



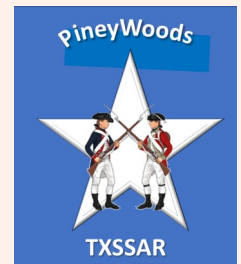
**Pine Shavings  
PineyWoods chapter 51  
Texas Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
December 14, 2024 Issue 10**



**The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR or NSSAR) is an American congressionally chartered organization, founded in 1889 and headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky.**



The PineyWoods Chapter #51 was chartered on February 3, 1994, and is named for its geographic location in the state. We draw members from Houston (S) to Livingston (N) and from The Woodlands (W) to Liberty (E). PineyWoods meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month except June and July at Los Cuco's Mexican Restaurant, Kingwood Texas.



**Huzzah!**

**BRONZE HANNAH WHITE ARNETT METAL AND CERTIFICATE**

**presented by JENNIFER JONES Vice Regent Lady Houston Chapter Texas Daughters of the American Revolution**



**TO MERV HARTWICK AND B RAY MIZE**

**November 19, 2024 at Skeeters**

**The Hannah White Arnett Metal is one of DAR's newest recognitions.**

**Chapter Meeting - STEVENS Home 1706 Chestnut Grove Lane Kingwood Texas 77345**

**INVITATION PAGE 3 RSVP PLEASE**

## From the President

First of all, I hope everyone is enjoying their holiday season!!! We are having our Christmas Chapter meeting/party at Larry and Barbara's house in Kingwood. The invitation and directions are in this new newsletter.

I thank Jim Pinkerton for sitting in for me. I would have enjoyed his program on President Cleveland.

The Lady Washington Chapter awarded Merv Hartwick and B Ray Mize the DAR Bronze Hannah White Arnett Metal. Congratulations Compatriots.

The December meetings have been when we nominate officers for the next terms of office., so, during our business meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, we will have officer nominations. Our current officers are listed in this newsletter. We have some position that need to filled. Please advise Mike Anderson if you can serve. The chapter belongs to all of us and any of our members are qualified to serve.

Our chapter continues to help our schools where help is needed. Splendora Middle reached out to the DAR for help with America History or due to low STAAR test scored in the 8th grade Social Studies. They are planning an American History Fair this Spring to address this. The DAR referred this to us. After canvassing our officers it was agreed this is something we need to support, so, we will be helping them.

Famous Birthdays in December were Paul Revere born December 21, 1734, in Boston, and John Jay born on December 12, 1745, in New York City.

Famous battles of the Ameri-

can Revolution include the Battle of Trenton, New Jersey, on December 26, 1776. This was a major victory for George Washington's beleaguered army.

**Ben Baskin**  
**President**  
**PineyWoods Chapter 51**



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**PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51 TEXAS SAR  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AND MEETING  
DECEMBER 14TH 2024**

**AT 1706 CHESTNUT GROVE LANE , KINGWOOD TEXAS  
11:30 AM TO 2:00 PM  
KINGWOOD MADRIGAL CHOR AT 12:30 PM**

**The Christmas lunch is pot-luck, the chapter furnishing the Ham. The host provides drinks. Members, bring your favorite Salad, Vegetable, or Dessert.. A list of colonial dishes is attached; it would be great in some of the dishes were from a recipes from colonial America.**

**This is a member guest event so bring your significant other or a friend. The event is seated, so the host needs to have a count of all attendees.**

**We will enjoy the beautiful music of the Kingwood High School Madrigal Choir again this year scheduled at 12:30 PM.**

**A map is included for your convenience.**

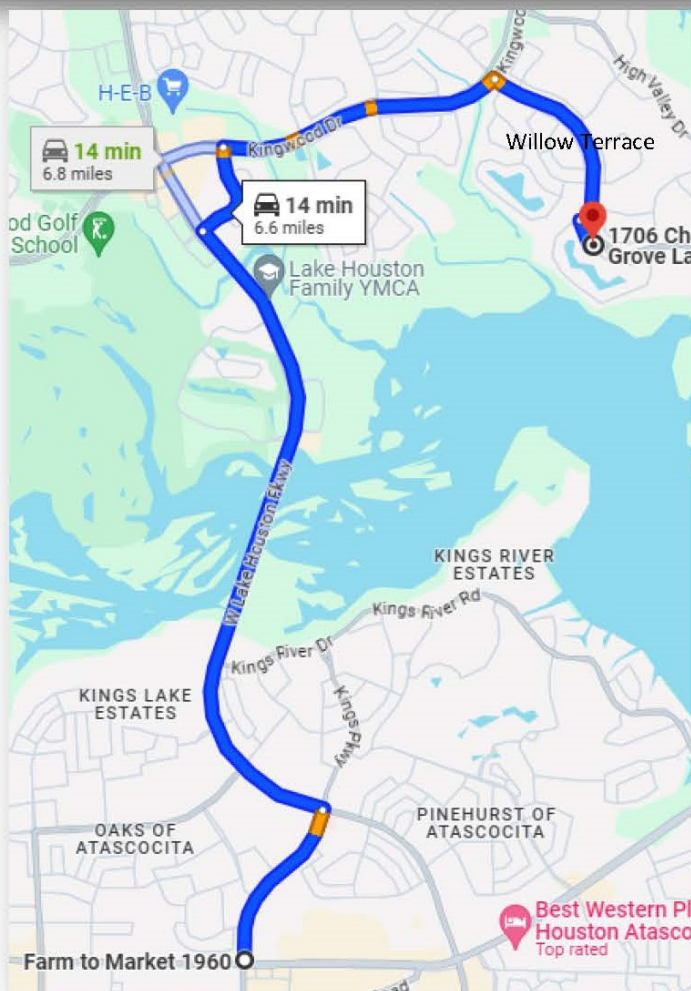
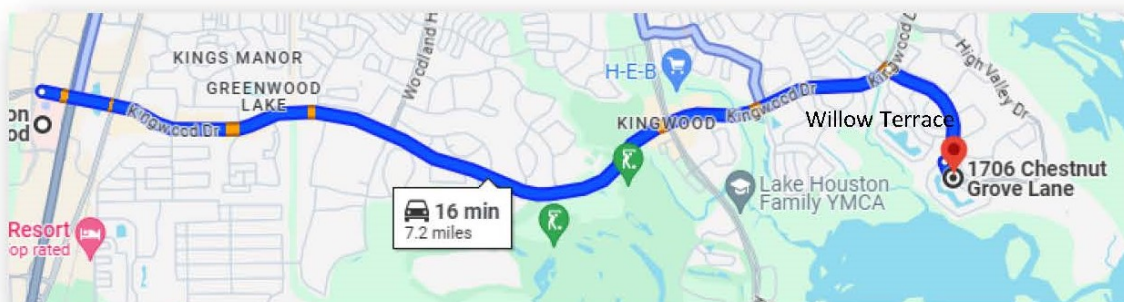
**Please RSVP to Larry Stevens at:**

**832-814-7132 or e-mail, [wardtracker@aol.com](mailto:wardtracker@aol.com).**

**Remember, IT IS IMPORTANT TIO HAVE A COUNT TO PLAN SEATING.**

***Please respond by 12/12***





FROM THE EDITOR  
THIS THE SEASON TO  
BE JOLLY!

Also very busy getting ready for Christmas just after Thanksgiving.

Our house is now ready for our annual Christmas Chapter Lunch with good company and great food.

Jason Watt, Kingwood High Musical Director, will be leading the Madrigal choir in to entertain us. In the choir this year are some of the cast of the Phantom of the Opera presented by the school's drama department a couple of weeks ago which starred Jason's son playing the lead role. The musical was very good. We attended the Phantom in London a few years back and these kids just showed us how good they can be compared to the professionals in the original musical.

The Madrigals have sang popular Christmas songs at our home for several years and each year there are many new faces; however, each year they are just as good as the last!

We hope you can come to lunch and enjoy the fellowship and the music.

Larry Stevens



Larry G. Stevens  
Editor



**PineyWoods Chapter Officers  
2023 - 2025**

**President - Ben Baskin**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Abe Abdmoulaie**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Harry Salisbury**  
**Secretary - Jim Pinkerton**  
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**Historian - Roland Skelton**  
**Chaplain - Alan Bowman**  
**Chancellor - Allan Henshaw**  
**Parliamentarian - Mike Anderson**  
**Registrars - Larry Stevens, Kermit Breed, Joe Potter**  
**Genealogist - Kermit Breed**  
**Sargant at Arms—Merv Hartwick**

**Chapter Non - Officers Roles**  
**Newsletter - Larry Stevens**  
**[wardtracker.aol.com](mailto:wardtracker.aol.com)**  
**Web Master - Ray Cox**

**Events Calendar**



**NSSAR**  
Spring Leadership/Trustee, Galt House, Louisville,  
Kentucky  
February 27 to March 1, 2025



**TXSSAR**  
Hilton, Richardson Texas  
March 27-30, 2025

**PINEYWOODS CHAPTER 51**

December 14, 2024 Stevens Home

January 18, 2024 Los Cucos



## DAR Hannah White Arnett Award BRONZE CHAPTER METAL



Dear Mr. Mize,

I am the current Regent of the Lady Houston Chapter of the DAR. The Chapter would like to present the Hannah White Arnett Award to you in recognition of the invaluable assistance you consistently provide to the Chapter. We would like to invite you to attend our November meeting, if possible, so that we can present the award to you and formally thank you for your help. It will be held on November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Skeeters Mesquite Grill in Kingwood.



Here is some more information about the award:

The Hannah White Arnett Medal is one of DAR's newest recognitions. It may be awarded to a member in good standing of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) or Sons of the Revolution (S.R.) for unselfish devotion, tireless

efforts, and assistance to the DAR; and who has dedicated his time, energy, talents, and/or resources to the organization in support and furtherance of the DAR mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism. This medal may not be awarded posthumously. The Chapter level award is the bronze medal.

Thank you for everything you do to support DAR and our mission! Annie Archie Vice Chair PR Committee Texas DAR and Regent Lady Houston Chapter Kingwood

## Dickins Figgy Puddy or Christmas Puddy

Figgy puddy is not a "pudding" by modern North American

standards. Rather, the figgy "pudding" is an ultra moist cake, resplendent in dried fruit glory.

And, perhaps a little bit 'o booze, if one is so inclined. During

the leaner days of pre-industrial, industrial, and Victorian times, eggs would have been difficult to come by in late autumn and winter months. Thus "puddings" were bound by flour and dried fruit pastes, and were decidedly less "cake-like". This dough was wrapped in a heavy cloth and steamed or boiled until firm.



7 oz about 1 cup  
chopped dried figs

7 oz about 1 cup  
chopped pitted dates

2 cups water

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 cup butter softened

1 cup dark brown sugar

2 eggs

2 tablespoons dark rum

2 1/2 cups all purpose  
flour

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1 tablespoon baking  
powder

1/2 cup butter for toffee  
sauce

1 cup dark brown sug-  
ar for toffee sauce

2/3 cup dark rum for  
flambe



## ***PINEYWOODS YOUTH ACTIVITIES***

CLEVELAND High School  
Junior ROTC CADETS  
October 31, 2024

LtC Robert Hunt USAF (Ret), Senior Instructor Cleveland Junior ROTC, sent this photo of a very grateful flight of cadets. The donation will insure they will have a successful awards ceremony Spring of 2025; plus, it will help replace old equipment.

Mrs. Kim Sommers, President of RevEdu1776, accepting the needed donation from Piney-Woods Chapter member Larry Stevens

Below



PineyWoods at Willowcreek Elementary Nov 15th, Ray Cox and Larry Stevens (pictured) joins RevEdu1776, Ray playing the Fife and Larry talking about life during the Colonial period from the French and Indian War tur Revolution using artifacts, foods and spices common during that time in America. November 20th, Ray and Larry were at Green tree Elementary. Altogether, talking to well over 200 5th grade student, teacher and parents.



## COLONIAL CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

### MUMMERS TUDOR ERA ENGLAND

Despite Puritan efforts, many colonists in New England did celebrate Christmas, importing English customs such as drinking, feasting, mumming and wasailing. Mumming, or “masking,” involved people dressing up in costume and going from house to house, putting on plays and otherwise performing. *Wassailers* also traveled between homes, drinking and singing, while passing around bowls full of



spiced ale or mulled wine.

Thought to originate in Rome, the practice of mumming spread through England during the middle ages. But it was not until the 19th century that it was introduced to Newfoundland, by English and Irish sailors. The earliest record of mumming in Canada is in 1819.

The name — taken from the mummers plays that have been a tradition in England since the 13th century — etymologically traces back to the Momus of ancient Greece, a character personifying mockery and satire who appeared in Aesop's Fables. Today's celebration does justice to its namesake.

Mummers did not speak or sing, they just MUMMED, drank and ate, converted, practical joked, made merry, communicating with each other by, YES, Mumming!

Mummers can be traced to Roman times. Also known as mumming or janneying, it typically involves a group of friends or family who dress in disguise and visit homes within their community or neighboring communities during the twelve days of Christmas.

**Dr. Lucy Worsley**, on PBS and curator of Historical Royal Places, including Hampton Court., Tower of London, has a wonderful historical program on the

Twelve Days of Christmas during Tudor England, with Henry VIII and others. Each day was a different celebration, happy, sober, and concluding with Epiphany or the day when Three Kings, who had been following a bright star in the heavens reach the side of the Baby Jesus. You need to find this program, watch it, and gain a deeper understanding of the twelve Days of Christmas. Do not just listen to the Carol, the Twelve Days of Christmas, learn the history of the days of celebration.

In Irish Tradition, mumming is a house visiting tradition involving a group of friends or families who dress in disguise and visit their neighbors and community homes during the twelve days of Christmas.

FROM: *Isishstuff,info*

“The Mummers sing, dance, play music, tell stories and perform the mummers’ play led by a captain or king. They are in disguise and wear stuffed costumes,



cross-dresses and silly masks. They can also adjust the tone of their voices, all for tricking the hosts. The hosts must identify the mummers and are allowed to ask questions, poke and prod them. Only when the guess is correct, the mummers can reveal themselves and spend some time with the hosts before they travel as a group to the next home. The mummers’ play is considered the scene of the first folk theatre in Ireland. The play is in verse, and the main characters are St. Patrick, St. George, Oliver Cromwell, Jack Straw, Beelzebub and the Doctor with his bag of cures and tricks. Usually, the theme is a battle between two



heroes, the death and revival of one of them by the Doctor. In Ireland today, there has been a revival of mumming in some areas such as County Fermanagh, County Tyrone, the Fingal area of County Dublin and notably in south County Wexford where the main characters are from Irish history: Colmcille, Brian Boru, Art MacMorrough, Owen Roe O'Neill, Sarsfield, Wolf Tone. Lord Edward, Lelly of Killane, Michael Dwyer, Robert Emmet and Fr. John Murphy.

Also, Wexford mumming differs from all others because, in their performance, there is an intricate sword dance performed by 12 players, each with a wooden sword.

Here are a few lines that are typically included in the Mummer's Play:

Here we stand before your door,  
As we stood the year before;  
Give us whiskey; give us gin,  
Open the door and let us in.

God bless the master of this house  
Likewise the mistress too,  
May your barns be filled with wheat  
and corn  
And your hearts be always true.  
A merry Christmas is our wish  
Where'er we do appear;  
To you a well-filled purse, a well-filled dish  
And a happy, bright New Year.

This tradition shows a natural Irish trait: Irish are welcoming. In Christmas Season, they love to meet up with relatives and friends and talk, drink and eat. Christmas Parties start in November and last all December long.”

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Larry Stevens

## ***COLONIAL AMERICAN FLIP***



### **For the syrup**

*1 cup brown sugar; 1/2 cup water; 1/4 Nutmeg grated (or 1/2 tsp ground Nut-meg); 1/2 cup water; 1 cinnamon stick; 2 cloves*

### **For the drink**

*1 bottle (12 ounces) brown or amber ale at room temperature -*

*2–3 tablespoons sugar syrup (above)-*

*1 ounce dark or golden rum-grated nutmeg (to taste)*

### **Make the sugar syrup**

Combine all the syrup ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a boil without stirring. Remove from heat.

### **Build the drink**

Combine the ale, egg, and syrup in a bowl and whisk until it's slightly frothy. Add the rum. Transfer to a heat-safe mug or bowl wide enough to accommodate the top of the fire poker.

### **Make it hot**

Heat a fire poker in coals until red-hot. Pull it out of the fire and plunge it into your mug or bowl. Remove it when the bubbling stops. If a little ash gets in there, scoop it out with a spoon. If the drink isn't warm enough, repeat. Top with a bit of fresh, grated nutmeg.



## CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

### PineyWoods Chapter

Membership: a/o OCT 2024

**TOTAL 111**

Current Regular Members 95 Dual 4 Youth

6 Reinstated 4

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## PUBLIC AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

### There are programs coming up SPRING 2025

HUMBLE MUSEUM MAR CH 1, 2025 PineyWoods Chapter TXSSAR 250th Anniversary of the Declaration Bench Dedication & RevEdu1776 Programs for general public

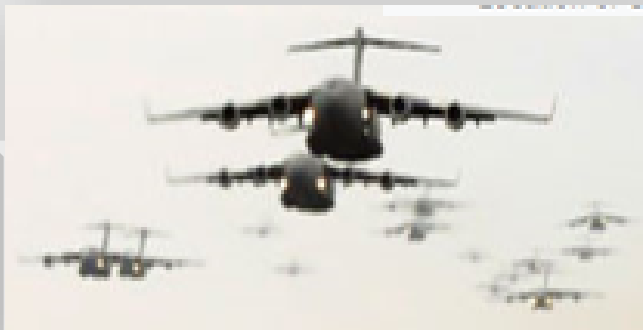
DEERWOOD ELEMENTARY MARCH 5, 2025 PineyWoods joining with RevEdu 1776 American History Programs for 5th Grade

HIDDOW HOLLOW ELEMENTERY MARCH 28, 2025

MULTI-SCHOOL EVENT MAY 7, 2025

JESSE JONES PARK APRIL 11-12, 2025 The SHOT HEARD AROUND THE WORLD Re-enactment and many other living history programs - TXSSAR and RevEdu1776—250 Year ago April 19, 1775

**Contact Larry Stevens for details on these events at [wardtracker@aol.com](mailto:wardtracker@aol.com)**



### VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

### CHAPTER COUPON PROJECT

*Coupons for Overseas Military Families program.* All that is required is for you to CLIP the manufacturer's coupons out that appear in the newspapers, and mail them to:

**John Beard  
3738 Palmetto Creek Dr  
Kingwood, Texas 77339**

*Please cut the coupons from the pages and bring to the PineyWoods Lunch meetings.. The coupons are very helpful to the service members and families and about 90% are used of purchase items in the exchanges.*



### *Pledge to the United State of America*

*I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*



### *Texas Pledge*

*Honor the Texas flag, I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.*



***PineyWoods Chapter 51 TXSSAR***

***Lunch Meeting***

***The Stevens Home***

***1706***

***Chestnut Grove Lane***

***Kingwood Texas 77345***

***11:00 AM—2:00 PM***

### **INVOCATION**

**PLEDGES; USA & Texas Flag and SAR Pledge**

**Introductions**

**Officer Reports**

President

Secretary

Nomination Committee Chair Report

Business

Program –The Kingwood High School Madrigal Choir

### **Lunch**

### **SAR PLEDGE**

"We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."

### **SAR CLOSING**

"Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of rights, an Independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men."

# Piney Woods Chapter #51 Business Meeting

November 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Los Cuco's Restaurant, Kingwood, Texas

## Chapter Meeting Minutes

Past President Jim Pinkerton called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. He led members and guests in pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags, and the SAR Pledge. Each members introduced themselves.

**Members Present** (12): John Beard, Kermit



Secretary & Past Chapter President Jim Pinkerton

Breed, Merv Hartwick, B. Ray Mize, Joe Potter, Ski Grumboski, Darrel Radford, Cannon H Pritchard, Richard Payne, Richard Setser, Louis "Skip" Hawley

**Guests Present** (5): Sharon Mize, Sarah Pinkerton, Nancy Radford, Stephen Ternois, Dan Ballard

**Program:** Jim Pinkerton presented President Grover Cleveland first Democrat elected after the

Civil War in 1885, our 22nd and 24th and the only President to leave the White House and return for a second term four years later (1885-1889 and 1893-1897) until now. Jim conducted a quiz comparing President Donald J Trump to President Cleveland. Everyone enjoyed the program and learned a lot.

**Secretary Report:** Approved and published in the Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** B. Ray Mize presented his report, and it was approved.

**Registrar's Report:** Kermit reported Stephen Ternois' application is at NSSAR. Larry Stevens said he is working two new applications.

**Veterans:** John Beard reported the number of coupons continues to decrease due to digital coupons.

**Old Business:** Officers' terms will end in March, and it is time for nominations. We need members to step up and ask to be considered for all positions.

### **New Business:**

1: John Beard made a motion that we purchase another 100 wreaths for Wreaths Across America. Motion seconded and was approved. This brings our total donated wreaths to 333.

2: Kermit Breed made the motion that we donate \$2000 to the Kingwood Madrigal Choir to help with the cleaning of their period costumes that were damaged by the recent flood. Motion was seconded and approved.

Sarah Pinkerton gave the Benediction. After the SAR closing the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Kermit Breed for Secretary Jim Pinkerton  
Chair Texas SAR History Teacher Contests





## November 20th Lunch

TOP: Pritchard, Hawley, Payne, Grumboski, Hartwick, Setser, Beard, Potter, Nancy and Darrel Radford.

ML: Sarah Pinkerton, Stephen Ternois

MR: Cannon Pritchard, Richard Payne

LR: Merv Hartwick, Richard Setser

BL: John Beard, Joe Potter, and Nancy Radford

Not Pictured Kermit Breed taking PICS

