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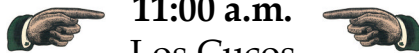
April 2014

Michael J. Bailey, Editor

April

Next Meeting
12 April, 2014

11:00 a.m.



Los Cucos

Mexican Cafe

211 W Elm St,

Wharton, TX 77488

PROGRAM

**A COSTUME PORTRAYAL OF
ELLEN HARDIN WALWORTH,
A DAR FOUNDER.**

BY

Susan Roland Francis



MRS. ELLEN HARDIN WALWORTH,
DIRECTOR GENERAL.

Susan Roland Francis grew up in La Feria, Texas (in the Rio Grande Valley). She went on to the University of Texas at Austin where she lived for seven years finally graduating with a law degree.

She is married to Kavanaugh Francis. They live near Harlingen, Texas, where she practices law part time and helps her husband run a thread manufacturing business. They have a 23 year old daughter, Madeline (a DAR member). Kavanaugh is an engineer by education but runs a family cotton warehouse business (in addition to the thread company). He is a Vietnam Veteran.

Susan is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Harlingen; PEO Chapter T; State Bar of Texas and the Tip o' Texas Genealogical Society. She is a past regent of the Lt. Thomas Barlow Chapter, NSDAR, and is now their registrar as well as TXDAR director for District 9. Her hobbies include genealogy research, spending time at south Padre Island, bird watching, traveling and reading.

Needing an "airplane book" for the trip home from continental congress one year, she bought a biography about Ellen Walworth. Fascinated by the woman and in a moment of insanity, she offered to present an in costume portrayal of Ellen as a program for her chapter...

MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2014

President Michael Bailey called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. at Fat Grass (i.e., Matagorda) Restaurant on the Square in Bay City. Win Avera led the chapter in

the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, Texas Pledge and SAR Pledge. Bill Sanders gave the blessing for our meal.

The February 2014 Minutes were approved on a motion by Mike Rees and second by Tillman Daniel.

Treasurer Arthur Evans emailed the following financial activity of February:

General Fund

Beginning Balance

2/1/14 \$4,075.80

Expenditures \$ 7.92

Ending Balance

2/28/14 \$4,067.88

McAlexander Fund \$883.00

Total Bank Balance \$4,950.88

The financial report was approved on motion by Russell Dart and a second by George Easterling.

President Bailey reported that Don Pugh's widow, Erlene, had a stroke, was out of the hospital and recuperating at Creekside Village Care in Clute. Also, Janice Seidule had been in the hospital for respiratory complications but was coming home today.

Judy Bernard introduced Mary Ruth Brigance Rhodenbaugh, who told about her passion for water conservation and her recent trip to Israel as an invitee to Israel's Global Water Conference. While there, she attended various seminars on technologies for removing micro and nano pollutants from water, irrigation, protecting urban water systems and the challenges in the mining/ fracturing industries. Mary Ruth was especially impressed with her tour of Kibbutz Magal where she saw water quality control first hand and recycled water being used in the almond, olive and pomegranate plantations and green houses. The tour also

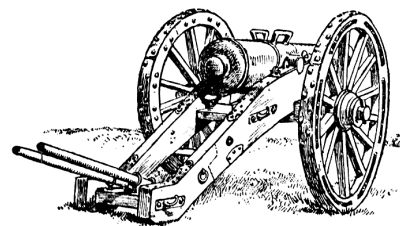


included the fresh water reservoir which was highly secured.

New SAR Compatriot Theodore Roosevelt Bates, Jr. and transferring SAR Compatriot Larry Thacker were sworn in by George Easterling. Compatriot Bates and our Chapter were honored by the very large turnout of his family and friends.



George Easterling and Ted Bates





Larry Thacker and George Easterling

President Bailey reviewed the upcoming events which included the following:

- April 26th - Mike Rees will receive an award at the Brazoria Historical Museum for performing such activities as his frequent, excellent portrayal of Father Michael Muldoon
- July 4th - American Independence Day
- August 16 - Battle of Medina Remembrance
- September 17th - Constitution Day Remembrance in West Columbia, Louise and Angleton
- November 11th - Veterans Day parade will be in Jones Creek. Bailey will begin making preparations for our participation earlier this year.

The next meeting will be April 12th at Los Cucos Mexican Cafe in Wharton at **11:00 a.m.** followed by the 100th Anniversary Tea of the Comfort Wood DAR Chapter at the Wharton County Historical Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m. on motion by George Easterling and second by Mike Rees.

Bill Sanders led the SAR recessional and gave the benediction.

Members Present -Michael Bailey, Bill Sanders, Russell Dart, George Easterling, Chuck Bernard, Mike Rees, Ted Bates, Jr., Tim Hall, Tillman Daniel, Barton Griffith, Larry Thacher and Winston Avera.

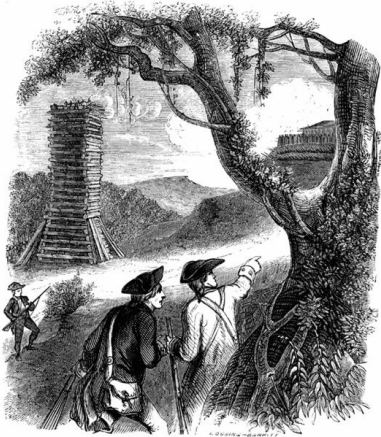
Guests present were Sue Dart, Judy Bernard, Freda Daniel, Julie Lyn Bailey, Pat Sanders, Margie Griffith, Connie Avera, Sylvia Crane, Donna Hatthorn, Lynn Wright, Chuck Wright, Karen Rives, Allison Bates Welsh, Carl Wiggins, Caroline Olson Wiggins, Ernest Goode, Jeanette Goode, Barney Gulley, Jane Gulley, Raymond Beall, Jr., Lowell Johnson, Carolyn Bates Johnson, Leland Singer, Carol Singer, Sandy Reinhart, Joan Bates, Max Royalty, Alice Royalty, Steve Dietz, Zane Dietz, Bobbie Brune and Connie Huitt.

**This Month During
The American Revolution
April 15-23, 1781
Fort Watson, South Carolina**

Continental General Nathanael Greene detaches Henry Lee to screen his forces against any movement by Lord Cornwallis in the Wilmington area. The threat does not materialize and Lee and Francis Marion combine forces to lay siege to Fort Watson, which is a vital link in the scheme of British communications. Fort Watson is a small, but strong, position defended by a mixed force of 120 British regulars and Loyalists. After a short but sharp

skirmish the British surrender. Two Americans are killed and six wounded.

National Parks Service
The American Revolution
www.nps.gov/revwar/revolution_day_by_day/1781_main.html



Lacking any artillery, the Americans use a log tower and sharpshooters to lay siege to Fort Watson.

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