



**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  
 11 March, 2017  
 11:30 am

River Pointe Restaurant  
 111 Abner Jackson Pkwy  
 Lake Jackson, Texas  
 Mary Northington

Mary Northington of Egypt, Texas will be the presenting a sing along of early music.



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Sons of the American Revolution**  
**Cradle of Texas Chapter #33**  
**February 11, 2017**

The Sons of the American Revolution met on February 11, 2017 at the Los Cucos Mexican Restaurant, Wharton, Texas. Chapter President Winston Avera called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m., Vice-President Ray Beall led the opening pledges

and Chaplin Michael Bailey gave the invocation.

**Introduction of Guests:**

Chapter President, Win Avera recognized Dick Hudgins, Guest Speaker and Dona Hatthorn, Registrar for Asa Underwood DAR Chapter, and Chapter Secretary, Rodney Weems introduced Ashlynn Turbett and her parents Dan and Michelle Turbett.

President Avera called for approval of the minutes of the January 14, 2017 meeting. Mike Bailey moved to approve the minutes as presented and Arthur Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer Arthur Evans' report is as follows:

**Treasurer's Report for January, 2017:**

General Fund:	
Beginning Balance	
12/31/2016	\$3,947.42
Deposits	\$0.00
Expenditures	
SAR supplies	\$45.00
Guest meals	\$ 89.65
Ending Balance	
1/31/2017	\$3,812.77
McAlexander Fund <sup>1</sup>	
Ending Balance	
1/31/2017	<u>\$900.00</u>
Total Bank Balance	\$4,712.77

<sup>1</sup> Available for purchase of uniforms for SAR Honor Guards

Mike Bailey moved to accept Treasurer's report and Ray Beall seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### AWARDS PRESENTATION



Rodney Weems introduced Ashlynn Turbett, a senior at Sweeny High School, who will be this year's Valedictorian who plans to attend the University of Texas, majoring in electrical engineering. Her community activities include: Volunteering in both the annual "Community Feast", feeding between 1,000 & and 1,500 persons, and "Sweeny United" which assists elderly and others in making repairs and improvements, such as wheel chair ramps.

She is being recognized as the Chapter winner of The George S. And Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. As winner, she was awarded with a Chapter Recognition Certificate and a Scholarship Award of \$100.00.

### Reports of Officers and Committees:

Avera told of the extensive editing of our Chapter website as well as the TXSSAR and NSSAR websites by DAR member Judy Bernard. Win expressed his gratitude for Mrs. Bernard's efforts in

helping the Cradle of Texas present an excellent internet product.

Also, Avera told of 20-year SAR memberships by Arnold Seidule and Richard Spencer.

Registrar Bill Sanders reported that Carl Wiggin's and Max Royalty SAR applications are being reviewed by NSSAR's genealogist who specializes in DNA research. Sanders expects the genealogist to approve their applications. Kenneth Paul Blount's and Nelson Eldridge Leopold's applications are in Louisville, KY (National Headquarters) awaiting approval. Leopold's application should be approved this month and Blount should receive his approval in March. Brian Wubbena's application will be mailed to TXSSAR genealogist tomorrow. Registrar Sanders is working on 28 applications.

Webmaster Carl Wiggins provided an update on his activities to further enhance our website which is: <http://www.cradletxsar.org>. He also noted the tremendous contribution of Judy Bernard in editing not only the Chapter site, but the sites at the Texas and National levels. Chapter President Avera indicated he had forwarded her recommendations to both State and National, and also praised both Carl and Judy for their efforts. Carl again requested members visit the website, review content and wording and offer comments including suggestions for improvement, deletions, additions and corrections.

Secretary and Education Committee Chair Rodney Weems gave an update on SAR Youth Contests. He

noted that the Wharton JROTC program had submitted an essay and it has been forwarded to State for consideration.

### New Business:

- Treasurer Arthur Evans presented a motion to change the Chapter's Bank Account from Lake Jackson National to Texas Dow Employees Credit Union. Registrar Bill Sanders seconded. Motion Passed.
- Citizens Awards Committee. At the January 21, 2017 Officer's Meeting the need for a Citizens Awards Committee was discussed and Ray Beall agreed to oversee, with Bill Sanders and Rodney Weems agreeing to assist. Volunteers for this committee were solicited, but for now committee membership remains as stated.

### Program:



Registrar Bill Sanders introduced our guest speaker, Richard "Dick" Hudgins, Lifetime Vice President of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, serving his 44<sup>th</sup> year and serves on the Board of Directors. Dick is a Compatriot of the Alexander Hodge SAR Chapter in Sugar Land. He and his wife, Cheryl, live in Fort Bend County, although Dick was raised in Hungerford, graduated from Wharton High School, attended Wharton County Junior College and

graduated from Texas A & M with a BS in Agricultural Economics. His many achievements include City of Wharton Councilmember, past Chairman of Wharton Planning Commission and Former Wharton County representative on the Airport Advisory Board of the Houston-Galveston Area Council. He is an instrument rated private pilot and an advanced open water scuba diver. Professionally, Dick is a real estate appraiser and broker with Hudgins-Groover Real Estate in Wharton and Needville.

Dick told of the history and evolution of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. From its humble beginnings in 1932 to becoming one of the largest events in Texas. Those beginnings started with seven ranchers searching for a better way to get their cattle to market, with the hope that ultimately that better way would lead to processing facilities and a railhead in Houston. That hope was not only realized, but it has grown, attracting entrants and visitors alike. Last year over 2 million people visited the event over a 20-day period. To achieve these results the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo committee focuses on four core missions: Entertainment, Western Heritage, Agriculture, and Education/Scholarship. They are most proud to have awarded more than \$26M in scholarships last year that was made possible by the hard work of 3,200 volunteers, synergy of entertainment, western heritage and agriculture.



**Members Present:**

Richard Hudgins, Win Avera, Bill Sanders, Russell Dart, Rodney Weems, Arthur Evans, Mike Bailey, Ray Beall, and Chris Wendel.

**Guests Present:**

Dona Hatthorn, Carl Wiggins, Glenda Beall, Connie Avera, Pat Sanders, Brian & Candace Wubbena, Julie Bailey, Nelson Leopold, Ashlynn Turbett, Michell Turbett, and Dan Turbett.

**Next SAR Meeting:**

Next Meeting  
River Pointe Restaurant  
111 Abner Jackson Parkway  
Lake Jackson, TX, United States  
979-299-7444  
[www.riverpointrestaurant.com](http://www.riverpointrestaurant.com)



Color Guards,  
Michael Bailey  
and Russell Dart,  
present the Colors  
at the DAR's  
Asa Underwood  
Chapter's George  
Washington Tea  
in East Columbia,  
Texas on 12  
February, 2017.

SAR Recessional was led by Mike Bailey

A motion for adjournment was made by Michael Bailey and seconded by Ray Beall.

Motion approved.

Michael Bailey provided the Benediction.

**2017  
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Color Guards Michael Bailey and Thomas Green travel to Laredo, Texas to participate in the 120<sup>th</sup> George Washington Birthday Celebration with other Color Guards from across Texas and the Nation.



**Texas Independence Day Celebration** - 02 March, 2017 Stephen F. Austin-Munson Historical County Park, 41885 SH 288 Angleton, TX 77515. For information, contact James at [jamesg@brazoria-county.com](mailto:jamesg@brazoria-county.com)

**Heritage Day-** Saturday, March 4, 2017- Brazoria Heritage Foundation at 202 West Smith Street, Brazoria, TX 77422

**Goliad Massacre** -Saturday, March 25, 2017 - Sunday, March 26, 2017 at Presidio La Bahia in Goliad, Texas

**Wine and Cheese Tasting-** April 1, 2017 - Columbia Historical Museum 247 E Brazos Ave, West Columbia, Texas

**Santa Ana Ball** - Saturday, July 15, 2017 (Third Saturday of July) - Brazoria Heritage Foundation at 202 West Smith Street, Brazoria, TX 77422

**Texas Navy Day** - Saturday, September 16, 2017 (Third Saturday of September) TBA

**Constitution Day-** Sunday, September 17, 2017 TBA

