

# Republic Reporter

## September 18, 2010 Republic Chapter Meeting Christy Van Heukelem Salem Public Library

Christy works at the City of Salem Library. She has a love of history and genealogy and is an accomplished researcher. She has received credit for her work for the Oregon Employment Department on the book "Oregon at Work" and has also worked with Tom Fuller on two more books, "Images of America Salem, and Images of America Newberg."

She had a special interest in the "Oregon at Work", since her family is one of the families that has been in Oregon for four generations.

The Chapter members enjoyed her presentation.

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**ORSSAR  
October 9, 2010  
Board of Managers Meeting  
and  
General Membership Meeting**

The ORSSAR had their quarterly Board of Managers (BOM) meeting and a called General Membership meeting in Beaverton. The Republic Chapter was represented by Compatriots Wight, Wiest, Betterton and Alexander.

The BOM meeting was a typical meeting and a few items were placed on the agenda for the January 29, 2011 meeting to be held at the Valley River Inn in Eugene. Other dates of meetings include the ORSSAR Annual Meeting for elections of new officers on April 9, 2011, also at the Valley River Inn in Eugene. The Pacific District Conference Meeting will be in Rochester, Washington on April 29 and 30, 2011. More details about both the ORSSAR and the Pacific District meeting will be forthcoming.

The BOM had recently approved revised By-Laws and the revised Constitution was approved at the General Membership Meeting. Also approved was an increase to \$15 for annual ORSSAR dues.

# The Republic Chapter of the National Sons of the American Revolution

Our meetings are generally the third Saturday of the month. We meet at the Sizzler Restaurant located at 1151 Lancaster Drive NE in Salem, OR. We start our meetings at Noon.

We have a variety of interesting speakers and our own members give presentations on their Patriot Ancestors.

Upcoming meetings:  
**October 16, 2010**  
Compatriot Meisenheimer will give a presentation on his Patriot ancestor.

**November 20, 2010**

**December 18, 2010**

## Important October dates in 1777

Oct 3 - British troops march north from New York City to join Gen. Burgoyne at Saratoga, but it is too late. He will surrender before they arrive.

Oct 4 - American attack through Germantown, PA ends in retreat.

Oct 4 - Skirmish at White Horse Tavern, PA

Oct 6 - Fort Montgomery and Fort Clinton (on highlands of the Hudson) are captured by British.

Oct 7 - Second battle of Bemis Heights, NY, sometimes called Freeman's Farm, Saratoga, or Stillwater.

Oct 8 - British troops under Burgoyne retreat from Saratoga, NY.

Oct 13 - The British burn most of Kingston, NY.

Oct 13 - Engagement at Esopus, NY

Oct 17 - Burgoyne surrenders the battered British army at Saratoga, NY. This persuades the French to back the American cause.

Oct 21 - Engagement at Mamaroneck, NY

Oct 22 - After making a brave defense, Rhode Island troops evacuate Fort Mercer near Red Bank, NJ.

Oct 23 - Engagement at Red Bank, NY

Oct 23 - Engagement at Fort Mifflin, PA.

## We're on the Web!

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<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orrcsar/>

# Engagement at Esopus, NY

Kingston (or Esopus), being the capital of the state when Sir Henry Clinton gained possession of the forts in the Hudson Highlands, was marked by the conqueror for special vengeance. Having demolished the chevaux-de-frise at Fort Montgomery, the British fleet proceeded up the Hudson; the massive iron chain was not yet stretched across the river at West Point. All impediments being removed, a flying squadron of light frigates, under Sir James Wallace, bearing three thousand six hundred men, under the command of Gen. Vaughan sailed up the river. They were instructed to scatter desolation in their track, and well did they perform their mission. Every vessel upon the river was burned or otherwise destroyed; the houses of known Whigs, such as Henry Livingston, at Poughkeepsie were fired upon from the ships; and small parties, landing from the vessels, desolated neighborhoods with fire and sword. They penetrated as far northward as Kingston, where they landed on the 13th of Oct. The frigates were anchored a little above the present landing on Kingston Point, and a portion of the invaders debarked in the cove north of the steamboat wharf. Another division, in small boats, proceeded to the mouth of Esopus; (now Rondout) Creek, and landed at a place a little northeast of Rondout village, called Ponkhocken Point. The people at the creek fled, affrightened, to Marbletown, seven miles southwest of Kingston, and their houses were destroyed. The two divisions then marched toward the village, one by the upper road and the other by the Esopus Creek Road. Almost every house was laid in ashes, and a large quantity of provisions and stores situated there and at the landing were destroyed. The town then contained between three and four thousand inhabitants, many of whom were wealthy, and most of the houses were built of stone.

Source: <http://www.fortklock.com/Battles.htm#55>.

From: Lossing's Field Book of the Revolution

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