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Upcoming Events

Feb 15, 2014 – Chapter Meeting @ 2:00 pm
Mar 1, 2014 – District I Workshop 9 am (Bayland)
Mar 2, 2014 – Texas Heroes Day
Mar 15, 2014 – Chapter Meeting @ 2:00 pm
Mar 22, 2014 – Texas Historical Marker Dedication
Confederate Women's Home (Austin)
Apr 19, 2014 – Chapter Meeting @ 2:00 pm
Apr 26, 2014 – Confederate Veteran's Memorial Day



February 1	Dona Worth
February 5	Linda Moore
February 13	Dara Broussard
February 15	Janie Barenscheer
February 17	Janice Langford
February 28	Harold Sprawls
March 2	Cynthia Hooks
March 7	Donna Humke
March 12	Sandi Sprawls
April 13	Susan Garrett
April 23	Frances Woodruff
April 25	Lindsey Adams





Chapter News

January was an icy cold & busy month. We had five chapter members travel to Salado, Texas for the 2014 Forum meeting. Several stopped along the way to take photos of Markers and Monuments. This year's Forum was very informative. Due to the icy conditions quite a few were unable to make it. The Chairmen that were there gave instructions on what they were looking for and how to fill out their forms. The Officers also discussed what they needed from the Chapters and took questions.



Barbara Slover & Lois Lowe



Cynthia Hardy & Ann Johnson

On the way to Forum, President Cynthia Hardy dropped off 9 boxes to be mailed to the soldiers overseas for Valentine's Day. This brings the total of boxes this term to 19 sent overseas. We will be putting together another shipment in May with a Memorial Day / July 4th theme. Be sure to start saving up items for these boxes. Ask your co-workers, family and friends if they would like to contribute to the boxes. We have already received an email from one of these soldiers thanking us and sending a photo of their unit. It is attached in the back for your pleasure.

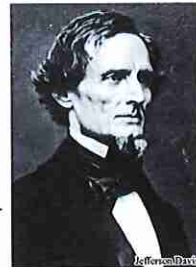
On January 19th we lost, chapter member, Gaye Scherz. Several chapter members attended her Memorial Service in Katy. Gaye's smiling face will be missed. She really enjoyed attending our Christmas Luncheon each year.

Hope to see everyone at the February chapter meeting.

HISTORICAL TIDBITS

The Confederate Government is Formed

On February 6, 1861, the six seceded states—South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, soon to be joined by Texas—sent delegates to Montgomery, Alabama, to attend a constitutional convention. Two days later a constitution was adopted which mirrored, in its language, the Constitution of the United States.



On February 9th, the convention chose Jefferson Davis as President of the Confederate States of America, with Alexander H. Stevens, of Georgia, as Vice-President. A week later, on February 18, Mr. Davis appeared on the steps of the Alabama State House and delivered his inaugural address, stating a hope for peace, and relying for it on a principle of nature, not of law:

"I enter upon the duties of the office with the hope that the beginning of our career, as a Confederacy, may not be obstructed by hostile opposition to our separate existence, which, with the blessing of Providence, we intend to maintain.

"Our present political position illustrates the *American* idea that governments rest on the consent of the governed, and that it is the right of the people to alter or abolish them at will whenever they become destructive of the ends for which they were established." In the case of the Union, of course, those "ends" were expressed to be: to establish "justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty for ourselves (not including African Negro slaves) and our posterity." The Constitution of the Confederacy embraced these same predicates as the basis of its government.

President Davis, in his address, explained the theory of *American* government as he understood it, this way: "The *right* proclaimed at the birth of the United States recognizes in the people the *power* to resume the authority delegated. Thus the sovereign States here represented have proceeded to form this Confederacy; and it is by abuse of language that their act has been denominated a revolution. They formed a new alliance, *but within each State its government has remained, so that the rights of persons and property have not been disturbed.* The agent through which they communicated with foreign nations has changed, but this does not necessarily interrupt their international relations. If we may not hope to avoid war, we may at least expect that posterity will acquit us if we fail".

The Confederate President's Cabinet - Mr. Davis selected as his cabinet, Mr. Toombs of Georgia, Secretary of State, Mr. Mallory of Florida, Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Benjamin of Louisiana, Attorney General, Mr. Reagan of Texas, Postmaster General, Mr. Memminger of South Carolina, Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr. Walker of Alabama, Secretary of War. On February 25th,



President Davis appointed three men—A.B. Roman, Martin J. Crawford, and John Forsyth—to act as his envoys or "commissioners," to travel to Washington and present themselves to the Union government; in Davis's words, "to the end that by negotiation all questions between the two governments might be resolved peaceably." Mr. Forsyth arrived first in Washington, on February 27th, the day the Peace Convention finally adjourned. He attempted to present to President Buchanan a letter from President Davis, but Buchanan declined to meet with

him or receive the letter, on the ground that his term of office had all but expired, so that the matter was for his successor, Mr. Lincoln, to resolve.



TEXAS DIVISION DISTRICT I

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

District I Meeting
Saturday, March 1, 2014

9:30am – Registration & Coffee/OJ & Sweet Rolls
10:00 – Meeting

Bayland Community Center
6400 Bissonnet Street
Houston, Texas

Hostess Chapters
The Southern Cross 2502 and
Brig. General John Adams 2563

Each Chapter is asked to bring items to support our
District fundraising with silent & live auctions

Registration & Luncheon reservation deadline:
February 25, 2014

Cost: Pre-registration is \$13.00;
Registration only is \$5.00 with no lunch
Registration only (no lunch) at the door is \$5.00

**Don't forget to bring the following items
to the Chapter Meetings:**



Can Goods & Pantry Items

REMINDERS:

Hostess for February Meeting

Frances Woodruff

Speaker for February Meeting

Marcia Wasson



**Please remember the following chapter
members in your prayers:**

Jamie Davis – fighting Lung Disease

Davine Hall – Ill
Margaret Taylor – Foot Surgery
Lollie Michael - Ill

REMINDER

2013 – 2014 DUES are due

\$35.00 dues + \$15 Magazine

\$50 – payable to Varina Howell Davis 2143

IMPORTANT NEWS

Due to construction in our regular meeting room (Adult Education Building) we will be meeting in February in **The Outback House**. It is located behind the church on the other side from the Adult Education Building.

Greetings from Afghanistan

From: **brian_wunderlich20** (brian_wunderlich20@yahoo.com)

Sent: Sun 2/09/14 6:18 AM

To: cintex08@hotmail.com

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Cynthia,

Im glad you found what you were looking for. My name is Brian Wunderlich. I recieved your package and thank you so much. It means alot to have support in other parts of the country.

We are doing good here in Afghanistan and will be here till fall time. So you can reach me on here. Im not a huge writer so its hard to talk like you said. The weather here is like minnesota. Thats where we all are from so we cant complain. We all have been safe here so far so hoping it stays that way.

Some info about me... im 27 and married. I have a son who is 11. I have two brothers who served two tours overseas. But they all decided to get out. So im currently on my 3rd deployment. Each one gets easier than the last. The hardest part is beeing away from my family. We all are very close so everyone has turned into hermits. Lol.

So thats alittle about me so what about you and the chapter. What exactly is your chapter about? Hows the life in texas? How many people are involved?

Thanks again
Spc Wunderlich

Sent from Samsung tablet

