



SOC GRAB BAG

Southern Oregon Chapter ORSSAR

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MEETING MAY 4, 2011

Our next monthly meeting will be at Shari's Restaurant on May 4th at high noon. See below as to location of restaurant.

This month we will have the privilege of having as our speaker Leta Neiderheiser.

Future meetings and speakers are as follows:

May 4, 2011--Leta Neiderheiser--a direct descendant of Jesse Applegate, who established the "Applegate Trail". You don't want to miss this as she is SUPER.

June 1, 2011--Honor five (5) businesses that fly the Flag.

Dark July and August 2011

I want to thank Stu Long and Al Grieshaber for making arrangements for our speakers.

LOCATION OF SHARI'S RESTAURANT

If you are heading south on I-5, take Exit 33 and turn left on Pine Road. Go second to light, turn right and go back a ways and you will see the sign.

If you are heading north, take exit 33, turn right and go to next right and turn right at the light. Then follow instructions above.

PACIFIC DISTRICT MEETING

The annual Pacific District meeting, consisting of members from the Oregon, Washington and Alaska Societies, will be held on April 30, 2011 at the Red Lion Motel in Olympia, WA.

I will give a short report on this meeting.

BRING A GUEST

Everyone is always entitled to bring guest to the luncheon and meeting as well as be able to listen to a guest speaker. Most of you know that our speakers cover a lot of subjects that are interesting and not boring.

The guest does not have to be a candidate for the SAR, but if he is--GOOD. Actually the more people here about the SAR meetings and speakers, the better it will be for us. Called good PR.

ANNUAL MEETING

On April 9th Stu Long and myself attended the annual meeting of the Oregon Society SAR in Eugene. Formerly the meeting was held in October, but since the bylaws were amended, the election and annual meeting will henceforth be in April.

New officers were elected and sworn in. Stu Long was elected as Southern Oregon Chapter trustee.



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MIDNIGHT RIDE OF PAUL REVERE

The following was supplied by Compatriot Tom Green, former President of the Texas Society--

This is one of the stories I tell school children during my flag program. Almost everyone has heard of Paul Revere, but rarely has anyone heard of William Dawes, and he was the one who was responsible for the British Army being called out. He and his friends had stolen a couple of cannons from the British and they were later buried and therefore hidden in the rows of corn on Col. Barret's farm located north of Concord. This is why the British Army crossed the Old North Bridge where the "Shot heard around the world" was fired. This was the most unbelievable event of the colonies to that time. Here was a group of men who were not organized, had no real government at that time, and they opened fire on the most powerful military in the world!

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE OF WILLIAM DAWES

By Helen F. Moore

I am a wandering bitter shade,
Never of me was a hero made;
Poets have sung my praise,
Nobody crowned my brow with bays;
And if you ask the fatal cause,
I only answer, "My name is William Dawes".

Tis all very well for the children to hear
Of the the midnight ride of Paul Revere;
But why should my name be quite forgot,
Who rode as boldly and well, God wot?
Why should I ask? The reason is clear---
My name was Dawes and his Revere.

When the lights from Old North Church
flashed out,
Paul Revere was waiting about,
But I was already on my way.
The shadows of night fell cold and gray
As I rode, with never a break or a pause;
But what was the use, when my name was
Dawes!

HISTORY rings with his silvery name,
Closed to me are the portals of fame.
Had he been Dawes and I Revere,
No one would have heard of him, I fear.
No one has heard of me because
He was Revere and I was Dawes.

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