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Happy Birthday General Pickens

Many of the participants at a recent ceremony honoring the 266th birthday of General Andrew Pickens posed for this photograph beside the Pickens family plot in the Old Stone Church Cemetery. This front row includes Lynne Ramsaur, who placed a wreath in honor of her Pickens relative; Tom Weidner, Colonel of the Gen. Robert Anderson Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR); Jim Cook, former president of the South Carolina SAR; Marion Whitehurst, Historian for the Gen. Andrew Pickens Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR); Jeannine Preston, Registrar of the Nanthanael Greene Chapter DAR; Nell Kivett, Regent of the Nanthanael Greene Chapter DAR; and Dr. Fay Hart, SC State Commemorative Events Chair. In the back row and along the wall are Dr. Ralph Welton, Secretary of the Gen. Andrew Pickens SAR and coordinator of the event; Sara Gilliland, Regent of the Gen. Andrew Pickens DAR; Leroy Stewart, President and Chaplain of the Gen. Andrew Pickens SAR; Sylvia Summerville, Chaplain of the Nanthanael Greene Chapter DAR; Greg Ohanesian, President of the South Carolina SAR; Valeria Kesler O'Connell, Jr., member of the Catechee Chapter of the DAR; Kay Kesler, Vice Regent of the Catechee Chapter of the DAR; Charlie Porter, President of the Gen. Andrew Pickens SAR; Carol Burdette, Mayor of Pendleton; Dr. William Steirer, Chair of the History Department at Clemson University and Richard Ramsaur, member of the South Carolina SAR Color Guard.

Bethel Presbyterian Church to celebrate 200 Years

On Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24 and 25, the community is invited to join Bethel Presbyterian Church as it celebrates the 200th year since its founding in Oconee County by Gen. Andrew Pickens. Everyone is asked to register at the smaller tent in front of the church. There you will receive a nametag and get the program guide. On Saturday, we will provide lunch for everyone, asking only that you make a donation toward the food. On Sunday, we will provide the meat, and ask you to provide other dishes for 'you and yours' to be shared around the table.

Guest speakers on Saturday are Louise Bell, Alex Macaulay,

Tugalo Holler, the Walhalla HS Chorale, and Chuck Lusk. "Precious Memories" is a multi-media presentation, involving old photos, stories presented by actors in costume, music, songs and readings. It will also provide a review of what was occurring both locally and nationally during the last 200 years. The cemetery portion of the Saturday program involves a march from the parking lot up to the huge magnolia tree. Orr's Rifles will enact a salute in recognition of all military veterans buried at Bethel. Following the program anyone who wishes can place a "floral arrangement of remembrance" on their loved ones

celebration will be video taped and edited onto a 2.5 hour DVD that will be available for purchase following the celebration.

Bethel is located at 580 Bethel Church Road, Walhalla, just off Hwy. 11 near Falcon's Lair Golf Course. For additional information, please contact Suzanne Sanders (718-7564), Brenda Chalmers (944-0900) or the Rev. Frank Strickland (638-3748) or frank2966@aol.com. Visit on the web at www.bethelchurchwalhalla.org. A nursery will be provided both days.

Saturday Program, September 24: Welcome/register/gathering time 9 - 10 a.m.; Speakers: Louise Bell, Frank Strickland & Honorable Alex Macaulay, 10 a.m. - 12 noon; Histori-

Evening benefit

By Sandy Foster
Editor

Want to have a night on the town? Then Ansley's restaurant in Easley is the place to be on Saturday, October 15.

A cocktail attire event will take place from 7 - 11 p.m., and tickets must be purchased in advance by October 1. Proceeds will benefit MARY'S House, a home that is being built to house victims of domestic violence.

Tickets to the event are \$10

Car and Bike Happenin' to raise money for local Red Cross needs

By Sandy Foster
Editor

According to Sarah Dowling, the Pickens County Chapter of the American Red Cross, more than 20 local families have needed their help due to fire and flooding since June 1.

That's why the local chapter needs funds to help rig up here at home. The 2005 Car and Bike Happenings will take place on Saturday, October 1 at the Market Square in Easley, and funds will benefit the local chapter.

The event will run from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and The Overdrive String Band will be performing live.

The cost is \$10 if you register your vehicle by September 23, but after that date, \$15 to admit a carload (1976 model or earlier) or a bike.

The first 50 to pre-register will receive a "goodie bag" with event t-shirt.

A poker run will start at 9 a.m. with last bike out at 11 a.m. There will also be cash prizes, drawings and games throughout the day.

For more information please call 855-2557 or e-mail bell@bethelchurchwalhalla.org