area Council board representative

MEETING MINUTES

Sons of the American Revolution
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33
February 8, 2014

President Michael Bailey called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at Smithart's Grill in Angleton. George Easterling led the chapter in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, Texas Pledge and



SAR Pledge. Arthur Evan gave the blessing for our meal.

The January 2014 Minutes were approved on a motion by Tillman Daniel and second by George Easterling.

Treasurer Arthur Evans reported the following financial activity in January:

General Fund
 Beginning Balance
 1/1/14 \$4,109.94
 Expenditures \$34.04
 Ending Balance
 1/31/14 \$4,075.80
 McAlexander Fund \$883.00
 Total Bank Balance \$4,958.80

The financial report was approved on motion by Win Avera and Russell Dart's second.

President Bailey told of Genealogist Bill Sanders' recent stroke and hospitalization.

Judy Bernard introduced our speaker Stan Murray who portrayed

Jimmy Wedell, an airplane racer and builder in the late 1920s and early 1930s until his death on June 24, 1934 in a plane crash in



Patterson, Louisiana. Wedell was born in 1900 in Texas City where he learned

to fly at the age of 13. Wedell was the first pilot to fly 305 mph. He spent his summers in West Columbia with his

grandmother, Edith Wedell, and is buried in the Old Columbia Cemetery between her and his sister, Elizabeth Witbeck.



Russell Dart reported on his submission of two (2) Junior Reserve Officer Training Cadets' essays for TXSSAR competition. One cadet is from Pearland and the other is from Wharton.

President Bailey reviewed the upcoming events which included the following:

- February 22nd - George Washington Birthday Celebration and parade in Laredo. Michael Bailey and Frank Seidule plan to attend.
- March 1st - Heritage Festival at Brazoria Heritage Center. Russell Dart, Arnold Seidule and Michael Bailey volunteered to man an SAR booth.
- March 2nd - Texas Independence Day Celebration at the Stephen F. Austin statue in Angleton. Bailey requested District 7 VP Lawrence Casey's assistance in getting Austin posthumously inducted into TXSSAR.
- July 4th - American Independence Day

- August 16 – Battle of Medina remembrance
- September 17th – Constitution Day remembrance in West Columbia, Louise and Angleton
- November 11th – Veterans Day parade will be in Jones Creek. Bailey will begin making preparations for our participation earlier this year.

Lawrence Casey reminded Bailey that the 2013 Annual Report will be due to TXSSAR soon. Also, our chapter's tax status with the IRS should be updated. Dart will update the tax status.

The next meeting will be March 8th at Fatgrass Restaurant in Bay City.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. on motion by George Easterling and second by Russell Dart.

Michael Bailey led the SAR recessional and Arthur Evans gave the benediction.

Members Present –Michael Bailey, Russell Dart, George Easterling, Chuck Bernard, Arthur Evans, Mike Rees, Arnold Seidule, Tillman Daniel and Winston Avera.

Guests present were Sue Dart, Judy Bernard, Freda Daniel, Julie Lyn Bailey, Lawrence Casey, Stan Murray and Connie Avera.



This Month During The American Revolution

March 8, 1777

American troops under the command of Brigadier General William Maxwell defeat the British at Amboy, New Jersey.

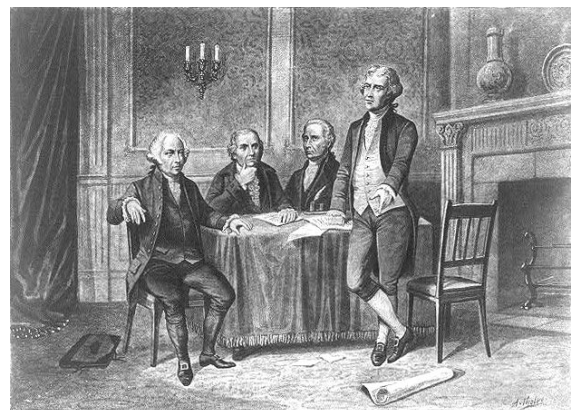
National Parks Service, American Revolution Day by Day
www.nps.gov/revwar/revolution_day_by_day/1777_main.html

March 1, 1781

Articles of Confederation Are Ratified

The Continental Congress ratifies the Articles of Confederation initially proposed by Richard Henry Lee on June 7, 1776. After a long delay these articles are sent to the individual states for ratification on November 15, 1777. Bickering over land claims between Virginia and Maryland holds up ratification until March 1, 1781. The nation is guided by the Articles of Confederation until the ratification of the Constitution on November 21, 1788.

National Parks Service, American Revolution Day by Day
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Adams, Morris, Hamilton, Jefferson
LEADERS OF THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS
By A. Tholey 1894
Library of Congress.

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<http://www.thefatgrass.com>



Michael Bailey and Russell Dart recruiting at the Brazoria Heritage Day event in Brazoria, Texas

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