



THE

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News & Minutes of Dallas Chapter
Texas Society - Sons of the American Revolution
Chapter Chartered July 4, 1929



MINUTEMAN

Celebrating Our 90th Anniversary 1929-2019

President **Van Fossen** opened the monthly meeting at 8:03 am in the PNV dining room, and a *Invocation* was offered by member-to-be Alex Pounders. Pledges of Allegiance to the US Flag & the Texas Flag were led by Compatriots **James Fairbairn & Mitch Singleton**, respectively. FCP **Mike Petridis** volunteered to lead attendees in the *Affirmation to the SAR* followed by Compatriot **John Morton** leading all in singing the first stanza of America.



Hospitality Greeter <**Chalmers Omberg** Said he welcomed twenty-six members & eight guests* at the start of the session, including Compatriot **Eric Miller** from the *Patrick Henry Chapter*, Dist. 6 V.P. Gary Lovell, Linda Martin-Jane Douglas DAR Chapter Regent and Stephanie Bennett-
Guest Speaker.

* **GUESTS:** Susia Toal, Linda Harrison, Dallas May, Bradley Sue Howell, Alex Pounders, Barbara Baker, London May & Betty Bowden,



During the introductions, Compatriot **Jay Bowden**> received his long overdue *50 Year Membership Pin & Certificate* from < President Van Fossen who also reminded all that the



TEXAS STATE FAIR IS ALMOST UPON US

and we need you to register on the DAR's website for helping out at the SAR recruitment table during September 27- October 20 dates. Go to:

jdcstatefairvolunteering@gmail.com

and look to register (SIGN IN) and go down the list of dates to find open slots that you like.

Americanism “Special Speaker”

LINDA MARTIN

Jane Douglas DAR Chapter Regent

Mrs. Martin reiterated, that again- as over the past years- they are looking forward to having the SAR join them at the Colonial House during the State Fair. While our Compatriots will be recruiting prospects for membership in our various Society Chapters, the DAR ladies will also be soliciting



new members at the same time, as well as selling water to visitors in order to raise funds for maintenance of their Chapter house. She noted that they were able to raise \$50,000 during 2018 and they appreciated the recent donation of \$1000 from TxSSAR to start 2019.

Linda invited our Compatriots to a 8/18/19 meet & greet with ladies from their and other DAR Chapters at the House.

T2 & Mark ^ presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and our “90th Anniversary Mug.” Linda noted (with a smirking smile) that JANE DOUGLAS CHAPTER celebrates their 125th Anniversary in October !!!!!



Guest Speaker

1st Vice President **Harrison** next introduced

Stephanie Bennett

Dallas Public Library

8th floor Genealogy & History Manager

Starting as an intern while working on her Masters Degree, she soon was chosen to move up in the library ranks because of her serious interest in genealogy. She noted that the DPL’s entire 8th floor, is considered to be in the top ten in the nation for research and historical ancestry records. Actually, the best, for “open browsing” since there are so many shelves of books and sources of materials: *Family bibles, all the States by counties, ethnic history and international ancestral records* to name a few.

They have a very diverse staff and volunteers of experts to help in your ancestor research. There is also specialty classes and computer labs available. By obtaining a



current **Library Card**, you can even access national ancestry companies for **FREE** as well as obtain documented records. **The Dallas Genealogy Society starts their yearly meetings on September 7 at DPL 11:30 am** (See our Chapter “YouTube Channel video of August 10th meeting to hear all of the benefits the Library offers and how easy it is to obtain them).



At the conclusion of her very informative presentation, the Pres. & VP gave her a CoA & cup. The Secretary then explained why he did and all Compatriots will always enjoy a visit and research at DPL.

Officers & Committee Reports

***President-** He expressed his appreciation to **Mark Hansen & Tom Smith** for their attending *Compatriot Martin Lyford's* funeral and memorial service on behalf of the Chapter. T2 next outlined the various projects that his Advisory Council is working on. He alerted the members that he also proposes that we should have our very own “Challenge Coin” & a yearend holiday party (with spouses & dates) that will serve as our December meeting. ***1st Vice President-** Our Guest Speaker will be **Daren Rich**, Music Director of the *Las Colinas Symphony* & accompanied by a musician who will play Revolutionary War era pieces. **2nd V.P. *Secretary-** Approval of Minutes. ***Treasurer-** Minuteman Fund \$10,291.93, **Richie Fund** \$29,656.24 ***Registrar-** **Jerry Pinkerton** introduced **Dallas May >L** and his son London as well as **Alex Pounders >R** with father Tracy & grandfather Frank.



During the “Oath Pledges” we noticed evidence that GOD's Chosen are truly *Southpaws.>*

.....and to further prove his good fortune on this 8/10 date of his birth,

he later won three times during **DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS >>>**



In the last three years, we have inducted 41 **NEW MEMBERS**

303 IS THE CURRENT ACTIVE CHAPTER MEMBER COUNT

OFFICERS MEETING

President **Van Fossen** scheduled a

meeting for his Officers and presented them an official white cap for being “good guys.”

He also mentioned that

our award winning Historian had finally received his long over due TxSSAR **Blue**

Ribbon for First Place

“Outstanding Scrapbook”

Way to go Joe >>>



Be sure to go on line to YouTube and type in

the search section **SAR DALLAS CHAPTER** in order to view all of the meetings and events that he has video taped of and for us.

The President concluded his remarks by listing the other August events that Chapter members had & were going to participate in (see additional photos on last page.)

John Morton reported that the Chapter theme for the *Americanism Poster Contest* this year (2019-2020) is the Boston Tea Party event.

FCP **Nick Harper** presented DAR Bradley Sue Howell a VISA Card for her continual support to our Chapter and reporting on CAR activities.



FCP **Tom Smith** suggested that we consider adding a monthly donation for VA Hospital supplies to our 2020 Budget. T2 agreed it was a good idea and would be discussed with the Officers during a financial planning session.

District Six Vice President Gary Lovell informed members that they are welcome to attend the September 14th Dist. 6 Confab that is scheduled for 12:00pm at the *Outback Steak House* on 15th street in Plano. A number of informative topics will be discussed and he asks that you contact him (214-543-3068) to make a reservation so that he has a “count”.

Prior to drawings for DOOR PRIZES, the President asked if the Treasurer had received the check from State for the *Brochure Contest* second place award YET? Nick said no and Tom said he'd follow up on the matter.

Chaplain **Frank Ponders** offered up the *Benediction* and President **Van Fossen** led us in the **SAR Recessional**. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Other August Events....



The Last time we'll participate at
Irving Field Office
...but look at our next 3000 seat
facility in Plano v v v v v v

Color Guard
on the move

