



## Ladies Auxiliary Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution



### President Sue Lenes



*Sue Lenes, LATXSSAR President, is a DAR member of the George Washington Chapter in Galveston. Sue's husband, John P. "Pete" Lenes is Past President of the Bernardo de Galvez #1 in Galveston.*

Twenty eight members and guests attended the LATXSSAR meeting on Saturday, April 06, 2013 in Dallas, Texas. First Lady Kim Clark and her daughter Ashley were in attendance. Special guests were Janet Leishman, wife of NSSAR President General, Stephen A. Leishman, Billie Brock, NSSAR Parliamentarian and wife of Lindsay C. Brock, NSSAR Treasurer General, and Cilla Leed Tomme, NSSAR Chaplain and wife of J. Michael Tomme Sr., NSSAR Registrar General.

A special thank you was given to Barbara and Charles Baker for the work and planning of the Ladies tour on Friday to the Perot Museum of

Nature and Science. All members expressed their gratitude to the hostesses for the wonderful amenities in the hospitality room.

Special recognition was given to Barbara Stevens for the many hours she devoted in creating the beautiful quilt for our Patriot Fund raffle. Barbara donated her time and efforts asking for no compensation. Barbara was given a certificate of appreciation at the Saturday night banquet. Due to the efforts of LATXSSAR Auxiliary members who sold tickets for the quilt, the Auxiliary was able to give the Patriot Fund a check for \$3,046.00. [\$3333 after sales that day.]

Sylvia Marrs was recognized as top sales person with over \$1,000.00 in sales. The winning ticket was drawn at the Saturday Night Banquet. The winner was Michael Chapline. Mr. Chapline has submitted his application for membership in the Major K.M. Van Zandt #6 chapter of the TXSSAR.

A new committee for the next Patriot Fund project was appointed. Judy West will chair the committee with members Jane Cohen and Maxine Heath. The Patriot Fund supports the youth programs of the Texas society including the following:

- CAR Essay Awards
- Knight Essay Contest Awards
- Oration Contest Awards
- Eagle Scout Awards
- ROTC/JROTC Awards
- Sea Cadets Awards

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# Meet Your Officers



## President: Sue Lenes

Sue was born in Goose Creek, Texas, now Baytown. She is third generation Texan. Her husband is John P "Pete" Lenes past President of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter #1, TXSSAR. Sue is a member of George Washington Chapter of the DAR in Galveston, Texas. She and Pete have been married for 41 plus years. They have a blended family of five children, seven grand children and seven great grand children. Their two sons and three daughters are SAR and DAR members. All five of the grandsons are SAR and two granddaughters are DAR. The oldest great grandchildren are CAR members.

Sue is an active member of several patriotic organizations. She is the immediate past Vice President of LATXSSAR. Sue joined the Ladies Auxiliary in support of her husband and his interest in TXSSAR. Sue said she really enjoys the friendship and camaraderie of the ladies in the organization.

Sue is an active member of a Garden Club, loves to read, and play bridge.

LATXSSAR owes Sue a debt of gratitude for her role as Chairwoman of the 2012-2013 Patriot Fund Project that raised \$3,333.



## Vice President: Angelia Peik

Angela retired from Pacific Bell in 2000 and moved to the Temple area of Texas from San Diego, California in 2006 to be closer to her children and grandchildren. In 2009 Angela joined the Temple, Texas Betty Martin Chapter of the DAR. She has held the position of Chapter Historian and presently hold the position of Recording Secretary. Angela also volunteers at the V.A. Hospital in Temple, Texas. Angela is the wife of Compatriot Larry Peik. Larry joined the SAR in 2008 and has been active at both the local and state level.

Angela says, "I have enjoyed going to the various conventions and BOM's with him." One can recognize the pair at many lineage events, Larry has a huge camera taking photos.



## **Secretary: Eileen Walcik**

Eileen was born in Flint, Michigan but moved to Texas at the age of five. Her dad was a third generation Texan. She met her husband, Ron, in kindergarten and they went through school together. They have been married for 42 years. Military life took them to New Jersey, Berlin Germany, Georgia, and finally back to Texas. Eileen has a BBA in Business Administration from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville and a masters in Educational Administration from Tarleton State University in Stephenville. She has been teaching middle school language arts for 34 years and looking forward to retiring soon.

DAR is an important part of her family with daughters Melissa and Jaime also members of the Ensign Thomas Huling Chapter. She is currently the Vice Regent of her chapter. Her husband is a member of the Heart of Texas chapter SAR, having just finished his term as president. He is currently one of the SAR State Vice-Presidents.

If you ask her what advice she would give to someone trying to trace their family history, she would tell them to never give up. She thought at first it was hopeless to trace her mother's genealogy because her mom had been adopted as a child and her original birth records sealed. Through perseverance, Eileen was able to persuade the courts in Lansing, Michigan to give her a copy of the original birth certificate and from there was able to trace her line back to Plymouth, Massachusetts and the Mayflower.

Eileen's hobbies include reading, scrapbooking, documenting cemeteries along with daughter Melissa and genealogy. She also has two grandchildren she loves spending time with.



## **Treasurer/Registrar: Sylvia Marrs**

Sylvia was born in Wink, Texas A small town in West Texas surrounded by oil wells. She married Compatriot William M. Marrs in 1964. They have three grown children and five grandchildren.

Sylvia began her teaching career in January 1964 with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on the Navajo Indian Reservation at Nazlini, Arizona. Bill joined her there after their marriage. In 1967, Bill and Sylvia were promoted and moved to the headquarters school at Chinle. There she was given an opportunity to attend a workshop conducted by the famous Indian musician, Louis Ballard. The BIA wanted to encourage Indian youngsters to learn their own music. The Principal at

Chinle Boarding School actively encouraged the program and provided resources to enable a choir devoted to Indian music. The children sang music from all tribes. In 1970, Sylvia moved to the Chinle Public School and was encouraged to develop a full program of music to include Native American music. Her Indian choir, named Naatsiiliid Nizhoni Singers, traveled extensively, including Europe.

In 1983, Bill moved to Fort Hood to begin working for the Army and in 1984, Sylvia began her new career with the Texas Public Schools at Copperas Cove Intermediate School. There she had a highly honored choir for many years until her retirement in May, 2002.

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Sylvia currently subs for Temple ISD and stays busy with home, DAR, DRT and traveling with Bill to his many Genealogical and social organizations. If you have not had the opportunity to see one of Sylvia's Indian Programs, try to find one, the program is wonderful. See photos from one of her programs in this issue.



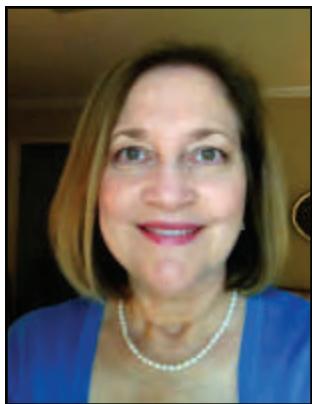
## **Chaplain: Mary Louise Golley**

Mary Louise is a native Texan, born in Tyler, Texas (note she goes by both names, named after both her grandmothers.) Her father worked for Humble (now ExxonMobil) so she lived in several places like Mobile, Alabama, and Tallahassee, Florida, while growing up. The family moved back to Tyler when she began high school. She graduated from Tyler High School in 1957 and from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, in 1961, receiving a BA in Christian Education. After graduation, she went to work for ExxonMobil in Houston and retired in 2001 with 20+ years of service.

Mary Louise met her husband John in a young adult Sunday school class at First Methodist Church in Houston. They celebrated 50 years of marriage in March 2013. They have a daughter, a son, and one grandson. Her daughter, Lynnette, joins her in LATXSSAR and DAR membership (Tejas Chapter). Both children were born in Kansas City, Missouri, while John was a YMCA Director. (They are unforgiving that they were

not born in Texas!)

Mary Louise is beginning her second term as Regent of George Washington Chapter DAR in Galveston. John is a member and former President of Bernardo de Galvez Chapter SAR #1 in Galveston, and their son Trip is also a member of Chapter #1.



## **Parliamentarian: Catherine Massey Immediate Past President, LATXSSAR**

Catherine was born in Huntsville, Texas, a fifth generation Texan. Her husband is Sam Massey, TXSSAR State Officer, Communications Secretary.

She is a DAR member in the John McKnitt Alexander Chapter of Houston and served as Regent for 2 years. She is also a member of The National Society of Colonial Dames in America in the State of Texas where she serves as Historical Activities Chairman, and is a member of Daughters of the Cincinnati. Catherine is a life member of LATXSSAR and recently served as president for 2 years. It was so much fun she accepted the Board position as Parliamentarian.

She and her husband serve in a ministry to the doctors, post docs, and medical researchers from Mainland China coming to the Med Center in Houston for a short term stay. They meet every Friday night for Chinese food and have an opportunity to teach the Chinese about Jesus and the Bible. No, she does not speak Mandarin. Other interest include gardening, art, cooking, and travel.

## **Historian/Newsletter Editor: Barbara Stevens**



Barbara was born in California to Texans. She is very proud of her Texas heritage, having at least ten ancestors who lived in the Republic of Texas. She met and married her husband Larry Stevens there. Surprisingly, Larry also has Texas heritage with eleven proven Republic of Texas ancestors (notice the rivalry?)

Larry and Barbara moved to Texas in 1977 when Shell moved the Biological Sciences Research lab to Houston from Modesto, California. Barbara worked for Shell for 30 years before retirement in 1999.

Barbara enjoys (which is not a strong enough word for her passion) genealogy. She and Larry incorporate genealogy into most vacations. They love to travel. Barbara also enjoys historical fashion, having made several colonial gowns and military uniforms. Other hobbies include painting (watercolor, oils and acrylic) and most crafts!

Barbara is a member of several lineal organizations, Daughters of the Republic of Texas (having served as Registrar General and CRT Registrar General), Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, United Daughters of 1812 and the Order of the Founders of North America—1492-1692 (Founding Secretary General.) Barbara is a life member of LATXSSAR.

**NSSAR -**  
**123rd Annual Congress**  
**Kansas City**  
*6 July – 10 July 2013*

Time is getting short before the National SAR meeting in Kansas City. If you have never been, you are missing another facet of SAR. It is a chance to meet SAR and Ladies Auxiliary leadership. You will also meet ladies from all over the nation. It is a good opportunity to exchange ideas and just kick back and enjoy.

The ladies of Missouri have been working hard to make this an event which will not be soon forgotten. One told this editor that they are using the 2006 National Meeting in Dallas as their inspiration, citing it as the best! How can one not want to support ladies with this view of the world!

They have planned tours of Kansas City, a reception in the WWI Museum. First Lady Janet Leishman is hosting a tea on Sunday afternoon and the ladies have their luncheon at the historic Webster House.

## LATXSSAR Meeting

### April 6, 2013

Minutes of the meeting are posted on the website. Given below are some highlights of the meeting:

- President Catherine Massey thanked Charles and Barbara Baker for the work they did to arrange the tour of the Perot Museum of Nature and Science.
- The wives of National officers present were
  - Janet Leishman, wife of President General Stephen Leishman
  - Billie Brock, NSSAR Parliamentarian and wife of Treasurer General Lindsey Brock
  - Cilla Tomme, NSSAR Chaplain and wife of Registrar General

Mike Tomme

- Treasurer's Report gave a balance of \$8,342.99.
- Registrar's Report: 199 current members which includes 27 lifetime members.
- The Patriot Fund Project Committee was selected. Serving on the committee will be Judy West, Chairman, Jane Cohen and Maxine Heath.
- The Quilt Project resulted in a donation of \$3,333 to the Patriots Fund.



Cilla Tomme, Melba McKee, Diane Rohrbough, Eileen Walcik, Jane Cohan, First Lady Janet Leishman, Ja Ann Alderman, Phoebe Hartline, Zipra Morgan and Judy West



At the Perot Museum: Mary Thompson, June Everhart, Marie Rorhough, Ja Anne Alderman, Carol Radcliff, Sue Lenes, Joe Dooley, Pat Taylor



*The ladies of the LATXSSAR are proud to support the Young Associates.*

*Many of our members are DAR members and have served with Lynn Journey Young during her tenure as State Regent. Lynn has also been a great supporter of SAR attending many of our functions as well as inviting SAR to attend DAR events.*

*Many LATXSSAR members plan to be in Washington D.C. to support Lynn Young as President General of DAR and to celebrate with the Texas Delegation.*



## *In Memoriam*



### Sara Katherine Morton

1 September 1924—11 Mar 2013



Katherine Morton, wife of Compatriot Jack Morton of the Freedom Chapter, departed this life on March 11. Katherine, born in Belton, was the daughter of O. H. and Erline Kellogg.

Mrs. Morton was a UT graduate, who married her life-long friend and love, Jack, in 1945. She and Jack traveled the world with his job. She was an active sportswoman and devoted mother and wife. Many will remember Katherine as an active member of the LATXSSAR and an avid genealogist. She was active in DAR, DRT, CDXVIIC and the Huguenot Society. Survivors include: husband, Jack Morton, three sons Davis Morton, Richard Morton and Harold Morton, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Katherine and Jack were active members of the The Woodland Methodist Church.



# Sylvia Marrs



## Navajo Music & Culture



Sylvia's bio is in this issue. On Friday morning during the SAR Annual meeting, Sylvia and three LATXSSAR members attended a DAR meeting where Sylvia presented her Navajo program.



Pictured above are Michael and Ginia Chapline, winners of the LATXSSAR Patriot Project Quilt. The Chaplines are from Fort Worth. Michael has recently submitted his application for membership in SAR through the Van Zandt Chapter there. He will be honoring his patriot ancestor, Jeremiah Chapline, on July 4th in Sharpsburg, MD by laying a wreath on his grave. He commented on the quilt, "The quilt is a tangible and beautiful reminder of the contribution made by our forefathers that we will always treasure. Thank you again!"

The LATXSSAR Board is excited to announce its approval of the Project Committee's recommendation for the 2013-2015 fundraiser. [Please see below.] A Phoebe Hartline quilt will be such a treasure and we look forward to seeing her design. We want to thank the committee and look forward to a very successful project.

## **Project Proposal Ladies Auxiliary TXSSAR Recommendation to the Board**

After discussion and approval by members, the Project Committee is very excited to announce a recommendation for the new fund raiser for the next two years. Phoebe Hartline (whose husband Chuck is a new member of the Panhandle Plains Chapter) has graciously agreed to donate her artistic creativity, time and materials in making a new quilt for this two year venture. Phoebe is currently working on the design using cream, red, white and blue with stars. Flyers will be ready for the October meeting in Houston with the possibility of an earlier release. The first flyers will have a caveat that the finished product might be slightly different as details are worked out during the piecing of the quilt.

Phoebe wants no reimbursement for time or materials but asks that she maintain complete artistic freedom in developing the design of the quilt – e.g., fabric type(s) and stitching style(s) will be left to Phoebe's discretion. Phoebe is an experienced Panhandle quilter having designed and completed over 50 quilts. She maintains a personal quilt workshop on her ranch between Wheeler and Canadian where her family settled in the early 1900's. Phoebe says quilt making is a personal therapy for her, and she chooses to donate this quilt as her service to the youth programs of the TXSSAR, and in honor of her husband, Chuck, and his new membership in the SAR.

Tickets should be priced at 3 for \$5, or \$2 apiece. Sales would begin in October 2013 with the final drawing to be held at least two years from that date, but the final date is at the discretion of the board.

Judy West, project chair  
Maxine Heath, member  
Jane Cohen, member  
Phoebe Hartline, quilt designer



### **LATXSSAR**

This pin is the insignia of the Texas Society of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Sons of the American Revolution. The pin was designed several years ago by Shannon Smith. It is a beautiful pin which can be worn at state and national meetings to show you are "Texas Proud." Pins can be purchased from



### **NLASAR**

This pin is the insignia of the National Society of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Sons of the American Revolution. As a member of the Texas Society one is also member of the National Society. The National Society meets during the Annual Convention of the SAR.

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Outgoing President, Catherine Massey, installed the newly elected officers. They are President Sue Lenes, Vice President, Angela Peik, Secretary, Eileen Walcik and Treasurer, Sylvia Marrs. Appointed Officers are Chaplain, Mary Louise Gulley, Parliamentarian,

Catherine Massey and Historian, Barbara Stevens.

I am looking forward to serving as your next President for two years. I feel it is a great honor to be a part of this group of ladies, and I ask for your support and prayers.

## Nancy Hart, Georgia Heroine

Nancy Hart was one of those heroines that would make an exciting movie. A plucky woman whose courage, steely wit and pioneer ways made her bravery legendary. She would have been played by one of the glamorous starlets; this would have been done an huge disservice to this woman. No one quite knows just when or where she was born, but it was probably sometime in the 1730s or 1740s in North Carolina or Pennsylvania. She was a cousin of Rev War General Daniel Morgan and her husband was related to the Hart-Benton families of Tennessee and Missouri. The families moved to Georgia in the 1770s.

She was an imposing woman. She was described as tall (six foot) and gangly, with red hair and pox marked (not unusual for the day) and crossed eyes. The Indians called her Wahatche or “war woman.” She was never slow to avenge a wrong done to family or friends. She had eight children.

One of the most famous of her exploits during the Revolutionary War happened in her cabin on the frontier of what is now Elberton Co., GA. Five or six Tories came by her cabin looking for Whigs or food. They shot her turkey and then demanded she cook it for them. While cooking she sent her daughter Sukey to



the well for water, instructing her to warn the neighbors. She fed them and wined them and when they were properly off their guard began slipping their guns out to Sukey through a hole in the wall. One of the Tories saw what they were doing and ordered her to stop. She told him to sit. He didn't and she shot him and another man who rushed her. When her husband and other men returned they hanged the rest. The Tory's skeletons were found in 1912 by road crews.

Other stories of her bravery include her service, while dressed as a man. She would enter Tory camps posing as a man who was somewhat simple. They did not consider the “slow” man a threat and carried on their business while she was there. She reported her intelligence to the patriots. Some stories place Nancy Hart at the Battle of Kettle Creek.

*Our Chaplain Mary Louise Gulley requests that you please let her know of members or members spouses in need of get well, sympathy or encouragement cards.*



*Our members and their families are so important to us.*

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# Remember When?



2007 the LATXSSAR does Dallas. A visit to the home used to film the Ewing family. What a treat. Pictured standing: Dianne Jones, Anna Lee, Judy Adair, Wanda White, Connie Barker Seated: Lynn Dene Copeland , Marilyn Walker, Barbara Stevens and Suzanne Fife



Shannon Smith, Dene Copeland, Lynn,  
Judy West



Above: Wanda White, Judy Adair, Suzanne Fife and Anna Lee

Left: Freida, Henrietta Slagle, Katherine Morton, Nancy Schwart



## **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 [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:

**Sylvia Marrs, Treasurer/Registrar**

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