



The Cradle of Texas Crier

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Sons of the American Revolution



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Dr Don Pugh, Editor

Matagorda County Museum Director to Speak

Columbia Lakes Site of Meeting

The Cradle of Texas Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will have their regular meeting at The Columbia Lakes Conference Center on Saturday, February 12, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. The program will be presented by Sarah Higgins, the Director of the Matagorda County Museum. She will discuss some of the collections of the museum and share pictures of artifacts at the museum.

The Columbia Lakes Conference Center is located in the Columbia Lakes Addition just off Highway 35 between Angleton and Brazoria. There is a large sign on the north side of Highway 35 where you turn. Just follow the road until you come to the gate. The person on duty can direct you to the Conference Center. This will be a buffet lunch, price \$15 per person which includes the dinner, dessert, coffee or tea, tax and gratuity. We will pay Tillman Daniel on arrival.

Minutes January 8 Meeting

The Cradle of Texas Chapter #33, Sons of the American Revolution met at "Windswept" in Oyster Creek on Saturday, 8 January 2005 at 11:30 A.M. Vice President Tillman Daniel brought the meeting to order, after which Chaplain Byler led the invocation. Vice President Tillman Daniel led us in pledges to the United States and Texas Flags and the SAR. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Russell Dart gave the Treasurer's "bottom line," which was that our account has increased \$120 since we started the fiscal year. The DAR members and wives and guests of members present were Elizabeth Melton, Sue Dart, Janis Seidule, Earlene Pugh, Dot Salisbury, Wanda Duke, Kay Mudd. The SAR members present were Tillman Daniel, Don Pugh, Roger Byler, Russell Dart, Arnold Seidule, J. Salisbury,

Garvin Germany, George Easterling, Bob Beard, John Beard, Clell Sechrest, Harry J. Fitzgibbon, Donald Mudd, Thomas Mayerle, and Mike Rees.

The assembly recessed for lunch. After lunch, the formal meeting resumed.

The following announcements and reports were given. The February 12, 2005 meeting will be held at Columbia Lakes. Russell Dart reported that our attempt to engage the schools had not been successful this year. No orators materialized have materialized. We had one essay submitted, Valerie Johnson from Bay City, and it would be sent to the State Society.

George Easterling gave a brief report on the Junior ROTC. Vice President Tillman Daniel asked if there was any old business, of which there was none. Nor was any new business discussed.

Don Pugh apologized that our scheduled program could not attend the meeting, happily, Don presented a program on "Ten Years of Destiny: The Annexation of Texas" from an article prepared by Judge David Jackson. Members were challenged to consider the complex reasons for controversy over the international political future of Texas in 1845 as part of a national slave-free state balance of power and as the causa belli of the Mexican War. Pugh alluded to the allegations that Sam Houston was an insurgent-agent for Andrew Jackson, a subject that was considered by a dissertation by Llerena Friend many years ago which she concluded that Houston was not an agent of President Jackson.. He discussed the role of Andrew Jackson's nephew who went to Texas during the height of the debate.

Everyone enjoyed Don Pugh's great program. Mike Rees noted that a movie with Clark Gable as Andrew Jackson's "nephew" called "The Lone Star" fictionalized this same story fantastically with Ava Gardner playing the

newspaper publishing mistress of Gable's Texas imperialist heavy.

Vice President Daniel entertained a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and voted. He led the membership in the SAR closing.

Chaplain Roger Byler led the membership in the Benediction.

President's Corner

I want to tell you about a celebration that is going to take place on Saturday, March 5, 2005. This date conflicts with the TXSSAR State Convention in New Braunfels, but for those of you who will not be going to New Braunfels for the state convention, it will be a celebration you will enjoy.

It is the First Annual Brazoria Heritage Celebration and will take place on the 1933 Brazoria Elementary School Grounds. The Brazoria Heritage Foundation was given the building and grounds by the Columbia-Brazoria Independent School District. It is their endeavor to turn this historical school into a vibrant Civic Center and Brazoria Historical Museum. They will have a cattle drive, just like the old days, a Bucket Brigade Breakfast by the Brazoria VFD and Texas BBQ lunch served by the Brazoria Lions Club. Events in the old auditorium will take place all afternoon with live entertainment and a Brazoria Elementary School Alumni Reunion from 2 to 4 p.m.

They have invited our organization to showcase the Sons of the American Revolution. It will be an opportunity for us to tell the county about the good projects we are known for. They will have a tent with tables, chairs and a poster with the name of our organization. This would be a great time for us to set up the display that Arnold Seidule designed. Having a booth at this celebration will be a great help in getting publicity for our organization.

Don Pugh, Arnold Seidule and I will be at the state convention and maybe along with some others. Therefore, I am asking for volunteers to take on the task of participating in the presentation of SAR at this celebration. We will need several volunteers so that none of you will have to spend the entire day. Contact me at (979) 265-9525 for more information. We will also discuss this at our monthly SAR meeting on February 12th. I hope we have an outstanding attendance in honor of George Washington's birthday.

110th Annual Meeting of TXSSAR

The 110th Annual Meeting of the TXSSAR will be held at the TBarM Ranch in New Braunfels, Texas on March 4-6

and all members are urged to attend. If you plan to go please contact Bob Faulkner with the information so you can be designated a delegate.

Mark your Calendar Gala Celebration Set for April 9

The regular meeting for April 9th will be held at the Cherotel in Lake Jackson on Highway 332 in the evening and will be a Gala event. Our new State President, Dr. Jim Heath will be our speaker and we will honor some of our own members who have service awards for 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years as well as other honors as well. The cost, which includes the buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity is \$25.00 per person. We also expect guests from other chapters in the vicinity. We will announce how to purchase the tickets soon. Make your plans now for the event.

President's Day Observance

Most of us can remember when there were two United States President's Birthday's celebrated in February. George Washington's Birthday was celebrated on February 22nd, but Washington was really born on February 11th. However this date was under the old calendar and was adjusted to the corresponding date on February 22nd. This date was set by Federal Statute. The second Birthday celebration was not celebrated in all States, and it was not set by Federal Statute, but most Banks and Federal Agencies celebrated it as a matter of course.

In 1968 legislation was passed (HR 15951) setting this celebration on the third Monday in February. This legislation was intended to clarify dates for other holidays as well. This legislation was to begin these new dates in 1971.

However, President Nixon, by Presidential Proclamation decreed that both holidays, Washington and Lincoln would be bundled under a general holiday to celebrate all Presidents on the third Monday in February. Congressional and Constitutional scholars now agree that

the Presidential Proclamation did not overrule the legislative action and the third Monday should be for George Washington's birthday. However, it appears that whatever the import of the law and the Presidential Proclamation – we will celebrate President's Day on the third Monday in February. So now!!!!

FINANCIAL REPORT Annual Report 2004

General Fund Balance January 1, 2004 \$959.45

Income:

Membership Dues	\$570.00
Memorial Donation	25.00
Sale of Medals	38.00
Share Program (Krogers)	108.20
Reimbursement for Newsletter	6.00
Reimbursement for Meals	15.00

Total Income \$762.20

Disbursements:

Guest Lunches	\$191.73
Medals, Certificates, Folders	329.20
Stamps	74.00
Essay Prize	25.00
New Checks	8.76
Engraving of Medals	12.99

Total Disbursements \$641.68

General Fund Balance Dec 31, 2004 \$1079.97

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