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Dr. Don Pugh, Editor

First Meeting of Season September 9

Local Archeology is the Topic

The regular meeting of the Cradle of Texas Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will be held at the Wursthhaus in Lake Jackson at the intersection of This Way and That Way on Saturday, September 9, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. Our speakers will be the curators of the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science, Johnnie and Sandra Pollan who will speak about Antebellum Archeological Sites in Brazoria County.

Johnney Pollan, a San Antonio native, holds a BS Degree in Engineering Science from Trinity University and worked for the Dow Chemical Company for more than 31 years. His interest in archeology began as a youth when his cousin, famed San Antonio stoneware potter Harding Black, would tell stories of the Witte Museum's digs in the lower Pecos River in the late 1930's. A member of the Texas Archeological Society since 1981, Pollan is a charter member of the Southern Texas Archeological Association and co-founder of the Brazosport Archaeological Society. At present he is the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science Curator of Archaeology and a Texas State Archeological Steward for Brazoria County. He has participated in several significant archaeological digs in Texas including LaSalle's ship, *La Belle*, in Lavaca Bay and one of the premier Paleo-Indian sites in the United States, the Gault site, north of Austin.

Pollan is presently working with the Brazosport Archaeological Society and the Texas Historical Commission to survey the fifty plus antebellum plantations that once operated in Brazoria County. This survey includes the location of any physical remains of each plantation, a search for historical documents on each plantation and their owners, and the registration of each site as a Texas archeological site.

To reach the Wursthhaus from Highway 288/332 cross the overpass and turn to the left at the first signal light. This will be in front of the Compass Bank. Cross one intersection and the Wursthhaus will be on your left at the end of the block. The Wursthhaus is located at the corner of This Way and That Way.

Report from the Texas Board of Managers Meeting in Lake Jackson

The Cradle of Texas Chapter was the host for the August State Board of Managers meeting which was held at the Cherotel Hotel in Lake Jackson, August 4-6, 2006. The Board of Managers of TXSSAR meets three times per year – in August, November and with the State Convention in March. Our chapter had not hosted a meeting of the State organization since its early years about 30 years ago. Dr. Don Pugh and Arnold Seidule were co-chairmen of the event with a steering committee of Dr. Tillman Daniel, Freda Daniel, Earlene Pugh, Frances Faulkner, George Easterling, Wanda Duke, Janice Seidule, Russell Dart and Sue Dart. This group met several times over the summer and did an excellent and effective job of planning for the event. Event Chair persons for the meeting were Freda Daniel, Ladies Tour; Earlene Pugh, Decorations; Frances Faulkner, Ladies Hospitality; Russell Dart, Registration and Finance and George Easterling and Wanda Duke, Silent Auction. A large number of our members and spouses served in key roles during the meeting.

Friday, August 4 was a bus tour of the Historical sites of Southern Brazoria County, directed by Don Pugh. The Brazosport Convention and Visitors Bureau furnished a modern, air-conditioned 55 passenger bus for the event, Brian's Barbecue furnished a barbecue lunch for the participants at rock-bottom cost, and the Columbia Heritage Society conducted a tour of the Ammon

Underwood House. One of the highlights of the tour was



Stephen Perry giving a tour
Photo by Larry Stevens

The opportunity to visit the Stephen F. Austin Bedroom and Office at Peach Point Plantation conducted by one of the owners, Stephen Perry, who is a direct descendant of the sister to Stephen F. Austin and the original owner of the plantation. This was a rare treat because the property is not open to visitors very often. Bruce Gotcher set up an exhibit of the Dance Revolvers and Tommy Palmer assisted with the facilities at Gulf Prairie Church and the Cemetery. On Friday evening there was an informal "dutch" dinner at On The River Restaurant in Freeport where 85 of the participants joined in the festivities. A special visitor to the event was Father Muldoon (Vice President Mike Rees) from early Texas who spoke briefly about his role in the Republic.

The Ladies were led by Freda Daniel on a Tour of the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science and the Art League Gallery which was followed by a luncheon



Ladies Tour at Museum
Photo by Larry Stevens

meeting at Café Anice and a business meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary. Committee meetings and General meetings of the Board Managers began in earnest on

Saturday morning with a break for a buffet lunch and then back to work. Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Rosnovsky of Lake Jackson brought greetings to the delegates on Saturday afternoon at the first General Meeting of the Board.

Saturday evening



PG Nathan White, Sasha Tarrant, President Tom Green
Photo by Willie Walker

was a time of celebration at the banquet at the Cherotel. President Dr. Tillman Daniel, welcomed all our guests, and Dr. Don Pugh served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The "Yellow Rose" musical group entertained with dinner music and a brief program to the delight of the one hundred guests. The principal speaker for the evening was our own Sasha Tarrant who spoke on the "Pledge of Allegiance." As usual, she did an excellent job and there was some lively discussion after her talk. The Cradle of Texas chapter presented Sasha with the Martha Washington medal for her continued support of our Chapter and the other Heritage and Patriotic groups in the area. We all were honored that the new President General Nathan White and his lady, Wanda favored us with a visit and made a brief talk. President Tom Green introduced the special guests and also made a brief talk. One of the features of the evening was the work of our Color Guard under the leadership of Dr. James Johnson. President Green presented Pugh with the gold Texas Service Medal for his work in organizing the meeting.

Sunday morning opened with the usual church service with Chaplain pro tempore Wendell Edwards. The music was furnished by Linda Edwards and Don Pugh. The Second General Session followed and was dismissed about 11 am and our guests began to leave for home.

The Ladies Hospitality Room was a favorite meeting place for everyone and beautiful refreshments were furnished by Mary Nita Wing, Earlene Pugh, Dot Salisbury, Janice Seidule, Freda Daniel, Wanda Duke and Sue Dart. Registration personnel included Russell Dart, Milt Wing, Clell Sechrest, Tim Hall, Dr. Tillman Daniel, James Renfro, Donald Mudd, Judge Garvin Germany and Rev. L. L. Stevens. Murl Hoffpauir assembled all of the "gimmie bags" for those who registered for the meeting.

The chapter has received many telephone calls and thank you letters that indicated that this was the best of the Board of Managers meetings in a long time.

As a result of hosting the event here by our chapter the chapter was able to donate to the Patriot Fund from the proceeds of the Silent Auction and the Historical Tour \$2513. The financing of the Board of Managers Meeting is at the risk of the local chapter. If there are remainders from the meeting the chapter may retain all of the funds. This remainder was about \$1660 to the chapter. The summary financial statement elsewhere in the newsletter will reflect the correct amounts thus far of the finances.

The chapter received many letters and telephone calls of praise and thanks for the excellent way that our chapter hosted this event.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

At press time the minutes were not available.

President's Corner

Our summer break is over and it has been quite an eventful one. We have seen two great events come to pass. The National Congress in Dallas which I understand was something to behold. Apparently the color guard 85 to 95 in number was magnificent. I feel like I missed out on a great opportunity that I will never have again.

Those of you who took part in the Board of Managers meeting which we sponsored in August should be very proud. Don Pugh, Arnold Seidule, Russell Dart, George Easterling, Clell Sechrest, Milt Wing, Tim Hall, Garvin Germany, Mike Rees, Jim Renfro, Don Mudd, and myself all had a great time working and getting to know each other better. Frances Faulkner did a wonderful job in the hospitality room with the help of our wives, of course. Special thanks to Earlene Pugh, Freda Daniel, Sue Dart, Wanda Duke, Janice Seidule and anyone else I may have omitted. Everyone deserves a pat on the back for a job well done and we made some money to boot.

I hope we can get more of our current members back active and participating in the meetings. Looking forward to some award presentations and hopefully entries in the Oration and Essay Contests.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Wurst Haus, 102 This Way in Lake Jackson on 9 September 2006 at 11:30 A.M.

Tillman Daniel
President

Over The Summer

Although the chapter has been on summer break, many of our members have busy taking part in some related activities. We will not cover the August BOM because it is covered elsewhere except that the Chapter presented to Sasha Tarrant the Martha Washington Medal at the BOM for her support of the activities of the SAR and other local heritage and patriotic societies.



The Memorial Day was remembered by Arnold and Janice Seidule, Clell Sechrest, Mike Rees and Don Pugh at the Restwood Cemetery in the special ceremonies hosted by the Knights of Columbus Chapter. Garvin Germany participated in several Memorial Activities in the Angleton and other county areas. Many of our members may also have participated but were not reported to the editor.

Arnold and Janice Seidule, Don and Earlene Pugh attended the National Congress in Dallas in July. It was a very impressive event and the Texas Delegation was well represented. Nathan White, Texas past TXSSAR President was elevated to the office of President General and his planning for the event along with Past President Jim Robertson was excellent from beginning to end. All of the Delegates from the various states and foreign countries were more than enthusiastic about the meeting. One of the exciting announcements was that the Texas' entry in the Knight Essay Contest was the National Winner.



Friday Night Seafood Dinner at BOM

Important Dates

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| Fall Leadership Meeting, Louisville | Sept 28-30 |
| Cradle of Texas Chapter | Oct 14 |
| Stephen F. Austin Birthday, WC | Nov 3 |
| Board of Managers Meeting, Houston | Nov 4-5 |
| NSSAR Leadership Meet, Louisville | Feb 25, 2007 |
| TXSSAR 112 th Annual Convention San Antonio | Mar 24-25 |

Constitution Day September 17

September 17 is the date that the United States celebrates the ratification of the Constitution. This document, one of the most powerful and unique documents in the history of the world, is a statement regulating the powers of the various arms of government and is based on giving to the people of the various States the majority of the power of government. This is a good date to re-read this powerful document and enjoy again the freedom that it gives each one of us.

As we watch the fledgling democracy in Iraq trying to find their stability and craft a constitution, and as we watch many of the other young democracies who are struggling with their understanding of democracy we can rejoice in the wisdom of our ancestors who crafted this amazing document that has governed us for these years.

FINANCIAL REPORT August 31, 2006

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| General Fund Balance May 31, 2006 | \$3295.47 |
| Income | |
| BOM Tour | \$385.00 |
| Total Income | \$385.00 |
| Disbursements: | |
| Medals | \$22.00 |
| Tour Expenses | 585.21 |
| Tour Patriot Fund | 1480.00 |
| Total Disbursements | \$2087.21 |
| Balance April 25, 2006 | \$1593.26 |
| Balance for Historical Tour | \$0.00 |
| General Fund Balance | \$1593.26 |
| Total | \$1593.26 |
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| BOM Account May 31, 2006 (new account) | \$2058.33 |
| Total Deposits | \$4917.50 |
| Total Income | \$6975.83 |
| Disbursements, BOM | |
| Lunch and Banquet | \$3278.17 |
| Meeting Expenses | 994.45 |
| Patriot Fund (Silent Auction) | 1033.00 |
| Total Disbursements | \$5305.62 |
| Balance BOM Account August 31, 2006 | \$1670.21* |
| * Account will be closed when statement arrives -- Funds will be transferred to General Fund | |
| General Fund when Transfer is completed | \$3263.47 |

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