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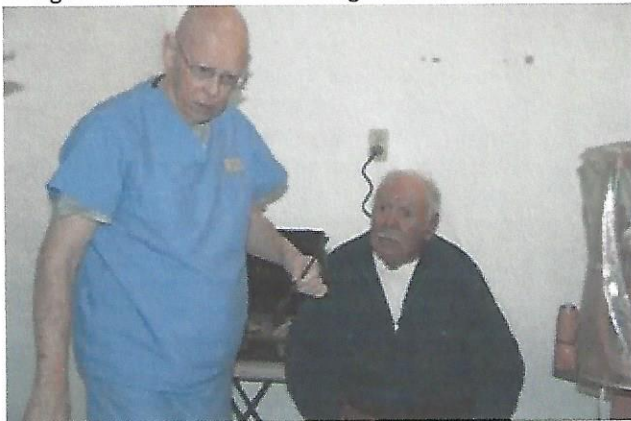
Dr. Don Pugh, Editor-pro tempore

## Dr. Tom Pruett to speak

### Program November 14

The Saturday, November 14, 2009 regular meeting of the Cradle of Texas Chapter TXSSAR will be held at the Red Snapper Restaurant in Surfside, Texas at 11:30 am. The principal speaker will be Dr. Tom Pruett, retired optometrist from Lake Jackson will present a program about the health services for the indigent that he is involved in the Brazosport area and Guerro, Mexico.

Tom was born October 18, 1931 in Pecos, Texas, the son of Thomas Benton Pruett, Sr. and Bessie Mae Sewell. He graduated from Pecos High School in 1948 and



**Dr. Tom, the founder, with Patient**

attended Schreiner Institute from 1948-1950. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from that institution in 2005. He attended Texas Tech University from 1950-52 and then transferred to the University of Houston in 1952. He attended there until 1955 receiving his BS and Doctor of Optometry degree. He was an honor graduate of the College of Optometry.

After moving to Lake Jackson in 1956 he married Carolyn Gray Pessarrra in 1960. They have two children, Tamara Tomlyn and Thomas Lloyd. In addition they have five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Tom's journeys to Mexico began in 1980 when he founded the Guerro project and since that time has made at least two trips yearly. He has also made two trips to Belize.

His awards include: Brazosport Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Man in 1986, American Public Health Association Vision Care Distinguished Achievement Award in 1987, Rotary International Above Self Award in 1991, and Brazosport Rotary Club Rotarian of the Year Award 1992.

Since his retirement in 2000 he has been volunteering in Mexico. His latest achievement has been the establishment of the Dream Center in Clute.

## Russell Dart to Receive Patriot's Medal

At the recent State Board Of Managers Meeting in Dallas, Russell Dart was elected to receive the Patriot's Medal at the State Convention to be held in March. The Patriot's Medal is the highest award the State Society can give and can only be given once to an individual. It is awarded for outstanding contribution to the Chapter and State Organization.

Other members of the Cradle of Texas Chapter who have received this honor are Clell Sechrest, Dr. Don Pugh, Arnold Seidule and Bob Faulkner (deceased).

## Minutes of October 10, 2009

Acting President Arnold Seidule called the meeting to order @ K-2 Steak House, Bay City. Arnold Seidule gave the invocation followed by a moment of silence for V P



Milt Wing. George Easterling led the pledge of allegiance and Bill Greenwood led the Texas and the SAR pledges. Minutes of the September meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter.

The following members were present: Arnold Seidule, Garvin Germany, W. Barton Griffith, George Easterling, Mike Bailey, Russell Dart, Bill Greenwood, Bill Sanders, and Jack Hollister, and guests: Garland Hinman, and Rebecca Sitz.

W. Barton Griffith introduced Rebecca Sitz, a high school counselor and board member of Matagorda County Birding & Nature Center. Rebecca presented an interesting program on the history, present, and future plans for the Birding & Nature Center. Matagorda Co. has been # 1 in the nation for 10 of the past 11 years in the number of species identified. The center is open 7 days a week & offers tours & education as well as walking trails.

Garvin Germany was present for the first time since his diagnosis of acute leukemia. Garvin is now in remission but will continue maintenance therapy. Chapter BOM met last week & appointed Arnold Seidule as president. [if Garvin unable to preside], Don Pugh to serve as VP for the remainder of 2009. There was discussion about flag presentations and what could be done to promote them. Russell Dart announced Pearland Dawson High School has a new Naval ROTC.

A nominating committee of George Easterling, chairman, Bill Sanders and Don Pugh was appointed. Bill Sanders announced that Wharton County DAR had awarded 2 outstanding citizens awards & had 5 high schools with awards for outstanding citizens on essay contests. Bill Sanders ask if our color guard could present the colors at the Wharton Co DAR meeting, Feb. 6, 2010 for the citizenship presentation. It was moved, seconded, and passed that our SAR meeting would be that date, February 6, 2010 [first Saturday] @ 11:00 [instead of 11:30] at Los Cucos restaurant in Wharton & if possible we could attend the DAR meeting @ 2:00 at the Wharton Co. Museum on Richmond Road.

There being no further business, the SAR closing was led by Bill Greenwood and the meeting adjourned.

## Loss of Compatriot

We regret to inform the membership that one of our Compatriots, Luther Singletary, passed away on October 9, 2009. Luther and his wife Gerry have not been able to attend regularly lately because of his illness. Luther served as registrar of the chapter in 1994 and Genealogist in 1995. He received the Meritorious Service Medal in 1996

### FINANCIAL REPORT

October 26, 2009

General Fund Balance September 23	\$6077.79
Deposits :	
Disbursments:	
Postage	\$44.00
Balance Sept 23, 2009	\$6,033.79
Barbara McAlexander Fund	
Deposit- February 2007	\$1000.00
Disbursement	
SARUniformForRussell Dart (25%)	\$117.00
Balance McAlexander Fund	\$883.00
Total Bank Balance October 26, 2009	\$6,916.79

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