



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



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**May**

Next Meeting  
**May 11, 2013**  
**11:30 a. m. at**  
**K 2 Steak House**  
1701 8th St  
Bay City, TX 77414  
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Speaker  
Marie Beth Jones,  
on her new book,  
*The Brazos Beckoned*



**MEETING MINUTES**  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Cradle of Texas Chapter #33  
**April 13, 2013**

President Michael Bailey called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at On The River Restaurant in Freeport. Bill Sanders led the chapter in the U.S. pledge of allegiance, Texas pledge and SAR pledge. George Easterling gave the invocation.

The March 2013 Minutes were approved.

Russell Dart reported for Treasurer Arthur Evans that the General Fund balance was \$4,380.56 at the end of March, there were expenditures during March and the McAlexander Fund (which is available for purchase of uniforms) had a balance of \$833.00. The total for both funds remained at \$5,263.56. Later in the meeting, Russell Dart noted that most of the General Fund moneys were raised from county historical tours given by Donald Pugh at the two BOMs held here.

At the TXSSAR Annual Spring Convention in Dallas our chapter won the Newsletter Award, a Star for Color Guard and another Star for donations to the Patriot Fund. Compatriots Arnold Seidule, Frank Seidule and Russell Dart were presented TXSSAR Silver Service Medals. Arnold informed us that the Patriot Fund balance has increased from about \$19,000 a year ago to \$24,000 now. As a result, scholarships will be increased from \$1,500 each to \$2,500 this year. Russell reported that the San Antonio chapter has gotten its chapter's scholarships placed on a list of scholarships that is available to school counselors which should help increase student participation. Russell Dart was recognized at the Spring Convention as chairman of VP Americanism, Contests,

Medals, and Awards. Doc Rice was recognized as chairman of the Knight Essay Contest.

Bill Sanders suggested that our September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting be in Louise at the 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church. The meal will be catered by Cecil's BBQ. Afterwards we can tour the Louise Museum that is located in the old Post Office. Bill is working on three SAR memberships. And, he updated the Chapter on the Louise Cemetery; 501(c)13 has been received, three Confederate soldiers have been buried there, a 5'x20' culvert has been donated and will be installed, local Boy Scouts have planned projects.

Doc Rice announced that his granddaughter will be competing in the 12 year old State Karate Championship division. All congratulated Doc.

Discussion of the chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration noted that Sasha Austin was the speaker at the last celebration; Doc Rodgers performs music with historical instruments and tells of their history; and the Stephen F. Austin Statue meeting room may be available for use. George Easterling made a motion that we donate \$500.00 to the Stephen F. Austin Society. Arnold Seidule seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Bailey reported that Dr. Bob Schwebel of the Brazoria Heritage Society sent his thanks for our participation in their Texas Independence Day Celebration on

March 2<sup>nd</sup> and invited us to participate again next year.

George Easterling announced that the Stephen F. Austin Society will hold a BBQ on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the statue. This group is working to have the City of Angleton and/or Brazoria County take over the statue and grounds.

Arnold Seidule moved that we have a float in the November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Parade in Lake Jackson. George Easterling seconded the motion and it carried.

Russell Dart introduced TXSSAR President Stephen Rohrbough and his wife, Marie. President Rohrbough told about his German ancestor who donated pasturage and corn to a Revolution army that passed through his 400 acre farm in western Pennsylvania. And, he shared his goals and objectives for this year. The theme for the year is, "Year of the Youth - Contest, Activities, Recruitment, Education". He gave the following details for each:

- **Youth Contests** include Oration, Enhanced JROTC, Knight Essay, Eagle Scout, History Teacher, Poster and CAR Essay. As reported by Arnold, donations and investment results have permitted TXSSAR to increase scholarship amounts. This in turn should make participation more attractive to students. Stephen wants to grow the number of participants and amounts for these scholarships.
- **Activities** involve expanding chapter activity with CAR, Texas Society Children of the American Revolution, by participating in joint meetings, attending joint events and

recognizing CAR members at state CAR meetings and TXSSAR meetings.

- **Recruitment of Youth/CAR** addresses the desire to tract youth who age-out of CAR at 21 years old and bring them into SAR.
- **Education** addresses the need to educate our youth on our history. NSSAR developed a CD, "America's Heritage and Adventure in Liberty", for teaching history in elementary, middle and high schools and provides them to teachers in 26 Kentucky schools. Stephen wants to expand the program to include Texas. Ms. Coleen Wilson, Director of the Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville, Kentucky has the CDs that can be given to teachers wanting information about American history.

George Easterling gave the benediction and President Bailey let the SAR Recessional and adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

Members Present –Bill Sanders, Arnold Seidule, Frank Seidule, Michael Bailey, Tim Hall, George Easterling, Chuck Bernard, Russell Dart, Doc Rice and Winston Avera.

Guests present were Jackie House, Judy Bernard, Sue Dart and Connie Avera.

Members Present –Bill Sanders, Arnold Seidule, Frank Seidule, Michael Bailey, Donald Mudd, Tom Mudd, George Easterling, Chuck Bernard, Chris Wendel, Doc Rice and Winston Avera.

Guests present were Kay Mudd, Jackie House, Judy Bernard and Connie Avera.

**30<sup>th</sup>**

## **Anniversary Celebration**

**November 9, 2013, Noon**

## **Lake Jackson Civic Center**

Details are being developed for a festive event to honor our Charter Members and our Past Presidents. We will have entertainment and a very good speaker, plus a catered lunch. Be sure to mark your calendars for this date and make plans to join the celebration.

**THIS MONTH DURING  
THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**



Patrick Henry

**May 29, 1765**

### ***Caesar-Brutus Speech***

Patrick Henry attacks the Stamp Act and Parliament's authority to tax the colonists—while also suggesting that George III risks Julius Caesar's fate if he disregards American liberty—in a famous speech he delivered to the House of Burgesses in 1765...

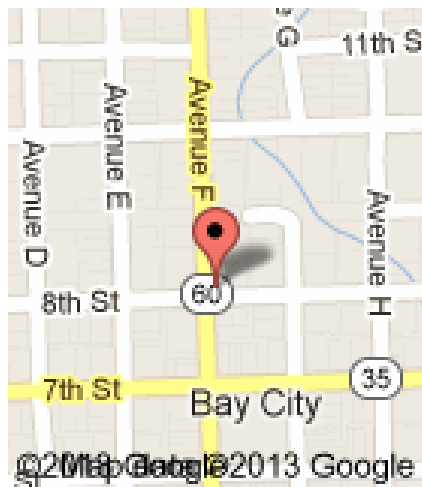
"Caesar had his Brutus – Charles the First, His Cromwell – And George the Third" – ("Treason!" cried the Speaker – "Treason, treason!" echoed from every part of the house). Henry faltered not for an instant, but rising to a loftier attitude, concluded thus - "may profit by their example. If this be treason, make the most of it."

Alfred Jones

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