



ARIZONA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

BARRY M. GOLDWATER CHAPTER



NEWSLETTER

March 2011

Minutes of the February 17, 2011, Chapter meeting

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Location:
Coco's Restaurant
4514 E. Cactus, Phx, AZ



Our February Chapter meeting was opened by President Earl Atwood at 6:30 p.m. with 21 compatriots and guests in attendance.

After opening ceremonies and officer reports, Mike Jones sold raffle tickets for items at our upcoming April 23 wine-tasting, joint fundraiser with the DAR Paradise Valley Chapter.

Speaker: Compatriot Rob Bohannon gave a very informative presentation regarding early railroads in the territory and state of Arizona containing specific information regarding the Santa Fe Pea Line and the Verde Valley railway.

Thank you Rob!

50/50 raffle: Well our Chapter is \$28.00 richer thanks to those present at the meeting who participated and speaking of richer, Compatriot Bill Orr is also \$28.00 richer!



HOLD THIS DATE

Hold the date of April 23, 2011 from 2:00 – 4:00pm for a special SAR and DAR event (see attached flyer).

The Paradise Valley Chapter (DAR) and Barry M. Goldwater Chapter (SAR) are hosting a wine tasting event at Wine Styles, 10625 N. Tatum, suite D142 (winestylesstore.com).

The cost will be \$15 per person and will need to be **prepaid**. We are limited to 40 guests.

At our March meeting I will be selling raffle tickets (voices) on 6-8 items at \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Bring lots of *cash*. BMG will get 50% of the proceeds from this event.

Raffle items are still needed! If you have a raffle item to donate please contact me.

J. Michael Jones

March speaker

Our speaker for the March 17th meeting will be Jason Robert from ASU. He will speak on Biomedical & Health Ethics.

A little bit of AZSSAR, SAR and Arizona history--continued

Before we get too carried away perhaps we should learn a little about the origins of the Sons of the American Revolution. (And remember, these columns do not contain the entire history of the SAR or AZSSAR—just a little bit here and there.) The following information is posted on the NSSAR website and offers a succinct overview.

“In 1876 there were many celebrations to commemorate the centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. As part of this patriotic fervor, a group of men in the San Francisco, California, area who were descendants of patriots involved in the American Revolution formed an organization called the Sons of Revolutionary Sires. Their objective was to have a fraternal and civic society to salute those men and women who pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor to the battle for independence from Great Britain. They desired to keep alive their ancestors' story of patriotism and courage in the belief that it is a universal one of man's struggle against tyranny—a story which would inspire and sustain succeeding generations when they would have to defend and extend our freedoms.

Out of the Sires grew the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, which was organized on April 30, 1889—the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as our nation's first President. We have used the acronym SAR to identify ourselves for over 100 years. The SAR was

conceived as a fraternal and civic society composed of lineal descendants of the men who wintered at Valley Forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought in the battles of the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, or otherwise supported the cause of American Independence. The National Society was chartered by an Act of the United States Congress on June 9, 1906. The charter was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was a member of the SAR. The charter authorizes the granting of charters to societies of the various states and territories and authorizes the state societies to charter chapters within their borders. . . .”

So how did Arizona fit into this scheme? Well, as we saw earlier, Col Poston wrote an article in the *Phoenix Daily Herald* in 1891 and Arizona didn't have a Society of the SAR until June 13, 1896. The following information is contained in *A National Register of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution 1901*.

“ARIZONA SOCIETY

The Arizona Society of the S.A.R. was finally organized on the 13th day of June, 1896, although its inception dates back to 1891 and through the efforts of Adjutant-General H. F. Robinson the organization of the society was perfected.

Charter members—H. F. Robinson, W. H. Robinson, J. Frank Elwell, Shirley Christy, Charles B. Christy, George D. Christy, A. P. Walbridge, L. W. Coggins, J. Ernest Walker.

The annual meeting of the society is held on the 22nd of February of each year unless the same shall fall on Sunday, in which case upon the day following. This meeting is followed by a banquet which has been very successful.

Flag Day is usually observed with appropriate exercises.

During the time that General H. F. Robinson was President of the society a flag bill was passed by the legislature, to prevent the desecration of the national flag.

Through the instrumentality of the society during the year 1900, the society of D. A. R. was formed with about fifteen members.

[Signed]

L. W. Coggins, *President*

Ricardo Edsall Miner, *Historian*

Organized June 13, 1896. Annual meeting February 22nd, to commemorate Washington's Birthday.

List of Officers
(Elected on the 22nd day of February 1901.)

President, Major Lewis W. Coggins. Phoenix
Vice-President, Col P. P. Parker. Phoenix
Secretary, Major J. Frank Elwell. Phoenix
Treasurer, Lloyd B. Christy. Phoenix
Registrar, J. Ernest Walker. Phoenix
Historian, Ricardo Edsall Miner. Phoenix
Chaplain, Rev. Lewis Halsey, D. D. Phoenix

ARIZONA SOCIETY

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JOHN ERNEST WALKER, Phoenix, Ariz. (9130).
FREDERICK WORTHINGTON HOOD, Phoenix, Ariz. (12605).”

Editor's note: While the Register lists “26 Members” there are actually 28. Additionally, the genealogy of

the members is contained but not listed here for brevity. Oh, and yes, the Winfield Scott listed as a member is the founder of Scottsdale. And as long as I am at it, our last territorial governor, Richard Sloan and our first elected state governor George W. P. Hunt were also AZSSAR members.

The 1901 *Register* also contains the following interesting information:

The "General Board of Managers of the National Society for 1901" lists, among others, Major Lewis W. Coggins, President Arizona Society, Phoenix, Ariz.

There are numerous members on the "National Committees of the Sons of the American Revolution" but only those from Arizona are listed as follows:

"National Committee on National Parks
Lloyd B. Christy, Phoenix, Ariz.

"National Committee on Legislation
Rev Lewis Halsey D.D., Phoenix, Ariz.

"National Committee on Revolutionary Monuments
Major Lewis W. Coggins, Phoenix, Ariz.

"National Committee on Publication
J. Ernest Walker, Phoenix, Ariz.

"National Press Committee
Gen. H. F. Robinson, Phoenix, Ariz.

"Special Committee on Proposed National Memorial to the Revolutionary Fathers, to be erected in Washington D. C.

Rev. Lewis Halsey, D.D., Phoenix, Ariz
Gen. H. F. Robinson, Phoenix, Ariz.

"National Committee on the McKinley Memorial
Col P. P. Parker, Phoenix, Ariz."

And finally,

"MEMBERS OF STATE SOCIETIES SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION TO WHOM

The National Society Has Presented Medals in Recognition of Their Services in the Spanish-American War

MEMBERS OF THE ARIZONA STATE SOCIETY

Charles Bennett Christy, Corporal Seventh California Infantry, U.S. Volunteers

George D. Christy, Captain First Territorial Volunteers

Shirley A. Christy, Paymaster's Clerk, U.S. Volunteers.

ANCESTOR BIOGRAPHIES WANTED

The newsletter publisher has a space (a double-sided page or less) just waiting for your Revolutionary War ancestor biography. He has a band of monks who are just twiddling their thumbs with nothing to do, so send it in now and help them avoid the term "outsourced!"

- Robert H. Bohannon 2002-2004
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- H. Robert Young 2005-2006
- Carlton V. Phillips 2009
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Barry M. Goldwater Chapter
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Chapter Meeting Notice

The next regular meeting of the BMG Chapter will be held on **Thursday, March 17, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.**

Location: Coco's Restaurant
4514 E Cactus Road
Phoenix, AZ (602) 953-9155

Compatriots, wives, prospective members, and guests are cordially invited to attend this and all meetings.

Dinner will be ordered from a menu specially prepared for us. There will be a choice of several different entrees, so there will be something for everyone. The cost is \$15.50 per person, which includes: dinner, soft drinks, tea, coffee, tax and gratuity. *(Please bring your check made out to BMG Chapter AZSSAR.)*

The meeting agenda is contained on the following page. (Please copy and bring it).

If you plan on attending, please notify me at Swanson1854@Yahoo.com or telephone (480) 515-2798 on or before March 14, 2011.

Just a reminder, we have chapter meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars. (No meetings during June—August and December)

Thanks. See you at the meeting!

David A. Swanson, Secretary/Treasurer
Barry M. Goldwater Chapter AZSSAR



Barry M. Goldwater Chapter Arizona Society, SAR

Agenda March 17, 2011

Call to Order 6:30 p.m.

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

SAR Pledge

We the 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.

Business Session

Treasurer's Report
Other officer reports or remarks

Dinner

50/50 Raffle

Program

The speaker will be Mr. Jason Roberts who will speak on Biomedical & Health Ethics.

Benediction

God Bless America

SAR Recessional

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.

Adjournment



**The Barry M. Goldwater SAR
and
The Paradise Valley DAR**

Invite you to attend a wine tasting open house



10625 N Tatum, Suite D142

**April 23, 2011
2-4 pm**

Cost \$15 per person (prepaid)

Please make checks payable to Paradise Valley NSDAR and mail to
Carolyn Rearley
6301 E Kings Ave.
Scottsdale, AZ 85254
480-998-4226

Voices (raffle tickets) are available at \$5 each or 6 for \$25
They may be purchased from the SAR or along with your reservation.
You need not be present to win.

Bolo tie
Cheesecake Factory gift card
Amaryllis Hostess Set
3' Photo Ledge
and more

We are limited to 40 guests so please register by April 15th

Proceeds to benefit Veterans Projects