

CCC LEGACY CHAPTER 123 NEWSLETTER

3412 Pleasant Run Road, Irving, Texas 75062

July 2012

Chartered: Nov. 1, 1985. **Past Presidents:** *Nelson Oats, *Harold Ballard, *W. O. Mullin, *Verle Oringderff, *Harold Trammell, *William Oakley, Frank Polenta, *S. L. Baker, *George Payne, *Harry Steinert, & *Al Clement. *deceased. **Current Officers:** President-Mike Pixler, phone contact: 817-929-1557, First Vice President-Jim Rau, phone contact: 817-367-3343, Second Vice president-Pat Mann, phone: [info later], Secretary/Treasurer-Blanche Howerton, phone: 817-578-6542, Sergeant at Arms-Troy Jones, Chaplain-Rev. James Pixler, Kitchen Committee, Lillie Payne, Historian-Ruby Pixler, Reporter at Large & Newsletter Editor-Bill Stallings, phone contact: 972-255-7237.

Monthly Meeting is held on the **second** Saturday of each month from 10:30 AM to 1PM at the North Side Multipurpose Center, 1801 Harrington [North], Fort Worth, TX 76106. Dues are \$10 a person annually and are effective from Oct. to Oct.

Directions: Interstate Hwy 30 runs east & west. It accesses the downtown Fort Worth area from the south. Exit north on Henderson St. After a couple of miles it crosses a fork of the Trinity River and becomes State Hwy 199 which goes to Lake Worth, and the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge. When you reach the traffic light at the intersection of 18th St. NW, turn right [east] and go up the hill four blocks to Homan St. Turn left [north], and go a block to the Y. Stay right and continue into the **Center's rear parking lot.** Our meeting room door with the CCC sign is to the right as you approach the building. Bring a friend & enjoy fun, fellowship & food. Sign the register for you may win the \$10 door prize.

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES :None this month.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Janet Ketter, 07/01; Betty Gebhard, 07/06; Frank Borello and Morris Taylor, -07/09; Lela Scarbrough, 07/12; Pat Mann and Steve Wingo, 07/17; Ruby Pixler and Evelyn Timblin, 07/26; and U.J. King, 07/28.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF CCC LEGACY CHAPTER 123, ON SATURDAY, July 14, 2012. Weather: Partly Cloudy – Temp. 84° : Attendance: 13.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Pixler at 11:05 AM. Following a welcome to all present, he shared a few short takes from the Senior News, "It's so hot in Texas, that...."

The invocation was offered by our chapter Chaplain, Rev. James Pixler.

Pledge[s] to the flags were presented by President, Mike Pixler.

Following a statement of the purpose of the CCC and the CCC Legacy, President Pixler shared the importance of the CCC to the state parks of Texas.

Minutes from the June meeting, as published, motion to accept by, James Pixler, 2nd by Bill McKee. Motion passed.

The financial report was given by President Pixler, in the absence of Sec.Treas, Blanche Howerton. Beginning balance, as per latest statement, \$1287.04, one check written, CK# 1412, \$50, for business cards, ending balance, \$1237.04. Motion to accept by Bill Stallings, 2nd by Steve Porter, motion carried.

The Call List Reps reported on the increasing number of our members who were no longer able to attend the meetings due to health reasons, G.C. Murray, Jim Lyde, were included.

There were no anniversaries for the month noted.

Of the 13 birthdays for the month, two were present, Evelyn Timblin and Ruby Pixler. We sang Happy Birthday to them.

Old business still no replacement for Lillie Payne as Kitchen Committee Chair.

New business was discussed. A reminder, to VOTE for the board members of CCC Legacy Inc, in the CCC Legacy Journal [July-August]. Possible vote via internet, coming. CCC Legacy Gathering in Missoula, MT, 27-29 Sept, 2012, a motion by Jim Rau, 2nd by Bill Stallings was made for the chapter to pay for a "Chapter Room" at the event. Motion carried. A notification of a possible "road trip" to Cleburne SP for a CCC bridge dedication in Sept/Oct time. Many wanted to attend.

The program for this meeting was a pictorial and reading event, in remembrance of Charter Member, beloved friend and past officer of NACCCA Chapter, and CCC Legacy Chapter 123, Curtis O. Greer, 13 Oct 1923 – 16 Jun 2012. The event presented by members, Mike Pixler, Bill Stallings, and Jim Rau. Stories were shared by members present. Curtis will be missed by all who knew him.

Pass the Can was next, with the drawing that followed. Jim Rau won the \$10. He donated it back to the chapter, with the understanding that it will go towards Wanda Jones dues for 2013. Thanks Jim. A reminder of the August meeting date, 11 August, 2012, by Pixler.

The ladies present prepared for the meal, the blessing was offered by Rev. James Pixler.

A motion to adjourn was made by Troy Jones, 2nd by James Pixler. Motion carried. We adjourned at 12:23 PM.

The meal, as always, was enjoyed by the CCC Legacy Chapter family and guests.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mike Pixler, President, CCC Legacy Chapter 123

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER 7-14-2012

The Subject for This Corner is: Am I a MINO?

Sometime, I'll just ramble.

There are only a few that I feel represent what it means to be a true member of the chapter. I guess during the time of the CCC, 1933 – 1942, it was just what you did. If you were involved in something, you give it your all. I'm not getting into politics, however, I'm sure most of you have heard of the term, RINO, Republican in Name Only. Well, I would like to share with you what I call a MINO, Members in Name Only.

I know most of you have met a MINO. You know, the one who says during a conversation, "Yes, I'm a member" "Have been," but they stop there. They're a member, period. That's it. They have no desire to do anything to help. But, if asked they'll tell you right quick, they're a member.

I try not to be a MINO, myself, but I know I can do better. I'm proud to be a member of CCC Legacy Chapter 123, and to know the members. There are no MINOS here, are there? All help the best they can. Not just during a meeting, but when they're out and about they share their experiences with others and share the fact, they are proud members of the chapter and work to increase the membership. They give their all. Everyone had good and bad days. Most of mine are good; some, not so much.

It's hard for us to get over the fact that our friend Curtis Greer has passed. There are few which represent why there is a CCC Legacy. Curtis was one. Always there to help. A greeting of "Hi Ole Buddy," and meant it. No MINO here. That goes, for sure, for the "boys." They'll tell you right quick about the chapter, and you should join us. No MINOS here. It's an honor to be part of CCC Legacy Chapter 123. Thank you.

Hope to see all of you at the next chapter meeting, 11 August, 2012. Remember, bring a family member, bring a friend, if you can't bring a friend, bring an enemy. But bring someone. Almost forgot; checkout <http://ccclibrarychapter123.webs.com>, you'll be glad you did.

Yours in Service,

Mike Pixler, President, CCC Legacy Chapter 123

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you receive the "CCC Legacy Journal" it is time to vote for the 2012-2014 Board of Directors for the national organization. The Official Ballot is on page 15 of the Journal, and you vote for 4 candidates named there, or you may write in another person. You must cut out and mail the ballot postmarked by September 10, 2012. As an alternate method you may email President Mike Pixler of your vote to RUAVET@aol.com or call him at 817-929-1557, and he will see that your vote gets recorded.

A SHORT QUIZ

I think that it is safe to assume that we all know what the terms CCC and the CCC Camps stand for, but do you know what **She-She-She Camps** were? Got you on that one maybe [myself included]! We know that immediately after FDR was installed as President in 1933 the CCC was proposed and passed into law in very short order. His wife, Eleanor Roosevelt, was a strong supporter of the idea, but was troubled by the CCC's male-only focus. She began campaigning for a parallel organization for young women which would be comprised of residential worker schools and camps for jobless women. The idea largely fell on deaf ears in the Roosevelt administration and most New Dealers. Enter Frances Perkins, FDR's selection as his Secretary of Labor. She was the first woman in American history to hold a Cabinet post. She had also been an early supporter for the concept of the CCC, and she began helping Eleanor to bring young women into a similar program. Together they helped get one camp started for women, Camp Tera, at Bear Mountain, New York, in 1933. Progress was slow because there were different requirements for joining for the women than for men. Mrs. Roosevelt was persistent and changes were made in the requirements so that more women were admitted, and more camps were created. Although much smaller in size than the CCC camps for men; and almost forgotten today; by 1936 ninety residential camps were serving 5000 women yearly. In all 8500 women were benefitted by the program.

{From the George Washington University website on Eleanor Roosevelt}

Kids and Their Prayers

A little boy's parents overheard this prayer: "Now I lay me down to rest, and hope to pass tomorrow's test. If I should die before I wake, that is one less test I have to take."

A young girl's prayer: "Dear God, please take care of daddy and mommy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and me. And please take care of yourself, God, because if anything happens to you, we're going to be in a big mess."

One night a five-year-old said grace at the evening meal: "Dear God, thank you for these pancakes..." When he finished, his parents asked him why he thanked for pancakes when they were having chicken. He said, "I thought I'd see if He was paying attention tonight."

Your Church May Lean to Redneck If....

When hearing the parable of Jesus feeding the 5000 with two fish, people ask if they were bass or catfish, and what the bait was.

The choir is known as the "OK Chorale."

Baptism is referred to as "Branding."

The baptismal font is a #2 washtub.

The collection plates are hub caps from a '56 Chevy.

And.... Opening day of deer season is recognized as a church holiday.

How WWI Veterans Came to Be Accepted Into the CCC

In June of 1932 15,000 to 20,000 out of work veterans began assembling in Washington D.C. in what became known as the Bonus March. They were requesting that Congress authorize the release of their cash bonuses that Congress set up for them in 1924, but not to be paid until twenty years had elapsed or the year 1945. These men needed the money now due to the Great Depression. They set up make-shift tent camps called "Hoovervilles" on the Anacostia Flats, a swampy area near the Anacostia River. Fearing that things might get out of hand, the U.S. Attorney General William D. Mitchell ordered the Capitol Police to start evicting the veterans – some with their families. When the police moved in, fighting broke out and two veterans were shot and eventually died. This caused President Hoover to order the U.S. Army to drive the marchers out of Washington. Army Chief of Staff General Douglas MacArthur took personal charge and with his two aides, Majors Dwight D. Eisenhower* and George S. Patton, with infantry and cavalry units along with six tanks, began moving through the camps driving the marchers ahead of them. They used a vomit-inducing gas on them, and fifty-five were injured and 135 arrested. The Press reported all of this, and public opinion swung heavily against the Hoover Administration, and was a major factor in his defeat in the 1932 Presidential Election.

In May of 1933, after FDR's election, another smaller Bonus March was made on Washington. Their camp was set up across the Potomac in Virginia. Instead of the Army, FDR sent Eleanor Roosevelt alone to meet with the marchers. FDR was against authorizing the release of the bonus money, but Eleanor, with FDR's blessing, offered to open up the CCC program to 25,000 of the veterans, which most accepted. The 25,000 included both World War I and Spanish American War Veterans.

*Later in life, Eisenhower was quoted as saying, "I tried to convince MacArthur that he should not take personal charge of the event, but that dumb SOB had to be out in the limelight."

{Information from Wikipedia on line}

The Civilian Conservation Corps Legacy is a non-profit organization dedicated to research, preservation, and education to promote better understanding of the CCC and its continuing contribution to American life and culture. *"I propose to create a Civilian Conservation Corps to be used in simple work, more important, however, than the material gains will be the moral and spiritual value of such work."*

--FDR, 1933

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