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MEETING INFORMATION

When: November 15, 2008

Where: The Sizzler Restaurant
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

Our speaker this month is Linda Stufflebean, Senior President, California Children of the American Revolution. She will share with us information concerning the C.A.R.'s Programs and opportunities for our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, to get involved and learn more about our Nation's heritage. Please join me in welcoming her and learning about how we can work more closely with this great organization.

As discussed at the October meeting, it is election time again. At press time, the office of Vice-President appears to be the only spot for which we still have an opening. Of course, feel free to submit your name to the Nominating Committee for any of the positions, or even run from the floor if you wish. However, we do need a vice-president. The vice-president presides over the chapter meeting in the president's absence. He also generally attends at least one, if not both, state meetings. This will be easy in 2009 as your own Orange County Chapter will be hosting the April meeting in honor of our own Lou Carlson, as incoming State President. The November meeting, probably, will be in Riverside or Temecula area, so that will be close as well.

Additionally, the vice-president serves informally as program chairman, assisting in arranging speakers for our meetings. Arranging speakers is often a group effort by the Board, however, so it is not all that difficult. Finally, the vice-president may "step up" to the office of President the next year, but that is by no means a "given". One of the other chapter officers may wish to be nominated for president, or the vice-president may not desire to be president. Therefore, serving as vice-president does not require or guarantee advancement to president, if that is not in your plans.

As for the office of president, those duties entail presiding over the meetings, maintaining custody of various items of chapter property, ensuring the presence of speakers, writing these few paragraphs for the newsletter each month and attendance at the two state meetings, which in 2010 will be in the Northern portion of the state. Please consider the position of vice-president. Contact the chair for the Nominating Committee, past president Dan Henry and let him know of your interest.

As noted last month, it is dues time again. Please return your dues promptly so as to ease our administration burdens. Also, please consider becoming a Life Members so you don't have to get dues bills any more!! Life Membership insulates you from dues increases at the Chapter, State and National levels, which is a very real possibility in the not-so-distant future. Again, remember the SAR is a recognized 501(c)(3) charity. We have included a line on the dues bill for an additional, tax-deductible contribution. An additional \$20, or even \$100, if you can spare it would go a long way to defraying the chapter expenses and assist with the purchasing of more medals, awards and cash prizes for enterprises such as the Poster Contest and Knight Essay Contest.

Center for Advancing America's Heritage

I won't repeat my missive from last month, but will just include a gentle reminder that any contribution, even \$25 or \$50 is important. Sop, please consider a gift to the Center as you make your year-end charitable contribution.

John L. Dodd

LINDA STUFFLEBEAN

Linda Stufflebean, Senior State President of C.A.R., has been active with the organization since 1989 when she organized the San Antonio Canyon

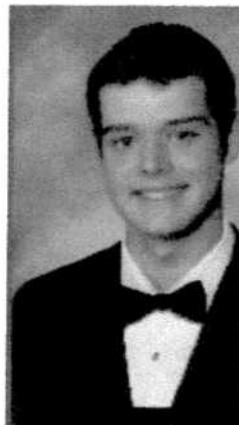
Society in Alta Loma. She is currently its Senior Society President. She has held several state and National board offices, her last being Senior National Corresponding Secretary. Linda is a 27 year member of the DAR and is currently the Regent of the San Antonio Chapter. She has been a teacher for 24 years and has taught both elementary and junior high school. Currently, she is a resource specialist working with learning disabled children at Vineyard Junior High School in Alta Loma.

LUCAS BORNECAMP

Lucas Bornecamp is a member of the Juan Cresapi Society, and is the C.A.R. California State Society President. He is the youngest of four children, all of whom were members of the C.A.R. He resides in Encino with his mom and dad, John and Sharman.

Lucas is a senior at Crespi High School. He is in the process of looking at colleges and completing essays and applications. He was an avid ice hockey player for many years, until he sustained a back fracture this April in the State Championship Playoff. He spent the Summer as an ice hockey coach and traveling to various regional and national C.A. R. conferences. Currently he is a volleyball coach at a local middle school,

As the C.S.S.C.A.R. State President, he was required to select a theme and a project. As you will hear at our meeting, his theme is "Honor Their Sacrifices", and his state project is providing funds



Lucas Bornecamp

for Operation Gratitude, to mail care packages to military personnel serving over seas.

This fits very well in what our chapter is trying to do. Maybe we can bring some items or our check books and help this young man help our men and women who are stationed overseas.

FALL BOARD OF MANAGER'S MEETING

Normally the Fall Board of Managers Meeting is held on the first weekend in November. But this year with Halloween on Friday, it was decided that many would be wanting to stay home for the kids and to protect their homes from the ghouls and goblins, so it was moved to the second weekend, November 7 & 8. It will held be at the Sheraton Gateway Hotel, 600 Airport Blvd., Burlingame, CA. For Reservations call (650) 340-8500. Our room rate is \$105 per night, single or double occupancy.

Registration is \$140 and covers your Saturday Luncheon and Banquet meals. For the luncheon you have a choice of chicken, pasta or vegetarian and for dinner the selections are chicken, fish or vegetarian. For those who do not wish to register the luncheon is \$35.00 and the banquet is \$65.00. Send your reservations to Steve Renouf, 16123 Paseo del Campo, San Lorenzo, CA 94580. If you have any questions he can be reached at 1-510-276-8946 or e-mail him at Usina@aol.com.

Friday morning we will meet to discuss business, In the afternoon there is an option tour. There is a \$25.00 fee for the bus. It will depart from the hotel at 12:30pm. We will travel to Olivet Memorial Park where there will be a wreath laying at the grave of James Lafayette Cogswell who founded the Revolutionary War Sires that became the SAR. We will then proceed to San Francisco where you can get off at one of three stops. The first is City

Hall where you will have the option of touring the areas museums, war memorial and library. You will be picked up at 4:30pm.

The second option is the shopping trip at the Westfield San Francisco Center. You will be dropped off at 1:40pm and picked up at 4:35pm.

The final option is Pier 39/Fisherman's Wharf. There are many shops and restaurants in the area. You will be dropped off at 2pm. After a 1 1/2 hour stop the mini bus will do about a one hour tour starting at 3:30pm of San Francisco. It will then return to pick up those dropped off earlier and return to the Sheraton by 5:30pm.

Do let Steve Renouf know which tour you plan to take so the proper arrangements can be made.

Saturday we will finish up with the business before the awards banquet in the evening.

There are shuttles from the airport as the hotel is just a hop, skip and a jump away from the airport.

CHAPTER MEETING CHANGE

Since the State Society moved their meeting from the first weekend of the month to the second, your chapter moved its regularly scheduled meeting from the second weekend to the third, which will be November 15th. Same time and same place. We will return to our regularly scheduled second Saturday in December. So, please mark your calendars and note the change of date for our chapter meeting in November.

Our Speakers will be Linda Stufflebean and Lucas Bornecamp who will talk to us about the Children of the American Revolution. This should be of particular interest to those who have children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews who would be eligible. We will learn more about Lucas' project and may be able to assist.



Harriet
Lothrop

CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION(CAR)

It was in 1895 that Harriet M. Lothrop, a well known author from Concord, Massachusetts, was attending the NSDAR Continental Congress where she delivered a moving speech to the members urging them to help her in creating a new patriotic organization for children. The speech was so well received that the Children of the American Revolution was founded on April 5, 1895.

In her speech she said, "I think you will agree with me that the hope of this country is with her youth. All of us now convened in a few years will pass from this scene; those to follow us will be the ones who are now in their formative state under our guidance. Into their hands will be laid the important trusts, the weighty responsibilities, the affairs of government, the whole executive and moral forces that make or mar the country. Tremendous questions of moral, civil, and religious nature are to arise in the most distant future. Already some of them are overwhelming us. Face to face we as a nation are to be brought to issues, vital not alone in this country, but the whole World. America as a nation is yet in her infancy. It doth not yet appear what she is to become among the nations of the Earth. Certainly no one who reads the signs of the times can doubt that God has designed a mighty work to be achieved by her. Into her vast Territories have been and now are pouring millions who "seek the home of the free." Evangelizing America means evangelizing the

World. American institutions and principles means evangelization. Civil and religious liberty, built on the eternal principles of truth, honesty, and tolerance means a God-fearing and God-loving nation."

"What a tremendous thought that some of our boys and girls may be growing up in our very midst with no adequate idea of what it is to be an American youth, claiming a heritage of these American Principles. Can we as American women rest a moment while the impressible period is swiftly passing on with them?..."

"I would also advise most strongly the forming of historical societies, especially for our young people, who should have their own society of this kind adapted to their age..."

"I would even say that the time is propitious for us convening here to form a young people's society to be called Children of the American Revolution..."

And so it began. Their objectives are six fold. 1) To acquire Knowledge of American History. 2) To preserve and restore places of Historical Importance associated with men and women who forwarded American Independence. 3) To ascertain the deeds and honor the memories of the men, women and children who rendered service to the cause of the American Revolution. 4) To promote the celebration of patriotic anniversaries. 5) To honor and cherish the Flag of the United States of America above every other flag. and 6) To love, uphold and extend the principles of American liberty and patriotism.

To become a member "Any boy or girl under the age of twenty-one is eligible for membership in the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution who is lineally descended from a man or woman who, with unflinching loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier, sailor, civil officer, or recognized patriot of one of the several colonies or states, or of the

United States, provided that the applicant is personally acceptable to the society."

The CAR Creed which is recited by members and seniors at CAR meetings was written by Ethel Vance Moser. It reflects the ideals and views of the members of the CAR. It is as follows;

"I believe in the Children of the American Revolution as an organization for the training of young people in true patriotism and love of country, in order that they shall be better fitted for American Citizenship.

As a descendant of the Founders of this Country, I believe that my birthright brings a certain responsibility to carry on their work, and that as the boys and girls of 1776 took an active part in the War of Independence, So the boys and girls of today have a definite work to do for their country.

As a member of the Children of the American Revolution, I believe it is my duty to use my influence to create a deeper love of country, a loyal respect for our Constitution and a reverence for its Flag, among the young people with whom I come in contact."

C.A.R. SONG

The CAR song was written by Martha Parkinson Mills. It is as follows.

We're members of the C.A.R.

A great and might band

We pledge our might for the cause of right

For home and native land

Chorus: We love thee, Old Glory,

And we ever strive to be

Most worthy Descendants

Of worthy ancestry;

We love thee, Old Glory

And our hearts are staunch and true,
We love each stripe and ev'ry star
Our Flag, red, white and blue.

Those great and noble patriots,
Offered up their blood,
To save a new born nation,
From a cruel tyrant's rod.

Chorus: repeat

The blue calls out to us, "Be true,"
The white calls out, "Be pure,"
The red,"The Brave, their blood they gave,
That this land might endure."

Chorus: repeat.

AMERICA'S CREED

Another of their ceremonies is the reading of the America's Creed. It was written by William Tyler page and reflects on the ideals and principles upon which the United States was founded.

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a Perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon these principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

OPERATION GRATITUDE

The purpose of Operation Gratitude is to lift troops' morale, and bring a smile to their faces by sending care packages to service members overseas. These care packages contain food, toiletries, entertainment items and personal letters of appreciation, all wrapped with good wishes of love and support.

Through collection drives, letter writing and donations of requested items or funds for shipping expenses, operation Gratitude provides civilians across America to express their respect and appreciation to the men and women of the U.S. Military in an active hands on manner.

Operation Gratitude is a 501(c)(2) non-profit, all volunteer corporation funded entirely by private donations.

They accept donations only twice a year. From October 1-December 5 for the holiday and April 15-May 15 for the Patriotic Drive. The items may be shipped or delivered to:

Operation Gratitude/California Army National Guard

17330 Victory Blvd.

Van Nuys, CA 91406

Attn: Charlie Othold: 1-818-437-6201

Some of the items on their wish list can be found at: www.opgratitude.com/wishlist.php. The items requested includes; DVDs, CDs, Batteries(all sizes), computer flash drives, headsets(earpiece and microphone), beanie babies, **small** novelty items, disposable cameras, prepaid phone cards.

Travel Size Board games, hand held electronic games, bandana coolers/cool-ties, mini battery operated fans.

Also, hand & foot warmers, commercially wrapped **individual packets** of trail mix, beef jerky, nuts, energy bars, sunflower seeds, candy(**Halloween Candy is great!!**), ready to eat

Tuna or Chicken salad kits, boxes of Girl Scout Cookies, **small** tins of Danish cookies, packets of powdered cold beverages, commercially sealed lip balm, roll on deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, **individual packets** of moist towelettes, **travel size containers** of foot powder, screen printed t-shirts, socks, Baseball style caps, Knit hats and gloves, neck gators, Holiday Greeting cards(Blank), Tobacco products, used cell phones, video games and systems, IPODs, PDAs, and ink jet cartridges.

Except as stated above they only accept toiletries from manufacturers.

All items may be shipped or delivered between September 8 and December 5th to the address above.

All financial donations will be acknowledged. If you would like to receive an acknowledgement of your donated of items, please include your name and address inside the shipment, or send an e-mail to cblashek@aol.com.

CAR LOCATIONS

There are two CAR societies here in Orange County. There is the Los Niños Society in Fullerton and the Lt. George Nixon, Sr. Society in San Clemente. There are 31 total within the State of California. For a full list you can go to www.california-car.org/statesocieties.html.

PHOTO ALBUM PAGE

Due to not having finished off the roll of film that is in the camera, there is no photo album page this month. It is hoped that your editor will have plenty of photos for next month's issue having not only the chapter meetings from October and November, but also the State Fall Board of Manager's meeting.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING***