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OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE

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From the President's Desk



Carl Tanner

A number of meeting activities have occurred since my last note in the newsletter, each having some influence on your chapter and the direction in which we will be taking. Chronologically, these have been:

Saturday, May 19, 2007
March Chapter Meeting
Double Tree Hotel
1075 Holcomb Bridge Rd.
Roswell, GA
8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Meeting
Speaker:
WALT WOLLIVER
"Roswell Remembers"

Upcoming Events

Color Guard Highlights

May 5 — Jordan Holcombe Grave Marking, Gainesville, GA

June 9 — Ramsour Mill Celebration, Lincolnton, N.C.

The meeting agenda would be provided by the chapter president with minutes prepared by the chapter Secretary.

- Improvements are needed in welcoming visitors and in particular with making new members integrated with the experienced members of the chapter.

- Establishment of a phone committee to facilitate communications within the chapter between meeting dates.

Our first chapter meeting took place on March 17 at the twin Oaks Hotel in Roswell. The guest speaker was Judge Maurice Hilliard who gave a very entertaining and informative talk on the legal side of life for citizens who generally steer clear of this side of life. One of the observations to appear as a result of this meeting was that our chapter's

Saturday, June 16, 2007
June Chapter Meeting
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8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Meeting
Speaker:
DAVID SULLIVAN
Storytelling Festival



growth, while pleasing, appears to present a new problem—that of assuring that we will continue to have sufficient meeting space. During the meeting it was necessary to bring in additional chairs. This was even with several members from our chapter not attending the chapter meeting due to a need for them to appear at the anniversary of the battle of Guilford Courthouse. Future meetings will need to be monitored and planned closely.

The Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution Board of Managers Meeting/ Annual meeting was held on Saturday March 31. Among several highpoints of this meeting, two stand out:

- Awards
- Address by the National president.

Awards presented to the Piedmont Chapter included the following:

- Poster Award, No 1 in State Competition
 - BG Robert L. Scott, Jr.
 - Veterans Award
 - 2006 Chapter Americanism Award with Blue and Red Streamer
- Georgia Society Grave Marking Streamer with 7 gold and 4 white stars

The National President of the Sons of the American Revolution stressed heavily the fact that retaining memberships is a serious problem. This true not only of local chapters but is also true of state societies and of every state throughout the nation. Although it is also true of the Piedmont Chapter we have begun to address this problem and will continue to do so.

While we begin to work on this problem it is important how we are to approach changes that are correct for our chapter. We do not care to shoot our self in the foot. We want to develop a chapter that is enjoyable to belong to, enjoyable to participate in its activities,

is open to members selecting activities in which to participate, and accomplish these by being a competitive chapter which attains many awards recognizing our accomplishments. You will be hearing more about this in days to come. I seek you thoughts on this subject.

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JIM MCINTIRE
Vice President, Piedmont Chapter

COMING EVENTS

I read in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution the other day that between the years 2000 and 2006, the Atlanta Metro Area added more newcomers than any other Metro area in the United States – 890, 000. I don’t doubt it. Most of them are riding up and down Georgia Hwy 400. Others are trying to find the end of I-285. Obviously this is great for our local economy. There is a down side to this, however, that I have been hearing about for years. Both in the newspapers and in individual conversations I have heard the complaint that in the Atlanta area it is difficult to meet

people, form friendships and develop a sense of community. We in the Piedmont Chapter are pledged this year to address that problem for our members and friends. The emphasis is going to be on Family, Place and Honor. I guess my Southern roots are showing.

We recently moved into quarters at the Double Tree Hotel in Roswell that are not only larger than those in which we previously met, but that provide for expansion when circumstances require. We are calling folks. Hopefully we are welcoming folks. We are feeding folks. It is now official policy that spouses and family members as well as members of the DAR and the CAR are invited to attend any of our meetings in which they have an interest. To stimulate that interest our programs will focus on community awareness and involvement. You will recall that the speaker for our first program in this new year was the Honorable Maurice Hilliard, Municipal Court Judge for the City of Roswell. His presentation was not only informative but also contained a healthy dose of humor. We had to bring in extra chairs.

Our April program was a presentation by Dr. Harold McPheeters on the use of DNA research in the pursuit of genealogy. Enthusiasm for that program began to build as soon as word got out. Several of us were told by our wives that they didn’t care whether we went to the meeting or not – they were going!

Future programs will include a video presentation of Roswell Remembers by Walt Woliver, Co-Chairman of the Roswell Memorial Day Committee in May. (For more information see <http://www.roswellmemorialday.com/>). If you can keep a dry eye while watching this video, you will have done better than my wife and I did. Our Color Guard participates in this event every year. This year the Martha Stewart Bulloch Chapter, DAR has been invited for the first time to join with us in the events leading up to and including the ceremony. It is hoped that the video will stimulate interest on the part of our two Chapters’ members to join with us.

Every June the Roswell Folk and Heritage Bureau hosts the Roswell Magnolia Storytelling Festival <http://>





www.cvbroswell.gaus/storytelling.html. For the first time we will have a presence there. Bob Sapp will be presenting a genealogical workshop and we will have a shared tent with the DAR to present ourselves to the community, a good number of whom are teachers. What an opportunity to pursue our poster and oratorical contests and to introduce ourselves to teachers with whom we can arrange speaking engagements! As an introduction to the event David Sullivan, an Old Time Roswellian and frequent participant in the Festival, will be our speaker. For those of you who enjoyed Judge Hilliard, I must warn you, David is more of the same. I have listened to David and Maurice at several previous festivals and found it difficult sometimes to hear what was being said because of the laughter.

Some, but not all, of us have and celebrate our Scottish Roots. All of us, however, enjoy a good speaker who is having as good a time speaking as we are having listening. Our July speaker will be Frank Shaw, President of the Saint Andrews Society of Atlanta who will be speaking about his favorite topic, Scottish Heritage.

The Alpharetta Old Soldiers' Day Parade occurs on the first Saturday in August. Check the web at <http://alpharetta.gaus/index.php?m=calendar&id=210&date=1186231500>. As usual we will participate again in this event with the CAR and DAR. Our speaker for the August meeting will be Malone Dodson, minister for many years at Roswell United Methodist Church, who, though now retired, is still actively involved in the community and continues to be loved and respected by all who know him. I have started preliminary steps to putting together a pot luck picnic with a blue grass band for the CAR/DAR/SAR towards the end of summer. Hopefully it will embody the theme I have chosen for my year as Vice President – lightning bugs, fried chicken and young'uns playing in the yard.

Having spent the spring and summer focusing on fun and community participation, we will turn our attention to more serious matters during the fall and

winter. Confirmed speakers for that period include:

- Lynn Riley, Member of the Fulton County Commission and a resident of North Fulton County; and,
- Karen Handel, Georgia Secretary of State and also a resident of North Fulton County.

I have other prospects, but I don't want to name them until they are confirmed. I hope this approach, which represents turning in a new direction for our Chapter, will be met with approval and will result in our having a Chapter that enjoys a sense of fraternity, intellectual stimulation and shared values. I must warn you, however, that I am subject to occasional fits of enthusiasm. I hope we will all become so afflicted. Comments and suggestions from our membership will be gladly received.



**MEET CARL BHAME
Piedmont Chapter Secretary**

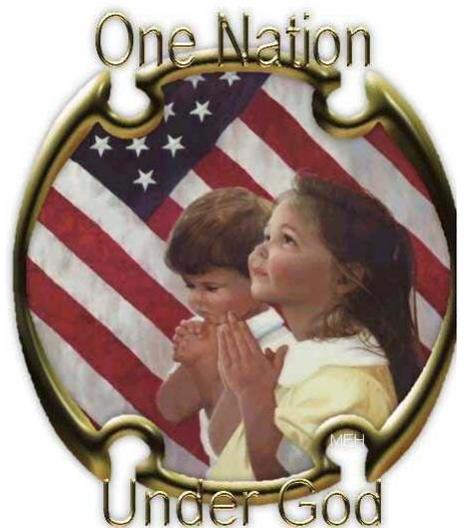
Carl and his wife Linda both were born and raised in western Pennsylvania thirty miles north of Pittsburgh. Her town was Zelenople, and his was next to it, Harmony, which is much easier to pronounce, but even smaller. They attended high school together. Harmony had its own elementary school way back then, and its own baseball field to which Carl and his three brothers would go for competitive play in the Butler County League. High school

and working on farms added to the discipline of early years.

The two communities were to a degree German-speaking until WWI. His patriot lineage is through the Ziegler family to Abraham Heistand who lived in eastern PA near Zionsville and Allentown. Abraham was a private in the PA 1st Infantry. The trips to find the relevant grave sites are another story, as many of you will also understand and remember fondly. The Ziegler tree had been published in 1970 by Trudy Ziegler, but the book sat on our bookshelf until Linda rediscovered it six years ago. She knew she had a patriot ancestor, but the Ziegler book got us both into the DAR/SAR search process. Where would we be without a good woman?

Carl earned a Chemical Engineering degree from the University of Cincinnati on the co-op program, doing his coop work at the very odiferous plant of Pittsburgh Coke and Chemical Company. When an opportunity arose to attend Carnegie Mellon's graduate school he pursued that to earn an MBA in 1958. In those cold war years there was a need for study teams doing military operations research, so that seemed to be a good alternative to other forms of service. He and Linda spent 8 years in Hampton VA (Fort Monroe) and Washington DC. She taught school at Fort Monroe while he did weapons studies and war gaming that was focused on the use of special weapons and nuclear war in Europe in 1982. One of his projects in Washington was the publication of the handbook of nuclear weapons effects for reference by

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The Joint Chiefs of Staff, based on then-current test results.

Forty years ago they moved to their present home in Atlanta to work in the apparel and textile industries as a consultant with Kurt Salmon Associates. That work led to consulting with Coopers and Lybrand, and finally with American Software where he retired after 25 years as vice president. In the later years the work became almost always systems-oriented related to materials management and demand forecasting. He coauthored a text book on forecasting systems for operations management in 1991. The systems developed during his tenure are still being used in many businesses. He occasionally does consulting work with his former employer, but retirement has become very enjoyable. Linda retired from her Fulton County teaching work in 1998.

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Memories for Memorial Day

As we celebrate Memorial Day on May 28 it is well to remember that our Chapter has a connection with three members of the military who are buried in Arlington National Cemetery. All three are relatives of Skip Gray, his dad and two great uncles named Heidt. Skip has another great uncle interred at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

All of Skip's uncles were colonels. His father was a First Lieutenant in the Army Air Force who died in Manila when he was 27 years old.

Skip can be rightfully proud of this wonderful heritage.

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They Walk Among Us

My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car. It is designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped.

She keeps it in the trunk.

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**REVISED COLOR GUARD SCHEDULE
May and June 2007**

5 May - Jordan Holcombe Grave Marking, Gainesville, GA

11 May - Immigration & Naturalization Ceremony, Atlanta, GA

19 May - Piedmont Chapter Meeting, Roswell, GA

19 May - Kings Ridge Academy Flag Raising, Milton, GA

26 May - Boy Scout Day, Marietta National Cemetery, Marietta, GA

28 May - Memorial Day, Roswell, GA

2 June - Grave Marking, Casimir Pulaski Chapter

9 June - Ramsour's Mill Battle Celebration, Lincolnton, NC

16 June - Piedmont Chapter Meeting, Roswell, GA

For more information about the Piedmont Chapter Color Guard contact Color Guard Commander Paul Prescott at 770-360-5766 or by E-mail at prescotp@bellsouth.net

Give God what's right, not what's left!

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

He who angers you, controls you!

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FOR LOVERS OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.

A backward poet writes inverse.

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.

Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

Shotgun wedding - a case of wife or death.

A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

When two egoists meet It's an I for an I.

A bicycle can't stand on it's own because it is two tired.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

What's the definition of a Will? It's a dead giveaway.

In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

A lot of money is tainted - t'aint yours And t'aint mine. (T'aint it the truth!)

Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

__Submitted by Billie Vidmar



A Proclamation Patriots Day

Whereas, April 19, 1775 is a momentous day in our nation’s history; and

Whereas, in the early hours of that day, three patriots—Paul Revere, William Dawes and Dr. Samuel Prescott—rode through the streets of Massachusetts to warn fellow colonists that British troops had been assembled and were advancing with the intention of capturing patriot leaders and military stores; and

Whereas, answering this alarm, men and women congregated on the Village Green in Lexington on the morning of April 19, 1775, took up arms and commenced the struggle that would end England’s control of the American colonies; and

Whereas, “the shot heard ‘round the World was fired in Concord by determined patriots ... who confronted the Redcoats and ultimately forced the British to turn back at North bridge; and

Whereas, minutemen, militia and colonists from cities and towns throughout the commonwealth joined forces ... and overpowered the retreating British; and

Whereas, it is appropriate that we recognize the importance of this day in our history ... for that decisive battle; and

Whereas, the Piedmont Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution . . . Reminds us of the courage and sacrifice of our founders who pledged their lives, fortunes and a sacred honor to bestow the blessings of liberty upon this great state and nation.

NOW THEREFORE, I Lillian Webb, Mayor of the City of Norcross, do proclaim **April 19, 2007 as Patriots Day** and urge all Georgians to become more knowledgeable of the role the Revolution played in the history of our great nation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Executive Department this 9th day of April, 2007.
Signed: Lillian Webb, Mayor



City Governments Proclaim April 19 as Patriots Day

At the City Council Meetings in Norcross and Roswell on April 9 proclamations virtually identical to the one at the left were read aloud, and Piedmont representatives were invited to tell of the aims and work of the SAR. Shown above with Norcross Mayor Lillian Webb and a council member are Compatriots Paul Simpson and Scott Ray. Shown below at the Roswell City Council Meeting are Compatriots Bob Shaw, Jim McIntire, Jack Ferguson, and Bob Sapp. Our Chapter was also represented at council meetings in Alpharetta and Cumming.





CAMELIA SIMS
Fascinating Facts About Our
First President

Each year as we celebrate George Washington's birthday it is natural to be curious about the man behind the face on the dollar bill. As the general who won the Revolutionary War, he became a celebrity in his own time. As the Commander-in-Chief, and later the first President of the United States, he showed us what democracy is, by refusing to hold on to power even when some urged him to do so. This new experiment in governing was rooted in the radical ideas of freedom and balance of power to prevent tyranny.

Washington was 57 years old when he became the first president of the United States in 1789. Eight years later, in March 1797, he retired from the presidency and returned to Mount Vernon, his beloved home in the Virginia countryside. Yet, the two hundred years since have not diminished Washington's accomplishments or his importance to our nation.

President Washington did not have an example to follow as he developed the new federal government. But he was up to the challenge, and he worked hard to build the new republic. He led the new nation and established a balanced system of governing that continues today. He established the orderly and peaceful transfer of power from one president to the next, a great accomplishment for his time, as well as our time, when there still exist nations where transfer of power happens only after revolutions, armed interventions, or

assassinations.

Many important events occurred during Washington's eight years as president. These, however, are some of the lesser-known but fascinating facts about the Washington presidency:

Washington did not campaign at all for the presidency, yet he was elected the first President of the United States. It took him two weeks to learn the election results, and then unofficially through a friend's letter. The official notification took two months to reach him, when the Secretary to the Congress delivered it in person.

There were no political parties at that time, and Washington did not pick his vice president. John Adams, the candidate with the second highest total of votes, automatically became the Vice President.

Washington took his oath of office in New York City, which was the first capital of the United States.

President Washington refused a salary and asked Congress only to pay his expenses.

Mary Ball Washington, George Washington's mother, died during his first year as president.

In May 1790 President Washington became gravely ill. Straw was laid on the street in front of his house to dull the noise of footsteps and passing carriages so that the President could rest.

During his second year in office the capital of the United States was moved from New York to Philadelphia.

During Washington's first term as President, celebrations of his birthday became a custom. Even small towns had some banquet in Washington's honor.

At the end of his four-year term Washington longed to retire, but people pleaded with him that the new nation still had great need of him. Washington did not campaign for a second term, but he did not publicly refuse his reelection, which was taken to mean acceptance.

In 1793 Washington was unanimously re-elected. His second inaugural address is the shortest one to date, only 135 words long.

President Washington was criticized a lot during his second term, and some in the press bitterly attacked him and his policies.

During his presidency Washington often asked Congress to build a national university, but it was not done.

Washington's famous Farewell Address was not a speech, but a 6,000 word editorial printed in a newspaper in September 1796.

Although George Washington's presidency ended more than two hundred years ago, his influence on that office remains. President Washington is still the standard by which all the other presidents are measured.

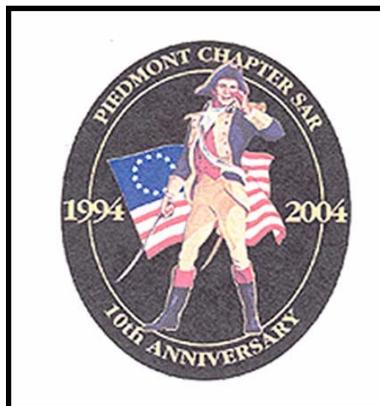
—The foregoing article was written by Camelia Sims and Laura Gore, who are the co-authors of George Washington: A timeless Hero (www.zanaworld.com)

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The Four Stages of Life

1. You believe in Santa Claus.
2. You don't believe in Santa Claus.
3. You are Santa Claus.
4. You look like Santa Claus.

—Anon





JAMES MCLEROY GRAVE MARKING

Members of the Athens, Lyman Hall and Piedmont Chapters gathered recently at First Baptist Church, Bogart, GA to honor the grave of James “Jim” McLeroy, former president of the Lyman Hall Chapter. Jim grew up in Bogart, served a year in the U.S. Air Force in Korea, and served many years as a civic leader. Under his leadership the magnificent monument of George Washington at Washington and Green Streets in Gainesville was dedicated. Scenes from this beautiful service are depicted above and below.





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The Piedmont Chapter serves communities of the northern suburbs of Atlanta, Georgia including Cobb, Forsyth, Cherokee and Northern Fulton County. Meetings are held monthly throughout the year on the third Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the Double Tree Hotel, 1075 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, Georgia. Most members choose to arrive by 8:00 a.m. to enjoy breakfast together. The cost is \$15.00 each.

Prospective members are always welcome at monthly membership meetings. Men and boys who are interested in documenting their relationship to their American Revolutionary ancestors and in joining an active group with similar interests are urged to contact the **Chapter Registrar, Robert A. Sapp at 770-971-0189** or any other chapter officer.
(Youth Memberships are available for applicants under 18).

Please send all inquires and suggestions to the editor at the address shown below.

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