



# The Cradle of Texas Crier

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Sons of the American Revolution



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Dr. Don Pugh, Editor-pro tempore

## Dr. Joe "Doc" Rice to speak

### Program December 12

The Cradle of Texas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will have their regular meeting at Scott's Barbecue in West Columbia at 11:30 am on Saturday December 12, 2009. Scott's Barbecue is located on Highway 35 just east of the new



Walmart's store about a block. It is a large Quonset type metal building. Enter on the side street. The menu chosen for the meeting will be Roast Beef and all the trimmings.

Dr. Joe "Doc" Rice will be our speaker. Joe Allen Rice got the nickname "Doc" before he earned his Ph.D. in American Literature. To his surprise, that nickname has stayed with him for half a century, and so has his wife Lynn.

Doc is a Professor Emeritus of the University of Houston. He belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution, and chairs the State Publicity Committee. He also belongs to the Sons of the Republic of Texas and the Rock Art Foundation. He is a Life Member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

He has been a navigator/bombardier in the Strategic Air Command — a job that took him places you will never visit and don't want to. He has been a

newspaper reporter, a columnist, a contributor to a series awarded the Pulitzer Prize, an editor, and a technical writer for banks, industrials and petrochemicals.

Doc and Lynn have two daughters and four grandkids — all wisecracks, bubbling with laughter and mischief. He says those six sassy offspring have contributed in countless ways to his humor, his longevity and his awareness of his imperfections. He was born in a Texas farmhouse surrounded by fields of four-leaf clovers. He claims that's better than being born smart, talented and good looking with a silver spoon in your mouth.

Doc Rice has titled today's talk: Minute Men in April, 1775, Nathanael Green in March, 1781 and Sam Houston in April, 1836.

### Special Invitation

Janice Seidule, Past Regent of Fort Velasco Chapter of the DAR announced that the Chapter is sponsoring a Christmas Party and is inviting members of Cradle of Texas. The party will be at the Seidule's new home at 8 Heritage Oak Court in Lake Jackson from 4 to 8 pm on December 5. Directions to the house turn north from FM 2004 on Lake Drive just across the street from the Texas Dow Credit Union. Then turn right at Timber Creek. Proceed for about a mile and turn in at the sign of the Heritage Court. The Seidule's are at Number 8.



## Minutes of November 14, 2009

The regular meeting of the Cradle of Texas Chapter #33 was held on November 14, 2009 at 11:30 at the Red Snapper Inn in Surfside, Texas. The following members were present: Russell Dart, Jim Salisbury, Arnold Seidule, Mike Bailey, Bill Sanders, George Easterling, Dr. Tillman Daniel, Dr. Don Pugh. The following guests were present: Earlene Pugh, Dot Salisbury, Janice Seidule, Dr. Tom Pruett and Carolyn Pruett.

Arnold Seidule, president pro temp, called the meeting to order at 11:30 am and Compatriot Tillman Daniel led us in the pledge to the United States and Texas flags and the SAR. Compatriot George Easterling gave the invocation.

After lunch, President Seidule asked if there were any correction or additions to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. There appearing none the minutes were approved as printed.

George Easterling, chair of the Nominating Committee gave the following report. Nominated for officers for the 2010 are:

President	Garvin Germany
Vice President	Russell Dart
Secretary	Tim Hall
Treasurer	Bill Greenwood
Newsletter Editor	Mike Bailey
Genealogist	Bill Sanders
Chaplain	Rev. L. L. Stevens
Executive Committeemen	Donald Mudd
	Arnold Seidule

Compatriot Easterling pointed out that the election would be held at our next meeting, December 9 and it would be open to nominations from the floor at that time. The other members of the nominating committee were Dr. Don Pugh and Bill Sanders

Compatriot Pugh then introduced the speaker for the day Dr. Tom Pruett, retired optometrist from Lake Jackson who told about the projects he was involved in – the Eye Clinic in Guerro, Mexico and the Crystal Crafters here in the Brazosport area. It was a very moving presentation.

Compatriot Daniel then led in the SAR Closing and the meeting was adjourned.

Note: Don Pugh later presented a flag certificate to the Lake Jackson Masonic Lodge at their regular meeting on Monday, November 16, 2009.

## TXSSAR and Computer Use

The Texas Society, like many of our chapters, including this chapter has gone to computers, the Web and email to carry out their business. This is for ease and speed of communication and more especially the cost to the Society.

At the last State Convention the body decided to limit the printing of THE COMPATRIOT to those persons who requested it and it would be a black and white printing. To request it the member must write to the State Secretary Bill Marrs and request that it be mailed. Those who had computers and “paid up” were to be registered on DADA which is our bulk computer mailing program and receive their journal by email.

All the members of our chapter who receive their chapter newsletter by email are already registered. When THE COMPATRIOT has been prepared you will receive an email message with a link that you can click and it will download the publication to your computer. You can then read it on the computer or print it if you desire. This will be a color issue.

Our TXSSAR web page has been redesigned and has a lot of information that is useful about our state and national organization. We publish all the minutes of the Board of Managers meetings as well as Officer Reports prior to each meeting and committee minutes from each of the meetings. There is much more information about our Society available to the members than previously. Some of this information is available on our private site. This site is designed to make information available to all our members, but not easily available to anyone that searches. Some of this kind of information is state rosters of members, and financial reports. If you do not have the address on the web for the private site, send me an email and I will return it you by email. You can save the address on your “Favorites List” You are to be encouraged to use this facility.

You now can pay your dues, or register and pay the registration and meal fees on the web. If you did not receive your dues notice by email, or in the mail, there is a link on the private site where you can enter your national number and receive your dues statement. You are encouraged to use one of these methods and get your dues paid prior to December 31. You also may take the opportunity to make a contribution to the expenses of the Patriot Fund for this year at this time. We will finance all of our



youth activities with these gifts for this year and not draw any interest from our Patriot Trust Fund.

## Special Greetings

We have received our annual Christmas card and greetings from former member Larry Kiggans who wishes to be remembered to all of his friends. In that card was a \$6 check for his "subscription" our Newsletter. Larry is our only paid subscriber to the Newsletter that is available free on the internet and free by mail to all current members without computer access. If you are receiving the newsletter in black and white by U S Mail and have a computer and email, please send a message by email to Don Pugh at [dpugh1931@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dpugh1931@sbcglobal.net). This will be a savings to our chapter.

## Financial Report

November 30, 2009

General Fund Balance October 26, 2009 \$ 6,033.79

### Deposits

### Disbursements

ROTC Medals	\$ 34.20
Texas Service Medals	\$ 60.00
Guest Meals	\$ 35.47
Rosettes	\$ 88.50
	\$218.17

Balance November 30, 2009 \$5,815.62

### Barbara McAlexander Fund

Deposit – February 1, 2007 \$1,000

### Disbursements:

SAR Uniform for Russell Dart (25% of cost)\$ 117.00

Balance McAlexander Fund \$883.00

Total Bank Balance November 30, 2009 \$6,698.62

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*Merry Christmas to All  
and a Happy New Year*

