

PINEYWOODS PINE SHAVINGS

NEWS OF THE PINEYWOODS CHAPTER #51

TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 17 APR 2003 MEETING: A meeting of the PineyWoods Chapter Board (current office holders plus past Chapter Presidents) was held on 17 APR 2003 in the meeting room of the Kingwood Funeral Home. Seven (7) officers and two (2) past Presidents were present when President Jim Jones called the meeting to order. After the opening invocation the officers reports were given. Secretary Ray Cox spoke of the minutes of the previous meeting, Treasurer Mike Culbertson that the Chapter is "in the black" and presented a proposed balanced budget for the 2003-04 year and noted that it was timely to have an audit of the Chapter's books/accounts. First Vice President John Albright noted that Roy Adams of Tyler, the incoming State President for 2004, had accepted the Chapter's invitation to attend our MAR 2004 dinner meeting and to participate in the installation of the new officers. Moving on to new business there arose considerable discussion when both the First and Second Vice Presidents announced that due to changes in their work situations that they would likely be moving out of the country in the next 60-90 days. It was decided that if/when "likely" became "definitely" that a committee would be formed to deal with filling the vacancies. Other new business discussions centered on the presentation of this years JrROTC medals and on deciding what other activities the Chapter should focus on this year (the marking of the graves of Revolutionary War Patriots seemed to be high on the list of activities - see article below). The meeting was adjourned at about 8:00.

GRAVES REGISTRY: In the past few years the National Society - SAR has had an ongoing effort to find, document, rehabilitate as necessary/possible, and ceremoniously mark as many of the graves of Revolutionary War Patriots as possible. Obviously the eastern states are bearing the brunt of this effort, nonetheless local genealogists have identified a few individuals who came to Texas long after the Revolution and are buried here. According to our Chapter Genealogist, Kim Morton, about four or five Patriots buried in SouthEast Texas have been identified and the Texas Society is investigating which of their graves have not as yet been marked (the National Society has a brass marker available - \$70. - for marking the grave). At our recent Board Meeting (see above) there was discussion as to whether the Chapter could participate in either identifying more "local" Patriots and/or marking the graves of a known Patriot. Volunteers are being solicited.

NOTICE OF MAY MEETING: A "member & guests" dinner meeting will be held beginning at 6:30 PM, on Thursday, May 15, 2003, at the Holiday Inn at Bush-International Airport (SE corner of JFK Blvd and Beltway 8 service road). Our guest speaker will be Dr. Ann Fears Crawford, a noted author and historian who has specialized in Texas history and in women's roles in Texas and American history/politics. Dr. Crawford currently teaches Texas and American History at Houston Community College and creative writing at Houston Baptist University. She is the author of a number of books and has received recognition in particular for her writings on various women in Texas history & politics. (ed. note: From my conversations with Dr. Crawford on the telephone, I believe she will be providing a lively presentation!)

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PineyWoods Chapter Meetings for March 2003 - March 2004:

Day	Date	Time	Type Of Meeting (** committee only)
■●DONE■●	March 20, 2003	6:15	dinner meeting, officer installation
■●DONE■●	April 17, 2003	6:30	** BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday	May 15, 2003	6:15	dinner meeting (members & guests)
-----	June/July --- 2003	----	-- NO SCHEDULED MEETINGS --
Thursday	August 21, 2003	6:30	** BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday	September 18, 2003	6:15	dinner meeting (members & guests)
Thursday	October 16, 2003	6:15	members only meeting
Thursday	November 20, 2003	6:15	dinner meeting (members & guests)
Thursday	December 18, 2003	6:30	** NOMINATING COMMITTEE ONLY MEETING
Thursday	January 15, 2004	6:15	dinner meeting (members & guests)
Thursday	February 19, 2004	6:15	members only meeting, elect officers
Thursday	March 18, 2004	6:15	dinner meeting, officer installation

PineyWoods Junior ROTC Awards Program for 2003 - Schools & Focal Points

School	Contact @ School	SAR Chapter Focal Point
Aldine High School	Sgt Randy Hall	Jim Jones
Cleveland High School	Col Jim Meyer	Cannon Pritchard
Hargrave High School	Capt Rick Nelson	Don Lemon
Humble High School	Joseph Lang	Ray Cox
Klein Collins High School	Col David Crum	____(open)_____
Klein Forest High School	Sgt Roby Robinson	Bob Smith
Klein Oaks High School	Col Irv LeBlanc	____(open)_____
LaPorte High School	Maj Lawrence Vidinha	Tom Green
New Caney High School	LtCol Paul Timmerburg	____(open)_____
Tomball High School	Cmdr Reedy Buford	____(open)_____

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