# SPECIAL EDITION

CCC LEGACY CHAPTER 123 NEWSLETTER

3412 Pleasant Run Road, Irving Texas, 75062

### **JUNE 2013**

Chartered: Nov. 1, 1985. Past Presidents: \*Nelson Oaks, \*Harold Ballard, \*W.O. Mullin, \*Verle Oringdorf, \*Harold Trammell, \*William Oakley, Frank Polenta, \*S.L. Baker, \*George Payne, \*Harry Steinert, & \*Al Clement. \* deceased. Current Officers: President - Mike Pixler, 817-929-1557, First Vice President - Jim Rau, 817-367-3343, Second Vice President - Pat Mann, 817-834-1164, Secretary/Treasurer - Larka Tetens, 817-881-3871, Sgt-at-Arms - Troy Jones, Chaplain - Rev. James Pixler, Kitchen Committee, OPEN, Historian - Ruby Pixler, Reporter at Large & Newsletter Editor - Bill Stallings, 972-255-7237.

**Monthly Meeting** is held on the second Saturday of each month from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Northside Multipurpose Center, 1801 Harrington [North]. Fort Worth, TX 76106. Dues are \$10 a person annually and are effective Oct. to Sep.

**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 TX State Hwy 199, which goes to Lake Worth and the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge. At the intersection of 18th St. NW, turn right [East], up the hill, 4 blocks to Homan St. Turn left [North] and go one block to the "Y". Stay right and continue into the Center's rear parking lot. Our meeting room door with the CCC Legacy sign is to the right as you approach the building. Bring a friend & enjoy the fun, fellowship & food. Sign the register; you may win the \$10 door prize.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 

None to report this month.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

None to report this month.

**MINUTES** of meeting, CCC Legacy Chapter 123, on Saturday, June 8, 2013. Weather: Clear, Temp 74, Attendance: 9.

Meeting called to order by President Pixler at 11:04 AM. He welcomed everyone to the June 2013 meeting.

The invocation was offered by Chapter Chaplain, Rev. James Pixler. The pledges to the flags were led by Sgt-at-Arms, Troy Jones.

Pixler reminded those in attendance of the purpose of the CCC Legacy, which in part is the continuing education of the Civilian Conservation Corps, 1933 - 1942.

The members present had received their May newsletter with minutes of the meeting. A motion to accept, as written by Tony Rodriguez, 2nd Troy Jones, motion passed.

A written financial report with the current status was presented by Pixler. Following the motion by Jim Rau, 2nd Troy Jones to refund Ruby Pixler for the name badges and copies of the bylaws for the "new" members, which passed, a motion to accept the financial report, as written by Troy Jones, 2nd Pat Mann, motion passed.

There were no birthdays or anniversaries identified for the month of June.

The members of the phone committee, present shared information on their contacts. The following is a short brief; Dennis & Kenneth Mann, doing yard work. Larkin Dilbeck and Larka Tetens, out of country at D Day invasion reunion. Richard Crooks, lost in the kitchen, unable to work the can opener, with Jerene in

Cityview rehab, phone 817-346-3800. Bill McKee doing fine in Abilene, with the other 155 residents. Phone, 325-701-7208. Steve Wingo underwent cataract surgery, doing fine playing bingo and dominoes. He was approached by a young lady asking about Company 1816 and their efforts at Casino Beach and Springtown, Texas. Fay Clement misses all of us but is physically unable to attend, but does wish to say hello to all. Frank Borello is still doing, as he put it, OK. Still bowling on Thursdays. Says hello. Ernest and Helene Hubbard, Helene was planning on attending the meeting, but had to attend a friend's funeral. Ernest is still in rehab and wishes not to have phone calls or visitors, yet. Helene shared he has a touch of dementia, received a cap scan a number of masses identified, none cancer. She said that even if it was cancer the doctors said his heart could not stand the trauma, therefore they would not operate, anyway. Keep Ernest and all of our extended family in

Merle and Evelyn Timblin had company from out of town in and would not be attending. Steve Porter was attending a reunion.

Jim Rau, Pat Mann and Mike Pixler all had information on the newsletter editor/publisher, Bill Stallings. Briefly, the not too serious procedure on 24 May, 2013, at least that's the way Bill put it to Pixler, turned out to be a bit more serious than first reported. It turned out to be open heart surgery, with an aorta valve replacement, a stint implant, I think. A number of issues arose from the not too serious that we were told. Bill is in rehab at the Remington Medical resort, 1350 E Lookout Drive, Richardson, TX, 75082; phone 972-220-2052, recovering with a touch of pneumonia. He will take your calls, but wishes not to have visitors, yet. This is the reason for the "Special Edition" of the newsletter. More to follow. UPDATE. Bill is home now and I am sure he would like to hear from you.

Old Business was next with a brief on Buffalo Boogie, 2013 at the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge by Jim Rau. He shared of the band's instruments and sound system being ran by solar power! He shared of Monster Bash, 2014.

New Business was a reminder of the Annual Reunion in Tucson, Arizona, 24 – 27 October, 2013. The program was a presentation and stories of the CCC in Texas.

Questions and comments from the members followed.

Pass the Can and drawing was next with Jim Rau winning the \$10 door prize and immediately returned it to the chapter for a members' dues for 2014. Jim suggested Troy Jones. It shall be applied to his 2014 dues.

The blessing was offered by Rev. James Pixler.

Motion to adjourn by Tony Rodriquez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Troy Jones, motion passed. Adjourned 11:56 AM.

Respectfully submitted for,

Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Pixler, President CCC Legacy Chapter 123.

The President's Corner, 8 June, 2013
The subject of this corner is: A meeting without a "Boy."

I was going to do the corner on some of the members of the chapter telling of the times at the FWNC&R, Palo Duro Canyon State Park, and the road trips taken and just stuff. I say I was going to but when Jim Rau made the statement to me at the June meeting as we were about to leave, "It's not the same without a boy being here." It hit me. I thought about that meeting for three days before I decided yes, definitely CCC Legacy Chapter 123 had its first in chapter's history, to the best of my knowledge, meeting without a "Boy." I can only speak for the way it made me feel. But I suspect there are others out there that perhaps feel the same way. How's that, you ask? Scary, confused, worried, and proud. That's quite a mix, huh?

Scary? Yes, what if all of a sudden there's not a boy there to share his stories of the CCC? Did we listen and learn from the very reason the CCC Legacy exists? Or have we just worked to make things happen and perhaps just give "lip service" to the programs or to the legacy? It scared me to think "we" are not doing, listening, and learning what we should to carry on when there is a meeting without a boy. I was confused and worried for a short while, simply because as the program progressed what if I said something that was not accurate about the Civilian Conservation Corps and the boys? Wrong information. Worried I may make a mistake. Would anyone know? Let me say first, I would never, and that's a long time, say something not accurate about the CCC. Someone would know, and that someone is me. But the

likelihood of someone else knowing, perhaps, not so much if it's a meeting without a boy. I did quite a bit of self examination, and yes, I am proud to be a part of the Civilian Conservation Corps Legacy, CCC Legacy Chapter 123, most of all, one of the "kids" of a boy. The meeting without a boy is not one to look forward to. That boy is one of the many who have missed a meeting. Hope to see a "boy" and you at the July 13, 2013 meeting. Until then,

Welcome to our new members from Buffalo Boogie, 2013. Thanks Jim.

Dale Roberts, <a href="mailto:dalelroberts@aol.com">dalelroberts@aol.com</a>, Bob (failed to get his last name) <a href="mailto:bob4604@outlook.com">bob4604@outlook.com</a>, Jim Elkins, <a href="mailto:teamelk@sbcglobal.net">teamelk@sbcglobal.net</a>, Mickey Hooper, (MD), <a href="mailto:mhooper@txhealthcare.com">mhooper@txhealthcare.com</a> and LaVonne Walter, <a href="mailto:lavonnewalter@gmail.com">lavonnewalter@gmail.com</a>. You should receive this newsletter by email. Notify me with your needed information @ <a href="mailto:RUAVET@aol.com">RUAVET@aol.com</a>, when you receive it.

Yours in Service,

Mike Pixler, President CCC Legacy Chapter 123



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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: July 5, 2013

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## **OneStar Foundation Announces AmeriCorps Grants to Texas Organizations**

2,126 AmeriCorps members to meet state and local needs

Austin, TX – OneStar Foundation announced today that 22 organizations in Texas have received AmeriCorps\*State grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The grants will support 2,126 AmeriCorps members across the state who will serve as in-school, after-school and summertime teachers, tutors and mentors, provide intensive college access and success services, engage in adult and early literacy interventions, participate in early childhood development programs, distribute food to economically disadvantaged children and families, engage children in daily physical activity, assist with case management for the homeless, recruit hundreds of volunteers, and respond to disasters throughout the state.

OneStar Foundation will distribute more than \$12.3 million in funding to organizations selected in a highly competitive statewide and national process.

"National service is an essential part of the solution to many of the social challenges facing our Texas communities," said Elizabeth Darling, President/CEO. "These AmeriCorps members will meet pressing local needs and strengthen Texas as they develop civic and leadership skills that can last a lifetime."

The current year's AmeriCorps grant cycle was highly competitive, due to the strong and growing demand by organizations seeking AmeriCorps resources. Demand is also strong from individuals wanting to serve. CNCS received a record-breaking 582,000 AmeriCorps applications in 2011, a dramatic increase from the 360,000 seen in 2009.

"AmeriCorps members are improving the lives of millions of citizens and having a positive and lasting impact on the toughest challenges facing our communities," said Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. "I congratulate these organizations for their strong applications in a highly competitive year. Thanks to the dedicated service of AmeriCorps members, these organizations will increase their reach and impact on meeting local needs."

The grants advance the priorities of the bipartisan 2009 Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act and focus AmeriCorps resources on six key service areas: disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families.

On a national level, AmeriCorps engages 80,000 Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet critical needs. Members serve through more than 14,000 organizations in rural and urban communities throughout the nation. Among other accomplishments, AmeriCorps members last year mobilized 3.4 million community volunteers, and tutored, mentored or served more than 3.5 million disadvantaged youth.

Since 1994, more than 775,000 Americans have provided more than 1 billion hours of service to their communities and country through AmeriCorps. In 2012, 1,964 AmeriCorps members served at 20 programs across the state of Texas in the fields of Education, Economic Opportunity, Healthy Futures, Environmental Stewardship, and Veterans & Military Families. Members provided 2.3 million hours of service and earned \$7.4 million in Segal Education Awards to further their own education and repay student loan debt after serving. The 20 AmeriCorps\*Texas programs received \$12,111,429 in federal AmeriCorps funding, and leveraged an additional \$9,766,781 in match funding.

Below is a listing of 2013 AmeriCorps grants in Texas:

- Amarillo ISD, \$285,430 to support 55 AmeriCorps Members
- American YouthWorks, \$260,000 to support 20 AmeriCorps Members
- AVANCE, Inc. El Paso Chapter, \$930,960 to support 74 AmeriCorps Members
- Breakthrough, \$330,013 to support 106 AmeriCorps Members
- CitySquare, \$1,142,953 to support 304 AmeriCorps Members
- City Year, Inc., \$1,476,300 to support 111 AmeriCorps Members
- College Forward, \$965,655 to support 75 AmeriCorps Members
- Communities in Schools of Central Texas, \$711,044 to support 96 AmeriCorps Members
- Communities in Schools of the Heart of Texas, \$279,168 to support 48 AmeriCorps Members
- Front Steps, \$403,000 to support 31 AmeriCorps Members

- Harris County Department of Education, \$326,618 to support 32 AmeriCorps Members
- Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, \$330,592 to support 32 AmeriCorps Members
- Project GRAD, \$244,353 to support 25 AmeriCorps Members
- Project Transformation, \$477,984 to support 115 AmeriCorps Members
- Reading Partners, \$370,500 to support 30 AmeriCorps Members
- SA Youth, \$265,421 to support 40 AmeriCorps Members
- Schulenburg Weimar In Focus Together, \$282,830 to support 41 AmeriCorps Members
- Teach for America, \$950,000 to support 634 AmeriCorps Members
- Travis County Dept. of Health and Human Services and Veterans Service, \$301,696 to support 32 AmeriCorps Members
- University of North Texas, \$466,436 to support 83 AmeriCorps Members
- The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, \$265,892 to support 40
   AmeriCorps Members
- University of Texas at Austin | Charles A. Dana Center, \$1,330,000 to support 106 AmeriCorps
   Members

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OneStar Foundation is the Governor-designated National Service Commission in Texas and administers the AmeriCorps\*State grant program. The Governor-appointed Board members oversee the legal and policy governance of the AmeriCorps\*Texas program portfolio. OneStar Foundation connects partners and resources to build a stronger nonprofit sector in Texas. Learn more at onestarfoundation.org.

AmeriCorps is a national service program administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages more than 5 million Americans in service each year and administers United We Serve, the President's call to service. Individuals can learn about available opportunities and apply online by visiting AmeriCorps.gov.

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Palo Duro Canyon State Park American Youth Works

Texas Event 4-7 April, 2013

ARROTH TEXAS IN PAIN

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

Justice FOREVER

--FDR, 1933

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