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May's Program



Historic Governor's Mansion



Al Howenstein

A group of 10 or 12 docents, led by Al Howenstein, present "Memories of the Mansion", a program that relives the past in the old Governor's Mansion in Sacramento. A shortened version of "Mansion Memories" will be presented by Al and his wife, Carol, during our May meeting. Both Al and Carol are docents at the Historic Governors' Mansion.

The Governors' mansion was built for a very wealthy Sacramento businessman, Albert Gallatin in 1877. It was purchased by the state of California in 1903 for \$32,500 to use as a home for California's governors and their families, and remained so until Governor Ronald Reagan and his family moved out in 1967.

Cattlemens Meal Selections:

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| 10 oz. Top Sirloin Steak | \$24. |
| Grilled Salmon | \$24. |
| Teriyaki Chicken | \$24. |
| Pesto Spinach/Cheese Ravioli | \$24. |

Next meeting

Friday, May 17, 2013, 7:00 PM
Cattlemens Restaurant

12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova

If the telephone committee has not taken your reservation and menu selection(s) by **Wednesday evening, May 15**, please call Tom Chilton at (916) 933-6576 **directly and leave a message** by noon on Thursday.

We strongly encourage reservations be made in advance. All reservations are guaranteed. Don't be a "no show." Wives, guests and visiting compatriots are always encouraged and welcome.

Officers for 2013**Russ Kaiser**

President

Don LittlefieldExecutive Vice President,
Treasurer, and Webmaster**Craig Anderson**

Vice President & Secretary

Ron Carello

Vice President & Registrar

Jim FaulkinburyColor Guard Commander
Genealogist**Ernie Garcia**Chairman
Law Enforcement Program**Jeff Goodwin**

Chaplain

Don SpradlingPhotographer
Guardian of the Flags**Committee Chairmen****Tom Chilton**ROTC Program Chairman
Americanism Poster Contest**Neil Zinn**

Eagle Scout Program Chairman

Calling Committee**Carl Ahlberg**, ChairmanTom Chilton
Ernie Garcia
Ed Heidig
Russ Kaiser
Don Littlefield

President's Corner

Welcome to May! The next few months are very busy for SARSAC. I attended my first ROTC awards presentation. It was graduation day at Kennedy High School. What a sight to see! One hundred high school kids, all in formation and all in various Marine uniforms, were standing and moving in unison. In the presenter's area with me were representatives from all branches of the armed forces along with groups like VFW, American Legion, the Navy League and several other groups. Each of us took our turn presenting awards to those deserving students. I cannot think of a more worthwhile venture than recognizing these kids for their achievements. Tom Chilton has been doing this for awhile and now I see why he likes doing it so much. Thanks again Tom for all your hard work with this program.



May 18th also brings our Color Guard-Firelock practice and free lunch at the Sacramento Yacht Club. The Sea Scouts are scheduled to be there for a Flag Retirement ceremony. Please come out and support this worthwhile group of volunteers. Who knows, you might get to fire a firelock!

Memorial Day also comes in May. Some of us will be participating at local cemeteries or parades to honor those veterans who have given their all for their country. Whether with SAR, family, or else where, please take time to remember our Veterans and give thanks for their service and sacrifices.

This month Don Littlefield is going in for some surgery. I will let him tell you the details, but he will miss our May meeting. It would take a whole article just to tell you all that Don does for SARSAC every month, so thanks again, Don, for all your service. We wish you a fast recovery and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Yours in patriotic service,

Russ

It Is All Worthwhile!!

by Tom Chilton

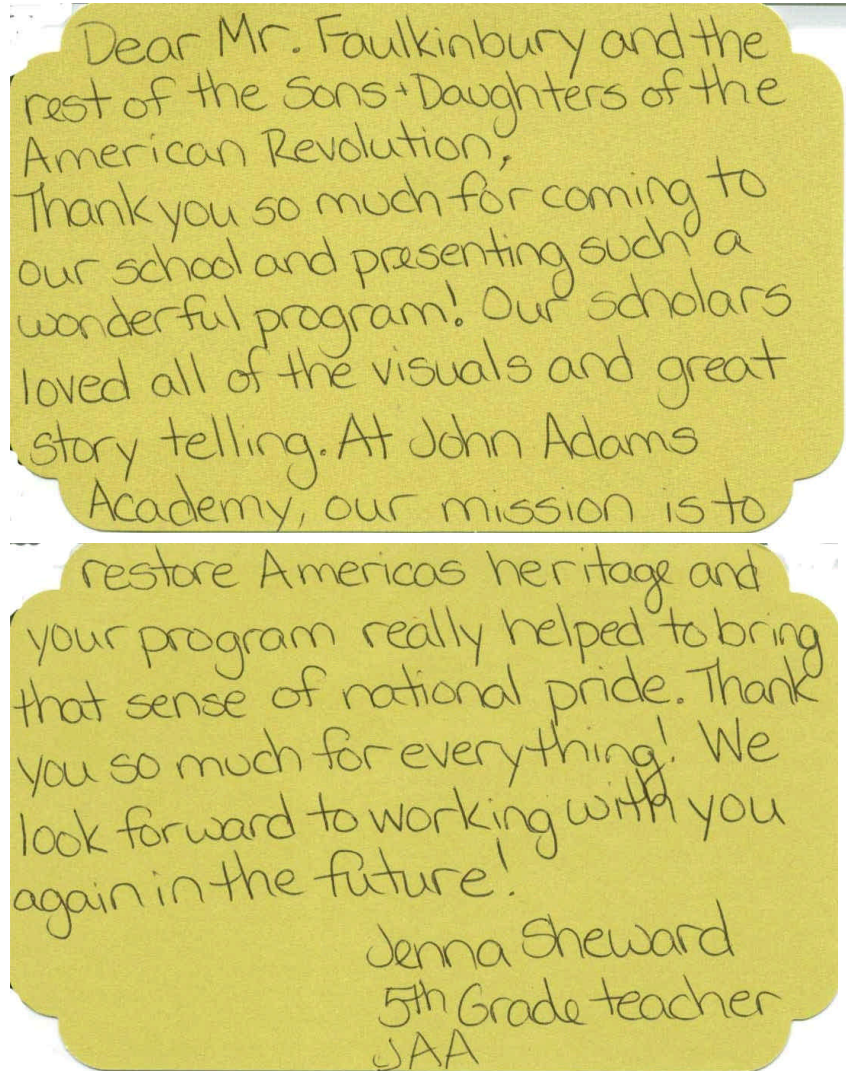
Our Color Guard has been going into the fifth grade classes of our local schools for the last thirteen or fourteen years, presenting our Living History Program, and our message of patriotism. We estimate that we have presented our program to at least 15,000 children. When we enter a school, we never know what to expect. Sometimes the students in the lower social-economic schools behave better than those in the more well to do schools.

When we entered the John Adams Academy in Roseville we were not sure what to expect. The building looked like a large office building in the middle of an office complex. We sensed something was different when we noted the condition of the multi-purpose room. Usually after lunch the janitor works feverishly to pick up the mess from the spilled food. Here the floor was almost spotless. There were no wrappers or spilled food to be seen. We were not quite ready when the children arrived in the room, and they sat down quietly and waited for us to finish setting up our displays.

During the presentation all the students were very attentive. After our program, they all stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance, after which they all repeated in unison the Preamble to the **Constitution**, which was very impressive.

When we started the program in 1999 we had 10 or 12 presenters. Through the years some have passed away, and some have dropped out for health or other reasons. Jim Faulkinbury is our Color Guard Commander, and schedules the school presentations. We are down to only four presenters whom we can count on to be available when Jim schedules the schools. We could really use some more presenters.

Sometimes when I have to get up a little early in the morning to put on my "Mountain Man Tom" uniform I ask myself "Why am I doing this?". After reading the teachers words "our mission is to restore America's heritage and your program really helped to bring that sense of national pride", I realized again that **it is all worthwhile.**



Minutes - April 2013 Meeting

by Craig Anderson

President Russ Kaiser called the meeting to order at 7: 00 PM. Jeff Goodwin gave the invocation and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Josef Moorhead led the Pledge to the SAR.

President Kaiser recognized Past and current Presidents of the SAR and guests: Jim Faulkinbury, CASSAR Executive Vice President and Sacramento Chapter Past President in 2005 and 2006, Jeff Goodwin CASSAR Chancellor and Sacramento Past President 2009, Tom Chilton, Sacramento Chapter Past President 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, and 2012, and newsletter editor, Don Littlefield, CASSAR Chairman of the Wreaths Across America Program, Past President 2010 and 2011, and current Treasurer, and Jeff Sylvan, President of the Delta Chapter and his wife, Ursula.

President Kaiser recognized and welcomed DAR members present: Medora Allen and Marilyn Chilton from the Sacramento Chapter, Ginger Gregory, Past Regent and member of the Sacramento Chapter DAR, and her husband, Fred, and friend, Helen Kirk, Lee Lawson and Ann Taylor from the Sierra-Amador Chapter. Also recognized was Karen Faulkinbury, the Secretary of the CASSAR Ladies Auxiliary, and Barry Martin, our guest speaker, and his wife, and Carolyn.

Jim Faulkinbury presented a historical overview of the Gadsden and Bunker Hill Flags. Compatriot Doug Cross was asked to come forward. President Kaiser presented him a Supplemental Ancestor Certificate for his patriot, James Cooper.

Jim Faulkinbury called Jeff Goodwin forward, and presented Jeff with a CASSAR Certificate of Appreciation for his work as State Chancellor. He also presented the Sacramento Chapter a flag streamer for the best Very Large Chapter Color Guard and a streamer for participation in the 2012 Wreaths Across America ceremony. Jim Faulkinbury announced that the Sacramento Chapter had won three categories in the 2012 Best Chapter Contest: CASSAR programs, Chapter Activities, and Chapter Meetings. The Sacramento Chapter's entry for the JROTC Contest won the CASSAR Contest. The Sacramento Chapter Poster Contest entry took 2nd place.

President Kaiser announced that Compatriot Vince Gantt had donated a musket to the Sacramento Chapter Color Guard, and he thanked Vince for his generous donation. Treasurer Don Littlefield came forward and announced that the Sacramento Chapter had received a check from Intel Involved Volunteer Matching Grant Program for \$6305 for the volunteer work he had performed for the Chapter during that past year. A motion was made by Jeff Goodwin to send Intel Corporation a thank you letter and a SAR Liberty Bell for their generous donation.

Russ Kaiser announced the passing of member Richard Everett Violet on March 19, 2013. Eight bells were struck on the Chapter bell in honor of our departed compatriot.

President Kaiser announced that on May 18th there will be a Color Guard and Firelock Demonstration and Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Sacramento Yacht Club. There will be a free lunch afterwards. Everyone is invited. Tom Chilton announced that earlier in the meeting he had distributed some letters from 5th students who live in the Reno, NV, area. They had attended one of our Color Guard's presentations, and wanted to express their appreciation, and let us know how much they had learned from our presentation. Jim Faulkinbury announced that following a recent appearance at a charter school in Roseville, the entire class had recited the Preamble to the Constitution in appreciation of the School Guard's presentation. Jim also announced that there would be the State competition for the National History Fair at the Woodlake Inn next



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by Craig Anderson

weekend, and the Color Guard was asked to participate. All members are welcome to come out and help with the SAR booth.

After dinner, Russ Kaiser introduced Barry Martin, the guest speaker for the evening. Barry started collecting Revolutionary War autographs, and accumulating books as a teenager. He is an honors graduate of The College of William and Mary, has a M.A. in Colonial American History from the University of Washington and a J.D. from UC Berkeley. After retiring as a Social Security Administrative Law Judge, Martin wrote a pilot's biography and is working on his second book. He lives in Sacramento with his wife, Carolyn. Mr. Martin distributed a handout of a few of the various documents he has collected from the Revolutionary period and discussed them. President Kaiser thanked Barry for a very interesting presentation and presented him with a SAR Certificate of Appreciation and Liberty Bell.

Christie Kaiser conducted the drawing. Those donating gifts were Mary Ann and Don Littlefield, Marilyn and Tom Chilton, Donna and Don Spradling, Medora and Clair Allen, Jeff and Ursula Sylvan, Helen and Ernest Garcia, Craig and Sandy Anderson, Fred and Ginger DeGregory, Rob and Beth Lawson, Barry and Carolyn Martin, and Doug and Wilma Cross.

Don Littlefield announced that our guest speakers for the May 17th meeting would be Al and Carol Howenstein of the California Historic Governor's Mansion Foundation who would present a version of "Mansion Memories" about California's Governors Mansion in Sacramento.

President Kaiser thanked Christie Kaiser for her assistance with the raffle, Tom Chilton for editing the newsletter, Don Spradling for taking pictures and maintaining the flags, and Don Littlefield for handling the door collections. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Craig Anderson led the Recessional; Jeff Goodwin gave the Benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Craig Anderson, Chapter Secretary

Remember our Veterans on Memorial Day



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier - Arlington National Cemetery



U. S. Marine Honor Guard

Notes from the 138th Annual Meeting of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution

Sheraton Hotel, Ventura, CA April 12-13, 2013

by Jim Faulkinbury

The 138th Annual Meeting, hosted by the Gen. George Patton Chapter, was called to order by CASSAR President Keith Bigbee on Friday, April 12th. Following the Posting of the Colors, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Pledge to the SAR, a roll call was conducted by Secretary Ron Barker to determine if we had a sufficient number of State officers and Chapters representatives to have a quorum. Guests were introduced, including from the National Society, Secretary General Joseph Dooley, Past President General Larry Magerkurth, and Vice-President General Western District Gene Butler. This was followed by recognizing the past CASSAR Presidents in attendance. Following brief remarks by Secretary General Joseph Dooley, reports were given by the State Officers, Committee representatives and Chapter representatives present (most were "it's in the book").

Old Business was begun with approval of the minutes from the previous meeting, and an audit committee was assigned to audit the income/expense records of the Society.

New Business began with a discussion of how to proceed with the publication of the *California Compatriot* magazine. The current policy is to provide only an electronic version of two issues at a cost of about \$750 for the electronic version to be constructed by an outside source. Since there is no formally appointed editor, President Bigbee proposed that the immediate Past-President and the Executive Vice President work together each year to collect and edit the submissions that would then be turned over to the outside provider to format into the proper format for an online PDF. Also discussed was whether chapters would continue to be responsible to provide hard copies to those members who do not have Internet access. One possibility to be investigated is for CASSAR to contract for a number of copies and handle the mailing of those copies. A representative of the Mayflower Society indicated he had a contract for printing and mailing that was significantly lower in cost to what the previous SAR provider had charged so he was asked to obtain a cost for up to 200 copies and also what the minimum number of copies would be. The issue will be discussed at the Fall Board of Managers Meeting using this information. The VP of Membership, Phil Hinshaw also pointed out that Chapters should provide input to be published in the *California Compatriot* since this is a primary method to communicate activities between the State and Chapters and, in addition, credit towards the Best Chapter Contest is also given.

Other items of New Business included information about the 2013 National Congress in St. Louis where the California Society will once again have a hospitality suite, and the Fall Board of Managers Meeting that will be held in El Segundo on 1-2 November. The El Segundo hotel rate is \$89/night and the registration fee will be \$140.

The next item discussed was a National Bylaw change proposed by the Texas Society (National Bylaw changes must come from a State Society with endorsements by other State Societies). The Texas proposal would change Bylaw 23, "Fund Administration", to, among other housekeeping issues, remove a restriction, put in the Bylaw during the Great Depression, requiring a minimum of 50% of the funds to be invested in Government Bonds. It would give the Executive Board the authority to bring changes in investment policy, as recommended by our financial advisors, before the Trustees for approval when a change is needed. When interest rates increase, the value of our bond holdings will decrease, thus the current requirement is considered detrimental to our funds should, as expected, interest rates begin to increase. The request for endorsement



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By Jim Faulkinbury

passed unanimously. The Business Meeting was recessed until after the Public Service Luncheon.

In the meantime, the Ladies and the LAUX went on a tour of the Reagan Library where they had lunch under the wing of Air Force One.

Following the luncheon the Business Meeting resumed for a couple of additional reports missed during the morning session after which the meeting was again recessed until the next morning.

On Saturday, Past President General Larry Magerkurth, Chairman of the National Nominating Committee, gave the report of the recommendations of the Nominating Committee as follows:

- For President General – Joseph W. Dooley (VASSAR)
- For Secretary General – Lindsey C. Brock (FLSSAR)
- For Treasurer General – Thomas E. Lawrence (TXSSAR)
- For Chancellor General – John Dodd (CASSAR)
- For Genealogist General – Larry P. Cornwall (ALSSAR)
- For Registrar General – J. Michael Tomme (GASSAR)
- For Historian – Robert F. Towns (GASSAR)
- For Librarian General – Michael C. Wells (ALSSAR))
- For Chaplain General – Louis V. Carlson (CASSAR)

Next, a Bylaw proposal seeking endorsement by the CASSAR to increase the application fees for supplemental applications from \$40 to \$80 was brought up. The proposal was based on an independent analysis of the cost involved in reviewing applications that found that the staff time involved cost an average of \$83, whether for an initial or a supplemental application. Following a heated debate, an amendment was added to endorse the proposal only if the extra monies realized would be used to fund additional genealogy staff and not for any other purposes. The amended endorsement proposal was then voted on and received a 25 to 24 vote in favor of endorsement. This item, as well as that for the Fund Administration and other housekeeping proposals, will be brought up for a final vote at the National Congress in St. Louis.

Next, a presentation by Schneider & Associates, a legal firm that deals with non-profit organizations, was provided to educate us on the liability issues, IRS issues and other considerations for 501(c)3 organizations. Based on their input, the CASSAR will be looking carefully at the coverage of our insurance policies and also whether or not Chapters should consider incorporation. Following this, the annual conflict of interest policies were passed out for signature by the various officers of the Society. The report of the successful audit of the Treasurer's records was announced, and finally the CASSAR Nominating Committee report was made with the following recommendations:

- President – J. Stephen Hurst (Gen. George Patton)
- Exec VP – Jim L.W. Faulkinbury (Sacramento)
- VP South – M. Kent Gregory (Orange Co.)
- VP North – Ronald J. Barker (Gold Country)
- Secretary – Douglas Q. Bergtholdt (Silicon Valley)
- Treasurer – Michael J. Howard (San Diego)
- Registrar – Owen Stiles (Gen. George Washington)
- Chancellor – J. Jeffries Goodwin, Esq. (Sacramento)
- Genealogist – Terry L. Briggs (Silicon Valley)
- Historian – James F. Blauer (Orange Co.)
- Chaplain – Rev. Louis V. Carlson (Orange Co.)
- Surgeon – Capt. Earnest F. Latham, MD (San Diego)
- Trustee – Keith L. Bigbee (Gold Country)
- Alt. Trustee – J. Stephen Hurst (Gen. George Patton)
- Investment Fund Trustee – Curtis M. Porter (South Coast)

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The meeting was then open for any other nominations from the floor. There being none, a vote for the nominated slate of officers was unanimous. Following the vote, a petition for Charter was presented to form a new CASSAR Chapter in the northern San Diego and southern Riverside Cos. area. The Chapter would be called the Eagle Chapter. The Chapter Bylaws were presented for review and compliance with the CASSAR Bylaws by the Executive Board. The CASSAR Business Meeting was then adjourned followed by a brief meeting of the Western District at which VP General of the Western District, Gene Butler, recommended Robert Ebert to be the nominee for his replacement as VP General. Neither the Nevada nor the Hawaii Society had a candidate to run for this position, and Bob was unanimously elected to be the VP General of the Western District.

The Ladies Auxiliary held their General Business Meeting and elected their slate of officers at the same time. Karen Faulkinbury will be the Secretary for 2013-2014.

Next the Youth Recognition Luncheon was next held where the Sacramento Chapter's entry for the Outstanding JROTC Cadet was recognized as the CASSAR winner and presented with a check for \$750 from CASSAR and another \$225 from the LAUX. Other recognitions were for the Central Coast Chapter's entry for the Eagle Scout Contest, the San Diego Chapter's entry for the Knight Essay Contest, and the San Diego Chapter's entry for the Rumbaugh Orations Contest. Five entries for the Americanism Poster Contest were voted on earlier in the day and the Sacramento Chapter entry received 2nd place. The prize check will be mailed later.

Immediately following the Youth Recognition Luncheon, the annual Memorial Service was held. Among those departed members recognized were Jack Sloan, Arnold Lewis, and Eltweed Pomeroy of the Sacramento Chapter.

The Annual Meeting concluded with the Inaugural Banquet. The first speaker was Daniel Slosberg, who gave a very interesting presentation as Dr. Beanes, the neighbor to Francis Scott Keyes who talked about how the poem "The Battle of Fort McHenry" became the National Anthem and why he was with Francis Scott Key on a British ship watching the battle. The second speaker was Dr. Jarrell Jackman, who talked about the Presidio of Santa Barbara, and the Spanish Military in California during the American Revolution. Following dinner, President Bigbee and Color Guard Commander, James Fosdyck, presented Chapter and personal awards. The Sacramento Chapter received the Best Very Large Chapter Color Guard streamer as well as a streamer for the "Wreaths Across America". Secretary Ron Barker was the recipient of the Patriot Medal. President Bigbee announced that the Executive Board had approved the Petition for Charter of the new Eagle Chapter. Then the new CASSAR and CASSAR LAUX officers were sworn in by Secretary General Joseph Dooley after which, following the LAUX raffle, President Hurst adjourned the 138th Annual Meeting of the CASSAR.



L-R: Jim Fosdyck, Sacramento and CASSAR ROTC winner Jordan Villar-Cayabyabm, his mother, Judy Yon, Jim Faulkinbury, and CASSAR President Keith Bigbee.



Jim Faulkinbury displays Amaan Mohammed's, poster which won 2nd place in the CASSAR competition.

Photos from the April Meeting

By Don Spradling



President Russ Kaiser presents April's speaker, Barry Martin, the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and the SAR Liberty Bell.



President Kaiser presents CASSAR Chancellor Jeff Goodwin with the Certificate of Appreciation for his service to the CASSAR, as CASSAR Exec. VP Jim Faulkinbury looks on.



President Kaiser presents Compatriot Doug Cross with his Supplemental Certificate for his patriot ancestor, James Cooper.



Treasurer Don Littlefield presents President Russ Kaiser with a check from the Intel Corporation's Matching Grant Program for \$6305.00

More photos from the April Meeting

By Don Spradling



Russ and Christie Kaiser



L-R: Ernie Garcia, Don Spradling, and Don Clark. Don Spradling is our photographer and rarely gets his picture taken.



Rich Tolman



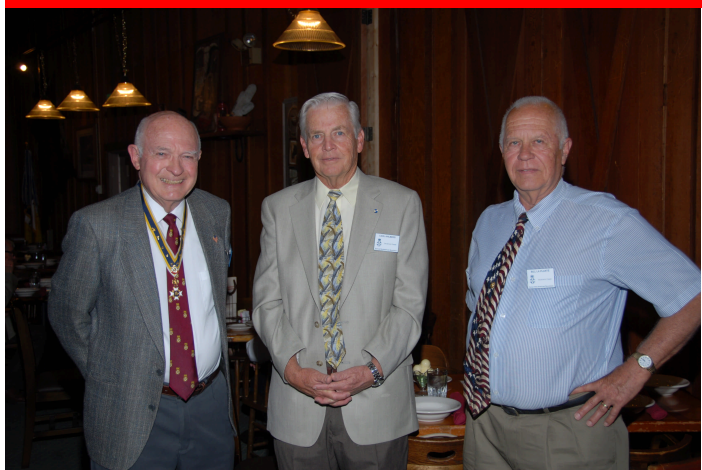
Helen and Ernie Garcia.



Ron and Patty Proffer.

More photos from the April Meeting

By Don Spradling



L-R: Tom Chilton, Carl Ahlberg, and Bill La Plante.



Wilma and Doug Cross.



The Lawson Family, L-R: George Taylor, Hal Lawson, Ann Lawson-Taylor, Robert Lawson, Ethel Lee (Mrs. Hal) Lawson, Beth (Mrs. Robert) Lawson, Dianne (Mrs. Scott) Lawson, Charla Lawson (daughter of Scott & Dianne Lawson), and Luke Lawson, (son of Beth and Robert Lawson).

Coming Events

June 21, 2013 - Regular meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Program to be announced

September 20, 2013 - Regular meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Program to be announced

October 18, 2013 - Community Awards Dinner
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Speaker to be announced

November 1-2, 2013 Fall Board of Manager's
Meeting at the Hacienda Hotel (LAX airport
in El Segundo, CA (all members are welcome)

November 15, 2013 - Regular Meeting
7:00 at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Program to be announced

December 20, 2013 - Regular Meeting
7:00 PM at the Cattlemens Restaurant
Program to be announced

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