



Ladies Auxiliary Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution



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Meet Your Auxiliary Officers

President, Catherine Massey: Catherine was born in Huntsville, Texas, a fifth generation Texan. She notes husband Sam Massey is from Gallatin, Tennessee, but he got her a soon as he could. She and Sam have been married 17 years. They met in a Bible study for singles. Other family includes her mother and three sisters.



Catherine studied at UT Austin where she received her BFA in Studio Art. Before she married she worked in residential real estate.

DAR has been a very important part of her family. Her mother, two sisters and three nieces are in her DAR chapter, the John McKnitt Alexander Chapter of Houston. Her grandmothers for both parents were DAR, as are cousins and aunts. She, her mother, and sister are all past Regents. When she was serving as regent hubby Sam became interested in SAR and joined Paul Carrington in Houston.

In response to the question, "Anything else people might like to know about what makes you, you." Catherine responded:

"I like administrative jobs, and coordinating and facilitating large events. Sam and I serve in a min-

istry called American-Chinese Fellowship, which our church (cepc.org) started, for the Mainland Chinese coming to the Med Center in Houston. They don't know about Jesus or the Bible or the Christian faith. Sam and I went to Kenya to visit the orphanage that our church built and also meet the 2 children we sponsor."

Vice-President, Sue Lenex: Sue is a second generation Texan [her mother, father and brother were all born in Texas.] She graduated from the same high school as her parents – Robert E. Lee, in Baytown.



Sue married a man in the military and traveled the United States and Japan. They wanted their children to grow up in Texas so they returned. It was here Sue continued her education. When the children were 7, 10 and 12, her husband died of cancer. Sue was just 33. Mutual friends introduced her to Pete Lenex who was also military and a mortgage banker. Pete was divorced with two children ages 10 and 13. They married and blended their two families, her son and two daughters and his son and daughter. She recounts, "We had some very interesting family outings as well as family vacations. You have not lived until you have five teen agers at one time. Between the five of our children we have three grand sons, two grand daughters, three great grand daughters and one great grand son." Pete and Sue will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in October at our TXSSAR BOM meeting in Galveston.

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Note from the Editor: Welcome to the first issue of the LATXSSAR Newsletter. We are trying out a new concept for communicating with members. We would like your feedback. Do you find a newsletter helpful? Do you have items you would like to see in a newsletter? Would you be willing to contribute stories or photos to a newsletter?

You will note that the newsletter does not have a name? Would you like to suggest one?

Your comments, suggestions, stories and photos would be appreciated. *I would like to thank Linda Edwards, Sandi Craig and Dianne Jones for some of the photos used in this edition. There were some gorgeous photos that I could not use here but that are on the website.*

Send comments/contributions to Editor, LATXSSAR at - stevensba@aol.com.



Upcoming Events

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| July 8-13 | NSSAR 121st Annual Congress
Marriot Winston-Salem, NC |
| July 30-31 | Summer Board of Managers Meeting
Hotel: TBA, Houston, TX |
| August 26-27 | South Central District Annual Meeting
Overland Park, KS |
| October 29-30 (tent) | Fall Board of Managers Meeting
Hotel: TBA, Galveston, TX |

LATXSSAR *Business:*

Note that the minutes from the business meetings are posted on-line. Given below are just a few interesting details from our business meeting in March.

Contributions: The LATXSSAR received thank you acknowledgements for the three \$100 contributions from the Ladies Auxiliary to the C.A.R., the SAR and the National Center for Advancing American Heritage. These contributions are part of the goals of our organization to support the works of the TXSSAR and its allied causes. The funds for these contributions are budgeted from the dues payments of our members. Ladies please join LATXSSAR and help.

Membership: The paid membership as of March 2011 was 111 paid members. Members who have not paid dues in two years will be dropped from the roster. Several members attending who paid at the meeting were not counted in this number.

SAR chapters are encouraged to conduct a membership drive at their local meetings. One does not have to attend state meeting to be an LATXSSAR member!

A membership form is included in this newsletter to assist in signing up new members.

Budget: Treasurer Barbara Barker reported that Lifetime Members Account is now listed separate from the Operating Fund. The Operating Fund has a total of \$3,188.01 and the Lifetime Member account has \$1,835.00. Five more ladies have paid a lifetime membership. This gives us an ending balance of \$5193.01.

The budget for 2011-2012, that was approved by the board and presented at the last meeting was approved.

The total income is \$700.00.

Expenses are as follows:

Contributions \$300
 Chaplain Expense \$25
 Hospitality Suite \$150
 Postage etc. \$50
 Miscellaneous \$175

Total \$700

Latest Fundraiser



Overall size 67" x 80"



Get Well

- Sunny Hall is recovering from surgery on both hips.
- Mary Lynn Johnson, who was able to join us in the fall, is dealing with COPD.
- Carol Whatley was also missed due to illness

The latest fundraiser for the 2011-2013 term is a patriotic quilt, pictured left. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Sue Lenes (contact information on website).

Tickets are one for \$2 or three for \$5. Please make all checks to LATXSSAR .

This fundraiser is conducted to support the TXSSAR Patriot Funds expenses for youth programs. Please help us raise funds for this worthy cause. Check the LATXSSAR webpage for handouts, donation forms etc.

<http://www.txssar.org/LA/proj-11.htm>



a hummingbird wind chime for her patio. (see photo above)

Evelyn Sympson, First Lady of the National SAR and President of the National Ladies Auxiliary was in attendance for our meeting. Evelyn is the wife of David Sympson, President General of the National SAR. Evelyn was presented with a gift from the Texas Ladies Auxiliary,

Evelyn brought greetings from the National organization, and described one of the fund raisers for the CAAH. Evelyn had collected recipes from Colonial times and hosted a luncheon using some of these recipes. She also plans an event for the Louisville area around Presidents Day for her project next year, and hopes to raise funds for the CAAH.

Evelyn gave an update on the CAAH, stating that the library was very beautiful and was open for business in the new location on museum row in downtown Louisville. Several states' ladies auxiliaries have raised money for the table and chairs for the library. She invited everyone to visit the center. This was Evelyn's first trip to Texas. Past President General Ed Butler took David and Evelyn on a tour of the Hill Country as they traveled from San Antonio to Dallas for this meeting.

Center for Advancing America's Heritage - Louisville, KY

Two years ago LATXSSAR conducted a campaign to support the Center for Advancing America's Heritage. Members and chapters were encouraged to donate to a fund to purchase furniture for the Center's new library. Certificates were awarded to donors in four categories. The campaign was very successful. A check was sent to the center to be used for the purchase of a library table. Well ladies that table is in place in the new library and looks gorgeous.

Early reports from members say this library is loaded with great reference material and is a must visit for serious researchers.

The plaque recognizing our gift (see below) is on the end of the table. A list of the donors on the LATXSSAR web page.



Fellowship



First Lady Evelyn Sympson discusses activities at the national level.



Pictured above, Marilyn Walker is swearing in the new term LATXSSAR officers present: Linda Edwards, Suzanne Fife, Sue Lenes and Catherine Massey.

Barbara Baker, below, is checking the refreshments. The ladies have found the cookies and coffee are quite a draw for husbands.



Pictured above: Sitting around waiting for the men's meeting to end.

It is a time to share photos of vacations, grandchildren and generally catch up.

Pictured l-r: Barbara Stevens, Barbara Baker, Suzanne Fife, Eileen Walcik, Nancy Schwart (standing), Kaye Stone, June Everheart, Marilyn Walker, Wanda White.



Pictured left l-r: June Everheart, Dene Copeland, Sue Lenes, Marge Dersheimer, Mary Louise Gulley

Food



Pictured above: Catherine Massey, JaAnn Alderman, Linda Edwards, Barbara Baker, Suzanne Fife, Billie Brock, Betty Luna.



Pictured below: Sandi Craig, Lou Ellen Roach, Judy West, Eileen Walcik, Sylvia Marrs, Wanda White and June Everheart.





Wanda White and Judy West stroll along a path.



Zipra Morgan with camera, Anna Lee with bag, a wave from Dianne Jones, Mickey Jo Lawrence (wave only) and Barbara Stevens.



Suzanne Fife, Billie Brock and Wanda White, are pictured above

To the right: Marilyn Walker, June Everheart, Judy West and standing Nancy Schwart enjoy the view from a bench on the hill





Anna Lee and Mickey Jo Lawrence



Judy West and June Everheart rest and enjoy the view.



Anna Lee, Mickey Jo Lawrence and Optra Morgan



Judy West, Barbara Baker, Linda Edwards & Wanda White



The Dallas Arboretum

Having Fun & Socializing



First Lady Dianne Jones poses with H. Ross Perot who was awarded the Gold Good Citizenship award from TXSSAR. Perot requested this photo.

Retiring First Lady Dianne Jones presents incoming First Lady Sylvia Marris with the book, "Why Stop" to help plan their travels across Texas in Bill's upcoming term. The gift, a tradition started by outgoing First Lady Judy West, will be invaluable as Sylvia tells Bill just where to go. Jim Jones says this book encourages that!



Pictured right; Carol Radcliff at the banquet with her hubby Mike. We were so glad to see Carol is feeling better. She says that she **might** be retiring from teaching soon. That will give her more time to play. Way to go Carol.



Ann Mitchell poses with hubby Jim before the banquet Saturday where he was awarded the Patriot Medal.

Pictured bottom left at the Youth Awards Luncheon: Billie Brock, wife of Lindsey Brock, from Florida Registrar General, Suzanne Fife and Mickey Jo Lawrence, both wives of national officers and LATXSSAR members.

Our Ladies Auxiliary members are always ready to assist. Pictured below former First Lady Mickey Jo Lawrence and Barbara Stevens hand out the drink tickets at the President's reception on Friday night.



With Our Spouses



Marvin and Zipra Morgan



Judy and George West with Catherine Massey



Don and Kaye Stone



James & Pat Taylor (back Pete & Sue Lenex)



A Time for Celebration:

Jack and Katherine Morton, of the Freedom Chapter, chose to celebrate two milestones with their SAR friends. First, they celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday. This is awesome. They are such a wonderful couple. Second, after many years of volunteer work at the Montgomery County Library's Genealogy Room, they are retiring from there. As a patron of the library I can attest, their knowledge and help will be sorely missed by patrons.



Housekeeping in Colonial days was challenging to say the least. At times we all wax nostalgic about those days of our patriots. There they were enjoying the bucolic life of a planter, a city lawyer or a craftsman. They controlled their destiny right, they enjoyed life. Well, it is probably hard to sell that story to anyone in DAR or SAR. We recognize the hardships under which our ancestors lived. This page is just an attempt to share some of those times. We will try to include some tidbits about the Colonial days and a recipe from the era. The recipe will be updated so that the reader doesn't have to translate gills and such.

Below are some quotes from "The Compleat American Housewife, 1776"

- "Women are creatures without which there is no comfortable living ... it is true of them what is wont to be said of governments, that bad ones are better than none." John Cotton
- "The grand Arcanum of management can be stated in three simple rules: Let every thing be done at a proper time, keep every thing in its proper place, and put every thing to its proper use." Mary Randolph, Virginia
- "Always when you sweep a room, throw a little wet sand all over it, and that will gather up all the slew and dust, prevent it from rising, clean the boards, and save the bedding, pictures, and all other furniture from dust and dirt."
- "The stories one hears of Southern hospitality are true I do believe. I have heard of a gentleman and his wife, who, being asked to dine at a residence on St. Simon, found that during the meal a boat had been sent to Darien, fifteen miles distant, for their luggage, and that so much pleased were host, hostess, and guests with one another, that their stay was prolonged until two children had been born to the visiting couple."

Sally Lunn Bread

Sally Lunn bread was a "receipt" brought to the colonies from their English hearths. It was originally baked in Sally's ovens in Bath, England. It was a favorite in Gatsby's Tavern in Alexandria, Virginia. Gatsby's hosted the likes of Washington, Jefferson, Randolph and most of the other Founding Fathers.

"Bread is that article of food of the first necessity, combining the sustaining powers of the animal and vegetable kingdoms in one product. In these Colonies we have as many breads as there are fish in the sea. The good cook should know a variety and be skillful in the use of her brick oven." Compleat American Housewife, 1776

Sally Lunn Bread

1 pkg active dry yeast
 ¼ cup warm water
 ½ cup hot milk
 2/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
 2 tbs sugar
 ¾ tsp salt
 2 cups all purpose flour
 2 eggs well beaten

Dissolve the yeast in warm water. In a separate bowl, pour hot milk over butter, sugar and salt.

When the butter has melted, stir in ½ cup flour.

Beat until smooth.

Add the yeast mixture; mix well.

Add half of the remaining flour and beat until no lumps remain.

Add eggs; beat hard.

Add remaining flour and beat vigorously at least 5 minutes.

Scrape down batter from the sides of the bowl. Cover the bowl, and allow rising in a warm place until doubled in size – about 45 minutes.

When doubled, beat again at least 5 minutes, and then spoon into a greased 1 ½ quart ring mold or Turk's head mold. Cover and let rise again until doubled.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes, or until golden brown. Yield: One ring loaf.

LATXSSAR WEBSITE



The Ladies Auxiliary wishes to take this opportunity to thank Compatriot Charles Baker. Several years ago when Compatriot Baker was the TXSSAR webmaster, he met with our group and proposed setting up a webpage for our organization. We wish to recognize his contribution in the initial design of our web page and the years he has maintained it.

We are now transitioning to the current TXSSAR webmaster, Ray Cox. We are doing this to ensure that we stay current with the technology used by TXSSAR. Therefore, when you visit the site you will see a different look, one more consistent with the overall look of the men's site. Visit the website and check it out: <http://www.txssar.org/LA/index.htm>

You will find all of the business and projects of our organization there, plus membership forms and other information.

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Sue retired from a local area city after 19 years of service. She was the City Secretary at the time of her retirement. She joined the Ladies Auxiliary to support Pete's interest in the SAR. She says that she really enjoys the friendship and camaraderie of the ladies in our organization.

Sue enjoys reading, playing bridge and working with philanthropic organizations supporting educational programs and military veterans.

Secretary: Suzanne Fife: Suzanne Homan Fife was born in



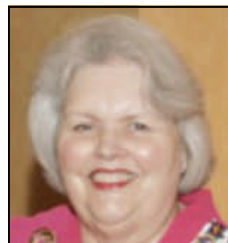
Fairfax, Oklahoma. She attended Oklahoma State University and graduated with a BS degree in Elementary Education. She has taught in Golden, Colorado and Kingwood, TX. She has been very involved with DAR on the State and National level. At the present time she is serving as the Texas Society's DAR Good Citizen Chairman. I first heard

about the Ladies Auxiliary when I was in Tulsa at a South Central SAR meeting (Harry was giving a program to the men) several years ago and then later when we went to National. Suzanne belongs to the Sarah Maples Chapter in Mabank and served as their Regent four years. She is interested in DAR, genealogy, reading and traveling.

Suzanne and Harry met in Richardson and will have been married 29 years on September 11th. They lived in Saudi Arabia for three years during Harry's employment with Shell Oil. While living in Saudi they did extensive traveling on that side

of the world. Suzanne and Harry have a combined family of four children and six grandchildren.

Chaplain, Mary Louise Gulley: Mary Louise is a



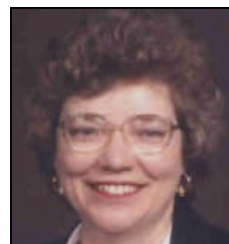
native Texan born in Tyler (note she goes by both names). Her father was with Humble (now ExxonMobil) so she got to see places like Mobile and Tallahassee while growing up. She attended high school in Tyler and college at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. Her BA is in Christian Education. She, like her

father, worked for ExxonMobil, retiring from there in 2001. She has been doing some contract work for them the past three years.

Mary Louise met her husband John at a young adult Sunday school class at First Methodist Church in Houston. They have been married 48 years and have a daughter and son. Their daughter Lynnette Gulley is a LATXSSAR member and a member of the Tejas Chapter of DAR. Their son John (Trip) is a member of SAR. The children, born in Missouri, are unforgiving for not being born in Texas!

Mary Louise's husband John and son Trip are members of the Bernardo de Galvez chapter in Galveston. She became involved in LATXSSAR when her husband invited her to join him at the state meetings. She is currently Regent of the George Washington DAR Chapter of Galveston.

Mary Louise loves counted cross stitch, knitting, and genealogy.



Parliamentarian, Kaye Stone;

Kaye was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Texas in 1971. She has lived in Houston 10 years, Edna for 10 years and the Conroe/The Woodlands area for 20 years. So it looks like she has finally settled down.

Kaye began law school in 1972 and has been an attorney since 1977. She admits that she always roots for, and sometimes represents, the underdog. She must be a sports fanatic in the Houston area with both the Texans and the Astros!

Kaye became interested in the LATXSSAR when Wanda White recruited her at the 116th National Convention in Dallas.

Kay's first husband Gary died in 1989, and in 2004 she married Compatriot Donald Stone. Their family includes his daughters Jennifer and Sara and grandchildren, Emily and Andrew.

Her interests include piano, poetry, and DAR. And, of course, even if she didn't mention, SAR, right? We see her out with Don at events as often as she can manage it.

Linda Edwards, Treasurer/Registrar, will be featured next



Barbara Stevens on Undertaker



Officers for the year: Marilyn Walker, President, Linda Edwards, VP, Dianne Jones, Secretary, Sylvia Marrs, Chaplin, Barbara Baker, Treasurer, June Everheart, Historian and Henrietta Slagle, Parliamentarian



President Marilyn Walker presents a check for \$500 to SAR President Geo. West to support the Patriot Fund



Left: Sylvia Marrs, Dianne Jones, Conni Barker & Barbara Stevens

You will note that the Ladies always have fun at the meetings. This meeting featured a trip to a western movie set and animal park. We had a wagon ride to see the animals and enjoyed the "Old West" ranch.

Send in your guess. The first to answer correctly will be recognized in the next issue..



Lunch front table: Marilyn Walker, Dianne Jones, Linda Edwards & Henrietta Slagle. Table behind to left: J. Everheart, Susan Fife, Anna Lee, ?, Elaine Ashburn Table behind to right: Earlene Pugh, Maxine Heath, Barbara Baker, Freda Tillman, Mary Lynn Johnson, Table behind center: ?, Janice Seidule, Sylvia Mars, ?, Kaye Stone, Wanda White. (The other's faces are just turned so editor cannot accurately identify. Corrections/additions will be added to on-line version)



Joanne Robinette on Undertaker.

LATXSSAR NEEDS YOU!

Take several copies of this membership form to your chapter meetings!

The purpose of the Texas Auxiliary is to maintain an association of eligible ladies who are interested in the patriotic, historical, and educational objectives and purposes of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution or TXSSAR, to foster fellowship among relatives of TXSSAR members, to be of help to TXSSAR and its chapters when asked, and to help further the objectives and patriotic activities of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

[Please fill out this form and submit with your dues]

Member Information

Date:					
Name:					
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
e-mail		Telephone:			
		Cell:			

TXSSAR Information

SAR Chapter Affiliation	
SAR City:	
SAR Contact:	
SAR Contact Relationship:	

Dues Submission

Please select annual dues or lifetime membership

<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Dues	\$5.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership	\$100.00	
Amount Paid:		

Send Application and dues check to:

Linda Edwards, Treasurer/Registrar
2813 McCarley
Commerce, TX 75428