



Summary, May 19, 2018 Membership Meeting of the San Diego Chapter of the SAR

The San Diego Chapter of the SAR hosted the May Membership Meeting and Breakfast at the Bernardo Heights County Club, 16066 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego. The meeting was called to order by President Barry Key at 9:00am.

The Colors were then presented by the Color Guard. Color Guard Commander Skip Cox, Ernie McCullough, Philip Hinshaw, Rev Dr. Stan Delong and Bob Hayden made up the Color Guard. The members were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by 1st Vice President Bill Peters and the Pledge to the SAR by Past President Fred Hall. Following the Pledge, the Color Guard posted the Colors.

The invocation was offered by Philip Hinshaw by leading the members in song of God Bless America.

President Key introduced guests John Ferris who chairs the High School Oration Contest program for CASSAR and the State Oration Contest winner Lydia Ferris.

Announcement:

President Key announced the winners of the various contest the San Diego Chapter sponsors along with CASSAR and NSSAR.

The Brochure winners were from the Muirlands Middle School on Coronado.

The Brochure winners were:

- First Place – Basanti A. Valerio
- Second Place – Sylvia R. Bass
- Third Place – Ariana G. Domenico

The Poster winners were from the Silver Strand Elementary on Coronado.

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- First Place – Maya Rodriguez-Troestch
- Second Place – Allyson Fabray
- Third Place – Parker Freeman

Oration Winner

The winner of the State Oration Contest, Lydia Mellor, recited her presentation for the membership. The name of her presentation was “When We Stand Up and Speak Out Like John Adams.” A well-presented topic by Ms. Mellor. Ms. Mellor was presented with a check for \$250.00 and a Certificate of Appreciation from the San Diego Chapter of the SAR for her participation in the contest.



The Rev Dr Stan DeLong offered the Blessing for the breakfast and breakfast was served plate style by the restaurant staff. Breakfast consisted of scrambled eggs, bacon, potatoes, and croissants served with coffee, decaf and orange juice and water.

Induction & Award Ceremony

Member Compatriot Matthew Marshall was inducted into the Chapter. Compatriot Marshall was escorted to the podium by two members of the Color Guard and presented with an SAR Pin and a San Diego Chapter Pin by President Key. Compatriot Marshall then gave a brief speech about his ancestor. Pictures were taken with Compatriot Marshall and his family and congratulations offered by President Key and the general membership.

President Key presented Compatriot Lawrence Harden with the SAR War Service Medal for action in Vietnam and Kuwait.

President Key presented Ernie McCullough with a SAR Meritorious Award for his long and dedicated service to the SAR.

Program:

The Chapter Genealogist, Del Ritchhart, author of “Breathing Life Into My Family Ancestors” gave a talk on DNA and how DNA has been utilized to reconnect families and the various methods used by the many different companies such as Ancestry.com and My Heritage, for example, in their search for connections and what kind of information you could expect from them. Del concentrated on the top five companies that offer this service, Ancestry.com being the largest at present. Del readily admitted that the subject was too vast and deep to offer anything but a primer with a half-hour presentation. But nevertheless, informative for even the novices.

The Rev Dr Stan DeLong gave the Benediction and the Color Guard retrieved the Colors. President Key led the assembly in the SAR Recessional.

The Colors were retired by the Color Guard and President Key adjourned the meeting at 11:00am.

Regards,

Robert M Hayden
Secretary San Diego Chapter SAR

