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A Special Treat

by Kelly McBride, President (2006-2007)

Representation of the Robert Rankin Chapter at the recent Board of Managers meeting in Lake Jackson was quite robust as Past Presidents Gus Mistrot and Richard Shanks were both there as well as Allan Henshaw, Pat Kerr, Tom Jackson, and me. Bernice Mistrot and Vionna Shanks also attended.

On Friday afternoon, the Cradle of Texas Chapter provided a special treat to those of us who participated in the bus tour of area historical sites, conducted and narrated by Dr. Don Pugh. Among the high points were visits to Underwood House and the Peach Point Plantation. The latter holds the Stephen F. Austin Bedroom and Office and the tour was presented by Stephen Perry, the current owner and direct descendant of the original owner, the sister of Stephen F. Austin. [Good fun and many thanks to our gracious hosts!](#)

Our June Meeting

President Kelly McBride welcomed the newest member of the Rankin organization, **Timothy Paul Kerr**. Tim is the brother of Compatriot Pat Kerr and lives in Oregon. Welcome! David Jones, head of the newly formed Veterans' program gave a report on his thoughts on how the Chapter should proceed. He also requested members who were veterans and had not received their War Service Medal to contact him by the September meeting.

An Educational presentation was made by Compatriot Ed Raines regarding the different American Flags from Revolutionary times to the present and their connection to Flag Day and the Fourth of July. Thanks for pinch hitting, Ed! Compatriot Ash Jackson made a Historical presentation on his ancestor Michel Bernard.

Board of Managers Update

by Tom Jackson

The Board of Managers meeting is always interesting, not only for the information that you receive, but also for the people that you meet. I know that Pat and I found it most informative to attend the general information section which was a presentation, question, and answer period for each of our major state committees. The Board of Managers meeting may be attended by any Compatriots, not just officers.

The annual report seems to be tweaked every year and this year was no different. Chapters now receive 25 points for each percentage point in attendance at each meeting to a maximum of 2,500 points. I did confirm that a single meeting may have multiple components and that points are earned for each. The Chapter now receives 100 instead of 25 points for each new member.

The Patriot Fund is not earning as much income as anticipated and as a direct result lifetime memberships are no longer being offered. This may change in the future. Lifetime memberships are still available at the National level. This may have an impact on the JROTC program.

First Robert Rankin Flag Certificate presented to Chase Bank, Katy Branch. L to R: Kelly McBride, Ryan Strange (Bank officer), Ash Jackson, Camille Jackson (CAR)



Member Spotlight



A. Kelly McBride, Jr.
Fourth President, 2006-2007
Robert Rankin Chapter

Personal: Kelly was born in 1931 in Newark, New Jersey. He married Nancy Seton Adsit in 1957. Nancy is a graduate of the University of Miami. Their son Kelly (the III) and his wife Michelle have graced them with two grandchildren.

Educational: In addition to being a two year letterman on his high school state championship basketball team in Florida, Kelly also served as President of the Student Council. While in high school, Kelly earned the rank of Eagle Scout and also served as President of the Florida State Honor Society. Kelly earned his BS in Economic Geography from Dartmouth College in Hanover NH in 1953. He was a member of the **Big Green** freshman soccer team and served as house manager of his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, his senior year.

Military: Kelly served almost five years active duty in the USAF and an additional ten years in the active reserve. He was discharged as a Captain and was the recipient of the good conduct medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He completed OCS at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, TX. Other duty stations included Keesler AFB, Biloxi, MS; Stewart AFB, Newburgh, NY; Wichita Falls, TX; Travis AFB, Fairfield CA; and Goosebay, Labrador in Canada.

Professional: In 1959 Kelly joined Inland Container Corp. in Rome GA as a sales trainee. He subsequently assumed additional duties and served related sales territories with stops in Knoxville, TN; New Orleans, LA; and Birmingham, AL. He joined the Weyerhaeuser Paper Company in New Orleans, LA before moving to Jackson, MS. His last stop with Weyerhaeuser brought him to Houston in 1968 as Sales Manager of the Corrugated Box Division. Kelly started his second career and entered the personnel placement industry in 1970. He started his own company, Kelly McBride Associates, in 1975 before retiring in 1996. Kelly earned his Certified Personnel Consultant designation and was a member and Director of the Houston Association of Personnel Consultants.

Other activities: Kelly is a twenty-six year member and past President of the Memorial Spring Branch Optimist Club. He also served as Governor and Lt. Governor of the SETX District of Optimist International. He has served as President of the Houston Dartmouth Club and has served on his Subdivision Homeowner Committees. Both Kelly and Nancy currently usher at the Alley Theatre and previously at the Houston Music Hall. Both have been active tennis players.

Genealogical: The NSSAR ancestor of Kelly is Obdeiah Ward. Both his mother and aunt were members of the DAR.

Kelly served as Historian and President-Elect of Robert Rankin Chapter before serving as the fourth President of the Robert Rankin Chapter.

Upcoming Events

Sep 13, 2006 – Chapter Meeting

Oct 11, 2006 – Chapter Meeting

Oct 28, 2006 – Veterans Visit w/ Hodge #49

Nov 4-5, 2006 – Board of Managers Meeting

Nov 8, 2006 – Chapter Meeting

Dec 9, 2006 – Joint Meeting with DAR/CAR