



Silicon Valley Chapter Sons of the American Revolution



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Important Events

October 8, 2006
History Month Open
House at Santa Clara
County Central Park
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November 3-4, 2006
CASSAR 131st Fall
Managers' Meeting

November 11, 2006
San Jose Veterans'
Day Parade

December 9, 2006
Chapter Meeting &
Christmas Social

Next Chapter Meeting on October 21, 2006

Each of us joined the Silicon Valley Chapter of the Sons of the American revolution (SVSAR) in order to recognize our fellow citizens, patriots and youth for their accomplishments, community service, and support for the SVSAR. It is by these acts that we affirm by example our faith in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free citizens. Please join us for the seventh chapter meeting of 2006.

Time: 9:30 am (Breakfast at 9:00 am)
Date: October 21, 2006
Type: Chapter Meeting
Location: Bay Café and Deli (See Directions and Map at the SVSAR Website at the following website address listed below)
www.svsar.com/Contact_Us

Recognition: Compatriot Charles A. Smart, SVSAR President, will present the NSSAR Bronze Color Guard Medal and Certificate to Compatriots William Howard Jones, who is a member of the SVSAR Color Guard.

Recognition: Compatriot Charles A. Smart, SVSAR President, will present the NSSAR Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate to Officer Joe Heylen, Milpitas Police Department, for the faithful discharge of his duties in saving the life of an eight month old infant.

Recognition: Compatriot John R. Kohli, SVSAR Past President and Chairman of the ROTC/JROTC Recognition Committee, will present the "Outstanding JROTC Cadet" Medallion and Certificate to Cadet Jose Arteaga from the Navy JROTC program at Milpitas High School.

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Recognition:

Ms. Christina G. Hicks, a student at De Anza Community College under the tutelage of Dean John K. Swensson, Dean of Language Arts, will receive the SVSAR Scholarship. Ms. Hicks has agreed to honor us with a reading of her winning essay. After the reading, Compatriot Richard Knock, member of the SVSAR Scholarship Committee, will present Christina an American Flag, which was flown over the United States Capital, a Flag Certificate, the Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from the office of Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, and the NSSAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate. Christina has already received the \$500 SVSAR Scholarship.

Guest Speaker:

“The Ancient Art of Grave Dowsing” is presented by Compatriot William Howard Jones, SVSAR Chairman of Program Speakers. Compatriot Howard recently completed a cemetery restoration project in North Central Arkansas. Harris Cemetery was virtually destroyed by the great flood of 1927. In fact, only one tombstone remained standing after the floodwaters of the White River receded. A two ton boulder was installed at the cemetery this year to honor his ancestors. Over 30 people attended the ceremonies.



Harris Cemetery the restoration were buried Howard became who would restoration of the the grave dowser the rods crossing She located 39 graves in the first row alone. Three of these graves were located underneath a present day driveway!

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Nearly everyone has the power to practice the art of grave dowsing. In addition to locating graves, the dowsing process will also locate water and react to living people. Our speaker will put on a practical demonstration of dowsing and will allow others to try their hand as well. Be prepared for an amazing demonstration!





Color Guard Recognition

The photograph shows Compatriot Charles A. Smart (right), SVSAR President, presenting the NSSAR Bronze Color Guard Medal and Certificate to Compatriot Christopher M. Palmer (left), SVSAR Color Guard Commander, at the September 16, 2006.



Compatriot Charles A. Smart (right), SVSAR President, presenting the Medal and Certificate to Compatriot Christopher M. Palmer (left), SVSAR Color Guard Commander, at the SVSAR Chapter Meeting of September 16, 2006.

Compatriot Christopher M. Palmer, SVSAR Color Guard Commander, then presented the Medal and Certificate to Compatriot John R. Kohli, P. Richard Mallory, and Don Britton of the SVSAR Color Guard.

M. Palmer, SVSAR Color Guard NSSAR Bronze Color Guard patriots Willis Sherman Clayton, Knock, John (Jack) Franklin Miller, all of whom are members

The photographs below show the individual presentations of the NSSAR Bronze Color Guard medal by Compatriot Christopher M. Palmer, SVSAR Color Guard Commander, to the five SVSAR Color Guard members in alphabetical order of last name.



Willis Sherman Clayton, III (left)



P. Richard Knock (left)



John R. Kohli (right)



John (Jack) Franklin Mallory (left)



Don Britton Miller (right)





Program Speaker “Last of the Mohicans? Not yet!”

The photograph shows Compatriot Charles Hampton Chicks, SVSAR Vice President, making his presentation at the SVSAR Chapter Meeting of September 16 2006. Compatriot Charles became interested in SAR after visiting the national headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky, in 2003. Based on previous genealogical research, he was able to document that William Robbins of North Carolina was a patriot ancestor. Later, Compatriot Charles documented that John Hackett of Rhode Island was also a patriot ancestor. In both cases, the Revolutionary War Pension Applications, which can be obtained from the National Archives, provided valuable genealogical data. He suspects that there are 3 or 4 other patriot ancestors, which have not yet been documented.



Compatriot Charles has a presentation concentrated on the Mohican emphasis on the Revolutionary War presentation. Compatriot Charles revealed that he is 1/8 Mohican, which is one generation shy of the 1/4 Mohican requirement for sharing in tribal revenues from casino operations. It was also interesting to hear that the Mohican elders have been since the 1700s, and continue to be, able politicians in protecting their ancestral lands and assets. At one time before the Revolutionary War, the Mohican Chiefs traveled to England to negotiate a land dispute. The Chicks surname is a shortened version of the full Mohican name of Cheeksaunkun, which was in use 200 years ago.

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Anyone who enjoyed reading the epic novel “Last of the Mohicans” by James Fennimore Cooper, viewed the classical watercolors by N.C. Wyeth, three of which are reproduced below, or saw the 1992 movie “Last of the Mohicans” starring Daniel Day-Lewis, found this to be a fascinating presentation.





Santa Clara County Historical and Genealogical Society

Open House

Sunday, October 8, 2006

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

October is History Month!!!

The Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society (SCCHG) will host and co-sponsor, and the Foundation & Friends of the Santa Clara City Library (FFSCCL) will co-sponsor a History Fair Open House to celebrate family and local history during History Month. Anyone interested in local history or in sharing genealogy and family history, albums, or stories is welcome.

At the invitation of Trina Gentry, Chairperson of the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society (SCCHGS) Publicity-Exhibits & Display, the SVSAR Chapter will participate in the Open House to celebrate October as History Month for Family History and California History with a focus on Santa Clara

The SVSAR will host a table Clara Central Park Library, 2635 California, 95051, on Sunday, October 8, 2006 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Compatriot Terry Briggs, SVSAR table and Compatriot Richard Knock, Committee, will assist. The SCCHGS SVSAR Chapter will provide an am-Access is free. Please come and enjoy



in the Redwood Room of the Santa Homestead Road. Santa Clara, 8, 2006 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Registrar, will manage the SVSAR member of the SVSAR Scholarship will supply coffee and punch. The ple supply of Krispy Kreme donuts. the event with us.

Representatives of other Santa Clara County history museums, genealogy societies and authors of some of the 'Images of America' pictorial history books on Santa Clara Valley cities will participate. Autographed copies of their books will be for sale.

Tours of the Central Park Library Heritage Pavilion will be given. Area genealogy and historical societies should leave a message for Trina Gentry at (408) 615-2986 if they would like to pass out literature at this event. For more information, call (408) 615-2909. A draft of the SCCHG flyer for the Open House is shown on the following page.

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October is History Month

*Tours of Heritage Pavilion
by Mary Hanel Available*

**Open House at Santa Clara City Library
2635 Homestead Road
Redwood Room
Sunday - October 8, 2006
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Participants are:

- **Headen-Inman Museum, Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium and Bea Lichtenstein - Author of "Cemeteries of Santa Clara" 2005**
- **Los Fundadores Society**
- **History Park - San Jose, Senter Road**
- **DAR - El Camino Chapter**
- **SAR- Silicon Valley Chapter**
- **Los Gatos Museum & Library**
- **San Mateo Genealogy Society**
- **Authors Michael Boulland & Arthur Boudreault with their book "New Almaden" 2006**
- **Authors Robert Burrill and Lynn Rogers with their book "Alviso, San Jose" 2006**

All above authors will be participating and signing Books or your own previously purchased copies

- **Book, "Place of Promise the City of Santa Clara, 1852-2002 by Garcia, Giacomini, and Goodfellow. Available for purchase.**

***Santa Clara County Historical and
Genealogical Society
The Foundation and Friends of the
Santa Clara City Library***

Refreshments Served

