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Sons of the American Revolution



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Dr. Don Pugh, Editor

State President to Visit in May

Tom Green to Speak

The regular meeting of the Cradle of Texas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will be held at the Cherotel Hotel in Lake Jackson on Highway 332 on Saturday, May 13, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. This will be a buffet luncheon and the cost is \$16 per person payable by cash or check at door. Our speaker will be our new State President and chapter member, Tom Green.

Tom Green was born July 17, 1939 in his grandfather's hospital in Athens, Texas. He completed high school in Mabank, Texas in 1957 and attended North Texas University in Denton, Texas graduating in 1961.

Upon graduation from North Texas State University in May of 1961 Tom married Margo Irene Oberkamp in



June of 1961, just three weeks before reporting to the U.S. Navy Officer's Candidate School (OCS) in Newport, Rhode Island. After graduation from OCS, Tom attended the U.S. Navy Deep Sea Diving School in Washington, DC for six months and served on several vessels before completing his six-year active duty as Training Officer of the Underwater Swimming School where most of the SEAL team members were trained. Margo and Tom's daughter Holly was born in the U.S. Navy Hospital in 1965 there in Key West, Florida.

Upon release from active duty in the Navy in 1966, Tom joined the largest department store chain in Florida, became the Operating Manager for one of the Burdine's Department Stores in Miami, Florida, where he supervised the building, staffing, and stocking of three new department stores in three years. In 1972 Tom, Margo and Holly returned to Mabank, Texas where his father had operated a grocery store for 26 years, and assisted his father in operating the store until 1978 when Tom's father

retired, and they sold the family store. Tom then returned to the department store business in Dallas, serving as Operating Manger of a Joske's store in Dallas.

In 1980, Tom moved his family to New Braunfels, Texas, the home of his wife, Margo, and Tom became active in the insurance business, owning and operating an insurance agency, as well as an insurance company for several years. In 1987, Tom sold his insurance interest to one of his partners and went to work for the Texas Department of Insurance serving as a site manager for the Receiver and the Conservator. In 1999 Tom retired from the State of Texas and in 2003 Tom and Margo moved to Pearland, Texas, located south of Houston, to be near their daughter Holly.

Tom has been active in both the Sons of the Republic of Texas and the Sons of the American Revolution before retiring, and much of his time since retirement has been taken up with promoting these two societies. Tom was the founding chapter president of the Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels Chapter #50 of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. Tom has also served as Hill Country District Representative of the Sons of the Republic of Texas for the past four years, and was recently inducted as a Knight of San Jacinto, the highest award of the SRT. Tom has participated in several historic events with the Texas Army at the San Jacinto Battlefield, and recently joined the group officially, and was just appointed Admiral in the Texas Navy by Governor Perry.

Tom also served as president of the William Hightower Chapter #35 of the Sons of the American Revolution, also located in New Braunfels. Tom has served at the State level of the SAR as Vice President for Promotion and Media Relations, as Staff Secretary, President Elect, and is currently the President of the Texas Society.

Tom is also a member of the North American Vexillological Association (the study of flags) and has collected or made over 60 historic flags of both the American Revolutionary and the Texas Revolutionary periods, and has given more than 200 Historic Flag Programs to SRT, DRT, SAR and DAR chapters, as well as historical societies, civic groups, family and

professional associations, and more than 15,000 school children.

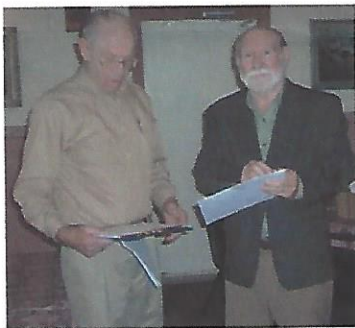
Also making his first official visit to the chapter will be Dr. Don Pugh, District Vice President

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Cradle of Texas Chapter, Sons of American Revolution met at The Red Snapper Inn in Surfside, TX on April 8, 2006. The meeting was called to order by President Tillman Daniel. Chaplain Roger Byler gave the invocation. The pledges to the United States, Texas flags and the SAR were led by Clell Sechrest.

The following guests were introduced: Barton Griffith, prospective member, Frank McCullough, Betty Sue Rees. Other guests that were present included Earlene Pugh, Dot Salisbury, Elizabeth Melton, Mary Nita Wing and Sue Dart. Members present were Roger Byler, George Easterling, Russell Dart, Arnold Seidule, Tillman Daniel, Don Pugh, Mike Rees, Jim Salisbury, Garvin Germany, Milt Wing, Thomas Mayerle and Clell Sechrest.

George Easterling inducted Milt Wing as a new member of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Russell Dart requested that the financial report in the April newsletter be corrected to show the balance of funds for the Historical Tour to be \$1,050.00 and the balance of the General Fund to show \$1,600.27.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as reported in the April newsletter.

President Daniel announced that the Chapter had received several awards at the State Conference held in Sugar Land, TX on March 17-19, 2006. The awards were as follows:

Texas Flag Streamer for the Flag Program

Texas Flag Streamer for the Patriot Fund Award

The E. A. Limmer award for having the highest percentage of approved supplemental applications approved.

The Ross Shipman Electronic Newsletter Award

Honorable Mention for the Galveston Award

President Daniel announced that Don Pugh received the Patriot Award. Dr. Pugh is the third member of our chapter to be honored with this award. The other two are Clell Sechrest and the late Bob Faulkner.

The Meeting recessed for lunch.

President Tillman introduced the speaker for the program. He is Michael Rees, our chapter Vice President. Mike gave a very interesting talk on the role of Native Americans in the wars that were fought during the colonial period from the earliest time up until the American Revolution. He pointed out some of the tribes that were enemies prior to the arrival of the Europeans and this had some effect on which European country with which they aligned themselves. President Daniel presented Dr. Michael Rees with a certificate of appreciation for his program.

Don Pugh talked about the August BOM meeting which our chapter is hosting. He passed out applications for attending the meeting and encouraged all of our members to attend the meeting. He also asked for volunteers for the various functions that will need to be done to host the meeting. He stated that he had 8 slots open for the Historical Tour which will be open to the first members that completed the application and paid the \$35.00 First Come. First Served.

The SAR Closing Admonition was spoken by the members and the benediction was pronounced by Chaplain Byler.

President's Corner

With all the talk and demonstrations as of late, I thought you might enjoy Theodore Roosevelt's ideas on immigrants and being an American. "In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith, becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with every one else for it is outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American and nothing but an American. There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag...We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language...and we have room for one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people." Theodore Roosevelt, 1907.

Food for thought,

Tillman Daniel M.D.

President Cradle of Texas Chapter

Patriotic Holidays

Since we typically do not meet during the months of June, July, and August there are three important patriotic holidays that come during that period that we should

observe. Listed below are three short articles about those holidays that are copied from last year's newsletter. They are about as succinct as can be made of them.

Memorial Day – May 30

Most Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. To help Americans re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed in Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps.

Flag Day – June 14

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day – the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 – was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

Declaration Day – July 4

The first newspaper to print the Declaration was the Pennsylvania Evening Post on July 6, 1776. On July 8th the Declaration had its first public reading in Philadelphia's Independence Square. Twice that day the Declaration was read to cheering crowds and pealing church bells. Even the bell in Independence Hall was rung. The "Province Bell" would later be renamed "Liberty Bell" after its inscription -Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof. Although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the 4th of July has been accepted as the official anniversary of United States independence. The first Independence Day celebration took place the following year - July 4 1777. By the early 1800s the traditions of parades, picnics, and fireworks were established as the way to celebrate America's birthday.

National Congress July 8-15 in Dallas

The National Congress is meeting in Texas this year and it is coming to Texas with a hiatus of about ten years. It will be about another ten years of so before it comes again. This gives us a rare opportunity to attend a National Congress with somewhat less expense. For reservation information and registration information see the website at <http://www.2006sarcongress.com> , or contact the editor of the newsletter. While you are at it, it is suggested that you see the new Texas Society website at

<http://www.txssar.org>. The new webmaster, Dr. Charles Baker has done an excellent job of putting our Society in the top rank of websites on the web.

Preparation Activities for August BOM

Things are starting to happen as we prepare for our guests at the Board of Managers Meeting in Lake Jackson August 4-6, 2006 at the Cherotel Hotel. Those members who live within about an hour and a half from Lake Jackson have been sent a packet asking them to respond concerning their ability to help with the administration of the meeting. You are encouraged to return that to Don Pugh as soon as possible.

All of our chapter members and spouses are urged to participate in some form in the meeting. If you do not choose to register you certainly can join us for the informal Friday night dinner prior to the meeting, or join us at the Luncheon or Banquet, both on Saturday. All of these require a reservation and you can do that on the registration form.

Those that register are cordially invited to attend all of the meetings at the conference. Almost all of the committee meetings are open and certainly all of the general meetings are open and you are welcome to attend.

The Historical Tour of Southern Brazoria County is almost full, and at this writing there are only 3 seats left. Almost all of the \$35 cost will be donated to the Patriot's Fund. We are asking that any member who wishes to donate an item for the Silent Auction either indicates it on the questionnaire that you have received, or if you live away and want to either contribute money or an item, please contact Don Pugh. As you know all of the proceeds of the Silent Auction go to the Patriot's Fund. We have already received some cash gifts from members and area businesses and other SAR chapters that will be used to purchase items to go on the Auction. Of course, you are cordially invited to come by Friday afternoon or Saturday and bid on the items that you would like to own.

The speaker and entertainment for the Saturday night Banquet have all been confirmed, and we are in the process of choosing menus for the meals. The ladies are planning the tour for the spouses of our guests and we could certainly use cars and drivers to get them to the destinations. Also, the ladies are planning the food items for the Ladies Hospitality Suite. We urge all of you to join us as we welcome our Guests in a spectacular way.

Mailing List

If you are a current or prospective member of the Cradle of Texas chapter you should have received by email or with this mailing (if you do not have an email address) a copy of our current membership list. If you have not received one or there is an error in the list, please contact Don Pugh, 113 Meadowbrook, Lake Jackson, TX 77566 or at dpugh1931@sbcglobal.net.

FINANCIAL REPORT April 25, 2006

General Fund Balance March 29, 2006		\$2650.47
Income		
BOM Tour	\$665.00	
Sale of Medal	44.31	
Faulkner Memorial	25.00	
Member Dues	95.00	
Donation	10.00	
Total Income	\$829.31	
Disbursements:		
Shipping Charges	\$ 4.31	
Certificates and Folders	67.00	
Refund of Tour Deposit	130.00	
TXSSAR Patriot Fund	25.00	
Total Disbursements	\$226.31	
Balance April 25, 2006		\$3253.47
Balance for Historical Tour		\$1575.00
General Fund Balance		\$1678.47
Total		\$3253.47
BOM Account Mar 29		\$555.00
Deposits for April	\$390.00	
Silent Auction Deposits	75.00	
Total Deposits	\$465.00	
Total BOM Account		\$1020.00
Disbursements, BOM		
Registration Supplies	63.62	
Balance BOM Account Apr 25, 2006		\$956.38

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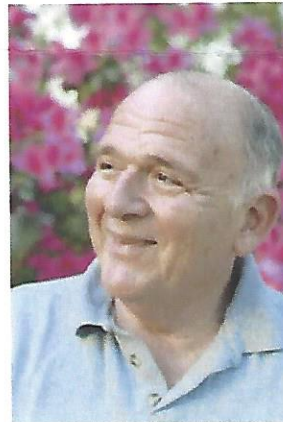
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Public Apology



Due to time constraints the last issue included a picture of the speaker which was undecipherable for most people. The editor received a better picture the day after publication from Ian Rees, son of the speaker. I have included it to try to regain your confidence. Here is our handsome (?) Vice President -- Dr. Mike Rees

The Editor

Last Meeting Before September

This will be our last official meeting before we begin again in September. We wish you a very happy and refreshing summer season. Be sure to attend some of the activities of the August Board of Managers Meeting and the State Conference if you can.