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MEETING INFORMATION

WHEN: June 10, 2006

Where: The Sizzler
1401 North Harbor Blvd.
Fullerton, CA

Time: Set up and Social begins at 11:00AM

Meeting: Called to order at 11:30AM

Website: www.orangecountysar.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that another year is almost half gone. Our meeting this month will be our last regular meeting until September. However, we will be getting together at the end of July - more on that later. This will be the last regular newsletter until September, although we will be putting out at least one short bulletin in July.

Those of you who were unable to attend last month's meeting missed out on a wonderful performance by Paul Sharaba. His portrayal of Patrick Henry, particularly the "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!" speech was stirring, and so well acted and dynamic that the other diners at the Sizzler were probably wondering just what was going on in our meeting room! In addition to the portrayal, he provided us with interesting facts on Henry. All in attendance were in agreement that this was quite an enjoyable and educational program.

At this month's meeting, our speaker will be Mr. Bruce Buonauro, who, like Sharaba, is a professional reenactor who performs at Knott's Berry Farm, and to whom I was referred by two of our members. As a tie-in with our program last year on the contribution of the Spanish to the Revolution, he will portray Governor General Bernardo de Galvez. Mr. Buonauro has agreed to perform for us for a fraction of his usual fee, and I'd like to reward him with a sizeable audience, so I sincerely hope that you will attend.

In last month's newsletter, I told you that our Chapter entry won first prize in the state Americanism Poster Contest for the second year in a row. Rex Shannon will be taking the poster to the 116th National

Congress in Dallas in July to be entered into the National competition. Let's all hope for another win at the National level. In the meantime, I will be arranging for the winner to receive his chapter and state awards at an assembly at his school.

As I mentioned above, we will be getting together in July at our Chapter's Third Annual Summer Barbecue, at the home of John and Karen Dodd. It will be on Saturday, July 29th. The Chapter will furnish the meat and the basics, and members are asked to bring potluck dishes, such as salads, side dishes, or desserts, as well as whatever they desire in the way of beverages. An RSVP form is included in this newsletter, and can be faxed to John Dodd at (714) 731-0833, mailed to him at 10072 Highcliff Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92705, or you may e-mail him at JohnLDodd@earthlink.net. As previously, we are inviting the other chapters in the area and our state officers to join us. We will send out a bulletin in July with directions to the Dodd's home.

If you have any items that you would like to have included in our agendas for either the Membership or Board meetings, please let me know by June 8. During the summer break, I will continue working on arranging for interesting programs for our Fall meetings. I'd appreciate any suggestions for programs or speakers.

Our Executive Board meeting will be held immediately following the Chapter meeting, and you are welcome to attend. And this summer you can stay informed by checking our chapter website at:

<http://www.orangecountysar.org>, which Webmaster Arthur Koehler will update on a regular basis.

If you won a prize at the Ben Franklin opportunity drawing the last time you were at a meeting, don't forget to bring something for this month's drawing. We also happily accept anything that you want to contribute, even if you didn't win last time. Remember that the Ben Franklin is a good fund raiser for the chapter, and the more prizes, the better. Let's all try to come out this month and have a large, enthusiastic group for our speaker!

Hugh Richards, President

Speaker for June – Bruce Buonauro

Our speaker this month is Mr. Bruce Buonauro, a re-enactor from Knott's Berry Farm, who will portray the Spanish Governor General of Louisiana, Bernardo de Gálvez. Before Spain entered the American Revolutionary War, Gálvez did much to aid the American patriots. He corresponded directly with Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, and Charles Henry Lee and personally received their emissaries, Oliver Pollock and Capt. George Gibson. At their request, he secured the port of New Orleans so that only American, Spanish, and French ships could move up and down the Mississippi River. Over the river, a veritable lifeline, great amounts of arms, ammunition, military supplies, and money were delivered to the embattled American forces under George Washington and George Rogers Clark.

Following Spain's formal declaration of war against Great Britain in 1779, Gálvez conducted a campaign against the British along the Mississippi River and the Gulf Coast. During the course of the war, his forces defeated the British in battles at Manchac, Baton Rouge, and Natchez, captured the British stronghold of Fort Charlotte at Mobile, commanded a joint land-sea siege of Fort George in Pensacola, the

British capital of West Florida, and captured the British naval base at New Providence in the Bahamas. Gálvez helped draft the terms of the treaty that ended the war, and the American Congress cited him for his aid during the conflict.

In addition to his portrayal of Bernardo de Gálvez, Mr. Buonauro also performs as Father Junípero Serra, the Father President of the California mission chain early in the eighteenth century, and as Jedediah Smith, a mountain man and genuine American hero who traveled the west in the early 1820's, sustaining himself with his proficiency as a trapper and his adeptness as a trader.

Mr. Buonauro's fun and interactive presentations provide the audience with historical and factual data about, as well as insight into, the characters he portrays. His costumes are authentic and his scripts are well researched. During his research into Father Serra, Mr. Buonauro has visited most of the Missions, and studied at length in their libraries, and has been entrusted with documents and manuscripts unavailable to the general public by the Brothers of the Missions. He appears regularly as Father Junípero Serra at historical presentations at San Gabriel, San Luis Rey, San Diego, San Francisco, Oceanside, Santa Barbara Missions, both San Francisco and Santa Barbara Presidios, as well as Carmel and San Luis Obispo. He is a regular part of the educational programs for Mission San Juan Capistrano, and visits with thousands of school age children each year through the venue of the Adventures in Education Program at Knott's Berry Farm.

EAGLE SCOUTS HONORED

At our May 13th meeting Eagle Scout Chairman Jim Blauer made several presentations. Kevin Jones and Jonathan Durfee won the chapter segment of the Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest. Kevin was our 2005 winner and was finally able to make one of our meetings to receive his award. Jonathan was this years winner. Both received their Participation Patch and Medal from Compatriot Blauer. Compatriot Blauer then presented both young men with a Certificate from the Sedgwick-Granger Camp 17(Orange County) of the Sons of Union Veterans recognizing their achievement in winning the chapter segment of this contest.

On May 22nd Compatriot Blauer surprised Compatriot Walter Davis at the Sons of Union Veterans Meeting when he presented Walter with his SAR Eagle Pin. Compatriot Blauer presented a SUV Eagle Certificate to Walter and Walter in turn presented Compatriot Blauer with an SUV Eagle Certificate.

JROTC AWARDS

May and June find our chapter honoring those cadets from the various JROTC Units in Orange County.

May 13-Troy High--Cadet Cerub Kim--Presented by Dan Henry

May 19-Santiago High--Cadet Timoth Hernandez--presented by Doug Willey

May 20-Buena Park High--Cadet Victor Tran--Presented by Dan Henry

May 25-La Habra High--Cadet Lanceton Salisbury--presented by Dan Henry

May 31-Kennedy High--Cadet Edward Laurenz--Presented by Dan Henry

May 31-Santa Ana High-Cadet Alejandro Ledezma--Presented by Walter Davis

May 31-Pacifica High-Cadet Alexander Klatt-