

**THE NEW JERSEY STATE SOCIETY**

**of the  
National Society  
of the  
Daughters of the American Revolution**

*Annual Proceedings*  
**2018-2019**



Karen L.F. Stroever

NJDAR State Regent 2016-2019



**New Jersey State Regent, Karen L. F. Stroever and the New Jersey State Officers**

**2016-2019**

**Bottom Row:**

Ann T. Dillon  
 Karen L. F. Stroever  
 Bonnie Matthews

President General  
 State Regent  
 State Vice Regent

**Second Row:**

Linda Jurczak  
 Carolyn Schwender  
 Marcia Szedula

State Chaplain  
 State Corresponding Secretary  
 State Recording Secretary

**Top Row:**

Heather Smith Varner  
 Stacy D'Artagnan  
 Diane Waugh Oliver  
 Patricia Sanftner  
 Donna Hare

State Librarian  
 State Treasurer  
 State Organizing Secretary  
 State Historian  
 State Registrar



## **NJDAR State Regent and Honorary State Officers**

### Front Row Left to Right:

Diane Clark Argraves  
President General Ann T. Dillon  
Karen L. F. Stroever  
Cornelia Ball Olde

### Honorary Officers Not Pictured:

Carol Harris Weber  
Marnie Smith  
Barbara Molteni  
Mary T Bannan  
Rita Kline

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**New Jersey State Society**  
**Daughters of the American Revolution**

**127<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE**

NATIONAL THEME  
“Moving Forward in Service to America”

STATE THEME  
“Every Member Matters”

CONFERENCE THEME  
“Making a Difference in Education”

March 28 – 30, 2019

The Hyatt Regency

Princeton, New Jersey

## WORKSHOP DETAILS

#1

3:00 – 3:45 pm      **Successful Transitions**

Presented by Diane Oliver, State Organizing Secretary. Strategies that will make moving to a new slate of chapter officers less stressful and more successful.

#2

3:00 – 3:45 pm      **Where is that on the Website?**

Presented by Donna Hare, State Registrar, and Terry Brasko, State Co-Chair Volunteer Genies. Covering aspects of internet research as well as looking at where and how to find information on the State and National DAR websites.

#3

4:00 – 5:00 pm      **Celebrating Women’s Suffrage**

Presented by Wendy Kelly, State Chair, Women’s Issues. Resources for chapters to use as we promote the Suffrage Centennial, including program and activity ideas, background information, and ways to bring awareness of the Women’s Rights Movement.

#4

4:00 – 5:00 pm      **Ask the State Treasurer**

Presented by Stacy D’Artagnan, State Treasurer. Giving assistance on chapter budgets and what to do once you have one, explaining what the CAA shows and means, and discussing the advantages of online dues payments. A must for chapter treasurers, but everyone else can come, too!



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DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

**127<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE**

**PROGRAM**

**MARCH 28 – 30, 2019  
THE HYATT REGENCY  
PRINCETON, NJ**

Karen L. Stroeve, State Regent



## OUR THEME

Making a difference in preserving history.

Making a difference in promoting education.

Making a difference in demonstrating patriotism.

## OUR MOTTO

Every Member Matters

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Stroeever Administration is dedicated to engaging our membership to personally use their talents and abilities to fulfill our historic, educational and patriotic objectives.

## OUR EMBLEM

The Starfish



## SCRIPTURE

“God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God’s many kinds of blessings.”

1 Peter 4:10

# CONFERENCE GUESTS



Ann Turner Dillon  
President General, NSDAR



Cornelia Ball Olde

Reporter General, NSDAR

Honorary State Regent, NJDAR



Maureen Tipton  
Maryland State Regent



Gina LaCroix  
Michigan State Regent



Lori Bailey  
CEO, Tamassee DAR School



Brian Regal, Ph.D.,  
Assistant Professor of The History of  
Science, Technology and Medicine,  
Kean University



## **The Dillon Administration**

### **Moving Forward in Service to America**

The goal of the Dillon Administration is to continue moving forward in our commitment to promote the DAR as we volunteer in our communities and in our nation. We will move forward in:

- Restoring and improving the NSDAR complex of historic buildings
- Supporting chapters through membership and community service promotions
- Advancing technological and financial accounting capabilities that serve to reinforce the Society's promotion of history, education and patriotism
- Designing tools and techniques to increase public recognition of DAR's service and contributions to the Nation including, but not limited to, funding Special Projects Grants
- Furthering the financial stability of the Society through the promotion of established development programs and prudent investment strategies

As we move forward in service to God, Home and Country, we renew our commitment to promote our founders' vision through education, historic preservation and patriotism.



## **NJDAR 127<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NJDAR STATE CONFERENCE**

**March 28 – 30, 2019**

### **Thursday, March 28, 2019**

- 12:00 Noon – 3:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch and Tour for Guests
- 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm \_\_\_\_ Registration and Credentials (lower lobby)
- 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm \_\_\_\_ Workshops, Exhibits, and Service Projects
- 3 pm – 3:45 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop #1 - Successful Transitions
- 3 pm– 3:45 pm \_\_\_\_ Workshop #2 - Where is that on the Website?
- 4 pm – 5 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop #3 - Celebrating Women’s Suffrage
- 4 pm – 5 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop #4 - Ask the State Treasurer
- 5:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Photos in Lower Atrium
- 6:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ State Vice Regent’s Social Dinner

**Friday, March 29, 2019**

7:00 am – 8:00 am \_\_\_\_\_ All Member Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:15 am \_\_\_\_\_ Registration and Credentials

*\* Be sure to visit our Chapter and Committee Tables in  
the Exhibit Rooms \**

9:30 am – 11:30 am \_\_\_\_\_ Morning Business Session

12:00 Noon – 2:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Tamassee 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Luncheon

**Speaker: Lori Bailey, CEO, Tamassee DAR School**

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibits, Sales Tables, Service  
Project

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Heritage Club Reception (invitation  
only)

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Official Photographs

5:30 pm – 6:15 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-banquet Reception

6:30  
pm

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\_\_\_\_\_ Awards Banquet

NJDAR Outstanding History Teacher and Student Award Winners

**Speaker: Ann T. Dillon, President General, NSDAR**

*Receiving line follows*

**Saturday, March 30, 2019**

7:00 am – 8:00 am \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Breakfast (invitation only)

7:00 am – 9:00 am \_\_\_\_\_ Breakfast on your own

8:00 am – 9:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ Registration and Credentials

*\* Be sure to visit our chapter and committee tables*

*in the Exhibit Rooms \**

10:00 am – 11:00 am \_\_\_\_\_ Morning Business Session

11:00 am – 11:30 am \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Service

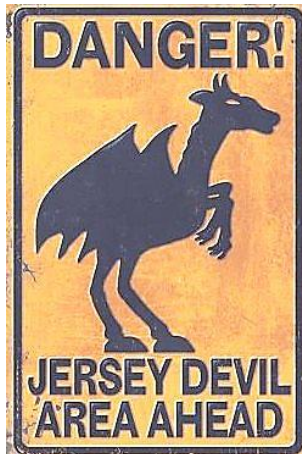
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Jersey Devil Luncheon

**“The Secret History of the Jersey Devil”**

**Speaker: Dr. Brian Regal, Associate Professor of The History of Science, Technology, and Medicine, Kean University**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Conclusion of Business Session

Installation of Officers 2019-2022



127<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NJDAR STATE CONFERENCE  
Karen L. Stroever, State Regent, Presiding

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019  
BUSINESS SESSION – 9:30 A.M.

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ Karen Stroever, State Regent

INVOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA \_\_\_\_\_ Linda Smith, Awards Day Chair

THE AMERICAN’S CREED \_Rosemary Wallace, Southern District  
Director

PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA \_Heather Smith Varner, State Librarian

NATIONAL ANTHEM \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Sanftner, State Historian

GREETINGS

ANN TURNER DILLON, PRESIDENT GENERAL, NSDAR

PHILIP MURPHY, GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY \_\_\_ Carolyn  
Schwender, State Corresponding Secretary

WELCOME

THE HYATT REGENCY \_\_ Randi Parsons Landers, Events Manager

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INTRODUCTIONS  
HONORED MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Cornelia B. Olde, Reporter General, NSDAR

HONORARY STATE OFFICERS:

Barbara Molteni, Carol Harris Weber, Marnie Smith, Mary Bannan, Rita Kline, Diane C. Argraves, Cornelia B. Olde, Charlotte B. Edson

VISITING STATE REGENTS:

Maureen Tipton, Maryland  
Gina LaCroix, Michigan

STATE OFFICERS:

Bonnie N. Matthews, State Vice Regent  
Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain  
Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary  
Carolyn S. Schwender, State Corresponding Secretary  
Diane W. Oliver, State Organizing Secretary  
Stacy S. D'Artagnan, State Treasurer  
Donna S. Hare, State Registrar  
Patricia C. Sanftner, State Historian  
Heather Smith Varner, State Librarian

NATIONAL CHAIRS:

Diane Oliver, National Chair, American Heritage Committee  
Holly Jean Dunbar, National Chair, Conservation Committee  
Nancy Kritch, National Chair, Congress Registration Line

TAMASSEE DAR SCHOOL

Lori Bailey, CEO

PAGES:

Melissa Olde Wetzel, State Chair

FIRST REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Kathleen Evans, State Chair

FIRST REPORT OF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

C. Susan Anderson, State Chair

STANDING RULE

Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary

PROGRAM

Carolyn Schwender, State Corresponding Secretary

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STATE OFFICERS' REMARKS

Karen L. Stroeve, State Regent  
Bonnie N. Matthews, State Vice Regent  
Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain  
Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary  
Carolyn S. Schwender, State Corresponding Secretary  
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Heather Smith Varner, State Librarian

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER

Stacy D'Artagnan, State Treasurer  
Louise Stiloski, Treasurer, The Founders Committee  
Louise Stiloski, State Finance Chair

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR \_\_\_\_\_ Stacy D'Artagnan, State Treasurer

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Susan Luczu, Central District  
Ruth Westerfield, Northern District  
Rosemary Wallace, Southern District

COMMITTEE REPORTS \_\_\_\_\_ State Chairs

ANNOUNCEMENTS \_\_\_\_\_ Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary



SCHOOLS LUNCHEON  
12:00 P.M.

PROCESSIONAL

STATE REGENT AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT REGENTS

INTRODUCTION OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS \_\_\_\_\_ Rosemary Wallace,  
Southern District Director

BLESSING \_\_\_\_\_ Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA \_\_\_\_\_ Nancy Kritch, State Chair, DAR Schools

INTRODUCTION OF HONORED GUESTS \_\_ Karen L. Stroeever, State Regent  
Ann Turner Dillon, President General, NSDAR  
Cornelia B. Olde, Reporter General, NSDAR  
Honorary State Officers  
Nancy Kritch, State Chair, DAR Schools  
Visiting State Regents \_\_\_\_\_ Maureen Tipton, Maryland State Regent  
Gina LaCroix, Michigan State Regent  
State Officers and State Chairs

LUNCH

ROLL CALL OF CHAPTERS \_\_\_\_\_ Bonnie Matthews, State Vice Regent

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER \_ Karen L. Stroeever, State Regent  
Lori Bailey, CEO, Tamassee DAR School

BENEDICTION \_\_\_\_\_ Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain

RETIRING OF THE COLORS

RECESS

*Exhibits will be open at the conclusion of lunch until 4:00 pm.*

*Please visit all our wonderful committee and sales tables.*

5:00 pm - Photographs in the Lobby

Chapter Regents

State Chairs

State Officers

Pages

Visiting Guests

5:30 pm – 6:15 pm \_\_\_\_\_ PRE-BANQUET RECEPTION



AWARDS BANQUET – 6:30 P.M.

PROCESSIONAL

Entrance of State Regent, National and State Officers, Honorary State Officers and Guests, escorted by the Pages

CALL TO ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ Karen L. Stroever, State Regent

INVOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA \_\_\_\_\_ Carolyn Schwender, State Corresponding Secretary

THE AMERICAN’S CREED\_ Rosemary Wallace, Southern District Director

PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA \_\_\_\_\_ Mary Leonard, State Chair Constitution Week

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Sanftner, State Historian

POSTING OF THE COLORS

INTRODUCTION OF HONORED MEMBERS AND GUESTS

\_\_\_\_\_ Karen L. Stroever, State Regent

Ann T. Dillon, President General

Cornelia B. Olde, Reporter General

Honorary State Officers

Linda Smith, Awards Day Chair

Distinguished Guests

Robert Meyer, State President, NJSSAR

Michael Bates, State President, Society of Sons of the Revolution in NJ

Maureen Tipton, Maryland State Regent

Gina LaCrixo, Michigan State Regent

Lori Bailey, CEO, Tamasee DAR School

State Officers

National Chairs, National Vice Chairs, National Appointees,  
State Chairs

2018 NEW JERSEY OUTSTANDING JUNIOR MEMBER

\_\_\_\_\_ Ashley Wasser, State Chair

INTRODUCTION OF PAGES \_\_\_\_\_ Melissa Wetzel, State Chairman

BLESSING \_\_\_\_\_ Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain

## DINNER

### INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

\_\_\_\_\_ Karen Stroever, State Regent

Ann Turner Dillon, President General NSDAR

PRESENTATION OF THE NJDAR STATE OUTSTANDING TEACHER  
OF AMERICAN HISTORY \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Sanftner, State Historian

### PRESENTATION OF STUDENT AWARDS

\_\_\_\_\_ Linda Smith, State Chair, Awards Day

### AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

American History Essay Contest  
Christopher Columbus Essay Contest  
Junior American Citizens Contest  
Fashion Design Contest  
NJDAR State Scholarship  
Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship  
DAR Good Citizens

ANNOUNCEMENTS \_\_\_\_\_ Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary

BENEDICTION \_\_\_\_\_ Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain

### RETIRING OF THE COLORS

RECESSIONAL

*Please allow time for the head table to retire.*

RECEIVING LINE TO FOLLOW

*State Regent, Outstanding History Teacher, National Officers, State Officers,  
Visiting State Regents and Outstanding Junior*

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019  
BUSINESS SESSION – 10:00 A.M.

PROCESSIONAL

CALL TO ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ Karen L. Stroever, State Regent

INVOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA \_\_\_\_\_ Ashley Wasser, State Chair, C.A.R.

THE AMERICAN’S CREED\_\_\_ Diane Oliver, State Organizing Secretary

PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA\_\_\_\_\_ Mary Leonard, State Chair Constitution Week

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM \_\_\_\_\_ Patricia Sanftner, State Historian

INTRODUCTION OF HONORED MEMBERS AND GUESTS  
\_\_\_\_\_ Karen L. Stroever, State Regent

INTRODUCTION OF PAGES \_\_\_\_\_ Melissa Wetzel, State Chair

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE  
\_\_\_\_\_ Kathleen Evans, State Chair

FINAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE  
\_\_\_\_\_ C. Susan Anderson, State Chair

BUSINESS MEETING

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NOMINATIONS FOR STATE OFFICE 2019-2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS \_\_\_\_\_ Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary

*MEMORIAL SERVICE – 11:00 A.M.*  
*Linda B. Jurczak, State Chaplain*

*PRELUDE “The Twenty-third Psalm” \_\_\_\_\_ Julie D. Fristensky, Soloist*

TRIBUTE \_\_\_\_\_ Diane C. Argraves, Honorary State Regent

*Katherine D. "Kitty" Bowers (Mrs. Robert)  
National Number #750053  
May 3, 2018  
State Historian 2004-2007, 2010-2013  
State Chaplain 2016-2018*

HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE "Pie Jesu" \_\_\_\_\_ Julie D. Fristensky, Soloist

CHAPTER ROLL CALL

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The assembly is requested to remain in place until the platform is cleared,  
exiting in reverent silence.*



JERSEY DEVIL LUNCHEON – 12:30 P.M.

PROCESSIONAL

STATE REGENT AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT REGENTS

INTRODUCTION OF HOSTESS CHAPTERS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rosemary Wallace, Southern District Director

INTRODUCTION OF HONORED GUESTS

\_\_\_\_\_ Sheila Delorean, President, N.J.S.C.A.R.  
Maureen Tipton, Maryland State Regent  
Gina LaCroix, Michigan State Regent  
Robert Meyers, State President, NJSSAR

BLESSING \_\_\_\_\_ Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain

LUNCH

ROLL CALL OF CHAPTERS \_\_\_\_\_ Bonnie Matthews, State Vice Regent

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

\_\_\_\_\_ Karen L. Stroever, State Regent  
Brian Regal, PhD, Associate Professor of The History of Science,  
Technology and Medicine, Kean University

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AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION – 2:00 P.M.

BUSINESS MEETING \_\_\_\_\_ Karen L. Stroever, State Regent

SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

NEW JERSEY DAUGHTER OF DISTINCTION

\_\_\_\_\_ Karen L. Stroever, State Regent

PRESIDENT GENERAL’S PROJECT \_\_\_\_\_ Elizabeth Dunnell, State Chair

DAR SERVICE FOR VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_ Joanne Stoy, State Chair

“LITTLE CHAPTER THAT COULD”

\_\_\_\_\_ Karen L. Stroever, State Regent

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ Ashley Wasser, State Chair

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SPECIALIST \_\_\_\_\_ Deborah Hvizdos, State Chair

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER REGENT \_\_\_\_\_ Rita Kline, State Chair

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

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ELECTION OF 2019-2022 STATE OFFICERS

INVITATION TO FALL MEETING \_\_\_\_\_ Ruth Westerfield, Northern District Director

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INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS \_\_\_\_\_ Cornelia Olde, Reporter General NSDAR

ANNOUNCEMENTS \_\_\_\_\_ Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary

BENEDICTION \_\_\_\_\_ Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain

RETIRING OF THE COLORS

ADJOURNMENT

See You at  
Continental Congress!

June 26 – 30, 2019



## HONORED GUESTS

Ann Turner Dillon, President General, NSDAR  
Cornelia B. Olde, Reporter General, NSDAR; Honorary State Regent  
Maureen Tipton, State Regent, Maryland  
Gina LaCroix, State Regent, Michigan  
Sheila DeLorean, State President, New Jersey State Society  
Children of the American Revolution  
Robert Meyer, State President, NJ State Society of the Sons of the  
American Revolution  
Michael Bates, State President, Society of the Sons of the  
Revolution in NJ  
Lori Bailey, CEO, Tamassee DAR School  
Brian Regal, Associate Professor, Kean University

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Janet Tartaglia, General Chair of Conferences  
Janice Bongiovanni, Advisor  
Linda Smith, Awards Banquet  
Stacy D'Artagnan, Conference Treasurer  
Bonnie Matthews, Guest Hospitality  
Melissa Wetzel, Pages  
Diane Argraves, Program  
C. Susan Anderson, Reservations/Registration  
Kim Armstrong, Vice Chair-Seating, A/V

## HOSTESS CHAPTERS (Southern District)

Rosemary Wallace, Southern District Director  
Ann Whitall Chapter, Susan Novalsky, Regent  
Cape May Patriots Chapter, Geraldine Fruchtmann, Regent  
Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter, Lynda Nolan, Regent  
Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter, Florence Thompson, Regent  
General Lafayette Chapter, Rosemary Wallace, Regent  
Great John Mathis Chapter, Sharon Romano, Regent  
Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter, Sarah Tarpine-Smith, Regent  
Haddonfield Chapter, Diane Clark Argraves, Regent  
Moorestown Chapter, Diane Donnelly, Regent  
Oak Tree Chapter, Margaret Pietrantonio, Regent  
Red Bank Chapter, Deborah Wilkins, Regent  
Ye Olde Newton-Nassau Chapter, Josephine Guscott, Regent  
The Coastal Watch Chapter, Cheryl Blake, Regent

## **CONFERENCE PAGES**

### **State Chair**

Melissa Olde Wetzel, General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter

### **Personal Pages to the State Regent**

Stephanie Teagarden, Old White House-General Frelinghuysen-  
Colonel Lowery Chapter

Adrienne Kubiak, General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter

### **Personal Page to the President General**

Ashley Smith Wasser, Ferro Monte Chapter

### **Personal Page to the Honored Guests**

Vittoria Flick, General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter

### **Personal Page to the Honorary State Officers**

Rebecca Smith Martinsen, Ferro Monte Chapter

### **Personal Page to the State Officers**

Emily Kelchen, Old White House-General Frelinghuysen-  
Colonel Lowery Chapter

### **Personal Page to the Registration Committee**

Laura Franek, Chinkchewunska Chapter

### **Personal Page to the Credentials Committee**

Ashley Ziccardi, Chinkchewunska Chapter

### **Personal Page to the Conference Chair**

Angela Perkins, Saddle River Chapter

### **Floor Pages**

Elizabeth Hipp, Knickerbocker Chapter, NY

Emily Rich, Knickerbocker Chapter, NY

### **Exhibit Room Page**

Elizabeth Medich, Morven Society C.A.R.

**New Jersey State Society of the National Society  
of the Daughters of the American Revolution  
Standing Rules for the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference**

**Registration**

All voting members shall register before assuming their status as delegates. Registration will be open Thursday, March 28, between 2:45 – 5:00 PM; Friday, March 29, between 8:00 - 9:15 AM and 11:00 – 12:00 Noon; and Saturday, March 30, between 8:00 – 9:45 AM.

**Credentials**

Immediately after the opening ceremonies of the first business meeting, the Credentials Committee shall report the number of delegates, alternates, and other voting members registered as present. A voting member who registers with the Credentials Committee after the first report assumes her status as a delegate immediately. A supplementary report shall be made at the beginning of each day that business continues.

The Registration Committee will report non-voting members and guests registered.

**Delegates**

No delegate shall represent more than one chapter or be entitled to more than one vote. There shall be no proxy voting. Delegates are requested to be in their seats before the business sessions and remain until the close of that session. Delegates must wear voter badges at all business sessions.

**Debate and Motions**

Only registered delegates and other voting members shall be entitled to make motions, debate, and vote.

Debate shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker and twenty (20) minutes for each question. A member shall speak no more than once on the same question without permission of the Conference granted by a two-thirds vote without debate.

All original main motions and amendments shall be submitted in writing, signed by the maker and the seconder, each of whom shall be a voting member of the Conference, and sent immediately to the Recording Secretary.

The maker of the motion shall approach the microphone, address the chair, give her name and chapter and wait to be recognized by the Presiding Officer before proposing the motion.

## **Reports**

Doors will be closed during reports, speeches and awards, unless directed otherwise by the Presiding Officer.

Those participating in the program are requested to occupy seats near the floor microphone. Speakers will address the chair only.

Speakers from the floor, including committee chairmen, shall be limited to two (2) minutes and District Directors to ten (10) minutes. The District Directors shall read a composite of the chapter regents' reports. If a state chairman is absent, the Recording Secretary shall file her report.

## **Minutes**

The minutes of the State Conference shall be corrected and approved by a committee appointed by the State Regent. The committee shall report to the Recording Secretary who in turn will report to the State Board of Management. The minutes will be printed in the proceedings.

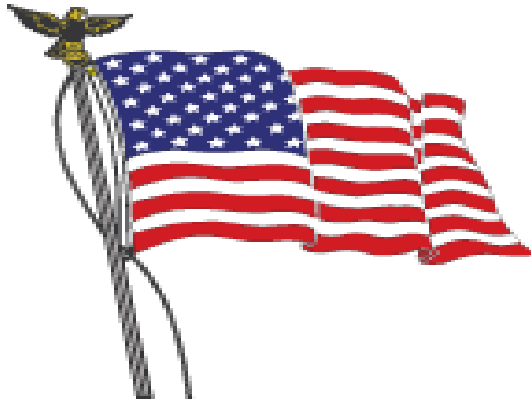
## **Miscellaneous**

Business scheduled for any Conference business session that is not completed at the time of recess of that meeting will be resumed at the next business session.

Electronic devices must be silenced in the meeting room during meetings of the Conference.

## **Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the State Conference in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws and Standing Rules of this Society and these Standing Rules for State Conference.



## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it Stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

*-- Francis M. Bellamy*

## **THE AMERICAN'S CREED**

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity, for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

*-- William Tyler Page*

## **THE PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

WE THE PEOPLE of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

NJDAR Fall Meeting  
The New Jersey State Society of the  
National Society of the  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Saturday September 22, 2018

The Hyatt Regency  
Princeton, NJ  
**Minutes**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 – 9:30AM MORNING SESION**

The 2018 Autumn State Meeting of the New Jersey State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was called to order by State Regent, Karen Stroevert at 9:45am on September 22, 2018.

Regent Stroevert welcomed all in attendance and asked that they remain standing until the colors have been posted.

The invocation was given by Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain, The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of American was led by Gayle Loftis, State Chair Americanism Committee followed by the American's Creed led by Rosemary Wallace, Southern District Director. The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States was led by Mary Leonard, State Chair of Constitution Week and the National Anthem was led by Patricia Sanftner, State Historian.

State Vice Regent Bonnie Matthews read the greetings from the President General of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Ann Turner Dillon.

Carolyn Schwender, State Corresponding Secretary read greetings from Phil Murphy, the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

At the conclusion of the Opening Exercises, Mrs. Stroevert directed that the colors be posted and that the pages may retire. The assembly was invited to be seated and the doors were opened briefly.

Once the doors were closed, Mrs. Stroevert stated how honored the New Jersey Society was to host the morning's Naturalization Ceremony. She introduced honored guests: Dr. John Thompson, UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICE Newark NJ District Director, Tamika Gray – USCIS Newark Deputy District Director, AND YA-MEI CHEN, USCIS Mount Laurel NJ Field Office Director.

Regent Stroevert then introduced the Hyatt Regency Princeton's Event Manager, Randi Parsons who brought greetings.

Regent Stroevert thanked Ms. Parsons and asked State Vice Regent Bonnie Matthews to give the Response which included the State Society's thanks to the hotel staff for all their help to make this meeting enjoyable and successful.

State Regent Stroevert then gave a special thank you to Janet Tartaglia, Conference Chairman for her hard work with Ms. Parsons over the past months.

At this time, the State Regent took a moment to remind all in attendance to turn off or place on vibrate their cell phones. This is a time away from the everyday cares and concerns and we are here to enjoy one another's company and share news about the work of our Society.

It was Regent Stroever's pleasure to present the following Honorary State Officers who were in attendance:

Barbara Molteni, Mrs. Edward A., Honorary State Regent, 1992

Rita Kline, Mrs. Leonard, Honorary State Regent – 2007

Diane C. Argraves, Mrs. Donald, Honorary State Regent, 2013

Connie B. Olde, Mrs. Warren T., Honorary State Regent, 2016, and Reporter General

The Honorary State Officers were greeted by the assembly.

Rita Kline brought greetings from the Honorary State Officers.

Regent Stroever thanked Mrs. Kline and all the Honorary State Officers.

Mrs. Stroever stated "Our Honoraries represent the continuity of our organization, embodying our spirit of service: willing to serve in every capacity for our State, our Chapters and our Communities. This Officer is extremely grateful for their leadership and advice. We thank you all and will pray for those not able to be with us today. Our State Chaplain has cards for them which we encourage you to all sign later."

One very special guest was introduced by State Regent Stroever, NJDAR's own Cornelia B. Olde, serving the National Society as Reporter General.

Mrs. Stroever introduced some representatives in attendance from other genealogical organizations:

Sheila DeLorean, President, New Jersey State Society Children of the American Revolution

Warren Fristensky, Treasurer, New Jersey State Society Sons of the American Revolution

Regent Stroever recognized the SAR members who served as our special Color Guard: Warren Fristensky, Billy Locke, Ira Hershey and Ed Glidden.

Jack Idenden, State Vice President, Society of the Sons of the Revolution in New Jersey

With pride and affection, Regent Stroever presented the members of the State Board of Managers:

Bonnie Matthews, State Vice Regent; Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain, Marcia G. Szedula, State Recording Secretary; Carolyn Schwender, State Corresponding Secretary; Diane W. Oliver, State Organizing Secretary; Stacy D'Artagnan, State Treasurer; Donna Hare, State Registrar; Patricia C. Sanftner, State Historian and Heather L. Smith Varner, State Librarian

The State Board was greeted by the assembly.

The following national appointments from New Jersey were introduced by Regent Stroever and were greeted by the assembly:

National Vice Chairman-American Heritage Women in the Arts Award, Louise Stiloski; National Vice Chairman-DAR Scholarships Enid Hall Griswold Memorial Scholarship, Linda Jurczak; National Vice Chairman DAR Scholarships Mildred Nutting Nursing Scholarship, Rebecca Smith; National Vice Chairman Junior American Citizens Art Contest, Heather Speas; National Vice Chairman Junior Shoppe, Ashley Wasser. Eastern Division: National Vice Chairman Children of the American Revolution, Melissa Wetzel; National Vice Chairman Commemorative Events, Lynda Aber; National Vice Chairman Community Classroom, Stephanie Teagarden; National Vice Chairman DAR Good Citizens, Diane Argraves; National Vice Chairman DAR Schools, Nancy Kritch; National Vice Chairman DAR Service for Veterans, Judith Stoma; National Vice Chairman Historic Preservation, Bonnie Matthews

Regent Stroever then announced New Jersey's nationally appointed representatives to the Veterans Facilities. Those present were asked to stand and be recognized:

Lyons V.A. Hospital, Bernards Township- Joanne Stoy; Edison Memorial Home, Menlo Park-Diana Seiferheld and Anita Gorman; Vineland Veterans Home, Vineland, Diane Donnelly.

Regent Stroever introduced her personal page, Stephanie Teagarden from Old Whitehouse-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowrey Chapter.

The NJDAR District Directors were introduced and greeted by the assembly:

Central District Director of the Jersey Blue Chapter, Susan Luczu; Northern District Director of the Loantaka-Parsippanong Chapter, Ruth Westerfield and Southern District Director of the General Lafayette Chapter, Rosemary Wallace.

Also introduced at the head table was Judge Gayle Loftus, Chair Americanism Committee.

All State Chairman and State Vice Chairman of National Committees were asked to stand and be recognized, followed by State Chairman and State Vice Chairman of State Committees. The assembly greeted each group when they were introduced.

The State Regent then thanked the pages for their hard work and dedication and asked page Chair Melissa Wetzel to introduce the pages. They were greeted by the assembly with applause:

The State Regent announced that if motions are presented in our business sessions, one must state her name and chapter before making the motion.

Mrs. Stroever called for the first report of the **Credentials Committee** which was read by Kathleen Evans, Credentials Committee Chairman:

**Delegates: 53; Alternates: 10; Number of Registered Voters: 14; Total Voters: 67**

Kathleen Evans of Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter stated, *"By direction of the Committee, I move that the first report of the Credentials Committee be adopted"*

As no second is required on this motion, the State Regent asked for votes in favor of adopting the first report of the Credentials Committee to say, “Aye” and those opposed, say, “Nay”.

The motion to adopt the first report of the Credentials Committee was passed unanimously. A quorum was present and the voting body of this State Conference was established.

***Motion Adopted***

Mrs. Stroever called for the first report of the **Registration Committee** which was read by Susan Anderson, Registration Committee Chairman:

STATE OFFICERS.....	10
NATIONAL OFFICERS.....	1
HONORARY STATE OFFICERS.....	4
PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS.....	0
NATIONAL ADVISORS/CHAIRMAN.....	2
NATIONAL VICE CHAIRMAN.....	3
DISTRICT DIRECTORS.....	3
CHAPTER REGENTS/VICE REGENTS.....	43
STATE CHAIRMAN-NATIONAL COMMITTEES.....	12
STATE CHAIRMAN-STATE COMMITTEES.....	16
50 YEAR CLUB MEMBERS.....	4
MEMBERS.....	124
GUESTS.....	10
HODARS.....	1
 TOTAL	 135

Susan Anderson of Ferro Monte Chapter stated, *“By direction of the Committee, I move that the first report of the Registration Committee be adopted”*.

As no second is required on this motion, the State Regent asked for votes in favor of adopting the first report of the Registration Committee to say, “Aye” and those opposed, say, “Nay”.

The motion to adopt the first report of the Registration Committee was passed unanimously.

***Motion Adopted***

Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary read a recommendation from the State Board of Managers:

***“By direction of the State Board of Managers, I move that the Standing Rules as printed in the state conference program be adopted without reading aloud at this time”***

The State Regent repeated the motion and asked for any discussion. There being none, she asked for votes in favor of the motion say, “Aye” and those opposed, say, “Nay”.

The motion passed unanimously.

***Motion Adopted***

Mrs. Stroevert asked Carolyn Schwender, State Corresponding Secretary, to present the program for the conference as follows:

***“I move to adopt the conference program as presented as the order of business for the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference of the New Jersey State Society of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, with provisions for necessary changes.”***

Bonnie Matthews, State Vice Regent of Chinkchewunaska Chapter seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, Mrs. Stroevert asked voters in favor of the motion to say, “Aye” and those opposed, say, “Nay”.

The motion passed unanimously.

***Motion Adopted***

Diane Oliver, State Organizing Secretary, Ruth Westerfield, Northern District Director, and Rosemary Wallace, Southern District Director have been appointed to review the minutes of the 2018 Fall State Meeting and refer their report to the next regular meeting of The State Board of Managers for approval. The Minutes will be printed in the proceedings.

The NJDAR is hosting a Naturalization Ceremony and State Regent Stroevert welcomed our soon to be American citizens. She spoke on the relationship between the DAR and immigrants and how the DAR Manual for Citizenship was used as a model in 2004 when the US Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services created their new study materials for citizenship.

Mrs. Stroevert then gave a brief history as to why we celebrate Constitution Week.

The program was then turned over to Dr. Thompson, USCIS Newark District Director to begin the ceremony.

\*\*\*\*\* NATURALIZATION CEREMONY \*\*\*\*\*

At the conclusion of the Ceremony, which had 22 people from 16 different countries naturalized, the morning session was adjourned. The new citizens were greeted by the assembly.

Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary made the following announcements:

- Chairmen And Chapter Regents, The Post Box will be available at the break prior to lunch. Please remember to have someone pick up your packet. If your Chapter Regent will not be present tomorrow, Please pick up her packet for her and ensure that she receives it as soon as possible.
- After this morning’s meeting, our committee and exhibit tables located in the smaller rooms off our main corridor will be open. This is an opportunity to support our DAR Projects.. So be sure to stop by.

- The Starfish Pins to support the State Regent's Project are on sale at the State Regent's Project Table.
- If you have not placed the supplies for the Lyons VA drive in the collection area, please do so during the break. Monetary donations will be gratefully accepted.
- This room must be vacated before the hotel can set up for our luncheon. Please take your materials and tote bags with you now. All the tables will be numbered for your luncheon table assignments which are on your ticket.
- The Southern District Director and the Southern District Chapter Regents or Representative should gather in the foyer at 12:20 pm for the processional.
- Be sure to visit the Gateway to America wall where our members have posted photos and other memorabilia about their families and friends who have made the citizenship journey.
- Lost-Missing a galaxy #8 phone with a pink Kate Spade glitter cover.
- Jersey Blue Chapter has cards to sign for our veterans.
- The Veterans quilt project demo is in the main hall. They are accepting fabric, single bed sheet, cash or checks. If you forgot your fabric contact Pat Sanftner or Susan Luczu. Thank you for your support.
- Jersey Blue Chapter is celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on February 16, 2019 at the Forsgate Country Club in Jamesburg, NJ. Raffle tickets are available at the Jersey Blue table. 2 tickets for \$50.00, cash value \$120.00. Contact Susan Luczu for further info.
- Camp Middlebrook Chapter is celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Old Mill Inn in Basking Ridge. Tickets are still available, contact Susan Luczu for further info.
- Limited space is still available for the NSDAR Christmas open house trip December 5-6, includes roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation, Hotel Accommodations, DAR Museum Tour, visits to historic Gadsby's Tavern, the Women in Military Service Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery and more. Sponsored by Haddonfield Chapter- Contact Diane Argraves, Chapter Regent for more details.
- The Ex-Regents Club luncheon is on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the deadline for registering is Friday September 28<sup>th</sup>. Please see Liz Dunnell today or call her, she's in the book! Terry Brasko is presenting Fun outside DAR.
- Finally, photos will be taken for the following groups at noon on the steps in the lobby just past our registration table. The following groups should report at noon: State Officers, Honorary State Officers, all pages, Southern District Chapter members.

Regent Stroever stated that the meeting was in recess until 12:30pm at which time the Luncheon will begin.

A receiving line was formed in the hall outside the room in order to greet our new citizens.

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 – LUNCHEON AND AFTERNOON SESSION

At 12:30, State Regent Karen Stroever greeted all who returned from the morning session and the new guests attending the Luncheon.

State Regent Stroever asked Rosemary Wallace, Southern District Director, to introduce the Hostess Chapters.

The State Regent then introduced Honored Guests:

One very special guest was introduced by State Regent Stroever, NJDAR's own Cornelia B. Olde, serving the National Society as Reporter General who brought greetings from the National Society.

Sheila DeLorean, President of the New Jersey State Society Children of the American Revolution. Shelia brought greetings and talked about her project to tag and track juvenile Bald Eagles. Mrs. Stroever presented her with a check and a certificate for her project.

Warren Fristensky, Treasurer, New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution, who brought greetings from NSSAR. Regent Stroever presented Mr. Fristensky with a certificate of Appreciation.

Special thanks were given to the SAR members who served as our special Color Guard: Richard Blunden, Warren Fristensky, Billy Locke, Ira Hershey and Ed Glidden.

Jack Idenden, State Vice President, Society of the Sons of the Revolution in New Jersey, who brought greetings.

Mrs. Stroever introduced the following Club Officers:

Bonnie Matthews, President of the NJDAR State Officers Club  
Nancy Kritch, President of the NJDAR Ex-Regents Club  
Marcia Szedula, President of the NJDAR Page Club  
Jean Hultgren, President of the NJDAR 50 Year Club  
Donna Hare, President of the Cameo Society

The assembly greeted them with applause.

Mary Leonard, Chair of the Constitution Week Committee led the assembly in a ringing celebration in honor of the 231<sup>st</sup> anniversary of that very important document.

Mrs. Stroever called for the final report of the **Credentials Committee** which was read by Kathleen Evans, Credentials Committee Chairman:

**Delegates: 57; Alternates: 10; Number of Registered Voters: 14; Total Voters: 71**

Kathleen Evans of Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter stated, *“By direction of the Committee, I move that the final report of the Credentials Committee be adopted”*

As no second is required on this motion, the State Regent asked for votes in favor of adopting the final report of the Credentials Committee to say, “Aye” and those opposed, say, “Nay”.

The motion to adopt the final report of the Credentials Committee was passed unanimously.

***Motion Adopted***

While the registration committee was finalizing their tally Regent Stroever had some remarks.

Linda Jurczak, was sworn in as State Chaplain during the last meeting of the Board of Management. State Regent Stroever applied the Chaplains pin to Linda’s ribbon.

Mrs. Stroever then called for the final report of the **Registration Committee** which was read by Susan Anderson, Registration Committee Chairman:

STATE OFFICERS.....	10
NATIONAL OFFICERS.....	1
HONORARY STATE OFFICERS.....	4
PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS.....	0
NATIONAL ADVISORS/CHAIRMAN.....	2
NATIONAL VICE CHAIRMAN.....	3
DISTRICT DIRECTORS.....	3
CHAPTER REGENTS/VICE REGENTS.....	45
STATE CHAIRMAN-NATIONAL COMMITTEES.....	14
STATE CHAIRMAN-STATE COMMITTEES.....	17
50 YEAR CLUB MEMBERS.....	4
MEMBERS.....	134
GUESTS.....	10
HODARS.....	1
PAGES.....	6
 TOTAL	 145

Susan Anderson of Ferro Monte Chapter stated, “*By direction of the Committee, I move that the final report of the Registration Committee be adopted*”.

As no second is required on this motion, the State Regent asked for votes in favor of adopting the final report of the Registration Committee to say, “Aye” and those opposed, say, “Nay”.

The motion to adopt the final report of the Registration Committee was passed unanimously.

***Motion Adopted***

At this time Louise Stiloski, State Chairman, Finance Committee and Stacy D’ Artagnan, State Treasurer were called to the side microphone. At the Spring Conference, the report of the Auditor was not available and it was announced that approval would be considered

at the next state meeting, which is this one. NJDAR State Bylaws stipulate that the audit may be addressed at the next special meeting of the membership. The State Treasurer, Stacy D'Artagnan gave her report. All voters received a copy of the report when they signed in at the credentials table. This report carries with it the report of The Founders Committee.

Louise Stiloski, Chair of Finance said *“I move the report of the Auditor be adopted which carries with it the approval of the report of the Treasurer and of The Founders Committee”*

The State Regent repeated the motion and asked for any discussion. There being none, she asked for votes in favor of the motion say, “Aye” and those opposed, say, “Nay”.

The motion passed unanimously.

### ***Motion Adopted***

Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain offered the blessing.

State Regent Stroever announced that this would be a working lunch, the meeting being continued during pauses.

\*\*\*\*\*LUNCH\*\*\*\*\*

While the assembly enjoyed their meal, State Regent Karen Stroever asked State Vice Regent Bonnie Matthews to conduct the Roll Call of Chapters.

State Regent Stroever stated “Every member can make a difference doing the work of DAR. We have already made quite a difference as the list of awards we received at Continental Congress this summer has shown. This list reflects the work you all did during 2017.”

State Vice Regent Bonnie Matthews read the list of committee and chapter achievement awards received.

The Following **Committee Reports** were given:

Gayle Loftus – State Chair Americanism.

Karen Stroever- State Regent, Chapter Achievement and Development

Mrs. Stroever asked the Regents of the chapters who received Level One and the State Regent’s Award of Merit to come forward for a photo.

Diane Argraves- State Chair Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee

Heather Varner- State Librarian, Community Classroom

Valerie Trupp- State Chair DAR Leadership Training

Ruth Westerfield- State Chair Tours and Travel

The assembly showed their appreciation by applause.

Diane Argraves, Honorary State Regent introduced The Matthews Associates, Candidates for State Office for election at the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference, 2019.

Bonnie Matthews, State Regent, Chinkchewunska Chapter

Diane Waugh Oliver, State Vice Regent, Matochshoning –Rebecca Cornell Chapter

Nancy L. Kritch, State Chaplain, Governor William Livingston Chapter

Kimberly Armstrong, State Recording Secretary, Ferro Monte Chapter

June C. Daly, State Corresponding Secretary, Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter

Catherine S. Medich, State Organizing Secretary, General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter

Linda Jurczak, State Treasurer, Church and Canon Chapter

Theresa A. Brasko, State Registrar, Haddonfield Chapter

Deborah A. Hvizdos, State Historian, Shrewsburytowne- Monmouth Chapter

Donna Hare, State Librarian, General Lafayette Chapter

The assembly greeted them with applause.

“Voices” were drawn and winners congratulated.

At this time, Rosemary Wallace, Southern District Director issued the invitation to the Spring Conference on Thursday, Friday and Saturday March 28, 29 and 30, 2019 here at the Hyatt Regency, Princeton. She noted that President General, Ann Turner Dillon will be our special guest on Thursday and Friday.

State Regent Karen Stroever then thanked the following members for their hard work:

Janet Tartaglia, General Chairman of Conferences

Susan Anderson, Kim Armstrong , Melva Murray and Janice Bongiovanni, Registration Committee

Kathleen Evans, Credentials Chair

Jan Hunold for taking pictures

The Pages

The assembly thanked them with applause.

Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary made the following announcements:

- The New Jersey Bus trip to the 128<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress is booking now. Don't miss out on this opportunity. Remember this is an election year and things book up fast! You really do not want to miss the NJ

luncheon at the historic Willard Hotel on Thursday. See Ruth Westerfield for forms.

- Haddonfield Chapter has a wonderful overnight trip to DC planned for December 5-6 to see the DAR museum at its holiday best. The flyer is on the members' website. Research in the library or take the side tours.
- If you have not had a chance to contribute to the tree project for Pathways of the Patriots, or want to sponsor your own tree, please pick up a flyer on the way out.
- Please leave all voter and alternate ribbons on the registration table in the hall.

Regent Stoeever thanked Mrs. Szedula and asked the assembly to please rise and remain standing through the retiring of the Colors.

Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain, gave the benediction.

The State Regent asked for some music while the Colors are retired and asked that the assembly remain in place until after the Officers and guests have left the platform.

The Colors were retired.

With one rap of the gavel, Regent Karen Stoeever declared the Fall 2018 meeting of the New Jersey State Society Daughters of the American Revolution adjourned.

Mrs. Stoeever stated "Until we meet again, stay well and remember Every Member Matters".

NJ DAR 127<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference  
The New Jersey State Society of the  
National Society of the  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Friday March 29, 2019-Saturday March 30, 2019  
The Hyatt Regency  
Princeton, NJ

Minutes

**FRIDAY MARCH 29, 2019– 9:30AM MORNING SESSION**

The 127<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference of the New Jersey State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was called to order by State Regent, Karen Stroever at 9:30am on March 29, 2019.

Regent Stroever welcomed all in attendance and asked that they remain standing until the colors have been posted.

The invocation was given by Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain, The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of American was led by Linda Smith, Awards Day Chair, followed by the American's Creed led by Rosemary Wallace, Southern District Director. The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States was led by Mary Leonard, State Chair Constitution Week and the National Anthem was led by Patricia Sanftner, State Historian.

State Regent Karen Stroever introduced a very special guest, President General Ann Turner Dillon, who brought greetings from the National Society.

Carolyn Schwender, State Corresponding Secretary read greetings from Phil Murphy, the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

At the conclusion of the Opening Exercises, Mrs. Stroever directed that the colors be posted and that the pages may retire. The assembly was invited to be seated and the doors were opened briefly.

Once the doors were closed, Mrs. Stroever introduced the Hyatt Regency Princeton's Event Manager, Randi Parsons Landers who brought greetings.

Regent Stroever thanked Ms. Parsons Landers and asked State Vice Regent Bonnie Matthews to give the Response which included the State Society's thanks to the hotel staff for all their help to make this meeting enjoyable and successful.

State Regent Stroever then gave a special thank you to Janet Tartaglia, Conference Chairman for her hard work with Ms. Parsons Landers over the past months.

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Cornelia B. Olde, Mrs. Warren T Honorary State Regent-2016 and Reporter General  
Char Edson, Mrs. Charles Honorary State Vice Regent and Past Librarian General

The Honorary State Officers were greeted by the assembly.

Barbara Molteni brought greetings from the Honorary State Officers.

Regent Stroever thanked Mrs. Molteni and all the Honorary State Officers and asked that those not able to be with us today- Carol Harris Weber, Marnie Smith, Mary Bannan, and Rita Kline be kept in our prayers.

Mrs. Stroever introduced some special guests in attendance:

Maureen Tipton, Maryland State Regent  
Gina LaCroix, Michigan State Regent  
Diane Oliver, National Chairman American Heritage  
Nancy Kritch, National Chair Registration Line  
Sandra Pollack, NSDAR Director of Development  
Lori Bailey, Chief Executive Officer, Tamasee DAR School and our luncheon speaker.

With pride and affection, Regent Stroever presented the members of the State Board of Managers:

Bonnie Matthews, State Vice Regent; Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain; Marcia G. Szedula, State Recording Secretary; Carolyn Schwender, State Corresponding Secretary; Diane W. Oliver, State Organizing Secretary; Stacy D'Artagnan, State Treasurer; Donna Hare, State Registrar; Patricia C. Sanftner, State Historian and Heather Smith Varner, State Librarian

The State Board was greeted by the assembly.

The State Regent then introduced and thanked the pages for this morning's session: Vittoria Flick, General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter; Adrienne Kubiak, General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter and Angela Perkins, Saddle River Chapter.

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Regent Stroever introduced and thanked her personal pages, Stephanie Teagarden and Adrienne Kubiak.

All Chapter Regents were asked to stand and be recognized.

All State Chairman and State Vice Chairman of National Committees were asked to stand and be recognized, followed by State Chairman and State Vice Chairman of State Committees. The assembly greeted each group when they were introduced.

Regent Stroever asked all Daughters who were attending a State Conference for the first time to stand and be properly welcomed by the assembly.

Melissa Wetzel, State Chairman of Pages introduced the pages for this conference.

Additionally, Mrs. Stroever introduced the following Club Officers who were greeted by the assembly with applause:

Louise Stiloski, President of the NJDAR State Officers Club; Beth Pomponio, President of the NJDAR Ex-Regents Club; Marcia Szedula, President of the NJDAR Page Club; Ruth Reighard, President of the NJDAR 50 Year Club and Donna Hare, President of the Cameo Society.

The State Regent announced that if motions are presented in our business sessions, one must state her name and chapter before making the motion.

Mrs. Stroever called for the first report of the **Credentials Committee** which was read by Kathleen Evans, Credentials Committee Chairman:

**Delegates: 37; Alternates: 11; Number of Registered Voters: 13; Total Voters: 50**

Kathleen Evans of Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter stated, *“By direction of the Committee, I move that the first report of the Credentials Committee be adopted”*

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The motion to adopt the first report of the Credentials Committee was passed unanimously. A quorum was present and the voting body of this State Conference was established.

***Motion Adopted***

Mrs. Stroever called for the first report of the **Registration Committee** which was read by Susan Anderson, Registration Committee Chairman:

STATE OFFICERS.....	10
NATIONAL OFFICERS.....	2
HONORARY STATE OFFICERS.....	3
PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS.....	1
NATIONAL ADVISORS/CHAIRMAN.....	3
NATIONAL VICE CHAIRMAN.....	4
DISTRICT DIRECTORS.....	2
CHAPTER REGENTS/VICE REGENTS.....	24
STATE CHAIRMAN-NATIONAL COMMITTEES.....	16
STATE CHAIRMAN-STATE COMMITTEES.....	19
50 YEAR CLUB MEMBERS.....	4
MEMBERS.....	107
GUESTS.....	10
HODARS.....	8
CAR.....	2
 TOTAL	 127

Susan Anderson of Ferro Monte Chapter stated, *“By direction of the Committee, I move that the first report of the Registration Committee be adopted”*.

As no second is required on this motion, the State Regent asked for votes in favor of adopting the first report of the Registration Committee to say, “Aye” and those opposed, say, “Nay”.

The motion to adopt the first report of the Registration Committee was passed unanimously.

***Motion Adopted***

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***“By direction of the State Board of Managers, I move that the Standing Rules as printed in the state conference program be adopted without reading aloud at this time”***

The State Regent repeated the motion and asked for any discussion. There being none, she asked for votes in favor of the motion say, “Aye” and those opposed, say, “Nay”.

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### ***Motion Adopted***

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***“I move to adopt the conference program as presented as the order of business for the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference of the New Jersey State Society of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, with provisions for necessary changes.”***

Bonnie Matthews, State Vice Regent of Chinkchewunska Chapter seconded the motion.

There being no discussion, Mrs. Stroever asked voters in favor of the motion to say, “Aye” and those opposed, say, “Nay”.

The motion passed unanimously.

### ***Motion Adopted***

Heather Varner, State Librarian, Susan Luczu, Central District Director, and Rosemary Wallace, Southern District Director, have been appointed to review the minutes of the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference and refer their report to the next regular meeting of The State Board of Managers for approval. The Minutes will be printed in the proceedings.

The doors were opened briefly.

Once the doors were closed, the State Officer Reports were presented.

## **OFFICERS’ REPORTS**

The State Officers presented their reports for the year 2018. The timekeepers for the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference are Bea Boyce and Gail Hahn. State Vice Regent Bonnie Matthews took the chair while State Regent Stroever presented her report. Following applause, Mrs. Stroever resumed the chair and the reports of the State Officers continued in this order with a two minute time limit:

State Vice Regent, **Bonnie Matthews**; State Chaplain, **Linda Jurczak**; State Recording Secretary, **Marcia Szedula**; State Corresponding Secretary, **Carolyn Schwender**; State Organizing Secretary, **Diane Oliver**; State Treasurer, **Stacy D’Artagnan**; State Registrar,

**Donna Hare**; State Historian, **Patricia Sanftner** and State Librarian, **Heather Smith Varner**.

At the conclusion of the Officers' Reports, State Regent Stroever expressed how grateful she was for the hard work of each of the officers and asked the assembly to show their appreciation.

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The doors were opened briefly and then the State Chair of Finance, Louise Stiloski was asked to present the Financial Report of the State Society. Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed to all voting members. The report carries with it the Report of the Founders Committee, Louise Stiloski, Treasurer.

The State Regent asked for any questions.

Stacy D'Artagnan, State Treasurer said *"I move the report of the Auditor be adopted which carries with it the approval of the report of the Treasurer and of The Founders Committee"*

The State Regent repeated the motion and asked for any discussion. There being none, she asked for votes in favor of the motion say, "Aye" and those opposed, say, "Nay".

The motion passed unanimously.

### ***Motion Adopted***

The District Directors were allotted 10 minutes to present their reports as follows;

Central District Director, Susan Luczu  
Northern District Director, Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary for Ruth Westerfield  
Southern District Director, Rosemary Wallace

At this time Diane Argraves gave the report of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee.

State Regent Stroever thanked her and the committee for their assistance with giving us more informed and vital chapters and contributing to the increase in prospective members each year.

Cornelia B. Olde- Chairman, gave the report for The Founders Committee.

The State Regent thanked her and hopes many chapters will now take advantage of the opportunity to tour the historic Isaac Watson House.

The Following **Committee Reports** were given:

Gayle Loftus- State Chair Americanism

Pamela Campbell, State Chair Chapter Achievement /Chapter Master Report  
Kim Armstrong, State Chair DAR Magazine  
Liz Dunnell- State Chair President Generals Project  
Louise Stiloski- DAR Schools Committee  
Linda Chesko, State Chair Junior American Citizen  
Bea Kota, State Chair Literacy Promotion  
Patricia Munson-Siter State Chair Membership  
Elizabeth Dunnell- State Co-Chair President Generals Project  
Carolyn Schwender, State Chair Flag of the United State of America  
Terry Brasko, Co-Chair Volunteer Genealogists  
Wendy Kelly, State Chair Women's Issues  
Joanne Cosh, State Chair Special Projects Grants

Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary made the following announcements:

- Chairmen And Chapter Regents, The Post Box will be available tomorrow during the morning break prior to lunch. Please remember to have someone pick up your packet. If your Chapter Regent will not be present tomorrow, Please pick up her packet for her and ensure that she receives it as soon as possible.
- After this morning's meeting, briefly, and after lunch, our committee tables will be open. This is an opportunity to support our DAR Projects. The Tables are all located in the smaller rooms off our main corridor. So be sure to stop by to shop to support our Projects, to gather information, or just to admire the displays.
- Please support the State Regent's Project by visiting the table in the exhibit area and purchasing some of the starfish themed items.
- If you have not placed the supplies for the active duty military women in the collection area, please plan to do so this afternoon.
- Donations of books for the State Librarian's project for inner city schools should be placed in the collection area.
- Don't forget to take a Suffrage Selfie, buy a leaf for the Pathways of Patriot's J tree, and or to get a voice for the Diamond Insignia.
- Please remember to bring all your things with you as you exit this room. The staff will be setting up for lunch for us. Your lunch table assignment is on the card you received when you registered.

Regent Stroever stated that the meeting was in recess until 12:00pm at which time the Schools Luncheon will begin.

**FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2019 – LUNCHEON AND AFTERNOON SESSION**

At 12:00 noon, State Regent Karen Stroeever greeted all who returned from the morning session and the new guests attending the Schools Luncheon.

State Regent Stroeever asked Rosemary Wallace, Southern District Director, to introduce the Hostess Chapters.

Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain offered the blessing.

Linda Aber, DAR Schools Committee led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

President General Dillon was honored as a Jersey Girl and presented with a pin adorned with a Cape May Diamond.

Regent Stroeever introduced Honorary State Officers in attendance: **Cornelia B. Olde**, **Mrs. Warren T**, Honorary State Regent-2016 and Reporter General; **Diane C. Argraves**, **Mrs. Donald**, Honorary State Regent-2013; **Rita Kline**, Mrs. Leonard, Honorary State Regent 2007; **Barbara Molteni**, **Mrs. Edward A**, Honorary State Regent 1992.

Regent Stroeever then introduced guests seated at the head table: **Maureen Tipton**, Maryland State Regent; **Gina LaCroix**, Michigan State Regent, Who both brought greetings.

Other guests introduced were:

**Diane Oliver**, National Chairman American Heritage; **Holly Jean Dunbar**, National Chairman Conservation; **Lori Bailey**, Chief Executive Officer, Tamassee DAR School and our luncheon speaker.

The State Board of Managers was then introduced:

Bonnie Matthews..... State Vice Regent  
Linda Jurczak.....State Chaplain  
Marcia G. Szedula..... State Recording Secretary  
Carolyn Schwender .....State Corresponding Secretary  
Diane W. Oliver ..... State Organizing Secretary  
Stacy D’Artagnan..... State Treasurer  
Donna Hare..... State Registrar  
Patricia C. Sanftner..... State Historian  
Heather Smith Varner.....State Librarian

The following national appointments from New Jersey were introduced by Regent Stroeever and were greeted by the assembly:

National Vice Chairman-American Heritage Women in the Arts Award, Louise Stiloski; National Vice Chairman-DAR Scholarships Enid Hall Griswold Memorial Scholarship, Linda Jurczak; National Vice Chairman DAR Scholarships Mildred Nutting Nursing Scholarship, Rebecca Smith; National Vice Chairman Junior American Citizens Art Contest, Heather Speas; National Vice Chairman Junior Shoppe, Ashley Wasser.

Eastern Division: National Vice Chairman Children of the American Revolution, Melissa Wetzel; National Vice Chairman Commemorative Events, Lynda Aber; National Vice Chairman Community Classroom, Stephanie Teagarden; National Vice Chairman DAR Good Citizens, Diane Argraves; National Vice Chairman DAR Schools, Nancy Kritch; National Vice Chairman DAR Service for

Veterans, Judith Stoma; National Vice Chairman Historic Preservation, Bonnie Matthews

The District Directors were then introduced:

**Susan Luczu**, Central District Director; **Ruth Westerfield**, Northern District Director, and **Rosemary Wallace** Southern District Director.

All State Chairman and State Vice Chairman of National Committees were asked to stand and be recognized, followed by State Chairman and State Vice Chairman of State Committees. The assembly greeted each group when they were introduced.

The assembly greeted each group with applause as they were introduced.

As it was National Vietnam Veterans Day, All Veterans were asked to stand and be given a special welcome.

\*\*\*\*\*LUNCH\*\*\*\*\*

While the assembly waited for dessert to be served State Regent Karen Stroever asked State Vice Regent Bonnie Matthews to conduct the Roll Call of Chapters

Mrs. Stroever introduced Lori Bailey, Chief Executive Officer, Tamassee DAR School. Following her presentation, State Regent Stroever thanked her and presented her with a gift as a remembrance of her visit with us.

Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary made the following announcements:

- Please note that following the banquet there will be a receiving line. Remember your gloves.
- The Schoolhouse centerpieces honoring Tamassee's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary are for sale for the Schools Committee. The large are \$20.00 and the small are \$10.00. Please see Lynda Aber at table 4.
- Come visit the Librarian's table in the West Windsor Room to check out the books for sale by donation. Also, before lunch, the book donation was at 117!
- Photos with our guests will be taken from 5 to 5:30 on the stairs near Waters Edge, where the reception will be. State officers, Honorary State Officers, Chapter Regents, District Directors, State Chairmen and Pages, please report promptly for our photo op in banquet attire and gloves.
- Please join us in Regency Foyer at 5:30 pm for a reception and a cash bar to visit casually with friends and guests.

State Regent Stroever asked the assembly to please rise and remain standing through the retiring of the Colors.

Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain, gave the benediction.

State Regent Stroever thanked Linda and asked for some music while the Colors are retired.

The Colors were retired.

Regent Stroever stated that the meeting was in recess until 10:00 a.m. tomorrow and encouraged everyone to visit the exhibit and sales tables.

## BANQUET – FRIDAY APRIL 27, 2018

The 127<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet of the New Jersey Society Daughters of the American Revolution began with a processional at 6:30p.m.

The assembly was asked to remain standing through the posting of the Colors.

The invocation was given by Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain, The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of American was led by Carolyn Schwender, State Corresponding Secretary, followed by the American’s Creed led by Rosemary Wallace, Southern District Director. The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States was led by Heather Smith Varner, State Librarian and the National Anthem was led by Patricia Sanftner, State Historian.

State Regent Stroever thanked Mrs. Jurczak, Mrs. Schwender, Mrs. Wallace, Ms. Varner and Ms. Sanftner. The Colors were posted, the Pages retired and the assembly took their seats.

It was Regent Stroever’s pleasure to introduce the Honored New Jersey Daughters and guests who were present:

She introduced President General **Ann Turner Dillon** who will be the speaker tonight.

Also introduced was **Cornelia B. Olde, Mrs. Warren T** Honorary State Regent-2016 and Reporter General

The assembly greeted them with applause.

The State Regent then introduced other Honored Guests:

Linda Smith, Awards Day Chair and MC for this evening.

Seated at the special guest table was Robert Meyer, State President NJ State Society Sons of the American Revolution, who brought greetings from the NJSSAR.

Regent Stroever presented Mr. Meyer with a certificate of Appreciation for his work with the NJSSAR.

Other special guests introduced were: Maureen Tipton, Maryland State Regent and Gina LaCroix, Michigan State Regent

Also seated at the head table were Lori Bailey, Chief Executive Officer, Tamassee DAR School and Sandra Pollack, Director of Development NSDAR.

The assembly greeted them with applause.

State Regent Karen Stroever then proudly introduced the State Board of Managers:

Bonnie Matthews..... State Vice Regent  
Linda Jurczak.....State Chaplain  
Marcia G. Szedula..... State Recording Secretary  
Carolyn Schwender .....State Corresponding Secretary  
Diane W Oliver ..... State Organizing Secretary

Stacy D'Artagnan.....	State Treasurer
Donna Hare.....	State Registrar
Patricia C. Sanftner.....	State Historian
Heather Smith Varner.....	State Librarian

The assembly greeted their Board with applause.

State Regent Stroever introduced the District Directors:

Central District Director of the Jersey Blue Chapter, **Susan Luczu**  
Southern District Director of the General Lafayette Chapter, **Rosemary Wallace**

The assembly greeted the District Directors with applause.

The State Regent then asked all who were National Chairman, National Vice Chairman, Presidential Appointees and Chairs of State Committees to rise and be recognized.

At this time, State Regent Stroever invited Ashley Wasser, State Chairman of Junior Membership to join her at the microphone to introduce New Jersey's Outstanding Junior for 2019.

Mrs. Wasser congratulated Melissa Wetzel of the General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter, and invited her to the seat of honor at the head table.

The State Regent then introduced and thanked her personal pages: Stephanie Teagarden, Old Whitehouse-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowry Chapter; and Adrienne Kubiak, General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter.

State Page Chairman Melissa Wetzel introduced the pages for this evening. The assembly joined the State Regent in showing their appreciation through applause.

State Regent Stroever than asked for any members guests to be acknowledged.

Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain, offered the blessing and the assembly was invited to enjoy their dinner.

\*\*\*\*\*DINNER\*\*\*\*\*

After dinner, State Regent Stroever hoped everyone had a pleasant dinner and some quality visiting time.

Mrs. Stroever introduced the guest speaker for the evening, President Ann Turner Dillon., who gave an inspiring presentation.

The State Regent asked State Historian, Patricia Sanftner to present the NJDAR Outstanding Teacher of American History.

Meredith Riddle was presented with the award and spoke briefly.

The State Regent opened the Awards Day session saying “The DAR promotes historic preservation, education, and patriotism. We are so pleased that many students and parents are here with us today to be recognized for their achievements. We also recognize our NJDAR State Outstanding Teacher of American History, who will be with us this evening.”

State Regent Stroever introduced Awards Day Chair Linda Smith who conducted the ceremony and introduced the student winners.

Bonnie Matthews, State Vice Regent was asked to take the chair so that Regent Stroever could move to the floor for certificate presentations.

Linda Smith welcomed everyone to Awards Day and asked all State winners of the American History Essay Contest and the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest to go to the chairs provided to be ready for their introductions.

Linda Smith then asked Tricia Hicks, State Chairman of American History to present the essay winners.

Patricia Sanftner, State Historian presented the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest winner.

Linda Smith then asked Linda Chesko, State Chairman of Junior American Citizens to present the winners

Carol Hoernle, Fashion Design State Chairman presented her report. Linda Smith noted that the talented students were listed in the program and their certificates were available in the Post Box.

Beverly MacDonald, NJDAR State Scholarship Chairman introduced the contest and winners.

State Vice Regent Bonnie Matthews took the chair so the State Regent could hand out the DAR Good Citizens certificates.

Lisa Intilli, State Chairman of Good Citizens, introduced the contest and the winners received their certificates and posed for photos with the State Regent.

Mrs. Stroever returned to the podium.

Awards Day Chairman Linda Smith thanked all the chapters who took the time to encourage our students and schools to participate in the contests. She gave a special thank you to the young ladies in white, our pages, who have assisted in keeping things running smoothly.

State Regent Stroever thanked Linda Smith for coordinating Awards Day and congratulated all our student winners.

The assembly showed their appreciation by applause.

Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary made the following announcements:

- If you still owe money for the New Jersey Bus to Continental Congress trip, it is due now. Please see Stacy D'Artagnan, State Treasurer.
- There are still books for sale at the Librarian's table! Come see what we have, with any donation for the book accepted!
- If you are planning to attend Continental Congress, don't miss the numerous luncheons, dinners, and special events. Especially do not miss the NJ Luncheon at the historic Willard Hotel. Catherine Medich will be explaining away the mysteries of the NJ State Archives. Many of the tickets can only be purchased online and the deadline for others to be mailed in is fast approaching. Take action now!
- A receiving line will be formed in the hall immediately outside the ballroom. All are invited to take the opportunity to greet your state board and honored guests. Remember your gloves, please.

State Regent Stroever asked the assembly to please rise and remain standing through the retiring of the Colors.

Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain, gave the benediction.

The State Regent asked for some music while the Colors are retired and asked that the assembly remain in place until after the Officers and guests have left the platform.

The Colors were retired.

The State Regent declared the 127<sup>th</sup> State Conference recessed until 10 a.m. Saturday morning and bid everyone a good evening.

## MORNING BUSINESS SESSION - SATURDAY MARCH 30, 2019

At 10 a.m. the processional began and with one rap of the gavel. State Regent Karen Stroever called the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference of the New Jersey Society of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution to order. The Assembly was asked to remain standing until the colors were posted.

The invocation was given by Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain, The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of American was led by Ashley Wasser, State Chairman Children of the American Revolution. Diane Oliver, State Organizing Secretary led the recitation of the American's Creed. The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States was led by Mary Leonard, State Chairman of Constitution Week, and the National Anthem was led by Patricia Sanftner, State Historian.

Regent Stroever thanked Linda, Ashley, Diane, Mary and Pat and directed that the colors be posted and the Pages retire.

The assembly took their seats and the doors were opened briefly.

Regent Stroever asked for the doors to be closed and welcomed the assembly and announced that we would be continuing our business meeting from where we left off yesterday.

The State Regent announced that if motions are presented in our business sessions, one must state her name and chapter before making the motion.

She reminded the assembly to turn off cell phones and kindly wait until they have left the room to use them as there will be important reports, voting, announcements and information that will need to be presented so that everyone can hear.

One very special guest was introduced by State Regent Stroever, NJDAR's own Cornelia B. Olde, serving the National Society as Reporter General who brought greetings from the National Society.

State Regent Karen Stroever introduced the following Honored New Jersey Daughters:  
**Barbara Molteni, Mrs. Edward A** Honorary State Regent 1992  
**Rita Kline, Mrs. Leonard** Honorary State Regent 2007  
**Diane C. Argraves, Mrs. Donald** Honorary State Regent-2013  
**Cornelia B. Olde, Mrs. Warren T** Honorary State Regent-2016 and Reporter General  
**Char Edson, Mrs. Charles** Honorary State Vice Regent and Past Librarian General

The assembly greeted them with applause.

Rita Kline brought greetings from the Honorary State Regents.

Regent Stroever stated, "This Officer is extremely grateful for the leadership and advice given by these ladies. We thank you all and think of those not able to be with us today."

Special guests introduced were:

**Maureen Tipton**, Maryland State Regent  
**Gina LaCroix**, Michigan State Regent

The following National Chairmen were also introduced:  
**Diane Oliver**, American Heritage  
**Holly Jean Dunbar**, Conservation  
**Nancy Kritch**, Registration Line, Continental Congress

Also seated at the head table was **Lori Bailey**, Chief Executive Officer of the Tamassee DAR School.

With pride and affection, Regent Stroeever presented the members of the State Board of Managers:

Bonnie Matthews..... State Vice Regent  
Linda Jurczak..... State Chaplain  
Marcia G. Szedula..... State Recording Secretary  
Carolyn Schwender ..... State Corresponding Secretary  
Diane W. Oliver ..... State Organizing Secretary  
Stacy D'Artagnan..... State Treasurer  
Donna Hare..... State Registrar  
Patricia C. Sanftner..... State Historian  
Heather Smith Varner..... State Librarian

The assembly greeted the Board with applause.

The State Regent then introduced and thanked her personal page Stephanie Teagarden, Old Whitehouse-General Frelinghuysen-Colonel Lowry Chapter.

The State Regent proudly introduced the following National Appointments from New Jersey:

National Vice Chairman-American Heritage Women in the Arts  
Award.....Louise Stiloski  
National Vice Chairman-DAR Scholarships Enid Hall Griswold Memorial  
Scholarship Linda Jurczak National Vice Chairman DAR Scholarships Mildred  
Nutting Nursing Scholarship .....Rebecca Smith  
National Vice Chairman Junior American Citizens Art  
Contest..... Heather Speas  
National Vice Chairman Junior  
Shoppe..... Ashley Wasser

Eastern Division:

National Vice Chairman Children of the American  
Revolution..... Melissa Wetzel  
National Vice Chairman Commemorative  
Events..... Lynda Aber  
National Vice Chairman Community  
Classroom..... Stephanie Teagarden  
National Vice Chairman DAR Good  
Citizens.....Diane Argraves  
National Vice Chairman DAR  
Schools.....Nancy Kritch  
National Vice Chairman DAR Service for  
Veterans..... Judith Stoma

National Vice Chairman Historic Preservation.....Bonnie Matthews  
National Vice Chairman President General's Project.....Patricia Sanftner

The assembly greeted them with applause.

Regent Stroever then announced New Jersey's nationally appointed representatives to the Veterans Facilities.

Lyons V.A. Hospital, Bernards Township- Joanne Stoy  
Edison Memorial Home, Menlo Park-Diana Seiferheld  
Vineland Veterans Home, Vineland, Diane Donnelly

The assembly greeted them with applause.

With great pride, Mrs.Stroever introduced the District Directors:

Central District Director of the Jersey Blue Chapter, Susan Luczu  
Northern District Director of the Loantaka-Parsippanong Chapter, Ruth Westerfield  
Southern District Director of the General Lafayette Chapter, Rosemary Wallace

The assembly greeted them with applause.

All State Chairman and State Vice Chairman of National Committees were asked to stand and be recognized, followed by State Chairman and State Vice Chairman of State Committees.

The assembly greeted each group when they were introduced.

Mrs. Stroever introduced the following Club Officers:

Louise Stiloski, President of the NJDAR State Officers Club  
Nancy Kritch, President of the NJDAR Ex-Regents Club  
Marcia Szedula, President of the NJDAR Page Club  
Ruth Reighard, President of the NJDAR 50 Year Club  
Donna Hare, President of the Cameo Society

The assembly greeted them with applause.

State Page Chairman Melissa Wetzel introduced the pages. Mrs. Stroever expressed her gratitude for their service and dedication to making sure the Conference runs smoothly.

Regent Stroever asked all Daughters who were attending a State Conference for the first time to stand and be properly welcomed by the assembly.

Mrs. Stroever called for the final report of the Credentials Committee. Kathleen Evans, Credentials Committee Chairman reported the following:

Delegates: 61; Alternates: 25; Number of Registered Voters: 15; **Total Voters: 76**

Kathleen Evans of Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter stated, *"By direction of the Committee, I move that the first report of the Credentials Committee be adopted"* (No second is required)

Regent Stroevever stated, “The motion is on the adoption of the final report of the Credentials Committee”. She asked that all voters in favor of the motion should say, “Aye” and all opposed, say, “Nay”. She then stated “The Ayes have it and the final report of the Credentials Committee is adopted. A Quorum is present and the voting body of this state meeting is established”.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Mrs. Stroevever then called for the final report of the Registration Committee. Susan Anderson, Registration Committee Chairman read the report as follows:

STATE OFFICERS.....	10
NATIONAL OFFICERS.....	2
HONORARY STATE OFFICERS.....	5
PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS.....	1
NATIONAL ADVISORS/CHAIRMAN.....	4
NATIONAL VICE CHAIRMAN.....	5
DISTRICT DIRECTORS.....	2
CHAPTER REGENTS/VICE REGENTS.....	46
STATE CHAIRMAN-NATIONAL COMMITTEES.....	24
STATE CHAIRMAN-STATE COMMITTEES.....	27
50 YEAR CLUB MEMBERS.....	7
MEMBERS.....	186
GUESTS.....	13
HODARS.....	11
CAR.....	3
 TOTAL	 213

Susan Anderson of Ferro Monte Chapter stated, “*By direction of the Committee, I move that the final report of the Registration Committee be adopted*” (No second is required)

Regent Stroevever stated, “The motion is on the adoption of the final report of the Registration Committee. Is there any discussion? ”. There being no discussion, she asked that all voters in favor of the motion should say, “Aye” and all opposed, say, “Nay”. She then stated “The Ayes have it and the final report of the Registration Committee is adopted”.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Heather Smith Varner, State Librarian, Susan Luczu, Central District Director, and Rosemary Wallace, Southern District Director, have been appointed to review the minutes of the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference and refer their report to the next regular meeting of The State Board of Managers for approval. The Minutes will be printed in the proceedings

At this time Ashley Wasser, State Chairman of Junior Membership presented some awards.

Since this was an election year, nominations for the slate of officers for the 2019-2022 NJDAR State Board of Managers were in order. Candidates were asked to line up in front of the head table as they were nominated. Nominating speeches were limited to two

minutes in length. Timers for the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference were Bea Boyce and Gail Hahn.

Upon proper motion made by Barbara Molteni and seconded by Beatrice Kota, Bonnie Matthews was nominated for the office of State Regent. There being no further nominations Bonnie Matthews was the nominee for the office of State Regent.

Upon proper motion made by Rita Kline and seconded by Alice Incorvaia, Diane Oliver was nominated for the office of State Vice Regent. There being no further nominations Diane Oliver was the nominee for the office of State Vice Regent.

Upon proper motion made by Char Edson and seconded by Louise Stiloski, Nancy Kritch was nominated for the office of State Chaplain. There being no further nominations Nancy Kritch was the nominee for the office of State Chaplain.

Upon proper motion made by Susan Anderson and seconded by Robin Trevor, Kimberly Armstrong was nominated for the office of State Recording Secretary. There being no further nominations Kimberly Armstrong was the nominee for the office of State Recording Secretary.

Upon proper motion made by Florence Thompson and seconded by Anne Cowan, Jane Daly was nominated for the office of State Corresponding Secretary. There being no further nominations Jane Daly was the nominee for the office of State Corresponding Secretary.

Upon proper motion made by Christine Stearns and seconded by Linda Chesko, Catherine Medich was nominated for the office of State Organizing Secretary. There being no further nominations Catherine Medich was the nominee for the office of State Organizing Secretary.

Upon proper motion made by Barbara Pierson and seconded by Janice Bongiovani, Linda Jurczak was nominated for the office of State Treasurer. There being no further nominations Linda Jurczak was the nominee for the office of State Treasurer.

Upon proper motion made by Diane Argraves and seconded by Pamela Campbell, Theresa Brasko was nominated for the office of State Registrar. There being no further nominations Theresa Brasko was the nominee for the office of State Registrar.

Upon proper motion made by Kathleen Evans and seconded by Elizabeth Dunnell, Deborah Hvizdos was nominated for the office of State Historian. There being no further nominations Deborah Hvizdos was the nominee for the office of State Historian.

Upon proper motion made by Rosemary Wallace and seconded by Jeannine Ingenito, Donna Hare was nominated for the office of State Librarian. There being no further nominations Donna Hare was the nominee for the office of State Librarian.

Voting will take place after the morning session. Installation of the newly elected State Regent and State Vice Regent will be held on Sunday June 30, 2019 in Constitution Hall, Washington, DC. All other newly elected officers will be installed at the conclusion of this meeting.

Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary made the following announcements:

- After this morning's meeting, please take a few moments to visit the committee and chapter tables. The chairmen are anxious to tell you about how your chapter can make a difference. Also don't forget to have your picture taken at the Suffrage Selfie Station.
- If you have not yet signed up for the NJ Bus to Congress immediately see State Treasurer Stacy D'Artagnan.
- If you have not done so already, please sign up to be a sustaining supporter. Monthly giving as little as \$5.00 to DAR is so important to the projects near and dear to your heart and for National to forecast their income. To sign up go to [DAR.org/monthly-giving](http://DAR.org/monthly-giving) or visit the Sustaining Supporter table located in the West Windsor room with the Juniors and Hamilton Jewelers. New Jersey aims to top 5% of member participation in Sustaining Supporter by May 31<sup>st</sup> to be recognized at Continental Congress. Sign up today and you may purchase your sustaining supporter pin today. All Sustaining Supporters will be entered in a drawing for a \$100.00 Hamilton Jewelers gift card, drawn on June 21<sup>st</sup>. See NJ State Champion Kim Armstrong with questions.
- Don't forget that this is the year for the NJ Luncheon at Congress. Get this reservations in and bring friends to hear Catherine Medich explain the mysteries of the NJ State Archives.
- Chairmen And Chapter Regents, The Post Box will be available tomorrow during the morning break prior to lunch. Please remember to have someone pick up your packet. If your Chapter Regent is not present, please pick up her packet for her and ensure that she receives it as soon as possible.
- The State Regent's Project table has many items for sale. This will be your final chance to pick up some gift items and help raise funds for this worthy project.
- Please remember to bring all your things with you as you exit this room. The Staff will be setting up for lunch for us. Your lunch table assignment was on the card you received when you registered.
- Please be in your seats by 12:25pm.

The Memorial Service was conducted by Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain.

A tribute to Katherine D. Bowers, Mrs. Robert, State Chaplain 2016-2018 was presented by Mrs. Diane C. Argraves, Honorary State Regent.

The chapter members were requested to stand when the name of their chapter was called.

The assembly was asked to leave after those at the head table had recessed in reverent silence.

The conference was recessed and would reconvene for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

## LUNCHEON, SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

The procession began at 12:30 p.m. with the State Regent and the Southern District Chapter Regents. With one rap of the gavel, the State Regent welcomed all those returning from the morning business session and welcomed new guests. All were seated and the State Regent asked Rosemary Wallace, Southern District Director to introduce the Southern District hostess chapters.

State Regent Stroever thanked the Southern District Daughters for hosting our meeting today and for the lovely centerpieces.

Before lunch began Mrs. Stroever introduced the luncheon guests at the head table. She introduced Maureen Tipton, State Regent of Maryland, Gina LaCroix, State Regent of Michigan, Robert Meyers, President NJSSAR and Michael Bates, President of the New Jersey Society Sons of the Revolution. President Meyers and President Bates were welcomed and brought greetings from their organizations.

Christiana Pagano, State President of the New Jersey State Society Children of the American Revolution was invited to bring greetings and share a few words about her project, Restoring the Day Mansion and Cemetery. Regent Stroever presented Ms. Pagano with a check for her project.

State Regent Stroever introduced the speaker for the luncheon, Brian Regal, PhD, Associate Professor of the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, Kean University.

State Regent Stroever asked all HODARS present to stand and be recognized

The assembly greeted them with applause.

Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain offered the blessing and all were invited to enjoy their lunch.

\*\*\*\*\*LUNCH\*\*\*\*\*

While dessert was being served, the State Regent asked State Vice Regent Bonnie Matthews to conduct the Roll Call of the Chapters.

The State Regent then stated “NSDAR is a proud partner with the World War I Centennial Commission and we have been reflecting on this centennial in many different ways. Last summer our Continental Congress gave special recognition to the WWI Centennial and Americana Collection had a special exhibit about the work of DAR members throughout the war. Here in New Jersey we have been doing our part to remember those who served in this sometimes forgotten war”

State Regent Stroever introduced Brian Regal to tell us about the legend of the Jersey Devil.

Mrs. Stroever thanked Mr. Regal and presented him with a certificate.

## **State Chairman Reports (continued):**

State Regent Karen Stroever stated it was now time for some awards to special individuals and chapters.

The State Regent presented the “Daughter of Distinction” award to Barbara Benko of the Westfield Chapter.

The State Regent presented the “Little Chapter that Could” award to Bergan Paulus Hook Chapter.

Reports continued by the State Chairman of National Committees and State Chairman of State Committees, each with a two minute limit.

Deborah Hvizdos, State Chairman VIS presented Kimberly Armstrong with the Chapter VIS Award and Linda Chesko with the Volunteer of the year award.

Rita Kline presented Diane Donnelly with the Outstanding Chapter Regent Award for 2018.

The Following **Committee Reports** were given:

Heather Speas- State Chair American Indians

Mary Leonard, State Chair Constitution Week

Linda Aber, DAR Schools

Jan McCart, State Co-Chair National Defense

Valerie Trupp, State Chair DAR Leadership Training

Jeannine Ingenito, State Chair Valley Forge Sunday

Florence Thompson, State Chair State Regent’s Project

Patricia Sanftner, State Chair NJ250

At the conclusion of the State Chairman Reports, Regent Stroever stated “This concludes our reports. Please show your thanks to these ladies who have worked hard to encourage us to embrace the mission of these committees by providing programs and information to our chapters.”

The next order of business was the election of State Officers for the 2019-2022 term. According to NJDAR bylaws as amended April, 2017, Article VII, Section 1. “If there is only one nominee for any office, the election for that office may be by voice vote”

Mrs. Szedula was asked to proceed.

Marcia Szedula, NJ State Recording Secretary read the names of the nominees:

Bonnie N. Matthews

Diane Waugh Oliver

Nancy L. Critch

Kimberly Armstrong

Jane C. Daly

For the Office of State Regent

For the Office of State Vice Regent

For the Office of State Chaplain

For the Office of State Recording Secretary

For the Office of State Corresponding Secretary

Catherine S. Medich	For the Office of State Organizing Secretary
Linda B. Jurczak	For the Office of State Treasurer
Theresa A. Brasko	For the Office of State Registrar
Deborah A. Hvizdos	For the Office of State Historian
Donna S. Hare	For the Office of State Librarian

Regent Stroeever announced: “The voting membership of NJDAR has voted by acclamation and I declare the following officers for the 2019-2022 term duly elected” With one rap of the gavel for each she named the following:

Bonnie N. Matthews	State Regent
Diane Waugh Oliver	State Vice Regent
Nancy L. Kritch	State Chaplain
Kimberly Armstrong	State Recording Secretary
Jane C. Daly	State Corresponding Secretary
Catherine S. Medich	State Organizing Secretary
Linda B. Jurczak	State Treasurer
Theresa A. Brasko	State Registrar
Deborah A. Hvizdos	State Historian
Donna S. Hare	State Librarian

State Vice Regent Bonnie Matthews requested the floor and stated Honorary State Regent Diane Argraves wishes to make a motion. Diane said “I move to make Karen Stroeever Honorary State Regent for Life.” Rita Kline seconded the motion. Bonnie states: It has been moved and seconded that Karen Stroeever be named Honorary State Regent for life. All those in favor say Aye. Opposed No. The ayes have it. Karen Stroeever is named Honorary State Regent for life. She congratulated Karen.

Mrs. Matthews, State Regent Elect, issued the invitation to the Fall Meeting on Friday September 20, 2019 and Saturday September 21, 2019.

Reporter General, Connie Olde installed the slate of officers for the 2019-2022 term. The State Officers elect, with the exception of the State Regent elect and the State Vice Regent elect were asked to come forward and line up in front of the platform. Mrs. Olde administered the Oath of Office and the State Officers were asked to join the newly installed State Officers for the pin exchange.

Mrs. Stroeever thanked Janet Tartaglia, General Chairman of Conferences, for her many hours of work with the Hyatt and her attention to detail, helping to make our meeting a success.

Special thanks were given to the District Directors, Susan Luczu, Ruth Westerfield, and Rosemary Wallace, for being there for all our chapter all the time.

Appreciation was extended to all the members of the Conference Committee who went above and beyond: Registration and Reservation Chairman **Susan Anderson, A/V** Chairman **Kim Armstrong**, Awards Day Chairman **Linda Smith**, Advisor **Janice Bongiovanni**, Flag Chairman **Carolyn Schwender**, Guest Hospitality **Bonnie Matthews**, Meeting Treasurer **Stacy D’Artagnan**, Pages **Melissa Wetzel**, Credentials **Kathleen Evans and Lillian Nemicik**, Post Box **Ann Olver** and Timekeepers **Bea Boyce and Gail Hahn**.

Very special thank you extended to Kim Armstrong for the video slideshow and to Jan Hunold and Deb Hvizdos for providing photography.

The State Regent also again thanked the Pages.

The State Regent then stated "It takes many hands to successfully accomplish an event like this. They all did an outstanding job and we are truly grateful. Please show these dedicated, hardworking Daughters your appreciation at this time"

The assembly applauded in appreciation.

"Voices" were drawn and winners congratulated.

Moving forward in Service to America continues at Continental Congress.

Please join us for more fun and fellowship while we report the accomplishments of our Society.

Marcia Szedula, State Recording Secretary made the following announcements:

- Will the Southern District Chapters gather at the front of the room at close of the meeting for a photo. Anyone else desiring a photo should also feel free to remain behind.
- You and your chapter members can still sign up for Sustaining Supporter through May 31<sup>st</sup>, at [DAR.org/monthly-giving](http://DAR.org/monthly-giving) or by calling the Development Office. All chapters achieving 5% of their membership in Sustaining Supporter will be recognized at Continental Congress. Currently the chapters that will be recognized will be: Ferro Monte, Claverack, General William Maxwell, General David Forman-Penelope Hart, Bergen-Paulus Hook, and Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe. Will your chapter be joining us? Contact NJ State Champion Kim Armstrong for more details.
- AS of last week, 3,078 DAR gardens have been registered with the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge! 109 of those gardens are in New Jersey. Please continue to register your gardens- a link is on the NSDAR members website in the Conservation section.
- Thank you to all who donated books to our schools! I'm excited to announce that we collected 153 books!
- Save the dates for the Northern District Luncheon on Saturday October 26, 2019 are in your postbox. Please share with you members.
- Ruth Reighard is a member of the 50 Year Club but at 91 has been a member of DAR for 70 years.
- The SAR State Meeting will be Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Princeton at 12:00. History in the Making, 1<sup>st</sup> State President for second term since 1905.
- Please return the voter badges to one of the Pages or to the Credentials Table in the foyer.

Regent Stroever thanked Mrs. Szedula and asked the assembly to rise and remain standing through the retiring of the Colors.

Linda Jurczak, State Chaplain offered the benediction.

Regent Stroever thanked Mrs. Jurczak and asked for the Colors to be retired.

With one rap of the gavel, Regent Karen Stroever declared the 127<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference of the New Jersey State Society Daughters of the American Revolution, adjourned.

Mrs. Stroever stated “Until we meet again, stay well and remember Every Member Matters”.

# REPORTS OF STATE OFFICERS

(January 1, 2018-December 31, 2018)

## STATE REGENT

Patriotism blooms throughout New Jersey. The Spring State Meeting remembered WWI with a crowd-sourced Memory Wall and a talk about the pivotal role New Jersey played. Chapters continued to remember The Great War with programs, Facebook posts, and Bells for Peace. The Fall meeting hosted an extremely moving Naturalization Court where our members enthusiastically welcomed 20 new citizens with an exciting ceremony and a Gateway to America Wall selfie station, featuring our immigrant ancestors, where everyone posed with the SAR colorguard and our costumed members. Chapters made it a point to participate in 70 other naturalization ceremonies and welcomed nearly 900 new citizens with gift bags from state Project Citizen Gift Bag.

Chapters promoted patriotism by not only remembering those veterans in cemeteries, but also bringing activities and supplies to those in our veterans' homes and hospitals and sending coupons, cards, and gifts to those actively serving all over the world. Even military and police dogs were not forgotten.

They supported patriotic education by doing Flag presentations, making displays in libraries, and recognizing 40 ROTC students and 54 Youth for good citizenship.

We read in schools dressed as Cat in the Hat, taught literacy classes to those studying to become citizens, and set up informational displays about Constitution Week and the USA. We sponsored CAR societies and helped them set up exciting events open to the public. We worked with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and with disabled individuals. We even dressed in period clothing and had fun speaking to school groups and working with classes that had an interactive Revolutionary War activity. All the DAR schools were sent donations.

The Jersey Girls have truly made a difference as they moved forward in service to America.

Karen Fristensky Stroeve  
State Regent

## Statistical Report

Number of Members: **2,711** Number of Chapters: **46**

**AMERICAN HERITAGE:** **25** programs presented in American Heritage special projects; **2,282** participants in American Heritage special projects; **0** entries submitted for Art & Sculpture; **1** entry submitted for Fiber Arts; **12** entries submitted for Crafts; **1** entry submitted for Literature and Drama; **0** entries submitted for Music; **0** awards presented to recognize Women in the Arts.

**AMERICAN HISTORY:** **106** programs given at chapter meetings or to other groups; **29** programs presented about an outstanding American woman; **25** women in American History honored; **3** certificates awarded for Women in American History; **24** displays arranged in schools/public places; **13** spot announcements used; **123** schools participated in American History Essay Contest; **62** public schools participated; **9** private/parochial schools participated; **3** homeschoolers participated; **1,297** students participated; **1,196** certificates given for contest participation; **51** certificates of award presented; **19** bronze medals awarded; **20** schools participated in Christopher Columbus Essay Contest; **16** public schools participated; **1** private/parochial school participated; **3** homeschoolers participated; **1** student participated; **1** certificate given for contest participation; **53** certificates given for outstanding work in American History in schools; **46** bronze medals awarded; **2** silver medals awarded.

**AMERICAN INDIANS:** **15** programs held on Native Americans; **156** meetings held observing an American Indian Minute; **1** proclamation obtained to celebrate National American Indian Heritage Month; **\$200** donated to American Indian Scholarship Fund; **\$5** donated to Friends of the American Indians Fund; **\$125** donated to Bacone College; **\$380** donated to Chemawa Indian School; **\$0** donated to Indian Youth of America Summer Camp

Program; **\$0** donated to Adopt-A-Camper program; **226** Boxtops for Education were sent to Chemawa.

**AMERICANISM:** **24** members referred to the DAR Manual for Citizenship; **17** members assisted with naturalization classes; **70** naturalization ceremonies/receptions attended; **1** award recipient sponsored; **0** Medals of Honor awarded; **1** Americanism Award presented; **6,390** flags distributed; **1,340** flag pins distributed; **665** bookmarks distributed; **1,344** copies of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag distributed; **1,094** copies of the American's Creed distributed.

**CHAPLAIN:** **214** Sunshine reports provided; **64** birthday greetings sent to members 90 and older; **13** chapters observed NSDAR Day of Prayer on October 8, 2017; **9** chapters observed National Day of Prayer on May 4, 2017; **33** memorial services conducted; **11** grave markers placed.

**CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION:** **34** members served as senior leaders; **4** programs presented by C.A.R. members; **48** invitations extended to C.A.R. members to chapter meetings or special functions; **0** C.A.R. members participated in DAR contests; **4** C.A.R. members joined DAR; **6** dual members; **0** C.A.R. members joined DAR upon their 22nd birthday; **\$650** donated to the local society; **\$437** donated to the state society; **\$265** donated to the national society (including regionals).

**COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS:** **206** members participated in July 4th parades or celebrations; **10** programs commemorated the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage; **14** programs commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War; **6** programs commemorated the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor; **11** programs commemorated the 150th Anniversary of Memorial Day; **30** programs commemorated the 100th Anniversary WWI ended, Treaty of Versailles; **11** programs commemorated the 100th Anniversary of American's Creed; **4** programs commemorated the 75th Anniversary of D-Day; **6**

chapters registered as a Commemorative Partner with The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

**COMMUNITY CLASSROOM:** 54 members volunteered in a local community classroom; 30 members volunteered in preschool through third grades; 19 members volunteered in fourth through eighth grades; 17 members volunteered in high school; 4 chapters provided financial support to a classroom; 3 photos submitted for Success Stories.

**CONSERVATION:** 55 conservation projects completed; 223 meetings included a Conservation Minute; 38 members participated in a citizen science project; 74 members participated in Earth Day and/or Arbor Day; 63 members registered gardens with the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge.

**CONSTITUTION WEEK:** 22 chapters participated in Bells Across America; 17 chapters contacted one or more mayors for a proclamation; 35 chapters had a Constitution Week Minute or recited the Preamble at each meeting; 6 chapters contacted state senators or representatives; 35 schools contacted; 5 classrooms visited; 12 Constitution Week kits distributed; 42 displays arranged; 20 events arranged; 47 media articles; 0 hours of television time; 2 radio stations sent spot announcements; 23 chapters use email to promote Constitution Week; 0 chapters use a blog to promote Constitution Week; 18 chapters use Facebook to promote Constitution Week; 4 chapters use text messages to promote Constitution Week; 1 chapter Tweet to promote Constitution Week.

**DAR GENEALOGY PRESERVATION:** 9 members participated in categorizing supporting documentation; 7,774 documents categorized by members; 3 chapters participated in committee special projects; 654 hours spent on special projects.

**DAR GOOD CITIZENS:** 101 DAR Good Citizens recognized; 300 entries in the scholarship/essay contest; 145 schools contacted; 122

schools participated; **17** new schools participated; **\$5,175** awarded to DAR Good Citizen students.

**DAR MAGAZINE:** **38** chapter regents subscribe to American Spirit; **633** members subscribed to American Spirit; **232** meetings where the President General's Message was read.

**DAR MUSEUM OUTREACH:** **1** program presented by a DAR Museum docent/trainee; **10** people attended; **0** programs presented by a DAR Museum correspondent docent/trainee; **0** people attended; **6** programs presented on the DAR Museum and its collections; **2** programs presented to another group; **0** chapters had the Museum Shop Trunk Show; **1** had the Portable Education Program; **\$220** donated to Friends of the Museum Fund; **\$250** donated to Museum Keepers.

**DAR PROJECT PATRIOT:** **3** chapters participated in DAR Women Supporting Women in Military Service; **8** packages sent to women serving abroad; **41** packages sent to men serving abroad; **\$3,658** donated for packages sent abroad; **5** chapters donated to DAR approved centers; **\$800** donated to DAR approved centers; **7** chapters donated to a DAR Project Patriot state project; **\$376** donated to a DAR Project Patriot state project; **5** chapters participated in a DAR Project Patriot chapter project; **76,844** coupons sent to military posts; **14** ounces of coupons; **2,392** cards sent to service members; **\$2,950** donated for chapter projects.

**DAR SCHOLARSHIP:** **19** chapters shared information on NSDAR scholarships in the community; **17** scholarships awarded for state scholarships; **\$8,625** awarded in chapter scholarships.

**DAR SCHOOL:** **16** programs/Minutes given at each meeting; **7,126** labels provided to DAR schools; **15** pounds of clothing donated to schools; **368** other items donated to DAR schools; **\$591.51** donated through the Friends of DAR Schools Fund; **\$510** donated to Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, Inc.; **\$8,101** donated to Tamassee DAR

School, Inc.; **\$155** donated to Berry College, Inc.; **\$592** donated to The Crossnore School, Inc.; **\$707** donated to Hillside School, Inc.; **\$1,280** donated to Hindman Settlement School, Inc.; **28** Apple & Arrow pins purchased to support DAR schools.

**DAR SERVICE FOR VETERANS:** **164** youth volunteers; **846** adult volunteers; **402** youth volunteer hours performed; **7,260** adult volunteer hours performed; **2** Veterans History Project interviews conducted; **23,791** miles traveled for all volunteer participation; **\$12,155** donated to DAR Service for Veterans; **\$65,178.05** value of donated items (clothing, food, gifts, games, books, magazines).

**THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:** **121** youth involved in flag programs or activities; **65** flag events with chapter participation; **5,952** flags presented; **0** certificates presented; **1,944** Flag Code brochures presented; **2,846** copies of other flag literature distributed; **0** Braille flags presented; **90** meetings included Flag Minutes.

**GENEALOGICAL RECORDS:** **0** pages sent to the Genealogical Records Committee state chair; **5** members participating in abstracting or copying unpublished source records; **2** members participating in the GRC Book Indexing Project; **245** entries in the GRC Book Indexing Project.

**HISTORIAN:** **50** medals presented for History Awards; **0** nominations submitted for NSDAR's Excellence in American History Book Award; **6** nominations submitted for Outstanding Teacher of American History Award.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION:** **48** programs on Historic Preservation; **1** chapter entered the Historic Preservation Project Contest; **0** awards presented for Historic Preservation Recognition; **0** medals presented for Historic Preservation; **3** chapters completed NSDAR Historic Sites and Property Report forms.

**JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS:** 1 JAC group sponsored; 1 picture/article published about JAC activities; 4 children participated in contests; 3 children participated in the Art Contest; 1 child participated in the Creative Expression Contest; 0 children participated in the Community Service Contest; 4 children involved in all JAC activities.

**JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP:** 35 Juniors serve as a chapter chair of a committee; 25 Juniors serve as a chapter officer; 2 Juniors serve as a state vice chair; 8 Juniors serve as a state chair; 1 Junior serves as a state officer; 4 Juniors serve as a national vice chair; 0 Juniors serve as a national chair; 24 Juniors added this year; 17 Juniors added from the PMD; 0 chapters had members who became Friends or Best Friends of the Junior Membership Endowment Fund; 0 members became Friends or Best Friends of the Junior Membership Endowment Fund; 12 chapters purchased Junior merchandise; \$1,255 spent to purchase Junior merchandise; 0 chapters held fundraisers for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund; \$0 raised.

**LIBRARIAN:** 2 items donated to the DAR Library; 4 programs presented about the DAR Library; 5 members donated to Friends of the Library Fund; 1 member donated to Friends of Seimes Fund; \$316 donated to Friends of the Library Fund; \$105 donated to Friends of Seimes Fund.

**LINEAGE RESEARCH:** 11 chapters appointed a Lineage Research chair; 8 members have DAR Image Access; 32 requests for research assistance of the LRLB; 10 members completed look-up requests on the LRLB; 15 requests for research assistance of the Lineage Research Facebook, state, division, or national chairs; 25 requests for image access assistance of Lineage Research Facebook group, state, division, or national chairs; 0 chapters consulted the DNA Specialty-Research team; 1 chapter consulted the African American Patriot Specialty-Research team; 0 chapters

consulted the French Patriot Specialty-Research team; **0** chapters consulted the Spanish Patriot Specialty-Research team.

**LITERACY PROMOTION:** **65** members participated in literacy programs; **403** hours tutoring, assisting, and/or promoting literacy in adults; **1,599** hours tutoring, assisting, and/or promoting literacy in children; **2,218** books donated; **\$950** given directly to literacy projects; **0** members nominated in the Literacy Promotion Committee contest; **0** projects submitted in the Literacy Promotion Committee contest.

**MEMBERSHIP:** **13** members enrolled in and/or completed the New Members Course; **13** members enrolled in and/or completed the New Horizons Course; **15** events were held for new member orientation; **55** Members-At-Large were contracted to participate in a chapter event; **19** Members-At-Large participated in chapter events; **3** Life Member(s) or Pending Life member(s) were gained.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE:** **225** meetings devoted time to a three minute report about National Defense; **28** chapters had at least three minutes about National Defense at 100% of meetings; **209** article(s) from the National Defender were used; **5** Gold ROTC awards presented; **35** Bronze ROTC awards presented; **1** DAR Outstanding Cadet honored; **2** DAR Distinguished Citizens honored; **54** Youth Citizenship awards presented; **\$951** contributed to the state and local National Defense ROTC/JROTC Cadet Fund; local National Defense award programs; and scholarships or monetary awards to ROTC/JROTC/Outstanding Cadets.

**PATRIOT RECORDS PROJECT:** **15** members indexed Patriot Records; **262,772** names indexed by members; **2** members supported special projects; **1,799** hours spent indexing Patriot Records.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA:** **23** chapters have a newsletter; **23** chapters use social media for communication with members; **23** chapters have a brochure or fact sheet; **25** chapters received print media coverage; **5** chapters received radio and/or TV

broadcast coverage; **20** chapters received internet coverage; **4** chapters used ; **19** chapters initiated publicity for a commemorative or community event; **0** media awards presented.

**SERVICE TO AMERICA:** **15** chapters included Service to America Minutes at meetings.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANTS:** **1** grant application sponsored for special projects; **0** applications sponsored for grants on behalf of chapter projects; **1** application sponsored for Historic Preservation Special Projects; **0** applications sponsored for Education Special Projects; **0** applications sponsored for Patriotism Special Projects; **1** application grant funded for Special Projects; **\$6,000** granted for Grant I; **\$0** granted for Grant II; **\$0** granted for Grant III.

**VOLUNTEER GENEALOGISTS:** **40** members are NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogists; **10** members took GEP I Introduction to Genealogy Research for DAR Applications; **3** members took GEP II Applying Genealogy Research Techniques to DAR Applications; **4** members took GEP III Advanced Problem Solving Techniques for Establishing Lineage and Service on DAR Applications; **1** member took DNA and the DAR; **7** chapters had NSDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogist(s) assigned; **10** chapters requested assistance from the America 250! Membership Task Force; **12** workshops presented; **8** workshops presented by members trained by national training programs; **111** participants attended; **63** members attended a non-DAR genealogy workshop; **37** members assisted another chapter in need of genealogy help.

**VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SPECIALISTS:** **27** chapters have a public website; **7** chapters have a members-only website; **19** chapters have a public Facebook page; **10** chapters have a closed Facebook group; **89** prospective members contacted the chapter via the internet; **209** prospective members came to a chapter via the NSDAR website; **95** prospective members attended a chapter meeting; **99** papers are in

progress or pending; **60** have become DAR members; **23** distributed the yearbook electronically; **21** distributed an electronic newsletter; **40** chapter regents use e-Membership; **25** chapter vice regents use e-Membership; **37** chapter treasurers use e-Membership; **39** chapter registrars use e-Membership.

**WOMEN'S ISSUES:** **0** members participated in the Women's Issues Essay Contest; **66** meetings featured Women's Issues Minutes; **6** essays read at a meeting

## **STATE VICE REGENT**

This officer has enjoyed serving as the Junior Membership Advisor, and applaud the work of the two chairmen, Ashley Wasser and Stephanie Teagarden.

This officer created our favors and place cards for the Annual State Spring Conference in April 2018. The Processional List and seating chart were created for the conference chair and marshall. She hosted the Vice Regent Social.

She attended the NHDAR Cathedral in the Pines and was thrilled to meet our Vice President General Denise Doring VanBuren.

Our DAR schools are especially close to our hearts, so this officer has also enjoyed serving on the Advisory Board to Tamassee DAR School. She visited in May with Mrs. Stroever and visited our New Jersey Cottage to see all the lovely updates.

This officer again created favors and place cards for the head table at the Fall Meeting, as well as prepared the seating chart and the Processional List for the Marshal and the General Chairman of Conferences. She hosted the Vice Regent Social with an outstanding 45 members in attendance, an evening enjoyed by all.

She prepared, labeled and stamped the annual NJDAR Christmas cards for the Honorary State Regents, Executive Officers, Chapter Regents, State Chairmen and our District Directors received their Christmas card through an on-line email service called Paperless Post and were emailed in early December.

This officer attended a holiday party/board meeting organized by the State Regent to prepare the schedule and details for the annual state conference. She participated in this luncheon meeting with other members of the board, and a great deal was accomplished.

This officer has truly enjoyed visiting with many New Jersey Daughters at numerous chapter meetings, luncheons and grave markings. She has also attended all State Board Meetings, many Chapter/District Meetings, attended the State Officers Club Meeting, the Ex-Regents Meeting, NJDAR Cameo Club, the Southern District Luncheon, the NJSSAR George Washington Birthday Luncheon and several local SAR functions. She remains a very active member of her own Chinkchewunska Chapter.

In closing, as she travels our state representing our NJDAR board, this officer is reminded of the spirit and dedication of our Jersey Girls. She vows to represent New Jersey in true DAR fashion and to the very best of her ability.

In this final year of this administration, this officer will continue with the challenges of being State Vice Regent and with your help will strive to do the job to the best of her ability. Madame State Regent, it has been a joy and an honor to serve you and our beloved society.

Bonnie Matthews  
State Vice Regent

## **STATE CHAPLAIN**

This officer began her duties as New Jersey State Chaplain in May 2018 upon appointment by the State Regent to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Katherine Bowers who died on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This officer attended all Board Meetings and State Meetings. She provided invocations, grace and benedictions at state meetings, and came prepared with prayers when attending various chapter events and club meetings throughout the state. She had the honor of inducting new members and installing new officers when requested. Notes of sympathy, get-well, cheer and 90+ birthday greetings were sent as requested.

A workshop was conducted by this officer during the 2018 State Fall Meeting to encourage all Chapter Chaplains to not only perform their duties, but also to be a connection between the homebound members and

the chapter, to instill a strong bond. Handouts and blank note cards were distributed to all who attended to reinforce the message of the workshop.

A compilation was made of all NJ members who died since the previous memorial service which was conducted in April 2018. Those members will be remembered at the memorial service during the NJDAR Annual State Conference in March 2019.

A total of 43 New Jersey Daughters were reported deceased during the 2018 calendar year.

This officer wishes to thank the chapter leaders for utilizing e-membership to keep our records organized, and the State Board of Management for their support throughout the year.

Linda Bongiovanni Jurczak  
NJ State Chaplain

## **STATE RECORDING SECRETARY**

This Officer is honored to be a member of the Stroeveer Associates.

This Officer has attended all Stroeveer Associates Meetings. She prepared all the minutes for the meetings and emailed them to all Board Members.

She collected all the reports and information to prepare the Annual Proceedings Booklet.

It has also been her privilege to attend many events including Board Meetings, State Officers Club meetings, Founders Committee Meetings, Ex-Regents Club meetings, Chapter fundraisers and her own Chapter meetings.

In closing, it has been a pleasure to serve the New Jersey Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution under the Stroeveer Administration and look forward to helping the next administration.

Marcia G. Szedula  
State Recording Secretary

## **STATE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

This State Corresponding Secretary has continually updated the NJDAR State Directory for 2018. Printed copies were distributed at the 2018 April State Conference. In addition, the directory was e-mailed, in pdf format, to her lists of contacts. A supplemental directory was printed in September and distributed to the Stroevert Board and Honorary State Regents. It was e-mailed in pdf format, to her lists of contacts.

The State Corresponding Secretary answered inquiries, forwarded notices and messages to chapters and members as instructed.

Madam State Regent Stroevert, it has been an honor and joy to serve the New Jersey State Society.

Carolyn Schwender  
State Corresponding Secretary

## **STATE ORGANIZING SECRETARY**

This officer has diligently worked to insure our chapters are healthy and strong by providing them with the tools they need for success. She continues to support chapters as they update their bylaws, and perspective membership databases.

It has been an honor to serve during the Stroevert Associates term and this officer is thankful for the opportunity.

Diane Waugh Oliver  
State Organizing Secretary

## **STATE TREASURER**

This Officers feels honored to have served the New Jersey State Society Daughters of the American Revolution during the Stroevert Administration for 2018!

This State Officer has performed all duties of the State Treasurer to the best of her ability. These duties included, but were not limited to: collecting and depositing State dues, reconciling the bank accounts, reviewing the investment accounts, depositing and forwarding National

Contributions received from the Chapters in a timely manner, depositing and forwarding contributions received to various DAR Schools, allocating monies received to the proper committees, recording entries in the general ledger/financial records of the State Society and answering questions from individual Chapters for matters regarding dues, transfers, reinstatements, 990N filings, and tax-exempt status.

During the summer, this Officer posted the various Treasurer Forms on the NJDAR members only website and worked with Chapters to answer any questions they had.

In addition, this State Officer has attended NJDAR Board meetings, State Conferences, Chapter meetings and other events that promote history and education.

Madam State Regent, it has been an honor and privilege to serve you and the State Society over the past three years.

Stacy S. D'Artagnan  
State Treasurer

## **STATE REGISTRAR**

This officer has had another busy year replying to emails and phone calls from chapter regents, registrars and CDR members. She has spent many hours on the phone with National addressing Pre-letters and AIR's. Although many of these requests have been easy, there were a few that required a lot of work. She also spent time helping to complete applications for the America 250! Membership Task Force.

With the help of Haddonfield's Registrar, this officer ran two workshops, one in April at the Spring Conference and one in September at the Fall Meeting.

Within the past year, we gained 133 new members and 20 new Juniors within our 46 Chapters.

During the 2017 calendar year, New Jersey membership changes were as follows:

48 members were noted as deceased

99 members were dropped

36 members resigned

16 members were reinstated

42 members transferred out of their chapters --- 33 actually left New Jersey

25 members transferred in --- 6 were new to New Jersey

The official membership count as of January 1, 2017 was 2764 members.

As of January 1, 2018, the official membership count was 2711, a net decrease of 53 members.

Donna Hare  
State Registrar

## **STATE HISTORIAN**

As State Historian it has been a pleasure to do the jobs entrusted to this officer. She has recorded all the records sent to her from the chapters and national regarding DAR burials and patriot grave markings.

This officer has been privileged to meet outstanding educators who are inspiring the next generation; and she has been honored to put together the team to find the winner of the New Jersey Outstanding History Teacher of the Year, and send their nominations onto National in a timely way.

This officer is proud to have completed a major project entrusted to her, by taking the thousands of historical records of identified patriot graves collected for generations in the state of New Jersey, and transformed them into a digital form. These records included historical markers placed by New Jersey chapters, and notation of member graves and transformed them into a digital form. In addition, she has maintained and added to the hard copies. Simply transcribing these records digitally was not enough, as this officer augmented every record by checking every patriot name against the DAR GRS database including new information, differentiating between DAR Patriots and other patriots, and between women and out of state burials. In turn she is delighted to share these records with not only the incoming State Historian but also with the chapters, albeit in a form that only the State Historian can augment or change.

She has gladly acted as the state liaison to National Parks Service and heritage areas. Maintaining contact with Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area, Morristown Historic National Park, The Old Barracks, the North Jersey American Revolutionary War Round Table, with the organizers of the Spirit of the Jerseys History Fair and the overseeing body for the annual reenactment of The Battle of Monmouth has been a thrill for this officer.

She has also started an ongoing project of recovering damaged archival materials; cleaning, boxing and indexing hundreds of books, newsletters, and historic DAR ephemera, including NJDAR proceedings, photographs, scrapbooks, and even voter ribbons.

Perhaps her happiest work was simply meeting and getting to know the lovely ladies of New Jersey DAR. It has been her pleasure to go to hundreds of meetings and events representing them. The chapters have invited her to speak to them, to attend grave markings, parties, and meetings. She has gone each year to Continental Congress, to each State Conference, giving more workshops than she can recall, feasted at each of the district luncheons, the Regent's fundraiser, and has attended as many board meetings as she could. She has been happy to invite members to events like the Somerset Patriot ball games, and thrilled by representing the state society at historic reenactments. It has been both sobering and challenging to be trusted by the founders committee to act as the curator of our state headquarters at Watson House, where she updated all the docent pages and is currently trying to finish the object inventory for all artifacts therein. She is pleased to be continuing on in this role and her appointment as Curator of Collections at Schuyler -Hamilton House owned by the Morristown Chapter where she acts also as head docent more than 45 Sundays each year. Lastly, this officer has had a platform to meet the public, to be interviewed by newspapers and radio stations; to meet and teach children and adults how fun history can be.

Thank you Madame State Regent, for this golden opportunity which has given this officer so much pleasure and has allowed her to serve you and our society where every member matters.

Patricia Sanftner  
State Historian

## STATE LIBRARIAN

NJDAR Daughters have been very supportive of the NSDAR Library and Alexander Library at Rutgers University, where our State's records are just about complete. Chapters have been encouraged to donate to their Local Libraries as well as the collections at the National and State Libraries.

One chapter donated a book to the DAR Library. The DAR Library gratefully acknowledges the following book donations by

- Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe Chapter: Early Craighead County, Arkansas Divorces.

This Officer has been available for questions by members.

Madame State Regent, it has been an honor to serve on your State Board

## REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRS OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES

### AMERICAN HERITAGE

We had six entries across four categories from members Patricia Sanfinter, Karen Hardy, and Catherine Paretti. We, to date, do not have any national winners, though that might change by the time of the state conference.

I would also like to recognize Great John Mathis and Saddle River chapters for particularly interesting programming—and a special thanks to Morristown for passing the 200-quilt milestone with the ones they've created and distributed to veterans over the past decade. 15 of our chapters treated their members to American Heritage programs this year, most doing more than one.

Krista Stroeve Fierman  
Chairman

### AMERICAN HISTORY

This year 1348 students from 39 schools, participated in the American History Essay Contest for the State of New Jersey. Entries came from 8 chapters.

**The topic was: The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed by the U.S. Congress on June 4, 1919, and was ratified on August 18, 1920. This amendment granted all American women the right to vote and hold elective office. Many Americans at the time viewed this as a radical change to the U.S. Constitution. Imagine you are living in 1919 while the women's suffrage campaigns were having impact on Americans politically and socially. Discuss the pros and cons of this new amendment Congress has passed.**

Chapter Essay Contest chairmen did an outstanding job of getting out the details of the contest and judging the submitted essays. Many of these dedicated chairmen have been chapter chairmen for years and have developed a rapport with the schools and teachers.

The 2018-2019 NJ State NSDAR American History Essay Contest winners are:

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – **Riley Manfredi**, St. James Elementary School, Shrewsbury Towne- Monmouth Chapter

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – **Will Keiser**, Califon Elementary School, Gen Wm Maxwell Chapter

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – **Aidan Stovin**, Hardyston Twnshp Middle School, Chinkchewunska Chapter

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – **Scarlett O’Hea**, Hazlet Middle School, Shrewsbury Towne- Monmouth Chapter

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – **Erin Rebecca Meehan**, Long Valley Middle School, Gen Wm Maxwell Chapter

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – **Andrew Antunes**, Hilltop Country Day School, Chinkchewunska Chapter

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – **Daniel Russo**, St. Leo the Great School, Shrewsbury Towne- Monmouth Chapter

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – **Adriana Donovski**, Demarest School, Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – **Lola Brand**, Fredon Twnshp Elementary School, Chinkchewunska Chapter

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**1<sup>st</sup> Place** – **Mimansa Kumar**, Fairview School, Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – **Shannon Sittig**, North Boulevard School, Morristown Chapter

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – **Kellyn Coller**, Eleanor Rush Intermediate School, Col. Thomas Reynolds Chapter

Sincerely,

Tricia Hicks, NJDAR

Vice Chairman – American History Essay Contest

## **AMERICAN INDIANS**

This chairman was delighted to be appointed American Indians Committee Chairman by the State Regent.

New Jersey Daughters have been very active this past year with American Indians Committee Programs, conducting 15 programs on American Indians, observing 156 “American Indian Minutes” at chapter meetings, and obtaining 1 proclamation celebrating National American Indian Heritage Month in November 2018.

New Jersey Daughters also have very generously supported this committee’s objectives, donating \$200 to the American Indian Scholarship Fund, \$125 to Bacone College, \$380 to Chemawa Indian School, and \$5 to the Friends of American Indians Fund.

New Jersey chapters also sent 226 qualifying Boxtops for Education to Chemawa Indian School.

This chairman continued the NJDAR American Indians Committee Newsletter, which is semi-annual and communicates information from the National Society about the various committee programs and service/donation opportunities. This newsletter was posted in the NJ Daughters’ website and emailed to the Division and National Vice Chairmen of this committee.

It has been a pleasure to serve the New Jersey Society!

Heather Speas  
Chairman

## **AMERICANISM COMMITTEE**

The New Jersey Americanism Committee completed the third year of Project Citizen Gift Bag under State Regent Karen Stroeever and exploded in its numbers! Working with the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in its Newark and Mount Laurel offices, the number of naturalization ceremonies in which the State DAR participated, grew from 5 in the last quarter of 2016 to 28 ceremonies within 2018 for more than 887 new citizens. Chapter officers and members participate in the Citizen Gift Bag distributions with each ceremony normally having between 30 to 40 new citizens taking the oath and being provided a gift bag with items of a

patriotic theme, such as a momento American flag on a base, the Constitution and Bill of Rights, American ribbon pins, American symbol bookmarks, informative pamphlets, a patriotic pinwheel, etc.. Each bag has a cost of under \$8 per bag.

In addition to the Project Gift bag, individual Chapters have engaged in activities such as: sponsored the burial of unclaimed veterans remains; participated in parades for patriotic holidays, Flag Day and street fairs; participated in local genealogical and historical societies; jointly worked to restore cemeteries in which Revolutionary War patriots are interred; provided flags to second grade classrooms on Flag Day; gave certificates and ribbon awards at County 4-H fairs to students for community service; placed flags on the graves of veterans for Memorial Day; engaged in Constitution Week activities, distributed Pledges of Allegiance, American's Creed and Constitution and so many more other activities demonstrating patriotism, historic preservation and education of the public.

The individual Chapters have reported that:

24	Chapter members referenced the DAR Manual for Citizenship
17	Individuals were sponsored for awards
65	Naturalization ceremonies were participated in by Chapter members
3652	U.S. Flags were distributed
1315	U.S. Flag pins were distributed
592	U.S. Flag bookmarks were distributed
1271	Pledge of Allegiance copies were distributed
1021	American's Creed copies were distributed

The following chapters may be specifically noted for their reported Americanism activities:

Basking Ridge ,Captain Joshua Huddy, Claverack ,Col. Thomas Reynolds, Elizabeth Parcells De Voe, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental ,Francis Hopkinson ,Ferro Monte, General Lafayette, General Mercer, Greenwich Tea Burning, Haddonfield, Hester Schuyler Colfax, Jersey Blue, Morristown, Old Whitehouse General Fruylingheisen Colonel Lowrey, Peggy Warne, Saddle River, Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth, Westfield, and Ye Olde Newton Nassau

Madame State Regent, this Chair has been pleased to have been able to serve in your administration.

Gayle Loftis  
State Chairman

## **CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT**

Master Reports were electronically completed and filed for all New Jersey Chapters for year 2018 before the February 1, 2019 deadline. The Master Report and Chapter Achievement Awards form reflects all chapter contributions made and all participation in activities from January 1 through December 31, 2018.

The State Treasurer and the Master Achievement Awards State Chair verify all the donations for section 3 of the Chapter Achievement Awards form in the Master Report. If contributions have not been received by the deadline or not received at all, the National Chapter Achievement Chair is notified. Changing the report after it has been verified is noticed and reported. When contributions are received after the deadline chapters do not receive credit. NSDAR has very strict policies regarding contributions and dues deadlines.

8 Chapters did meet the contribution requirements for Section 3 of the Chapter Achievement Awards. 3 Chapters still obtained enough points to receive Tier 1 status.

The following chapter tiers were verified for 2018.

- 32 chapters achieved Tier 1 Status
- 10 chapters achieved Tier 2 status
- 2 chapter achieved Tier 3 status
- 2 chapters did not meet the minimum 125 points to receive an award

All New Jersey Chapters are reminded that the Chapter Achievement Award form is not optional. The Chapter Achievement Award forms helps NSDAR measure the health of the chapters and determine what constitutes a viable chapter.

Pamela Campbell  
State Chairman

## CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIATION COMMISSION

The Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission (CDRC) coordinates the combined efforts of many – Together, they *A★I★M to Attract, Inspire and Mentor!* The Commission assists chapters in attracting new members, inspiring members to participate more fully in DAR activities, and educating and mentoring members to strengthen their skills and knowledge of DAR. While wearing many hats, CDRC members have just as many specialties. Current commission membership is seventeen. It includes an Honorary State Regent (Chair), State Regent (Advisor), State Organizing Secretary, State Registrar and the District Directors. DAR Genealogy Preservation, DAR Leadership Training, Lineage Research, Membership and Volunteer Genealogists Committees are also represented. A trifold brochure (attached) is distributed throughout the state and at all state functions.

Members regularly gather for comprehensive luncheon meetings to share thoughts and ideas on subjects such as committee activity, genie workshops, struggling chapters and chapter issues, prospective members, pending members, member retention, programs, training, district forums and workshops, workshops for chapter officers, state conferences and meetings.

This year the Chair participated in chapter regent gatherings in all districts in the form of a tea or luncheon. These meetings are instrumental in providing regents with the most current goings on in the State and National. It also provides attendees with an opportunity to get to know one another, share thoughts and ideas and address concerns.

Team members traveled throughout the state visiting chapters. They routinely provide programs and guidance, and participate in chapter-sponsored genealogy workshops – some for prospective members only – some open to the public.

The Commission organized a table at both the State Conference and Fall Meeting. The table boasted a large poster display, flyers, topic related hand-outs and candy. Attendees were invited to visit the Commission's table where they were offered an opportunity to learn about the Commission, field questions and enter a drawing to receive a free one-hour session with a volunteer genealogist. The drawing proved most

successful as many visitors entered the drawing and lots of activity was generated. Additionally, during State Conference a room was set up and Daughters were offered a session with a genie by scheduling time in advance with the Commission Chair - a busy and most successful event.

Members participated in workshops at both the State Conference and Fall Meeting. Topics included Volunteering in Your PJ's, Creating Effective Publicity for your Chapter, Avoiding Application Rejection, Exploring Your Passion, Going to Congress-Things You Need to Know, A New Look at Analysis and Using the State Archives.

Most important, the CDRC Team is dedicated to its continued emphasis on chapter needs. Moving forward it looks to engage chapters helping them become healthy, thriving and the best they can be in support of the goals of our beloved society.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

Diane Clark Argraves  
Commission Chair

## **CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

This year has been a busy one for the New Jersey Children of the American Revolution. This chairman is pleased to announce that the New Jersey State Society has done its part with the National Project "America's Lasting Legacy". Throughout the year, local societies have volunteered and logged hours to show their community service. Members engaged in volunteer activities at state events including our Annual Packet Picnic and State Conference. At these state events, members made cards for the Mountain Schools led by New Jersey member and National Mountain Schools Chairman, Vittoria Flick.

On the state level, State President, Sheila DeLorean, promoted her state theme "Flying Back to the Future", and her state project where she was raising money to attach a solar charged, battery powered satellite GPS transmitter to a juvenile eagle from New Jersey. The GPS transmitter will collect data and track the eagle including their location, altitude, and flight speed. Collecting this data will help the state of New Jersey learn more about the life cycle of the endangered eagles and will promote the return

of the healthy eagle population. She raised over \$2,000 to go towards one GPS transmitter. Members enjoyed learning about the bald eagle and its importance to our country.

The NJDAR continued to support the NJCAR this year as well. Many chapters have members serving as senior leaders for the CAR and are actively supporting the state society. NJDAR members are actively working with their members to complete applications for their children and grandchildren to become members of NJCAR. NJDAR chapters invited CAR members and prospective members to chapter meetings and parades where CAR and DAR marched and passed out flags. The connection between NJDAR and NJCAR is strong, and NJDAR fully embraces the NJCAR as the future of the DAR.

The 89<sup>th</sup> Annual State Conference was held on March 16, 2019 in Ewing, N.J. and showcased a successful 2018-2019 year for the New Jersey State Society. Members, seniors, and guests heard of all the wonderful activities and meetings the local societies participated in this past year. Awards were presented to members, seniors, and local societies for their dedication, hard work, and programs throughout the year.

This officer is excited that there are so many New Jersey members and seniors who will continue their dedication and hard work for the State and National Society.

Ashley Wasser  
NJCAR Senior State President, C.A.R. State Chairman

## COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

New Jersey is known as The Crossroads of the Revolution, but the state also played an important role during World War I. Many servicemen passed through New Jersey on their way to the battlefields of Europe, and the state was home to industry that provided aircraft, ships and armaments to support the war effort.

This connection was recognized by New Jersey Daughters through WWI centennial observances. The theme for the 2018 Spring Conference was "Patriotism - Remembering World War I," and featured a Memory Wall of photos shared by members.

A program, "New Jersey and the Great War," was compiled by this chairman and posted on the Members' Website. Chapters reported presenting 30 programs on WWI and many participated in special activities.

A member of Elizabeth Snyder-Continental organized a ceremony of remembrance in Perth Amboy that included ringing the Bells of Peace. "We Shall Keep the Faith," by Poppy Lady Moina Michael, was read at the November meeting and members were encouraged to wear their American Legion poppies. The chapter also promoted the Green Light a Vet program, with members displaying a green porch light to show support for veterans and selling green bulbs at state meetings.

Gen. David Forman-Penelope Hart and Oak Tree chapters also participated in Bells of Peace ceremonies. Jersey Blue members visited a WWI exhibit at the Cornelius Low House in Piscataway that included a uniform loaned by the chapter; they also created the Memory Wall for the State Conference. Capt. Daniel Vliet arranged for vans to provide free transportation for residents of Veteran's Haven North in Glen Gardner to the annual William L. Nixon Veterans' Tribute in Phillipsburg.

Members of Peggy Warne attended a special WWI memorial service at the Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home, and a member of Bergen-Paulus Hook shared her grandfather's WWI uniform, photos and letters home. Eagle Rock-Cranetown, Elizabeth Parcels De Voe, and Great John Mathis participated in Veterans' Day observances, and Loantaka-Parsippanong distributed flags.

Chapters continued their observance of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Six chapters are registered as a Commemorative Events Partner with the U.S.A. Vietnam War Commemoration: Chinkchewunaska, Ferro Monte, Gov. William Livingston, Jersey Blue, Morristown, and

Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth.

Gov. William Livingston sponsored their annual breakfast for Vietnam veterans at a local high school, providing students with an outstanding opportunity to meet veterans and hear first-hand accounts of their service.

Morristown honored two Vietnam War veterans and participated in Independence Day ceremonies at Morristown National Park, they also participated in the Battle of Monmouth re-enactment. Princeton Chapter honored Vietnam veterans at their December meeting.

Chapters participated in observances for Flag Day, September 11 and local events. Members of Camp Middlebrook served as docents at the Abraham Staats House during the annual commemoration of the Battle of Bound Brook.

Ten programs were given on the 150th anniversary of Memorial Day. Members of Chinkchewunski hosted a prayer breakfast for 35 veterans, and the regent of Crane's Ford spoke at a Memorial Day service. Ferro Monte participated in the Roxbury Memorial Day Parade and the Lake Hopatcong Veterans Cruise and Luncheon for Independence Day, serving lunch to 250 people, including 100 veterans. Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell placed flags on the graves of veterans and marched in a Memorial Day parade, as did Old White House-Gen. Frelinghuysen-Col. Lowrey who also hosted a flag retirement ceremony.

Six chapters reported participating in Wreaths Across America: Bergen-Paulus Hook, Col. Thomas Reynolds, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental, Gen. David Forman-Penelope Hart and Morristown. Oak Tree collected donations used to purchase 900 wreaths and helped to place them at Finn's Point National Cemetery in Pennsville.

"Centennial Celebration - The Women's Suffrage Movement in the Garden State," a program compiled by this state chairman, was posted on the Members' Website. Chapters reported presenting 10 programs on women's suffrage and 11 programs on the 100th anniversary of the American's Creed.

New Jersey Daughters made an extra effort to honor the sacrifices of our nation's World War I and Vietnam veterans, often involving young people in these patriotic endeavors and helping to educate a new generation about our nation's history and continued defense of freedom.

Holly Jean Dunbar  
Chairman

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Community Service Awards provide Chapters and States the opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations who have made contributions to their communities. These voluntary unpaid efforts can be cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, or historical. They can involve citizenship, or environmental conservation.

Jan Jorritsma, nominated by the Chinkchewunsk Chapter, was recognized for her dedication to her community. Whenever someone comes into Ideal Farms, Jan is always there to offer help for any fundraiser. From donations of flowers to the local Sussex County Association for Retarded Citizens and Tricky Trays of Christmas Trees for the German Market to pumpkins for the YMCA pumpkin picking in the pool.

Paul Rapps, nominated by the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter, was recognized as a person who spends his retirement volunteering for the Warren Township Rescue Squad. As Dr. Rapps reaches 40 years of volunteer service to the community, he can reflect back with pride for his dedication and his accomplishments both providing emergency care for those in need and to keeping the volunteer rescue squad a healthy organization. Paul has never stepped aside from his dedication to the larger community. This impressive candidate truly embodies the spirit of the award. Warren County is lucky to have such a dedicated volunteer in their midst.

Birth Haven, nominated by the Chinkchewunsk Chapter, was recognized as an independent, nonsectarian, non-profit organization that provides shelter, support, and education for homeless, pregnant women and girls. Established in 1985, Birth Haven supports these young women throughout the state of New Jersey and the surrounding tri-state area. The agency provides a safe and nurturing environment in which to carry on unexpected pregnancy to term. The residents also learn the tools necessary to achieve greater self-sufficiency. It is wonderful that Birth Haven offers these moms a safe and healthy place to stay and thrive after they are ready to leave.

Bonnie Matthews  
State Chairman

## CONSERVATION

This Conservation Chairman was honored to be your chairman and has had a busy year. 4 issues of the Conservation Courier were sent to NJDAR Daughters. 2018-2019 NJDAR Conservation Minutes sent to regents, and reading NSDAR Conservation medal entries.

NJDAR was busy. Sixteen chapters had fifty-four conservation projects. Two hundred twenty-three Conservation Minutes read. Thirty-eight Daughters participated in a various citizen science projects. Seventy-four Daughters participated in Earth Day and/or Arbor Day 2018. Sixty-three gardens were registered with Million Pollinator Garden Challenge.

CMR included much chapter information. Basking Ridge Chapter had conservation reports. Camp Middlebrook had active members with upcycling projects. Cape May Patriots had backyard bee/ butterfly gardens. Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe Chapter's junior majoring in environmental studies did volunteer work with nature. Ferro Monte Chapter planted trees; used barrels collecting rainwater. Francis Hopkinson member worked with manatee conservation. General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter members participated in Earth Day at Stony Brook Watershed; another member did beach clean-up. Two Governor William Livingston Chapter members started bee/butterfly gardens; another member sent cards to St Jude's. Saddle River Chapter and Peggy Warne both had members write conservation articles for the Messenger. Great John Mathis Chapter members have butterfly/bee gardens, hummingbird feeders and bird feeders.

Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter maintained a community native plant species garden near a high school, supervised and mentored students assisting with this endeavor. They supervised students cleaning up litter in the community. They did outreach educational activities at schools. They collected seed packets for "The Seed Shower" Hindeman Settlement School promoted. Three Morristown Chapter members belong to Garden Clubs and volunteered. Morristown Chapter owns a historic house and we upkeep the grounds they registered in the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge. Chapter members and others volunteer to help with grounds/gardens upkeep and in the guidelines of a pollinator garden.

Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter members are aware of shoreline issues leading to discussions. Some members volunteer at the local 19 parks planting and caring for the vegetation. Others focus on shore and land birds participating, bird watching and habitat preservation.

Great John Mathis Chapter had a guest speaker from the LBI Garden Club who spoke about Monarch butterflies.

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter's daughter is Chairman of Conservation; Life Member of New Jersey Audubon; and longtime volunteer. She designed a bird check list and booklet. She's a member of The Friends of Great Swamp N.W.R.; an Ambassador of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology; and promotes their bird study citizen science program. She promotes pollinator gardens and represents DAR with the National Pollinator Garden Network and interacts with Pollinator Partnership. Another member raises honeybees reporting to her chapter. One daughter documented monarch butterfly caterpillars on her Common Milkweed plants and gave planting instructions.

Lastly, two NSDAR Conservation medals were presented. Haddonfield Chapter presented the NSDAR Conservation medal to the founding Master Gardeners of the Gibbsboro at their meeting April 2018. Cranes Ford Chapter presented the medal to Doctor Ombrello for his historic tree project.

Emily Carlin  
NJDAR Conservation Chairman

## **CONSTITUTION WEEK**

During the NJDAR Fall Meeting held September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> in Princeton, NJ, this state chairman had a table display explaining how our NJ chapters could celebrate Constitution Week. Available for sale were NSDAR Constitution Week posters, each chapter was asked to purchase at least one poster to display in their towns. Also included, were handout with descriptions of how each chapter could celebrate Constitution Week, along with pocket Constitutions courtesy of The Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

A publicity article written, by this chairman, was submitted to 4 newspapers explaining the origins of celebrating Constitution Week. This chairman also submitted an article to the NJDAR members website and the NJDAR Crossroads Courier, this article explained ways to have your chapter participate.

After viewing the 2018 Chapter Master Reports of all chapters, this chairman can report that of the 46 NJDAR chapters, 41 chapters participated, in some way, during Constitution Week. State wide chapters installed 42 displays on

the Constitution. Some outstanding chapters included Saddle River chapter for installing 9 displays about the Constitution; Great John Mathis chapter for publishing 15 articles on Constitution Week and the Cape May Patriots chapter for contacting 11 schools for Constitution Week.

It was a pleasure to serve the NJ Society!

Mary Leonard  
Chairman

**DAR GENEALOGY PRESERVATION**

This year there were 12 members from New Jersey who volunteered to index DAR genealogical and membership information into computerized, searchable databases. They were:

Sally Bickford	General David Forman-Penelope Hart	124,794
Linda Chesko	General David Forman-Penelope Hart	556
Wendy Cummings	Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest	406
Janice Hunold	General William Maxwell	45
Mary Leonard	Cranes Ford	5,018
Kathryn Nicita	Francis Hopkinson	2,492
Stephanie Reidinger	Loantaka-Parsipponong	54
Monica Sharp	Old White House-General Frelinghuysen- Colonel Lowrey	707
Elizabeth Wheeler	Great John Mathis	15
Rebecca Wilder	Morristown	240

There were 3 members from New Jersey who worked on the Descendants project. They were:

Robyn Quinn	Morristown	240 applications
Linda Smith	Ferro Monte	586 applications
Rhoda Turner	Greenwich Tea Burning	1,233 applications

This year New Jersey volunteers indexed a total of 134,327 supporting documents!

This state chairman would like to thank all the New Jersey daughters who dedicated their time to this project.

Ashley Ziccardi  
State Chairman

## **DAR GOOD CITIZENS**

Twenty chapters honored area high school seniors as Good Citizens for the year 2019 with seventeen of these chapters advancing into the state essay contest. Our Good Citizen Chairmen invited 153 NJ High Schools and 62% of these schools (96) participated in the program. There were 15 high schools who, for the first time, were participating in the program. In total, our chapters recognized 96 students as Good Citizens and 77 (80%) of these students participated in the essay/scholarship portion of the program. Our chapters have continued to reach as many area high schools as possible for participation into this program and as a result we have completed a school database for the NJDAR which has been created on Excel and Google Sheets. The data base lists all accredited high schools, both private and public, in the state. The listing is grouped (tabbed) by county and each listing includes county, name of high school and full address. In addition to each school, we have listed NJDAR Chapters that would be a good match based on location or based on an already established working relationship through the Good Citizen Program. Other notable facts include known participation, frequency over the past decade and successful Chapter contact. Thank you to all chapter chairmen for your participation in creating this resourceful data base for this program that will be most beneficial to the NJDAR Chapters participating in this program!

Youth Citizenship Certificates and ROTC medals were also presented by the Jersey Blue Chapter. Susan Luczu awarded four ROTC medals to Rutgers University students being commissioned in one of the U.S. Armed Services who had demonstrated academic excellence, good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership and a fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of the ROTC program. Medals and certificates were presented to the top cadets in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Jr. ROTC programs locally. Susan also recognized five area Boy Scouts at their Eagle Court of Honor ceremonies for scouting accomplishments & attaining the rank of Eagle Scout with Challenge coins, Youth Citizenship Certificates and pins.

The NJDAR Good Citizen Program recognized all participating students with a National Good Citizen Certificate, wallet card and pin. In addition, the NJDAR honored three students whose essay and application earned top honors for 2019. Third place and a cash award of \$200.00 was presented to Christopher Vincent Quinn a senior from Toms River High School North and sponsored by the Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter. Our

second-place student who was awarded with a \$300.00 award was Justin Samuel Manne from Mahwah High School and sponsored by the Saddle River Chapter. Bridget Deneen, a senior from Cranford High School and who was sponsored by the Cranes Ford Chapter earned top honors for 2019. Bridget received a cash award of \$500.00, a special unique NJ State Winner National Certificate and a State Winning Good Citizen Pin. Incidentally all our top three students are being commissioned into the U.S. Armed Services following their graduation from high school or in four years following their graduation from a military college. A complete listing of all New Jersey DAR Good Citizen candidates may be found in the annual program. We are very proud of every student who participated and who has been recognized and named as NJDAR Good Citizens for 2019! A special thank you to all the sponsoring NJDAR Chapters!

Madame State Regent, thank you, it has been an honor to serve you and the New Jersey State Society.

Lisa A. Intili  
State Chairman

### **DAR MAGAZINE**

The DAR Magazine Committee has two primary tasks: promoting American Spirit magazine subscriptions and creating the annual state advertisement pages appearing in the July/August issue of the Daughters Newsletter, the member companion piece to the American Spirit.

All DAR daughters are encouraged to subscribe to the American Spirit/DAR Newsletter; the magazine is published bi-monthly with a subscription price of \$18 a year. Chapter Regents especially should have a subscription. National emphasizes this importance by including it in the CMR questionnaire. Practically speaking the information provided in the Daughters Newsletter will aid you in your planning process, with the latest news from national and spark ideas from other chapter's stories. The newsletter is a fantastic resource for new members. Chapter Regents consider gifting new members with a subscription.

The American Spirit is an excellent promotional tool for Chapter outreach. Chapters may sponsor subscriptions for local libraries, schools, senior centers and other outlets. Chapters are encouraged to strive for a subscription rate of at least 30%, with a goal of 40%. National rewards

chapters with 20% subscription rate and above points towards Chapter Achievement Awards.

Our annual state advertisement pages featured New Jersey Outstanding Juniors Laura Franek, Chinkchewunska Chapter [2017] and Jennifer Norato, Hester Schuyler Colfax Chapter [2018]. DAR Schools Chairleaders cheered on the renovations of the New Jersey Cottage at Tamasee School. New Jersey Daughters proudly honor Reporter General, NSDAR Jersey Girl Cornelia Ball Olde and remembered beloved State Chaplain Katherine “Kitty” Bowers.

Madam State Regent, this chair is honored to have been able to serve in your administration.

Kimberly Armstrong  
State Chair

### **DAR MUSEUM OUTREACH**

The Museum Outreach Committee continues to work hard in educating the general public of the extensive collection of American through its programs and special events. The new website under DAR Museum is the greatest source of information.

The New Jersey Daughters took advantage of its wealth of information this past year. The Morristown Chapter sought their help in evaluation of a plaster mold from their own museum. Several New Jersey Daughters attended the Gift Recognition Ceremony on June 19th at National. Lisa Ebeling was recognized for her donation of a Lincoln Family Print and a print of Colonel Benjamin Tallmadge.

Another highlight of the year was the grand opening of the renovated gallery. Several New Jersey Daughters attended its Grand Re-opening. The museum accepted a Revolutionary wallet from the Gov. Wm. Livingston Chapter honoring past Regent, Mrs. Graziano.

One New Jersey Chapter took advantage of the PEP (Portable Educational Program) this year.4 Chapters held programs on the DAR Museum and its Collections. Three Chapters sponsored programs on the DAR Museum to community and school groups.

The New Jersey Room at National Headquarters continued to be one of the top 5 favorite Period Rooms. This year the writing box was repaired as the wood on the side had begun to split. This was a considerable cost.

The Moorestown Chapter gave \$750.00 toward the General Fund of the Museum Room. Gen. Wm Maxwell donated \$20.00 to the Friends of the Museum. The Jersey Blue Chapter donated \$250.00 and the Saddle River Chapter donated \$200.00 to the Museum Keeper Fund.

It has been a pleasure to have served the Stroeever Administration for the past 3 years as State Chairman.

Linda Boyd  
State Chairman

### **DAR PROJECT PATRIOT**

New Jersey Daughters love to support their veterans. Every year they continue to increase the amount of goods sent to our troops overseas. They have totaled \$2315 raised for chapter projects supporting the troops. Westfield chapter supported local veterans by sponsoring a Bingo game at the veteran's memorial home in Menlo Park. Our members have sent 44 boxes filled with toiletries, snacks, and games to our troops overseas. Elizabeth Parcels De Voe sent a box of children's books to troops so that they can read to their children over skype. General William Livingston sent Christmas gifts to the children at Fort Dix-McGuire. The donations sent to our troops totaled over \$3600 worth of goods, and that doesn't include the over \$800 sent to approved centers, such as Chaplain's Closet in Landstuhl and the Warrior and Family Support Center in San Antonio.

Along with the care packages, New Jersey Daughters have sent other items to the troops and their families. Chapters sent 76844 coupons to military bases for families to use. That's a total of 14 pounds of coupons! Daughters have also sent 2315 cards and letters to active service members. They also raised \$2950 for chapter projects to support their veterans and active service personnel.

This chairman is proud to of New Jersey for all their support to the military and hopes to see the support increase in the coming years.

Rebecca Martinsen  
Project Patriot Chairman

## **DAR SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

There were 19 New Jersey chapters that shared information in their community on the NSDAR scholarship opportunities in 2018. Social media, packets to local schools and community events were some ways that Chapters shared information. Other unique ways information was shared with the community were at local churches, 4-H Clubs, garden clubs, and the Civil Air Patrol.

9 New Jersey Chapters awarded scholarships to students totaling \$7,275. These 10 scholarships were an increase from last year's \$3,000 total.

This chairman would like to thank all the members who have worked on sharing information, creating new scholarships, and awarding scholarships to deserving students. It has been an honor to serve the NJDAR.

Laura Franek  
Chairman

## **DAR SCHOOL REPORT**

New Jersey Daughters whole heartedly displayed their red, white and blue spirit for the DAR Schools this year! 16 chapters presented programs or gave a "DAR School Minute" at each meeting.

Over 7,000 labels were presented to the schools, mostly to Tamassee DAR School, Inc. Tamassee also received 15 pounds of clothing.

Many cheers of thanks go out to Basking Ridge Chapter, Camp Middlebrook Chapter, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter, Peggy Warne Chapter and Saddle River Chapter for donating to the "Friends of the DAR Schools Fund."

The following chapters contributed in total \$11,353.00 to the six schools via direct chapter donations. Bravo to Ferro Monte Chapter, Haddonfield Chapter, Cape May Patriots Chapter, Jersey Blue Chapter, Ann Whitall Chapter, General Mercer Chapter, Crane's Ford Chapter, Morristown Chapter, Loantaka-Parsippanong Chapter, Colonel Thomas Reynolds Chapter, General William Maxwell Chapter, and Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter!

Twenty-five (25) beautiful “Targeting Education: Apple & Arrow” pins were sold throughout the year.

- Bergen Paulus Hook Chapter purchased items from the wish list & shopped Amazon Smile for Tamasee DAR School, Inc. and purchased Christmas items for Crossnore.
- Camp Middlebrook Chapter sent Christmas cards to Tamasee DAR School, Inc. and had a program on Crossnore School & Children’s Home, Inc.
- Crane’s Ford Chapter donated gifts to Crossnore School & Children’s Home, Inc. and packed school supplies in 3 backpacks.
- Elizabeth Parcells DeVoe Chapter sent seed packets to Hindman Settlement School, Inc. Items sent by Amazon Direct to Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, Inc., Tamasee DAR School, Inc. and Crossnore School & Children’s Home, Inc.
- Governor William Livingston sent 200 seed packets to Hindman Settlement School, Inc.
- Oak Tree Chapter donated \$90 to NJDAR to support the DAR School Committee’s projects.
- Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter sent school supplies to Hindman Settlement School, Inc.

\$1,416.80 was collected at the schools’ table at the State Conference and Fall Meeting. The total collected and donated within this administration to date is \$13,000. Many thanks to the fellow chair leaders for their ongoing support and pompom shakes to all the Jersey Girls for making this year a S-U-C-C-E-S-S!

Nancy Kritch  
DAR Schools Head Chairleader

### **DAR SERVICE FOR VETERANS**

Several chapters gave parties, sent cards, participated in parades, wreath laying, collected leftover Halloween Candy for military & first responders, organized fund raisers, donated quilts, lap robes, food and clothing. Notably Jersey Blue sponsors golf at Menlo Park for NJ Veterans and has been joined by other chapters. Captain Joshua Huddy supports War Dogs which reunites retiring War Dogs who are left overseas with their handlers in the US.

The following is a compilation of all chapter activities:

Number of volunteers:

Youth:	164
Adult:	846

Number of hours:

Youth:	402
Adult:	7260

Veterans History Interviews:	2
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Miles Driven:	23,791.00
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Money Donated:	\$12,155.00
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Value of Donations:	\$65,178.05
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Joanne Stoy  
Chairman

## **THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Twenty-nine chapters participated in The Flag of the United States of America Committee programs and activities for 2018. Chapter highlights follow.

Camp Middlebrook Chapter celebrated their 125 anniversary inviting the NJSSAR Color Guard to participate. Members marched in the annual Bound Brook Memorial Day Parade. A Flag Minute was presented at nine meetings.

Elizabeth Parcels De Voe Chapter read the Daughters Pledge to the Flag at the June meeting which was found in their chapter archives. A Flag Minute was presented at four meetings. The chapter met with 23 second-graders. Two books were read to them followed by a Q and A about the American Flag. Students received goodie bags that included a US Flag, Flag Code and a Pledge of Allegiance bookmark. A member participated in an American Legion Post Flag Ceremony. Flags were placed in overseas packages for the military and a southwestern school. The Chapter participated in the Somerset County Flag Day and the Flag Retirement Ceremony held at the Old White House, General Frelinghuysen, Colonel Lowrey Chapter.

Jersey Blue Chapter and CAR members placed Flags at veteran's graves in local cemeteries and grave yards. The Chapter replaces the US Flag at the Village of Old Bridge Community Gardens annually. Members attended services and parades on Memorial Day and July Fourth. Flags were donated as prizes to the Menlo Park Memorial Home for Veterans mini-golf events. The chapter held twenty-five Flag events. Flag Codes and Flag Literature were distributed. A Flag Minute was included in their seven meetings.

Morristown Chapter participated in the Washington's Headquarters naturalization ceremony. A member led the Pledge of Allegiance, sang the National Anthem and God Bless America. New citizens received Welcome Bags that include an American Flag. The chapter's annual Flag Day exhibit presented eight different US Flags dating from 1770 at their Schuyler-Hamilton House. Four youths participated in Flag activities. Flag Codes and Flag Literature were distributed.

Old White House, Gen. Frelinghuysen, Col. Lowrey Chapter handed out US Flags to spectators at the local Memorial Day Parade. Eight youths were involved in chapter Flag activities. They held their annual retired US Flag Burning Ceremony.

Saddle River Chapter placed Flags at veteran's graves in Washington Memorial Cemetery, Paramus, during the Memorial Day weekend. They held two Flag events, distributed Flag Codes and Flag Literature. The chapter included a Flag Minute in nine meeting agendas.

Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter members distributed Flags at two naturalization ceremonies and at a local Memorial Day ceremony. The chapter provided an information table at the Monmouth Battlefield re-enactment handing out Flag Codes and Flag Literature. Seven Flag Minutes were given at meetings.

The twenty-nine chapters participated in 57 Flag Events, distributed 6077 Flags. Youths involved in chapter Flag programs or activities totaled 84. Chapters interacting with their communities passed on 1939 Flag Codes, and 2778 Flag Literature leaflets. The Chapter Flag Minute included in at meetings totaled 66 minutes.

Carolyn Schwender  
State Chairman

## **NEW JERSEY GENEALOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE**

Thirty-five of forty-six chapters reported. Most reported members working on their own family genealogy. One chapter presented programs on the use of genealogical records to Boy Scouts working on their Genealogy Merit Badge. Four chapters – Cape May Patriots, Claverack, Greenwich Tea Burning and Morristown - reported a total of five members working on abstracting or copying records. Two chapters – Morristown and Greenwich Tea Burning reported working on the GRC Book Indexing with at least 245 names entered.

Karen Stroeve  
NJDAR State Regent

### **HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Two Thousand Eighteen has been a very exciting year for the Chinkchewunsk Chapter. Their application for a DAR Historic Preservation Medal was approved by National. The recipient is Edward VanderBerg who is active in preserving and protecting the Deckertown Union and Papakating Cemeteries. He is actively marking historic church locations and marking graves of Revolutionary War Soldiers as well as honoring veterans. There are fewer than 30 of these medals presented each year.

Five New Jersey chapters own or assist in the administration of historic houses. Chinkchewunsk Chapter owns and maintains the Van Bunchooten Museum in Wantage. Morristown Chapter owns and maintains The Schuyler-Hamilton House in Morristown. Jersey Blue maintains the Buccleuch Mansion owned by the City of New Brunswick. The Red Bank Chapter maintains two rooms in the Whitall House in National Park and along with the Ann Whitall Chapter acts as docents for tours.

Although the Ferro Monte Chapter does not own any property, it is strongly involved with the Jefferson Township Historical Society. Chapter members Carol Keppel; Mary Parr, Robin Trevor and Martha Scheri function as docents in the museum and at society events.

The General William Maxwell Chapter received approval from National for the Cummins House in Belvidere, NJ, where the Chapter was organized on December 31, 1931. A DAR plaque was placed on the house at a dedication on May 5, 2018.

Many New Jersey Daughters are involved with boards or committees in their communities for historic preservation.

Madam State Regent, this chair is pleased and proud of the New Jersey Chapters and members stepping up to insure historic preservation efforts in our state. Thank you for the privilege of serving your administration in this capacity.

Susan W. Beall  
State Chairman

### **INSIGNIA**

Membership in the DAR affords one to receive the DAR official insignia. Purchasing the insignia pin is assumed to be one of the first things a new member does. It has been assessed that this is not always true. Some wait years to get their insignia, and when they do, are not aware of proper placement let alone DAR protocol procedures. This past year it has been a mission to inform members with the DAR insignia guidelines to: WEAR IT PROUDLY, GUARD IT CAREFULLY, WEAR IT DISCREETLY.

We reached out to groups and worked with members individually. With this, it is felt that along with National Insignia and pin information, there might be a small pamphlet written where each chapter might present to their new members when sworn in. Maybe place the insignia in ribbon at this ceremony. We look forward to any suggestions for the future.

Geraldine Varley  
State Chairman

### **JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS**

The New Jersey State Junior American Citizens (JAC) Committee submitted this year's first place winning entries honoring the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lunar Landing to the Eastern Division Vice Chairs in January 2019. The committee is thrilled to report that four First Prize

winners: two in the Arts Contest (one in the stamp category and the other in the poster category); one in the Creative Expression Contest (short story category); and the final in the Community Service Project. Three second prizes were awarded at the state level (one in the Community Service Project, the second in the stamp category and the third in the short story category).

Congratulations to the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental and the General David Forman-Penelope Hart chapters for sponsoring this year's winning entries. Thirty students representing the New Jersey chapters participated in this year's contest. Areas of particular interest included the Art contest, the Creative Expression contest, and the Community Service contest.

During the 2018 reporting year the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental and the General David Forman-Penelope Hart chapters reported supporting students in their pursuit of a Junior American Citizens (JAC) activities. The General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter sponsored one JAC group and published pictures and/or articles of its JAC-sponsored activities. The Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter worked with the Somerset County 4-H program publishing pictures and articles in its monthly newsletters.

Linda Chesko  
NJ State JAC Chair

## **JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**

New Jersey Daughters continue to show their support for their Junior Members. New Jersey fully believes that Junior Members are the future of our society, so chapters, and the state society, try to involve them as much as they can. Chapters in New Jersey encourage their Junior Members to serve as chapter chairman and officers. This year 35 Junior Members served as chapter chairman, and 24 served as chapter officers. Chapters were also encouraged to honor a Junior Member by awarding a Chapter Outstanding Junior. This year 6 chapters honored a Junior Member for their work with the DAR.

Chapters keep Juniors coming back by holding meetings at friendly times so those with families can attend. Chapters hold lunchtime or late weekday evening meetings, have speakers that appeal to Junior members, and use a wide variety of social media including Facebook and Twitter to keep them updated. Chapters encourage members to bring family and friends to meetings and events, send out newsletters, emails, and keep

their website updated with current information. Chapters speak at historical society events, and even place ads in the local historical society magazine. Chapters support local CAR societies in hopes that they will transfer over at the age of 18, and encourage the transfer of daughters and granddaughters.

Junior Members are also actively involved at the state level with 10 serving as state chairman or vice chairman, and 1 serving as a state officer. Junior Members serve as pages at state events and Continental Congress. This past year 15 Junior Members served as a page at either a state or national event. Pages are invited free of charge, sit together during luncheons and banquets to get to know each other, and a page party is planned!

Chapters not only try to involve their Juniors, but New Jersey continues to recruit and gain new Junior members. This year New Jersey gained 41 new Junior Members, 17 of which came from the prospective member database. Chapters gain new members by encouraging aging out CAR members to transfer their membership, and completing applications for daughters, granddaughters, and nieces. Chapters recruit new Juniors by setting up information tables at street fairs and local events. Members regularly attend public, private research days at libraries and archives, genealogy classes, commemorative events, social events, and reenactments to talk with prospective Junior members. Chapters use newsletters, social media, and email to keep and recruit new Junior members.

At the New Jersey Spring State Conference chapters are rewarded for their work with Juniors throughout the year. A State Outstanding Junior Member is presented at our awards banquet. Awards are presented to chapters for most new junior members, purchasing the most junior products, junior members serving as chapter chairman, juniors serving as pages at state events and congress, and the chapter with the best all around support of juniors. Each year the Junior Membership Committee awards one member with the title "Honorary Junior Member". This award is presented to a non-junior member who continually supports junior members.

Ashley Wasser  
Junior Membership Chairman

## **LINEAGE RESEARCH**

The Lineage Research Committee continues to work together to assist prospective members through the Lineage Research Lookup Board, the Chapter Development and Revitalization (CDR) workshops, chapter workshops, and on an individual basis whether requested by a chapter registrar and an individual. Catherine Medich and Christine Murphy have been working closely with this chairman.

Eleven chapters have a chapter lineage research chairman and several chapters have a chapter committee of researchers. The chapter registrar has image access and in some chapters have additional members with image access. There were thirty-two requests for assistance from the Lineage Research Lookup Board (LRLB). Ten chapter members have completed lookup requests posted on the Lineage Research Lookup Board. There were fifteen requests for assistance from the Lineage Research Facebook group. Twenty-five of these were for requests for image-access. There was one request for assistance with African-American Patriots. There were no requests for assistance for French Patriots, Spanish Patriots, or DNA.

There are still some AIR (Additional Information Requested) or “Have Written” letters each year. The genealogists at National continue to focus on the documents used for the residency and service of the patriot.

It is a great pleasure to serve this State Regent and the State Society.

Ruth A Ryno  
State Chairman

## **LITERACY PROMOTION**

The Literacy Promotion Committee works to partner chapters with others who promote literacy, focuses on children who are our future readers, and publicizes the widespread problem of illiteracy and the importance of literacy at all ages. Sixty-five chapter members in 25 New Jersey chapters reported that they supported these goals by participating in some way. During 2018, members volunteered 403 hours to reading to or tutoring adults and 1,600 hours reading to children. Members read books, newspapers, and magazines to adults in nursing homes, and to children in schools and their homes. New Jersey members donated 2,218 books to

schools, libraries, shelters, veterans, historic preservation projects, non-profit organizations, and churches. Chapter members donated historical books to the children of new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremony held at the 2018 NJDAR Fall Meeting. They also brought books to the annual collection held in December at the Open House in Washington, DC. Chapter members donated \$950 to literacy organizations, schools, and libraries. This State Chairman entered NJDAR in the 2018 Outstanding Service by a State Contest for the promotion of literacy at the April 2017 NJDAR State Conference where Literacy was the theme. It was an Eastern Division winner.

Chinkchewunska Chapter reported that two members tutored ESL students. This chairman, a Literacy Volunteer in the Literacy NJ Sussex County Programs, led a 6-week conversation class and a pronunciation workshop at a local library for English speakers of other languages. She also volunteered as an intake interviewer to determine the reading, writing, and speaking levels of two basic literacy students and then wrote reports based on those findings that tutors used to begin tutoring sessions with new literacy students. Used books were collected and sold at the chapter's fundraiser, Christmas in July. The proceeds went to the restoration of the wagon house/barn on the property and unsold books were donated to other non-profit organizations.

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter reported that at their October meeting members donated 100 new books to a local program for foster children.

Jersey Blue Chapter participated in Read Across America at a local school and donated children's books at NJDAR State Meetings that were donated to underserved schools.

Major Joseph Bloomfield chapter had a member tutor ESL children.

Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter had members volunteer to read and discuss historical children's books to students in grades kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

New Jersey Daughters continue to work together to promote literacy in their homes, communities, and schools and support book collections by our state society and NSDAR.

It is been a pleasure to serve this State Regent and the State Society.

Bea Kota  
State Chairman

## **MEMBERSHIP**

New Jersey DAR membership overall has had a decrease in membership, from 2,711 members in 2017 to 2,676, this number is the result of many factors including members moving out of state, age related illness or financial reasons, and sadly our deceased members.

Our chapters added 146 new members by application in 2018, there are 1214 PMs statewide with 54 PMs pending. The chapters attaining Trekker level with a 10% gain in members by application and less than a 2% drop in membership for non-payment are: Bergen Paulus-Hook; Loantaka-Parsippanong; Moorestown; Red Bank; Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth; The Coastal Watch; and Westfield. The chapters attaining Trailblazer level are: Captain Joshua Huddy; Moorestown; The Coastal Watch; and Westfield. The Moorestown Chapter has also achieved Silver Arrow Club status by having less than 1% drop in membership and a gain of 10% new members by application each year for the past three years. Congratulations to all these wonderful chapters!

Thirteen members enrolled in/or completed the New Members Course this year and thirteen chapter members enrolled in/or completed the New Horizons Course.

In an effort to recruit and retain members, chapters held fifteen new member orientation events. In addition, fifty-five members-at-large were contacted by the chapters and nineteen of these MAL participated in chapter activities. The chapters report a gain of three DAR Life Members or pending Life Members in 2018. Junior membership increased again this year by adding 32 new members, increasing to 241 junior members.

The chapters report that the most effective method of recruiting new members are participating in community and historical events where members can pass out flyers and answer questions. The next most effective means is by word of mouth to encourage relatives and friends of current members to apply. Social media and networking also have a role in recruitment.

Holding workshops, and open meetings where prospective members are free to ask questions and obtain assistance with research is another valuable way to recruit new members. A few chapters report social “meet and greets” are a wonderful way to encourage new prospective members. Having the chapter registrar or membership committee contact prospective members in a timely manner is also extremely helpful in keeping the prospective member interested in joining.

Getting new members involved in chapter projects and committees has proven to be very effective in retaining members and building strong chapters. One chapter has a welcome table at each meeting with different members manning the table, this chapter also cross trains members to learn about the duties of each office and committee.

Keeping members informed, via email, newsletters and social media of upcoming chapter events and meetings, state projects and programs, assigning members interesting tasks, holding social events, such as teas, breakfasts and luncheons, chapter trips visiting historical sites and buildings, inviting knowledgeable, interesting speakers to chapter meetings, contribute to member retention for our chapters.

Thank you Madam State Regent, it has been my honor to serve you.

Kathy Fritz  
NJDAR Membership Chairman

## **NATIONAL DEFENSE**

The New Jersey National Defense Committee is pleased to report that 6 chapters dedicated programs to National Defense, and 28 chapters devoted at least three minutes to a National Defense report at every regular meeting. Articles from the National Defender online were used by 38 chapters for their three-minute reports. The total amount of funds contributed directly to ROTC and Cadet Award Programs was \$951.00.

New Jersey chapters presented the following medals: 5 Gold (College) ROTC Medals, 37 Bronze (High School) ROTC Medals, 2 Silver DAR Outstanding Cadet Medal, 1 DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal, and 54 Youth Citizenship Medals.

Noteworthy National Defense programs presented by New Jersey chapters were: Basking Ridge, Ferro Monte, Loantaka-Parsippanong, Morristown, Oak Tree and Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest.

It has been a pleasure to serve this administration.

Jean Duncan Thiel  
Jan McCart  
State Co-Chairmen

## **PRESIDENT GENERAL'S PROJECT**

The State Chairman of the President General's Project ordered and sold project themed merchandise at the NJDAR Spring and Fall conferences in 2018.

In addition, the committee sold Voices on a membership pin at both conferences, presented several Voices baskets, and showed "Leaves for Dedication" of trees to be planted on Patriots" Aisle.

This chairman also encouraged individual donations to the President General's Project through the Sustaining Supporter monthly giving program, and 100% participation from New Jersey chapters to the President General's Project.

It has been an honor and great pleasure to serve this year in this administration.

Elizabeth G. Dunnell, Chairman  
President General's Project

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA**

Public Relations & Media Committee supports the NJ DAR Board of Directors and the membership by developing and implementing communication strategies consistent with the goals and objectives of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR). The Chair is responsible for directing and reporting on the activity of the committee which includes overseeing the duties of the committee coordinators for 47 chapters in New Jersey. Public Relations and Media Chairman responsibilities and duties listed on the NSDAR website are a guideline to inform members and the community about historic preservation, education, and patriotic mission activities of the DAR and

increasing public awareness of DAR objectives and programs. Guidelines should be tailored to specific Chapters according to their State/Region.

#### Section 1: Public Relations and Media Resources

Chapters combine public relations materials and tools including graphics, fact sheets, brochures, and templates that are available on the NSDAR website (including the Today's DAR 15-minute video) to increase public awareness of DAR objectives and programs.

#### Section 2: News and Press Releases

Chapters prepare releases to issue to local media in accordance with NSDAR policy guidelines.

#### Section 3: Public Outreach

Chapters are encouraged to participate in public events such as Memorial Day parades, Wreaths Across America, Flag Day, Veterans Day, Independence Day, host genealogy workshops, or set up displays at local libraries...etc.

#### Section 4: Social Media – Facebook and YouTube

Chapters make use of official NSDAR blogs, FaceBook and Today's DAR videos.

#### Section 5: NSDAR Media and Entertainment Award

Awards for motion picture, radio, and television are encouraged to be given on the local level or recommended on for a national level award.

#### Section 6: State Proceedings

State Proceedings are due to the State Regent and State Recording Secretary by March 1, 2019.

#### Section 7: National Reports

The Annual report is submitted to the National Vice Chairman no later than March 15, 2019.

#### Section 8: Chapter Awards

Results and recommendations will be submitted to the National Vice Chairman according to the requirements and categories as defined by the DAR National Society's Public Relations and Media Committee.

Laura E. Cramer  
Chairman

## **SERVICE TO AMERICA**

I am pleased to announce that New Jersey had 2018 Service to America hours of 82,979 for the past year. NJ Daughters increased their hours through a variety of activities from historic preservation to volunteering at our Veteran's homes to Docent Services to achieve their service hours. 2018 showed a 21% increase over the previous years' service hours. Special thanks to our top three chapter – Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth with a total of 11,214 hours, Jersey Blue with 6,121 hours, and Morristown with 5,186 hours.

New Jersey as a state has done impressive work resulting in a remarkable increase in our Service to America hours. We look forward to further increased hours in 2019. Thank you,

Sandy Julian  
NJ Service to America Chairman

## **VOLUNTEER GENEALOGISTS**

We co-chairmen had the pleasure to serve the State Society this past reporting year. We have the pleasure to report that there are forty-three NDAR Trained Volunteer Genealogists in the State Society. Six Daughters have taken GEP I, two Daughters have taken GEP II, one Daughter has taken GEP III, and two have taken DNA and the DAR. Five Volunteer Genealogist have been assigned to assist chapters to help with difficult applications and to help the Registrars with their caseloads. Forty-five participants attended 6 workshops sponsored by local chapters. Six-chapter Registrars contacted the America 250! Membership Task Force for help with difficult lineages. Sixty-two Daughters attended non-DAR workshops. Thirty-five Daughters have aided another chapter in need of genealogy help. The Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission (of which this chairman is an active member) were active throughout the state, aiding struggling chapters and assisting with workshops. We completed our three-year term of this committee secure in the knowledge that we have made much progress in aiding Registrars with difficult applications.

Theresa Brasko  
Jane Berrigan  
State Co-Chairman  
Volunteer Genealogists Committee

## **VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SPECIALIST/WEBMASTER**

As Volunteer Information Specialist, VIS for the year of 2018-2019 this Chairman has completed the migration of the NJDAR's chapter websites to secure & more stable platform.

This chairman worked countless hours and diligently to anticipate any problems incurred with chapter websites while uploading & transferring files to the new server with minimal downtime from Rootsweb. This chairman added 2 additional state VIS chair positions to accommodate the NJDAR Members only website and the need for additional knowledge of creating, maintaining, and approving chapter websites & social media. She, in a timely manner updated all requests from Officers, Chairmen, Regents, and members for all postings and changes to the websites. She also maintained a list of logons and passwords for the chapter websites. She has maintained state officer Gmail accounts for personal privacy.

This chairman also answered questions via, phone, text, email, and in person help with personal and state technology whenever needed. As state VIS chairman, attended chapter meetings & luncheons. Maintained both the Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter Facebook page, and the Isaac Watson House Facebook page. In anticipation to the end of term as the NJDAR State VIS Chair she created the VIS Resources Guide including Sample Annual Proceeding Report, VIS Responsibilities, NJDAR VIS Log & Passwords, and a Calculation Template for the Annual Reports to ensure ease of transition of administrations and use with the ability to adapt as necessary.

This chairman is proud to award the following certificates to the chapters and individual members; Outstanding VIS Chapter Chairmen, twenty-five certificates, superior VIS Chapter Chairman, Kim Armstrong of the Ferro Monte chapter. VIS Chapter of the Year certificate will be presented to Ferro Monte chapter for their dedication in achieving marks on the CMR-VIS. VIS, Volunteer of the Year, Linda Chesko, of the General David Foreman-Penelope Hart chapter will be receiving this award for her hard work on the new chapter website and on the Isaac Watson House committee, VIS Outstanding Newsletter, Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth, VIS Outstanding Media Coverage, Haddonfield chapter, VIS Outstanding Social Media, Major Joseph Bloomfield, VIS Outstanding Website of the Year to be presented to Beacon Fire chapter for the creation of their new & exciting website. VIS Outstanding Community Service Publicity, Basking Ridge, VIS Outstanding Commemorative Event Publicity, Chinkchewunska and Most Creative Usage of PR by a chapter, Camp Middlebrook chapter.

It has been a pleasure for this Chairman to serve this administration.

Deborah Hvizdos  
New Jersey State Chairman

## **WOMEN'S ISSUES**

New Jersey Daughters held interesting and informative programs on women's issues and many participated in activities which benefited women during 2018. The forty six chapters presented a Women's Issues Minute sixty six times and six chapters read at least one winning essay at a meeting. No member submitted a Women's Issues essay for the 2018 year.

Women's Issues Programs covered a variety of health concerns, addressed family matters, highlighted historical women figures and relevant career topics. Some chapters attended or participated in local women's health fairs. ShopRite supermarkets provided a program on health and nutrition for the Morristown Chapter. The Saddle River Chapter invited a Health Educator from the local hospital to discuss balance and aging for women. This chapter also conducted a meeting which highlighted the need for sanitary napkins for women in Africa. Since these women have to make their own, this chapter made and delivered a supply of them to an organization that sends them to Africa.

The Francis Hopkinson Chapter held a program, conducted by a state officer, on women's roles and family activities while living in a 1705 house. Another program spotlighted the history and importance of quilts and their place in family history. The Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth Chapter held nine programs on Women's Issues including Unsung American War Hero Florence Finch, the Importance of Exercise for our Health, the Story of America's First Female Self- Made Millionaire and The Real Rosie the Riveter.

The General William Maxwell Chapter hosted a program on "Sexual Harassment in the Workplace". The Great John Mathis Chapter dedicated its March meeting to Women's Issues inviting various local businesswomen to speak. The Haddonfield Chapter gave a program entitled "Final Flight: To Arlington at Last", the story of Elaine Harmon, a World War II WASP pilot.

Multiple chapters collected goods, raised money and volunteered at the local veteran's hospitals. They participated in arts and crafts programs and recreational activities. Our daughters also supported local women's

shelters with donations. A Jersey Blue Chapter member teaches knitting and crocheting to shelter residents to help with stress and develop skills.

Two chapters I feel did outstanding work in Women's Issues were the Morristown Chapter and the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter. The Morristown Chapter had a Christmas "Giving Tree". The beautiful handmade ornaments on it held slips of paper with a needed item for residents at the local battered woman's shelter. The donations filled the entire minivan of the shelter volunteer who picked up the items. A member of The Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter compiled a program on World War I for the Commemorative Events Committee that included information on the changing roles of women in American society during and after WWI. This program, entitled "Centennial Celebration-The Suffrage Movement in the Garden State" is posted on the NJDAR Members Website for use by chapters.

This chairman would like to thank all chapters for their dedication in heightening awareness of the complex issues facing women today while remembering the brave and resourceful women of our past. It is a pleasure and an honor to serve the State Society.

Wendy Kelly  
Chairman

## **SPECIAL COMMISSIONS**

### **CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIATION COMMISSION**

The Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission (CDRC) coordinates the combined efforts of many – Together, they *A★I★M to Attract, Inspire and Mentor!* The Commission assists chapters in attracting new members, inspiring members to participate more fully in DAR activities, and educating and mentoring members to strengthen their skills and knowledge of DAR. While wearing many hats, CDRC members have just as many specialties. Current commission membership is seventeen. It includes an Honorary State Regent (Chair), State Regent (Advisor), State Organizing Secretary, State Registrar and the District Directors. DAR Genealogy Preservation, DAR Leadership Training, Lineage Research, Membership and Volunteer Genealogists

Committees are also represented. A trifold brochure (attached) is distributed throughout the state and at all state functions.

Members regularly gather for comprehensive luncheon meetings to share thoughts and ideas on subjects such as committee activity, genie workshops, struggling chapters and chapter issues, prospective members, pending members, member retention, programs, training, district forums and workshops, workshops for chapter officers, state conferences and meetings.

This year the Chair participated in chapter regent gatherings in all districts in the form of a tea or luncheon. These meetings are instrumental in providing regents with the most current goings on in the State and National. It also provides attendees with an opportunity to get to know one another, share thoughts and ideas and address concerns.

Team members traveled throughout the state visiting chapters. They routinely provide programs and guidance, and participate in chapter-sponsored genealogy workshops – some for prospective members only – some open to the public.

The Commission organized a table at both the State Conference and Fall Meeting. The table boasted a large poster display, flyers, topic related hand-outs and candy. Attendees were invited to visit the Commission's table where they were offered an opportunity to learn about the Commission, field questions and enter a drawing to receive a free one-hour session with a volunteer genealogist. The drawing proved most successful as many visitors entered the drawing and lots of activity was generated. Additionally, during State Conference a room was set up and Daughters were offered a session with a genie by scheduling time in advance with the Commission Chair - a busy and most successful event.

Members participated in workshops at both the State Conference and Fall Meeting. Topics included Volunteering in Your PJ's, Creating Effective Publicity for your Chapter, Avoiding Application Rejection, Exploring Your Passion, Going to Congress-Things You Need to Know, A New Look at Analysis and Using the State Archives.

Most important, the CDRC Team is dedicated to its continued emphasis on chapter needs. Moving forward it looks to engage chapters helping them become healthy, thriving and the best they can be in support of the goals of our beloved society.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

Diane Clark Argraves  
Commission Chair

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANTS**

The NSDAR Special Projects Grants program was funded and first offered to local chapters in 2010; its purpose was to assist local communities in preservation, patriotism, and education. Daughters have welcomed this opportunity to identify projects which fulfill our organization's mission areas and submit these projects in the form of a Special Projects Grant.

In 2018-2019, your state grant chair performed the following duties:

- Made follow-up calls and emails to chapters that were interested in writing a grant,
- Made herself available to assist in finding answers to questions about grants

In the 2018 calendar grant year, NJ DAR chapters wrote or sponsored Special Projects Grants; Winners were announced May 1st, 2018.

The following is a list of the NJ grant applications received:

1. A request for \$6,000 to remove and replace the cedar shake roof from the Historic Cold spring Village Ezra Norton House.

The grant for \$6,000 for the preservation of the roof of the Historic Cold Spring Village House was awarded for the 2018 year.

Programs were held in NJ. Pat Sanftner presented at a NJ State meeting. She encouraged NJ Daughters to support local history by having NJ Chapters look into projects to endorse through grant writing. Jersey Blue received a donation/grant from a local group in order to preserve and conserve portraits in their Chapter House in New Brunswick, NJ.

NJ Daughters should have no trouble identifying possible projects that fulfill our DAR society's goals, and if given the opportunity, I am sure they will enthusiastically sponsor future Special Projects Grants in their communities.

Joanne Cosh  
NJ Chair - Special Projects Grants

## **PATRIOT RECORDS PROJECT**

Martha L. Scheri  
PRP Chair

## **EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES**

The Educational Resources Committee was established to electronically provide lesson plans focusing on America, its history, government, heritage, genealogy, as well as related language and/or math topics.

Members are encouraged to submit lesson plans on all historical areas, not just the American Revolution. Lesson plans may be submitted by DAR members or by the public for use in schools, by clubs or other interested groups. As more are received, the “pool” of lesson plans will continue to grow.

The acceptable lesson plan format can be found on the members only section of the DAR website. Please forward completed lesson plans and cover sheets

to [stephanie.teagarden@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.teagarden@gmail.com) or [educationalresources@nsdar.org](mailto:educationalresources@nsdar.org). Additionally, please encourage teachers to visit the DAR website to access all the lesson plans that have been posted. You do not need to be a member of DAR to access these websites. Please plan on visiting the site on a periodic basis to investigate the newly added lesson plans.

It has been a pleasure to support to state society in this capacity.

Stephanie Teagarden  
Chairman

## COMMUNITY CLASSROOM

In this final report for the Stroeever Administration, this State Chair is excited to announce a record number of chapters participating in Community Classroom Committees. This committee began under the Dillon Administration and has proven to a vital asset for our local schools by encouraging Daughters to volunteer to provide additional support to teachers and children in classrooms and schools in their own communities.

New Jersey's many chapters have helped this new committee continue its great start, including....

Beacon Fire, Captain Joshua Huddy, Cape May Patriots, Chinkchewunska, Church And Cannon, Claverack, Colonel Thomas Reynolds, Elizabeth Parcels De Voe, Elizabeth Snyder-Continental, Ferro Monte, Francis Hopkinson, Governor William Livingston, Hester Schuyler Colfax, Jersey Blue, Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell, Major Joseph Bloomfield, Morristown, Oak Tree, Saddle River, Shrewsbury Towne-Monmouth and The Coastal Watch.

Many chapters have thought of innovative ways to get involved in their local schools that focused on the American Revolution and more.

Chapter members of Jersey Blue volunteered at the Adamsville School in Bridgewater, NJ for the Read Across America event and donated books for classroom and library use.

Chapter members also set up a table and participated in discussions about early America at the Multicultural festival at this school. Members talked about 18th century living with artifacts and food samples.

Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe Chapter celebrated Flag Day with books about the American Flag being read to a 2nd grade class in Emerson. The books were donated and each student and teacher received a bag of flag goodies- flags, flag code, pledge of allegiance, bookmark, bracelets, small notebooks, stickers, erasers, with instructions on how to make a flag. The Ferro Monte chapter not only donated time, but also donated money to help the middle school purchase tablets for their students. The Matochshoning-Rebecca Cornell Chapter led lesson with topics included conservation, safety, robotics and coding, native plant species, gardening, and park and neighborhood cleanups. These are just a small sample of the great work done in our schools around the state.

Madam State Regent, it has been this Chairman's pleasure to serve this

committee. This Chairman is proud of the successful start and knows the NJ Daughters will continue to demonstrate innovative ways to give back to the youth of this country.

Jennifer Norato  
Chairman

## **REPORTS OF STATE CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEES**

### **AWARDS DAY**

The annual Awards Day Celebration, was held during the Banquet of the 127<sup>th</sup> NJDAR State Conference.

Sixty Seven Students, Parents and Educators were in attendance.

The following Chairs introduced the participants in their respective contests:

Patricia Hicks – American History Essay

Beverly MacDonald- Scholarships

Lisa Intili – Good Citizen

State Historian Patricia Sanftner introduced the Christopher Columbus Essay Participants.

Fashion Design Chair Carole Hoernle introduced the participants, and a slide show was shown.

Many thanks to Sue Anderson for her assistance with Reservations

Linda Smith  
Chairman

### **BETTY BRADBURY VAIL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is for a New Jersey high school senior with a desire to attend an accredited college or university in the United States. The applicant must be a United States citizen and a student with a need for financial aid to continue his/her education. The applicant must major in Political Science, History, Government or Economics. The amount of the scholarship is \$2,000.00.

This year's recipient of the Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship is Regina Schliep, a senior at Point Pleasant Beach High School. The sponsoring chapter is Governor William Livingston Chapter. The Chapter Scholarship Chair is Teri Rosenberg. The Chapter Regent is Lynda R. Aber.

We proudly honor Regina for her achievements and offer her our sincerest congratulations and well wishes as she furthers her education.

In honor of our Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship State Winner, the NJDAR will donate the book *American Treasure – The Enduring Spirit of the DAR* – inscribed, “To Point Pleasant Beach High School Library – given in honor of Regina Schliep – The Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship State Winner – 2019”.

Beverly MacDonald  
NJ State Chairman

## **CHAPTER BYLAWS**

As State Chair of the Bylaws Committee, this chair has contacted the District Directors and has requested that each of them share the model of chapter bylaws with each chapter regent in their district. After review and update, each regent was asked to send a copy of their chapter bylaws to this Chair. Updated bylaws from NJDAR Chapter Regents have been received and stored in the master file which this chair maintains.

Georgia Hayes Dempster  
State Chair of the Bylaws Committee

## **CONFERENCE**

This chairman worked with the State Regent and the Hyatt Princeton to make arrangement for the Fall and Spring Conferences in 2018. Prices had increased in meals and the hotel stay. All meals were made Gluten Free and Dairy Free in order to accommodate as many of the members as possible. Arrangements were made whenever possible to comply with special member dietary needs.

Because of the additional exhibit space available, Chapters were asked to request tables at both Fall and Spring Conferences. Having the exhibit rooms and the ballroom in the same area made it possible for members to

enjoy shopping throughout the Conference. Exhibit rooms were locked during Conference Meeting times and overnight making, removal of exhibits unnecessary during the Conference.

The Spring Conference included Awards Night and State and Chapter winners of contests were present at the Banquet on Friday evening. This new concept was well received and many of the Chapters had winning students and parents in attendance.

A Nationalization Ceremony was included in 2018. Arrangements were made to insure that those participating were welcomed and seated to enhance their experience. It is noted that it was also a special time for all of the members attending as well.

Janet Tartaglia,  
Conference Chairman

### **CREDENTIALS**

Credentials forms (or notifications of absence) were received from 45 chapters.

One (1) chapter failed to return either a form or notification. The return rate of 98% is appreciated by the Chairman.

The final report of the Credentials Committee for April 28, 2018 is:

Delegates: 59    Alternates: 21  
Other Registered Voters: 11

**TOTAL VOTERS: 70**

Voting also took place at the NJDAR Fall State meeting. The final report of the Credentials Committee for September 22, 2018 is:

Delegates: 57                      Alternates: 10  
Other Registered Voters: 14

**TOTAL VOTERS: 71**

It has been a true pleasure serving this year.

Kathleen J. Evans, Chairman  
NJDAR Credentials Committee

### **DAR LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

The Leadership Training for New Jersey has taken off! This program enables our members to learn about DAR from home.

There are now three parts: one for new members (New Members Course), one for current members (New Horizons Course), and a bridge course for those who have completed the New Members Course and want to take the New Horizons Course as well.

The following was taken directly from the Overview and NSDAR Core Requirements:

The New Members Course is designed to help new members (usually those who have been in the DAR for two years or less) learn about the DAR and how they can become active at all levels.

The New Horizons Course is designed for active members who are interested in becoming DAR leaders in their chapter and/or state. Current and past chapter officers and regents are also encouraged to consider the course to expand their knowledge of DAR. The purpose of the course is to give participants the confidence and knowledge to step into leadership roles in DAR. Participation in the New Horizons course is by recommendation only. The requirements are as follows:

- Each participant must be nominated and recommended by 3 chapter members, (1) her chapter regent or her chapter vice regent, (2) another chapter officer, and (3) another chapter member.
- She must be a member in good standing.
- She must be an active participant in DAR. This is demonstrated through her participation in the last twelve months in at least 5 DAR activities and/or events, such as chapter meetings and/or chapter service activities and/or state or National meetings and/or activities such as state conference or Continental Congress.
- She also must be a current subscriber to the DAR Magazine.

One Jersey daughter graduated from the New Members Course in 2018 and 2019 promises to be even better! A number of members have contacted this officer to take the New Members and New Horizons Courses.

These courses are a great learning opportunity for those who wish to grow and learn in the DAR.

Valerie Trupp  
NJ State Committee Chair

## **FASHION DESIGN**

This chair followed the traditions of the Fashion Design Contest, welcoming chapters to sponsor their schools and community groups to participate in the contest. The 2018 Fashion Design Contest is for students in grades 5 – 12. This contest recognizes students who love to sew ~ and employ creative ideas for personal garment designs. Students from public, private and special services schools, Girl Scout troops, 4-H groups as well as those who just like to design clothing on their own at home are encouraged to present their work. This contest provides an outreach to our communities; each contestant must be sponsored by a local NJDAR chapter.

The program recognizes outfits in junior and senior division's and a variety of categories such as; Separates or one piece garments, Simple Ensemble two or more coordinated pieces, Dresses any one piece garment, Jackets/Outerwear lightweight jacket, coat or cape, lastly Party/Prom is a garment or ensemble suitable for formal occasions.

Students are invited to enter one garment in the "Fashion" category and we encourage the "American History" category as well. The committee recognized a student with the American History award 2018 for her vintage "Sun Dress".

Judging of garments is based on the quality of construction, creative use of materials and/or embellishments, difficulty, choice of pattern & materials and general appearance. In addition to the winners of the different category prizes, there will be two "Best of Show Awards" for creative skill & technical merit.

The committee enjoys the incredible talents displayed by these young artists.

The 2018 Spring Conference invited the contestants to attend an evening award presentation for the first time in many years. Two award winners attended and modeled their designs. They enjoyed the program and meal served.

The program offers a wonderful opportunity for artists to present their work, however our schools are dissolving fashion design programs, participation has been declining over the past five years from 14 schools to 3 in 2018.

Carol Hoernle  
Chairman

## FINANCE

This State Chairmen has received 12 monthly reconciliations of the bank accounts and 4 quarterly Profit & Loss Reports for The Founders Committee during 2018.

It has been a pleasure to serve NJDAR as this chair.

Louise C. Stiloski  
State Chair

## THE FOUNDERS COMMITTEE

### **Watson House, NJDAR State Headquarters**

Interest in our Butterfly and Pollinator Garden continues. We are working with the Tulpehaking Nature Center in Hamilton for garden design and planting the raised bed concept. The Mercer County Park Commission has agreed to donate soil for the garden and gravel for the paths. Many types of New Jersey native plants will be chosen of various sizes and colors. Wildflowers have been planted under the neighboring high-tension electric wires, and we look forward to seeing the blooms this spring. Please plan to come visit!

At our NJDAR Annual State Conference in April, the Daughters supported our committee table by purchasing Watson House Holiday ornaments, Watson Warrior Buttons and our totes. Several baskets and items enticed our members to purchase numerous "Voices."

Our six Open Houses have been well received with many visitors and special thanks to the wonderful publicity in local newspapers and the Tulpehaking Nature Center for adding our Open Houses dates to their schedule. Linda Chesko, Docent Chair, has done an outstanding job scheduling our members to serve as docents. She has made numerous arrangements for the chapter visits to this historic house. Has your chapter contacted her for your informative visit? The New Jersey Daughters and Chapters have been very supportive of our historic preservation efforts with generous donations for speakers programs, the adopting of objects and the purchasing of our sales items.

At the NJDAR Fall State Meeting in September, we collected funds through the sales of our beautiful new butterfly pins, Watson House

Holiday Ornaments, Watson House totes and “Voices” on numerous baskets and items! Are you wearing one of our butterflies? Stop by our table! Many thanks to our Ways and Means Co-Chairs, Diane Argraves and Diane Oliver, for their creative ideas.

Our Curator, Pat Sanftner, continues to cull through our books and papers finding treasures and history of our Watson House. Many photographs, scrapbooks and newspaper articles are providing an interesting insight into our past and spur us on to create future events.

The Mercer County Park Commission, Hunter Research Archaeology and Mercer County Planning Department are working with The Founders Committee to create new signage. These signs containing historic information will be installed and funded by the Mercer County Park Commission.

Bob Simmons, our caretaker, continues to take an active role in landscaping, and prepares this site for chapter visits and our Open Houses. We are so lucky to have this loyal caretaker maintaining our property.

At our November Meeting, the chair recognized members with a certificate for their years of volunteer service: Jean Hultgren, 17 years; Mary Hodge, 15 years; Janice Bongiovanni, 13 years; Rita Kline, 10 years; and Gladys Haynes, 10 years. Many thanks to all committee members who are volunteering their time and talents to showcase the Watson House.

We invite our chapters to request a tour and visit our house beautiful. With our New Jersey Daughters dedication, we will continue to promote our state headquarters and fundraise to continue to share its historic community legacy.

Cornelia B. Olde  
Committee Chair

### **NEW JERSEY SUNDAY AT VALLEY FORGE**

The New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution attended A Service of Morning Prayer for The State of New Jersey at the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge. The service by the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger, full choir and organist was followed by a catered luncheon held in chapel’s library adjacent to the chapel. Forty-eight NJDAR and friends were in attendance. Through members’ generosity, and in addition

to the service offering, donations to the Chapel, Bell Tower and Carillon totaled \$500. Rev. Krueger, carillonneur Doug Gefvert, and the Organist/Choirmaster Charles Grove joined us for the luncheon. Those present were invited to climb the bell tower steps to observe Doug Gefvert's live playing of the carillon. Once again the event was blessed with beautiful fall weather. Madame State Regent, it is a pleasure to serve our society.

Jeannine Holt Ingenito,  
Chairman, State Committee  
Suzanne Smith, Advisor

## **NJDAR STATE BULLETIN, THE CROSSROADS COURIER**

The Crossroads Courier, State Bulletin of NJDAR, continues to be a reliable source for state and chapter news. Published quarterly, the Courier was distributed to every member of NJDAR with access by email and by hard copy to 96 subscribers. Hard copy subscriptions cost \$12 per year. A complimentary copy is sent to Rutgers Alexander Library. The Crossroads Courier is also available through the NJDAR website.

The Courier submission deadlines are January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15 with publication before the first of the following month. Guidelines for Courier submissions can be found on the state website.

Each issue contains news from State Regent Karen Stroever, state officers and state committee chairs along with the state calendar. State and chapter activities from throughout the year are featured in a timely manner. Each chapter is invited to highlight a special activity or event. In 2018, the Courier featured reports from 30 of the 47 state chapters. Chapter reports include photographs and news about the many wonderful and varied activities of New Jersey Daughters.

It is a pleasure to serve the state society.

Jan Hunold  
Editor, The Crossroads Courier

## **NJ DAR STATE SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is for a New Jersey high school senior with a desire to attend an accredited college or university in the United States. The

applicant must be a United States citizen and a student with a need for financial aid to continue his/her education. The amount of the scholarship this year is \$1000.00.

This year's recipient of the NJ DAR State Scholarship is Sophia Rha, a senior at Mainland Regional High School. The sponsoring chapter is General Lafayette. The Chapter Scholarship Chair is Elizabeth Naylor. The Chapter Regent is Rosemary Wallace.

We proudly honor Sophia for her achievements and offer her our sincerest congratulations and well wishes as she furthers her education.

Beverly MacDonald  
NJ DAR State Scholarship Chairman.

### **PAGE**

The Page Committee has had an exciting year. Sixteen Pages served the NJDAR at the 2018 Annual State Conference, eight Pages represented the New Jersey State Society at the 127<sup>th</sup> Continental Congress and ten Pages served at the 2018 Fall State Meeting.

It is a pleasure to announce that there are thirteen Pages serving the New Jersey State Society this weekend.

The Pages are present to assist the Daughters and are always looking for new Pages. Please forward their name and contact information cards are available at the Junior Membership table.

Madame State Regent, it is an honor to serve the NJDAR.

Melissa L. Wetzel  
State Chair

### **POST BOX**

The Post Box Chair instituted a paper/cost reduction initiative for the 2017/2018 Post Box. The change was made to alleviate the waste, both monetary and environmental, of informational papers used to advise Regents, Chairs and Chapter members of upcoming events or information

which is posted in the Post Box at N.J.D.A.R. spring and fall conferences. Daughters holding multiple offices, whether State or National, no longer receive duplicate paperwork.

This change obviously does not apply to individual awards and commendations.

Due to the increase of the use of email notifications forwarded to Regents, Chairs and members and the institution of the ‘one person one paper’ policy, this Chair has seen a noticeable reduction of the duplication of paper copies sent to the Post Box for disbursal at the spring and fall conferences.

Ann Olver  
Chairman

### **REGISTRATION/RESERVATIONS**

Registration and reservations were taken for the 126th Annual State Conference of the NJDAR on April 26-28, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency in Princeton, N.J. The National theme was “Moving Forward in Service to America” and the State theme was “Every Member Matters”. The meeting theme was Patriotism. The reservations for the Thursday workshops, Friday School luncheon, Friday Awards banquet for Student Awards and Saturday’s Patriotism luncheon were taken. The total in attendance was 177.

Registration and reservations were taken for the 2018 Autumn State Meeting for the NJDAR on September 21-22, 2018. The theme was Patriotism and Citizenship and it was held at the Hyatt Regency in Princeton, N.J. The reservations were taken for the workshops on Friday, the breakfast and Patriotism luncheon on Saturday, after the Naturalization Ceremony. There was a total in attendance of 145.

For both events, the reservation forms and checks were received, checked and logged onto an Excel spreadsheet. Meal choices were noted as well as which workshop to attend. This information was given to the Conference Chair, State Regent and Workshop presenters so they would have their counts. About an hour before each time slot, this chair sat at the reservation/registration table for all events so that attendees could get their table numbers and meal assignments. Prior to the events, assistance was given by Janice Bongiovanni and Kim Armstrong. At all the events, assistance was given by Melva Murray (this chair’s personal “page”). Thank you’s were extended to the ladies.

A count of the Registration Committee was given when requested at all the conferences. All the payments with a tally were given to the State Treasurer after each event.

It is a pleasure to serve the NJDAR as this chair.

Susan Anderson  
State Chair of Registration/Reservations

### **STATE REGENT'S PROJECT**

The mission of the Stroeever Administration is dedicated to engaging our membership to personally use their talents and abilities to fulfill our historic, educational and patriotic objectives. The symbol of this administration is a white starfish with a center gold star. The Project for State Regent, Karen Stroeever, is support of the Mabel Clay Cottage (the NJ Cottage) at Tamasee School and to provide grants to our chapters for work in their communities.

In 2018 there were tables selling voices and pins at both the Spring and Fall Conferences. Combined, they raised \$370. On November 18<sup>th</sup> a very successful major fundraising luncheon was held at the Lago Restaurant in North Brunswick. Voices were drawn for over 60 baskets donated by chapters, as well individuals. A silent auction was also held. Close to \$5,000 was raised for the Project.

Florence Thompson  
Chairman

### **TOURS AND TRAVEL**

The New Jersey Daughters stayed at the Hotel Marriott Metro (75 12th Street N.W) for Continental Congress. We travelled on a Passaic Valley Coach luxury bus with Mr. Dave Lewis as our driver. On both the trip to Washington D.C. and on the return trip to New Jersey the bus made five stops where Daughters could enter or disembark from the bus. During our stay in Washington a bus tour of monuments along the Mall was open to participants.

Ruth Westerfield  
Committee Chairman

# **REPORTS OF SPECIAL STATE APPOINTMENTS**

## **DAR/BOY SCOUT LIAISON**

This year, fourteen requests were made to the State Society to present The NJDAR Youth Good Citizenship Medal to the following young men and women. The medals for the young men were presented at their Eagle Courts of Honor as follows:

Eric Weeks, Sean Mc Call, Tony Luciano , Brooke Szarzynski , Kyle Kimmel, Zachary Santos, John Risley, Salvatore Bellomo , Rushing Krishnan, Julian LoCasto, Jerasimos Theodorides, Matthew Wrightington. Derek Barnabei and Andrew Reed.

Donna Hare  
NJDAR/Boy Scouts Liaison 2016 – 2019

## **DAR/GIRL SCOUT LIAISON**

Elizabeth Parcell DeVoe Chapter presented 8 certificates to Girl Scout Gold Award recipients in Park Ridge and Montvale.

This liaison attended the 2018 NJDAR State Conference and Fall Meeting.

There was one chapter inquiry related to Girl Scouts during the year.

It has been an honor to serve in the Stroeever Administration!

Lucy A. Kramer  
NJDAR/Girl Scouts Liaison 2016 – 2019

## **NJDAR/4-H LIAISON**

Nearly six million young people across America participate in 4-H, one of our nation's oldest and largest youth development organizations. 4-H offers educational programs to youth from kindergarten to one year out of high school with a learn-by-doing approach to teach leadership and life skills. In New Jersey, the 4-H is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension

and is organized by county.

4-H offers clubs in more than 100 project areas for children in grades 4 and above, 4-H Prep/Cloverbuds has general clubs for grades 1 to 3, and there are in-school programs, workshops, camping, collegiate clubs and more. 4-H'ers pledge their heads, hearts, hands and health to serving and improving their communities, and have the opportunity to participate in state and national programs to develop leadership skills and explore potential careers.

DAR chapters were encouraged to reach out to their local 4-H by sharing DAR contest information; donating goods or services; sponsoring an award, contest or activity; or volunteering to assist at a 4-H event. Doing so helps to support 4-H objectives and provides chapters with increased visibility in the community.

Three chapters reported working with 4-H in 2018. Chinchewunskas sponsored eight entries in the Fashion Design contest from Sussex County 4-H, and one of their members judged a 4-H food contest at the New Jersey State Fair.

Old White House-Gen. Frelinghuysen-Col. Lowrey Chapter purchased wreaths from Somerset County 4-H to decorate an historic cemetery; wreath sales is a major fundraiser for the program.

Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter has a year 'round connection with Somerset County 4-H. The chapter held their annual Awards Presentation at the county 4-H Fair in August where 15 4-H clubs were recognized for their community service. In the fall, the chapter shared information for the J.A.C., Fashion Design, American History and Columbus Essay contests; three 4-H members and two clubs submitted entries. In November, chapter members donated 65 cans of food for the annual 4-H Community Dinner, prepared and hosted by 4-H families on Christmas Day free of charge. In December, the chapter participated in the 4-H Festival of Trees at the 4-H Center in Bridgewater where members decorated a tree using ornaments made from recycled items. The chapter also hosted a table where attendees could sign holiday cards for veterans and children were invited to draw pictures. A total of 133 cards were collected and delivered to Lyons V.A. Medical Center. And, a chapter member who is a 4-H alumna and 30-year volunteer was honored by being named a Life Member of the Somerset County 4-H Association, a group of adult volunteers who donate their time and skills in support 4-H.

In summary, 4-H was born in America 117 years ago and has evolved to meet the changing needs of our nation's youth over several generations,

preparing them to become productive, caring adults and good citizens. The 4-H motto is, "To make the best better," and DAR is encouraged to play an active role in supporting this objective.

Holly Jean Dunbar  
NJDAR/4-H Liaison

## **REPORTS OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

### **NORTHERN DISTRICT**

The Northern District Chapters have had a year filled with innovative and supportive programs.

Basking Ridge had a program on General Kosciuszko's plan for the battle of Saratoga and the chain across the Hudson River. They also toured the New Jersey Archives in Trenton.

Beacon Fire organized its archives in preparation for the chapter's centennial. Grants were made to a high school junior to defray college applications costs.

Bergen Paulus Hook worked with other DAR and CAR chapters to place 3500 flags on veterans' graves. For Constitution Week the display in the local library included two oil paintings done by an HODAR.

Captain Daniel Vliet gave to Veteran's Haven North (a residential facility for veterans with substance dependency) over \$600 in funds and goods worth over \$1000. They help provide two vans for free travel to an annual veterans' tribute.

Chinkchewunsaka held a Zoo Mamma program open to the public with a speaker from the Space Museum with some baby animals. At their Christmas in July, a flag made during the Spanish American War was displayed.

Church and Cannon's community outreach included the local street fair and Memorial Day Parade. They also participated in the Battle of Springfield observance.

Claverack participated in eight naturalization ceremonies-- handing out 151 gift bags. At their annual Christmas Luncheon, 125 pounds of food were collected and given for the local food pantry.

Eagle Rock-Cranetown awarded a \$100 scholarship to a graduating senior. This year to increase communication among members, the first issue of the Chapter's newsletter was sent to all members.

Elizabeth Parcels DeVoe donated crocheted hats and scarves as well as more than 50 skeins of yarn. Clothing and many cards were sent to Landstuhl. A member interviewed 11th grade girls for Girls State.

Ferro Monte sent coupons to service members on military bases in Guam and Germany. The chapter organized the local Wreaths Across America and placed 610 wreaths after which a remembrance ceremony attended by three hundred was held.

General William Maxwell raised funds for a bronze plaque to be placed on an historic property in Belvidere. Items valued at over \$1000 were sent to Veteran's Haven North.

Hester Schuyler Colfax held a program in which the speaker impersonated Emily Roebling, the engineer of the Brooklyn Bridge. After participating in Wreaths Across America members enjoyed a Dutch Christmas gathering.

Loantaka-Parsippanong finished a three year project of support to four unfunded pet shelters. In addition to bringing items such as food and toys, the chapter donated \$200 to help one shelter with special needs. A program open to the public featured the New Jersey K9 Unit.

Major Joseph Bloomfield had a program on, the history of the American's Creed. Scholarships were given to two local high school students.

Morristown sent 16 large boxes of toiletries and goodies to marines in Afghanistan.. Their Giving Tree collected needed items for the Battered Women's Shelter. A Sup'erBowl Sunday collected over one hundred pounds of non-perishable food for the local food pantry.

Nova Caesarea is proud to be the oldest NJ chapter and the third oldest chapter in the National Society. Members provide senior leadership for the NJ State Society CAR. They attended the NJCAR Conference as well as several regional CAR conferences.

Peggy Warne held a program on medical care during the Revolutionary War. Material was collected and donated for the Veterans' Quilts made at the Fall Conference.

Polly Wyckoff-David Demarest served lunch to service members at a recruitment center. At their annual awards luncheon three DAR Challenge Coins were distributed.

Saddle River, along with a CAR chapter placed 300 flags on veterans' graves. They participated in Lord and Taylor's charity fund raiser. Chapter membership is now 100.

Ruth Westerfield  
Northern District Director

### **CENTRAL DISTRICT**

The Central District tallied 34,089 volunteer hours for the Service to America campaigns for 2018. With a total of 915 members in the district, service hours averaged 36.25 hours per member for the year. The Central District Chapters hosted the Spring State Conference, collected canned and packaged food goods that was donated to the Central Jersey VFW council for distribute to needy Veterans.

Chapters enjoyed various meeting topics including: Conservation; DAR school programs; National Defense programs; Wounded Warrior programs and therapy dogs; Women in American History, Black History month programs, programs with costumed re-enactors on Women in history and Hessian soldiers; genealogy and many more.

Many chapters participated in activities which involved local historical societies, the Masonic Home of NJ, dedication of monuments and plaques; local garden clubs, literacy programs and Read Across America events; library programs and church activities.

Most of the district chapters are involved in one or more of the Veteran's services or residential homes in NJ. Services provided include donation of goods, personal care items and cash for recreation activities. Chapters also provided lunches; musical entertainment; helped with recreational activities; participated in the Wreath Across America program; donated

money for the Pets for Patriots project; marked Patriot graves and provided holiday cards to the residents at several facilities.

Student awards from the chapters were given to area ROTC and JROTC programs; Good Citizenship Awards, Youth Citizenship Awards; Awards and Medals to new Eagle Scouts. Chapters sent donations and/or labels to support Tamasee & Crossnore DAR schools and Bacone College. Several chapters participated in supporting Hindman Settlement DAR school in Kentucky with collections of seed packets and monetary donations for needed items for the school and students.

Chapters participated in events, recognized achievements in the community and within the chapters, and provided service to Veterans and other community service organizations. Members volunteered at with senior citizens and to support historic organizations and houses in their home communities. They gardened at county parks, helped create publicity for other non-profit organizations, assisted with cemetery clean-up; worked with disabled individuals and children, encouraged voter registrations and participated in welcoming new citizens at naturalization ceremonies.

Many chapters marched in parades, distributed flags and Constitution week information; attended memorial and dedication services for Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>; Labor Day; Sept. 11 services; Veteran's Day services and NSDAR Day of service events. Several chapters sponsor CAR chapters and involve their members in meetings, programs, flag distribution and serving as Pages at state and national meetings. Members from the Central District serve on the Founders Commission at Watson House NJDAR state chapter house, in Hamilton

Several chapters celebrated milestone chapter anniversaries with special programs and events. The district celebrated with the NJDAR American History Teacher for 2018, Christine Viszoki of the Jersey Blue Chapter. The District Director participated in many district chapter events and programs. It has been a pleasure to serve as the Central District Director.

Susan G. Luczu  
Central District Director

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The Southern District chapters worked tirelessly in 2018 in Service to America. They held open houses, workshops and new and prospective member events and welcomed 52 new members including 10 juniors for a yearend total of 786 members including 67 juniors. Red Bank Chapter hosted a prospective member meet and greet at Red Bank Battlefield attended by 25, resulting in the signing of seven sets of NSDAR application papers that day.

Southern District chapter members recorded a total of 18,645 hours in Service to America. Members not only served their chapters as officers and committee members promoting patriotism, education and historic preservation, but served their communities by collecting soda tabs for Ronald McDonald House, making caps for preemies in NICUs, setting up displays for Constitution Week at libraries, serving in the Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, maintaining butterfly sanctuary gardens and hummingbird stations, volunteering at food pantries and participating in beach clean ups. They also worked as Boy and Girl Scout and 4-H leaders, worked in their churches teaching, playing piano and singing in the choir, grew tomatoes for senior citizens, taught in their communities, collected organic fertilizer and donated to senior gardeners, marched in parades, distributed flags and participated in their home town celebrations. They worked hard for their local historical societies, researching, writing and running events, including an 18<sup>th</sup> century fashion show at Monmouth County Historical Association presented by The Coastal Watch Chapter. Great John Mathis Chapter sponsored an art exhibit at Tuckerton Seaport where the Vice Regent's 23 foot Tuckerton Creek Mural was displayed, and participated in a Veterans Day Celebration in Beach Haven Centennial Park. Haddonfield Chapter donated nearly 1,000 books to local technical schools and the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital. Ann Whitall Chapter enjoyed the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Field Day festivities at Red Bank Battlefield, site of their namesakes' home, the James and Ann Whitall House. At the Spring Conference Ye Olde Newton Nassau Chapter was honored with NJDAR's 2018 "Little Chapter That Could Award" for its outstanding service.

Under the leadership of chapter regents, Veterans Committee chairs and the Vineland Veterans Home VAVS representative Diane Donnelly, the Southern District chapters donated electric razors, special CD players for the most disabled residents, as well as clothing, lap blankets, toiletries and items specially requested by residents. Moorestown Chapter spent over

200 hours visiting residents, in addition to serving the residents and their needs for which they were awarded the Volunteer Group of the Year award. Colonel Thomas Reynolds Sew4Vets Committee met monthly to sew, knit and create custom items for the residents. Chapter members donated hundreds of hours in visiting the residents, ascertaining their needs, organizing the supply room, shopping and raising thousands of dollars in funds for the Veterans Home. Women veterans and residents were adopted and their special needs addressed individually. Veterans residing in other care facilities were also provided with gift bags and care articles.

Chapter members also served veterans at large and active duty military. They cut and mailed thousands of dollars of coupons for military families. Veterans were recognized with Stars for Veterans, greeted at Applebee's on Veterans Day, entertained at veteran luncheons and celebrations, gifted with quilts for heroes and interviewed for the Library of Congress Veteran History Project. Chapters also served at the two Stand Down events assisting homeless veterans. Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter supported the charity called War Dogs with a \$500 donation toward the cost of returning a military working dog home to its handler after service overseas. Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter honored their forebears on September 29, 2018 by joining in the dedication of a plaque at the Tea Burners Monument by the Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey.

The Southern District Chapters celebrated the achievements of local students and citizens, bestowing DAR Good Citizen Awards, Civil Air Patrol, ROTC and JROTC awards, Boy Scout Eagle Awards and Girl Scout Gold Awards. Outstanding students were recognized with thousands of dollars in chapter scholarships. Captain Joshua Huddy Chapter sponsored the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher who won the NSDAR National Helen Pouch Memorial Fund Award for creating a museum of colonial life. General Lafayette Chapter was pleased to sponsor the winner of the New Jersey State Scholarship. Cape May Patriots Chapter sponsored a NSDAR Special Projects Grant of \$6,000 for the restoration of the roof of a circa 1850 building at Historic Cold Spring Village.

Chapter programs included a presentation about Margaret Corbin, the first female American veteran, the Bells of Peace WWI Remembrance Project, the Francis Scott Key Portrait Project, the "Fruits of Cape May County – Vineyards, Blueberries, and Beach Plums," a NJ Transit Police Officer and his service dog, the New Jersey Room, the anniversary of WWI, raising monarch butterflies, a U.S. Navy Captain of a nuclear submarine, and Alexander Hamilton and Betsy Schuyler, to name but a few. Chapters

took field trips to Watson House, The Old Barracks in Trenton, Red Bank Battlefield and Indian King Tavern. Haddonfield Chapter hosted an overnight bus trip to NSDAR Headquarters in Washington, D.C. featuring a meeting with President General Ann T. Dillon and Recorder General and Honorary NJ State Regent Connie Olde, as well as a tour of the WIMSA (Women in Military Service in America) memorial and museum, dinner at historic Gadsby's and lunch at Woody's in North East, MD. All together forty DAR members (including 1 HODAR) enjoyed the vastly successful "Jersey Girls Go To Washington" trip.

The chapters supported the NSDAR schools through collection of box tops, soup labels, donations of funds and purchases of chickens for Hindman School. 2018 saw the chapters attending many Naturalization Ceremonies around the southern counties honoring the new citizens and distributing beautiful gift bags containing patriotic items which were donated and assembled by chapter members. One hundred new citizens from 45 countries took the oath at Rowan College in October.

The Southern District Chapters were pleased to honor the State Regent, Karen Stroever, and her board of managers at the Southern District Luncheon on October 20, 2018, entertaining a total of 125 guests. The chapters outdid themselves in preparing local-themed baskets to be voiced off as a contribution to the State Regent's Project.

December saw the chapters all busy with their Christmas and holiday celebrations and, finally, with their efforts to provide wreaths for veteran graves through "Wreaths Across America." Oak Tree Chapter once again collected funds for the placement of 909 wreaths at Finns Point National Cemetery and their chaplain organized the 300 individuals who participated in the event, including active military members, veterans, Boy and Girl Scouts, a high school choir and buglers.

The Southern District Chapters serve joyfully and are honored to have supported the NJDAR Stroever Administration to make every member matter.

Rosemary Cain Wallace,  
Southern District Director

## REPORTS OF CHAPTER REGENTS

### ANN WHITALL

Ann Whitall Chapter spent the year making a difference in service to America. Although small in size this chapter met regularly and relied on its officers to wear many hats. Members enjoyed a year of camaraderie, education, patriotism and service. The Good Citizen Tea, held in February, honored Good Citizens from local high schools where everyone in attendance was mesmerized by “Life of the Civil War Soldier – Company H of the 7<sup>th</sup> New Jersey” presented by the Paul Lader. During the year the Ann Whitall Chapter members enjoyed varied programs around the themes of Veterans and the World Wars. The Chapter learned about Margaret Corbin, the 1<sup>st</sup> Female Veteran of the United States; the History of Veteran’s Organizations from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War; the Bells of Peace WWI Remembrance Project and A Family Remembrance and Reflection on WWII, the Blitz on London. The chapter members rang bells to commemorate Constitution Day and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WWI. The chapter also enjoyed programs on the Francis Scott Key Portrait Project, the Constitution Hall Restoration and A Victorian Christmas Celebration. Members had the opportunity to enjoy the annual festivities surrounding the 18<sup>th</sup> century Field Day held on the grounds of Red Bank Battlefield, home of the James and Ann Whitall House.

Members enjoyed representing the Ann Whitall Chapter at the Fall and Spring State conferences and the Southern District Chapter’s Luncheon. Throughout the year the Ann Whitall Chapter continued its support of the DAR Schools with box tops, Campbell Soup labels, and a scholarship to Tammasee. The members collected soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, remembered the veterans at the Vineland Home with electric razors and made caps for the infants at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Inspira Vineland.

The Ann Whitall Chapter looks forward to continued dedicated service to our chapter, state and national DAR.

Susan Novalsky  
Chapter Regent

## **BASKING RIDGE**

The Basking Ridge Chapter hosted a talk “New Jersey and the Great War” given by National DAR Conservation Chairwoman and New Jersey Commemorative Events Chairperson Holly Dunbar. She discussed events leading up to the World War I, our nation’s entrance into the war, and the role our residents played in supporting the war effort.

Stacy Roth, a speaker with the New Jersey Council for the Humanities’ Public Scholars Project, gave a hands-on presentation in March, entitled “Over Here, Molly Pitcher.” Our members, under her supervision, acted out numerous steps in loading a Revolutionary War canon.

In April, Dorothy Smullen, Past President of the New Jersey Mycological Association and former board member of the Friends of the Great Swamp, spoke to our members on “The History of the Great Swamp and Its Ecological Importance.” Our trip that month, featured the New Jersey State Archives in Trenton with Archivist Catherine Medich, who showed us many of its highlights. Regent Pasternak also attended the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Conference held at the Hyatt Regency Princeton.

Diane W. Oliver, State Organizing Secretary, and Patricia Sanftner, State Historian, spoke at our May 1 meeting, followed by a program on General Tadeusz Kosciuszko’s Plan for the Battle of Saratoga and the chain across the Hudson River at West Point, given by retired Judge and attorney Kenneth MacKenzie, who also judges our DAR State Scholarship winners.

Our silent auction fundraiser and picnic was held in June at a member’s home in Gillette. Donated items raised money for homeless Veterans living at Community Hope on the campus of Lyons Hospital.

In September, author Alan A. Siegel, spoke about his book Disaster! Stories of Destruction and Death in Nineteenth Century New Jersey. Assistance was given to Warren Township's Historic Sites in lieu of his honorarium. Members attended the NJDAR Fall Conference in Princeton.

Our Chapter had a table at Lord Stirling 1770's Festival, where members of the public were made aware of DAR's purposes, accomplishments, and goals. People looked up their Patriot ancestors and children were given Revolutionary War puzzle pages. At the end of October, we visited an Encampment in East Jersey's Olde Towne Village and enjoyed storytelling with Icabod Crane at the Cornelius Lowe House in Piscataway.

Photographer and author, Kevin Woyce, informed our members and the public in Bernards Township Library about New Jersey's many State Parks.

The year ended with a Pot Luck Holiday Luncheon at a member's home. Historic trivia questions challenged the attendees. Treats were awarded to the winners.

Marianne Golden, Basking Ridge Chapter's DAR Service for Veterans Chairperson, reported \$3,525.00 monetary donations collected and given to Community Hope, as well as \$40,922.30 in clothing, food, appliances, and bedding. What a remarkable year this has been! Kudos to Marianne and all her wonderful helpers.

Virginia Pasternak  
Chapter Regent

## **BEACON FIRE**

2018 was a busy and productive year for the Beacon Fire Chapter. Members gave a Valentine ice-cream social for veterans at Lyons Veterans Hospital. Each veteran received a special valentine made by one of the members of the Jeremiah Crane Garthwaite Society of the Children of the American Revolution, a chapter that is cosponsored by the Summit and Springfield DAR chapters.

The March membership meeting included organising the archives of the chapter in preparation for the approaching centennial of the Beacon Fire

Chapter in 2022. The book club discussion in March focused on Nathaniel Philbrick's book Valiant Ambition and Benedict Arnold. In April a presentation on Colonial Dress was given at the Summit Public Library by Pat Sanftner and enjoyed by the public as well as Beacon Fire members.

At the annual meeting in May members shared dishes reflecting their family heritages. Deb Hazienda, NJDAR chair of the VIS committee presented Amanda Greene with a special Superwoman of the Year award for her help with websites and other technology. Marie Robertson was recognized as she retires after volunteering weekly at Lyons Hospital for more than fifteen years. Members participated in the annual Memorial Day Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Village Green in Summit.

A first-time grant of \$500 was awarded to a Summit High School junior who showed excellence in American studies. The grant is to be used to defray some of the cost of college applications. In September Beacon Fire Chapter received a Constitution Week Proclamation from the Summit Council. Members gathered in late September to welcome our newest members and share stories of relatives who participated in World War One.

In October, Amanda Greene gave a genealogy presentation open to the public. Members toured Liberty Hall Museum to see the "Brothers in Arms" exhibit about World War I and enjoyed a delicious tea there. Handmade crocheted red poppies were given to all attending to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice in November.

The historical fiction book Invention of Wings was discussed at the November meeting. Members enjoyed the story of the Grimke sisters who were abolitionists and suffragettes. The festive annual Beacon Fire Christmas luncheon was held at Canoe Brook with special caroling accompanied by Adele Irving on the piano.

Ruth Huneke  
Chapter Regent

## **BERGEN PAULUS HOOK**

The Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter held four meetings. Each meeting began with prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, President General's letter, National Defense Minute, American Indian Minute, Women's Minute, Chapter Minute, Constitution Minute, Preamble, Conservation Minute, Service to America Minute and Flag Minute.

For Memorial Day, 2018, this chapter, Saddle River DAR, Washington Elm CAR, marked veterans' graves with 3500 flags at the George Washington Memorial Cemetery in Paramus, NJ. M

Meeting topics were: Oregon Trail Anniversary, American Creed 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Birth of JFK, and Martin Luther King. We were honored having NJDAR State Regent Karen Stroeber, attend our June meeting and hearing her talk “DAR Not Just Hats and Pins”.

The Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter updated Bylaws, tri-fold brochure, chapter website, and the chapter’s Facebook private and public pages.

Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter is an e-chapter since many members are not in New Jersey. Meeting information is emailed to members to include them in chapter activities. Also, the chapter has a newsletter.

Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter gained four new members by application. Numerous perspective members have papers in progress. Letters were sent to those on the PMD to ascertain interest and check status, and they are emailed monthly. PMD was updated. We utilized the 250 Task Force and Lineage Research Committee.

The chapter constructed a display for Constitution Week at the Bayonne Library for the month of September. Constitution Week chair’s HODAR painted 2 oil paintings for the display. The display and proclamation from Bayonne Mayor received publicity in the *Jersey Journal*.

Florham Park schools stopped the essay contests, so we asked members to contact their schools would participate.

The chapter gave six bronze ROTC Medals; 1 gold ROTC medal.

Chapter registrar contacts new PMs and began researching. Each perspective member was invited to all meetings.

Chapter treasurer collected all members’ dues and utilized the direct deposit.

This chapter had a change in officers for regent and registrar.

A new chapter website is in process.

Items of chapter founding members were received-2 certificates, bio, and application. Chapter notified that a chapter pin was on eBay. A member, a curator, repaired one certificate.

Regent’s Box was compiled.

The Bergen-Paulus Hook Chapter collected stamps for veterans, including Box Tops for Education, and ink cartridges for local schools.

The chapter sent two 15lb boxes to Tamassee School; three boxes coupons to the military base; 50 boxes Vietnam Vets; COJ to the military; 7oz cancelled stamps for veterans, 61 cards to St Jude's; and 1796 pull-tabs to Ronald McDonald House.

The chapter is still researching to prove the Jane Tuers legend. The chapter's hope is to find proof so we can mark Jane Tuers unmarked grave in the Old Bergen Church historical cemetery. This chapter was asked to write an article on this project for the historical society's newsletter.

The chapter had 2,424 Service to America hours.

The CMR was completed.

The e-postcard was filed.

The chapter hopes to have a productive coming year and increase membership.

Emily Carlin  
Chapter Regent

### **CAMP MIDDLEBROOK**

Camp Middlebrook Chapter has had a very exciting year. On October 13, 2018 we celebrated our 125<sup>th</sup> chapter anniversary being the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter in the state to organize in 1893. We are very proud of our little chapter. Throughout the year we worked on our anniversary event by designing a mug with the photo of the Encampment of Middlebrook depicting where the first flag was flown over an encampment during the American Revolution. One member researched and wrote the history of the chapter—183 pages and designed posters to exhibit our activities though the many years of our established chapter. Our chapter is also very active in the members that docent at the Abraham Staats House where we display a table for our chapter at their events. We marched in the Memorial Parade and we attended the event on July 4 at the Middlebrook Encampment where the Declaration of Independence is read each year. We also are involved in the Annual Battle of Bound Brook each year. We also are active with at least one member in the Somerset County Historical Society as they hold some of our history of the chapter and we work closely with the library in Bound Brook where some of our history of the chapter can be found.

Our 36 chapter members are all over the country but they are active also in the chapter. Our historian Sue Eisdorfer- living in Tennessee is our web master and is constantly updating the site. Sue single handed redesigned our web site and also Sue redesigned the Somerset County Historical Society web site. We have gotten interested applicants to join our chapter thru the web site that Sue maintains. Other members contact us with their service hours and activities in their community. They attend meetings when in town. We are trying to develop times when working members can attend meetings by having some meetings in the evening. We gained one new member and one transfer member and lost 4 members. We have three prospective papers in Washington and two more that are being worked on. We had 32 Christopher Columbus essays this year which one was chosen to send onto state. We collected and donated items to Lyons Hospital for the Veterans.

We tried to have a variety of interesting topics for our monthly meetings. One of the interesting speakers was at our April meeting where Mary Nelson librarian of Bound Brook library presented her new book” Old Presbyterian Grave Yard” in which our chapter was involved with the cemetery for many years. In May our chapter traveled to Drovers Tavern in Rahway to visit. June found us at our annual picnic luncheon at a member’s home. November, we had a speaker Mark Dilonno- Star Ledger presented a program entitled “The Last Newspaperman”. He is author of many award- winning books. December found us at our annual holiday luncheon held in Middlesex which was well attended. We also ran a fund raiser for greeting cards to fund our anniversary event, and donation to Seeing Eye for a guide dog, and donation to the Veterans at Lyons. At our Christmas luncheon we wrote out cards to send to Tamasee. We had reports from the DAR schools, and presentation on the history of Hunterdon County depicting important women in the Revolution. President’s General letter, Indian minute, defense minute, conservation minute were conducted at each meeting. We send out the minutes of each meeting to our members (with password) to keep all our members in the know. As you can see we are a very busy chapter working to promote NJDAR.

By Sarah Israel, Chapter Registrar  
For Cynthia Voorhees, Chapter Regent

## CAPE MAY PATRIOTS

In 2018 the Cape May Patriots Chapter continued to Celebrate, Remember and Honor our Veterans. Members participated in the Wreaths Across America Program, made donations to the Vineland Veterans Home and financially supported Project Patriots. This Chapter plans to continue to pursue these efforts.

Chapter members attended the Partners in Preservation's rededication of the Battle of Turtle Gut Inlet and Lt. Richard Wiches plaques at the Turtle Gut Inlet Park in Wildwood Crest. Chapter Regent spoke about the only Revolutionary Battle fought in Cape May County and Lt. Wiches, a Navy Officer, who was the first American Navy Casualty of the Revolution War in New Jersey.

At the Chapter's Annual 2018 Spring Luncheon Jenny Carleo spoke about "Fruits of Cape May County – Vineyards, Blueberries, Beach Plums and Aronia (black chokeberry superberries with antioxidants." Jenny is Cape May County's Agricultural and Resource Management Agent at Rutgers Cooperative Extension, as well as Associate Professor at Rutgers. Jenny shared personal experiences with each crop as the County Agent along with photographs of our farmers, farms and agricultural research projects. Chapter Vice Regent, Air Force Veteran Patricia Munson-Siter, gave a presentation about her grandparents' involvement in World War I and "*The Hoke Collection at the Library of Congress 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WWI Exhibit.*" Silent Auctions proceeds were dedicated to Project Patriots.

Our Chapter sponsored a Special Projects Grant for the restoration of the roof of the c. 1850 Ezra Norton House at Historic Cold Spring Village (HCSV) in Cape May. HCSV was the recipient of a \$6,000 Special Projects Grant from the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Historic Cold Spring Village will undertake the restoration of the roof of the c. 1850 Ezra Norton House. Following a recent site inspection by architectural historian and preservation consultant, it was determined that the roof of the Ezra Norton House is compromised and requires replacement. A New Jersey-based preservation carpenter will remove the building's cedar shake roof and replace it with in-kind materials. The restoration of the Ezra Norton House is integral to the Village's mission of historic preservation and its continuing stewardship of the historic buildings that are significant to the architectural and

cultural history of Cape May County. The proposed work on the Ezra Norton House is additionally significant in advancing the museum's mission and securing institutional sustainability through the revenue generated from the building's use as the Village Bakery.

In the promotion of education Chapter members financially supported the Tamasee DAR School, lead the American History Essay Program locally and supported local genealogy workshops. This Chapter history essay winner placed second at State. Scholarship information was sent to newspapers and high school guidance counselors in Cape May County. Articles on Constitution Week were distributed. Chapter registrar gave a talk on the Constitution at a local high school.

This year the Chapter had two (2) new members and three (3) new prospective members. Three (3) members dropped membership and three members died (Margaret Trofa, Alma Staehle & Marjorie Parkhurst.) Our chapter has fifty-two (52) members (about 45% resided in Cape May County) and very few active members. Chapter officers work hard to pursue our DAR objectives in country, state, county and community. Chapter registrar is actively involved in holding workshops in conjunction with Cape May County Historic and Genealogy Society, NJDAR Chapters and SAR and recruiting new members and assisting them in their search for their lineage.

The Chapter members encourage members and nonmembers who have memorabilia from ancestors and relatives to donate them to places like local historical society museums, battlefield museums, the Library of Congress, and so on. One never knows what material will prove useful to future historians and to their genealogy. In connection with historic, genealogy, military this Chapter plans to continue to educate local school students on how to record the history of their ancestors and immediate family and preserve photographs and documents for future reference.

Geraldine Enzor Fruchtman  
Chapter Regent

### **CAPTAIN DANIEL VLIET**

The chapter welcomed one new member this year.

Support of Veterans has continued again this year with our annual giving program to Veteran's Haven North. This is a residential living facility for

homeless veteran's run by the state of New Jersey Veteran's Affairs Division. Both men and women who have substance dependency issues, as well as PTSD are provided a safe place to live while receiving treatment, counseling and life skills to be able to once again live and work within the community. Over \$600.00 in funds and goods valued at over \$1000.00 was donated to the facility. The chapter, in cooperation with Victaulic Corporation of Easton PA, provided free of charge two 15 passenger vans, driven by Victaulic employees that are themselves veterans, to take residents of the facility to the annual William L. Nixon Veterans Tribute held on November 11<sup>th</sup> in Phillipsburg NJ. This tribute is the designated regional location and is held in conjunction with the Not for Profit organization - Phillipsburg Area Veterans Association.

During our chapter meetings we include DAR minutes such as DAR Schools, Service to America, American Indians and we also read the President General's Message. Chapter programs this year included a demonstration of the delicate and intricate work that goes into restoring antique clothing by member Virginia Hope, who is also a docent at the Mixsell Textile Museum in Easton Pa; another program was on the Battle of Trenton during the Revolutionary War; and the killing of Rev. Rosebrough, the former minister of the Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church.

Chapter members collect labels for Tamassee School.

Our members continue to give of their time by volunteering with various organizations and churches within the communities in which they live.

Pamela Backes  
Chapter Regent

### **CAPTAIN JOSHUA HUDDY**

The chapter currently has 89 members and 4 associate members.

At all meetings the chapter has an Indian minute and a Conservation minute.

In April the Chapter held its National Defense program featuring Officer Jerome Morse of the NJ Transit Police and his coworker, service dog Buddy. Buddy is trained to smell explosives and his training was demonstrated during a chapter meeting.

10 Eagle Scouts were awarded Youth Citizenship medals and certificates.

2 ROTC award ceremonies were attended, and Medals and Certificates were presented.

In May the chapter held a Spring luncheon where a \$1500 scholarship was awarded to a deserving young woman.

On June 8 chapter members were invited to Ridgeway Elementary School in Manchester to view the 5th grade Interactive Revolutionary war Museum. Virginia Schenck, a 5th grade teacher, won the DAR National Membership Committee Helen Pouch Memorial Fund award last fall for her project of creating a museum with her students about colonial life. Chapter member Kathy Walsh was instrumental in the application process that helped Mrs. Schenck receive the award.

In June, the Jersey Shore Girl Scout Council was contacted regarding the Gold Award which is the highest award a Girl Scout can achieve. 26 Girls earned the award during the year and the chapter presented them with DAR Certificates for their achievements.

Lap blankets were given to veterans in Bey Lea Nursing facility and the Holiday Care Center in Toms River and the Masonic Home in Burlington.

In September, Ellen Derion and Tina Sculerati set up 2 show cabinets at the Ocean County Library in observance of Constitution Week.

Constitution posters and handouts were given to a local high school.

One of the chapter's projects is supporting the War Dogs. These are the animals who work with military handlers to smell explosives and warn them. When the handler retires, the dog is not returned to the U.S. The chapter donated \$500 to help bring a war dog home.

\$200 was donated to the Indian Youth of America Summer Camp.

\$100 was donated to the Americanism committee to help with the cost of 100 gift bags.

\$200 was donated to the Ocean County Historical Society to provide a bus for school children to be transported to the Museum to learn about local history.

\$90 was donated to the Hindman School to purchase chickens.

At the October meeting 70 gift bags were prepared to be given to the Women residents of the NJ Memorial Veteran's Home in Vineland.

In November the chapter assisted the Toms River Elks Lodge #1875 Veterans Committee in hosting a luncheon for Veterans from local nursing homes.

Lynda Nolan  
Chapter Regent

## **CHINKCHEWUNSKA**

This year was very successful and fun for the Chinkchewunsk Chapter. Aside from chapter events, members were busy maintaining and

operating the DAR Van Bunschooten Museum and volunteering as docents. This year the DAR Van Bunschooten Museum received a grant for \$2,000 for operating expenses from the Sussex County Arts and Heritage Counsel. The members of the Chinkchewunska Chapter have been working for years to raise funds to “save the wagon house.” The chapter was very excited that the first phase of the work started with May. Many members of the house committee oversaw the work that was being done which took 2 months.

In February, the chapter hosted its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual awards luncheon at the Lafayette House. The chapter recognized members of the community with the Community Service Award, History Award, Historic Preservation Recognition Award and the Ramsey Cooper Memorial Award.

In April, an education awards reception was held to honor the 2018 Outstanding Teacher of American History and the American Essay Contest winners. All 4 of the first-place winners went on to be honored at the state level.

In April, our chapter also hosted an awards reception to honor the recipients of the 2017 good citizen’s awards. This year the chapter honored 11 students, one from each high school in Sussex County.

Members participated in a grave dedication for a Revolutionary War veteran that was in April at the Old Newton Burying Ground. This year 9 chapter members attended the New Jersey State Conference and Awards Day. Many chapter awards were received. Kathy Cook was honored with an award for Outstanding Service to Veterans and Ashley Ziccardi received the award for Outstanding Regent. Two members served as pages.

In May the chapter hosted a program “Zoo Mamma” at the DAR Van Bunschooten Museum. This program was open to the public. The guest speaker was Lori Space Day one of the owners of Space Farms Zoo & Museum. Lori shared stories about her experience as a zookeeper and brought in some baby animals for our guests to meet.

In May the DAR Van Bunschooten Museum opened for its 46<sup>th</sup> season! This season there was a special goblet display at the museum. Another special feature was the recently acquired corner cabinet. This cabinet was original to the home and had left the museum with the family

almost 100 years ago. Since then it has been in the homes of several descendants for the original family and made its way back to the museum this April.

At the May business meeting 2 new members were welcomed and 2 new officers were installed. Sara Brehm as recording secretary and Lisa Permian as corresponding secretary.

In June 2 members of the chapter attended Continental Congress where chapter member Kathy Cook received an award for honoring Vietnam Veterans.

The annual Christmas in July open house began with an opening ceremony on July 13<sup>th</sup> led by chapter regent and Rev. Carl Lazzaro. Over the three-day event, chapter members served as costumed docents and gave tours of the decorated DAR Elias Van Bunschooten Museum. The Lost Art Lacers and local spinners gave demonstrations inside the historic farmhouse, while Colonial and Civil War period re-enactors set up camp on the grounds and performed live reenactments. Also available were local crafters, an “attic treasures” area and food tent. Members of the Elias Van Bunschooten Society CAR gave tours of the icehouse, milk room and privy. Santa Claus himself came to visit the children. He arrived in his antique Model T! This year a flag, which was made in 1898 during the Spanish-American War, was displayed on the front of the wagon house. Rachel McLain Carnaghan made the flag. Her daughter, Britta married Charles E. Cooper and they lived on the Glen Farm (now DAR Van Bunschooten Museum) for many years. This year the Chinkchewunsk Chapter was honored to have many descendants from the original family who owned the museum come to visit during Christmas in July.

In August, members of the chapter visited Grey Towers. They really enjoyed touring the beautiful home and grounds. The chapter had a display at the New Jersey State Fair where they displayed information about the DAR and the Chinkchewunsk Chapter. They also had brochures and several different pamphlets available for guests.

In September, the chapter hosted a program “Amelia Earhart: The Facts, The Possibilities.” Chapter member Lyle Timpson presented with very interesting program at the museum. The chapter received a proclamation for Constitution Week from the town of Branchville. In September, several chapter members attended the annual Old Clove Church Worship Service. This is a special event for the chapter due to the

fact that the original owner and namesake of their museum, the Reverend Elias Van Bunschooten, was the first pastor of this congregation. Later in the month several members attended the NJDAR State Fall meeting. Laura Franek served as a page.

The annual membership tea was held in October. This year the chapter celebrated its 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The chapter regent put together a slide show of pictures of chapter members throughout the years. As the membership anniversary awards were given, fun facts about what was happening in the chapter at the time those particular members joined were read. One chapter member, Mary Alice Hosking as given an award for 55 years of membership and an award for the most years of service to the Chinkchewunsk Chapter. Special commemorative mugs and keychain were available for members to purchase. In October, the chapter participated in the annual Sussex County Heritage Tour. The purpose of the event is to showcase Sussex County's historic sites. In October the chapter was so proud to host the Matthews Associates Tea. It was so wonderful to be able to meet the new candidates for NJDAR State Officers for 2019-2022 and to share our beloved museum with DAR members from all over the state.

In November, members walked in the Sussex County Veterans' Parade. The chapter also hosted 35 local veterans and family members to a prayer breakfast.

In December, a festive chapter Christmas party was held at a local restaurant. Along with many members from the chapter, several members from the Colonel John Rosenkrans Chapter NJSSAR joined in the fun.

This year the chapter was happy to welcome 5 new members.

The chapter communicates with members via email and Facebook. Phone calls are made to members who do not have email. A chapter newsletter is also distributed 4 times throughout the year.

Throughout the year the chapter members are very active in state meetings and activities. The chapter members attend meetings and events of the Col. John Rosenkrans Chapter SAR. The chapter sponsors the Rev. Elias Van Bunschooten Society NSCAR and members of the DAR and CAR participate in many events together.

Ashley Ziccardi  
Chapter Regent

## CHURCH AND CANON

The Church and Cannon Chapter had an outstanding year. Members took part in many Local, State and National events. The Chapter continues to have a group of active members, who work hard to fulfill the goals of the Chapter. This Chapter has reached Level One for Chapter Achievement for the past six years.

The Chapter is proud to sponsor the Jeremiah Crane Garthwaite CAR Society.

CAR members were invited to attend chapter events including the Battle of Springfield Ceremony. Members attended Local, State and Regional CAR meetings and events. Members also attended the annual SAR Washington's Birthday Luncheon, NJ Sunday at Valley Forge. Janice Bongiovanni received Martha Washington Award from the SAR.

Church and Cannon Chapter continued to work with perspective members. We gained one new and one reinstated member this year. Chapter members attended the 2018 NJDAR Spring Conference and Fall Meeting. Linda Jurczak , State Chaplain and State Vice Chair DAR Schools and National Vice Chairman Edith Hall Griswald Memorial Scholarship, Janice Bongiovanni, State Conference Greete and Barbara Pierson, Regent made their Chapter very proud by serving the State Society in their respective positions.

Four (4) Chapter members belong to the Cameo Society. Two of our members Linda Jurczak and Barbara Pierson are Officers for the Cameo Society. All attended the Cameo Luncheon in May. Two members attended the National Convention and enjoyed sitting in the NJ Box for National defense night.

Community outreach includes participation in the Springfield Street Fair and Memorial Day Parades. Open to the Public presentation on the Morristown Militia was sponsored by this Chapter, Cranesford and Westfield SAR. The Chapter continues to foster a relationship with the Springfield Historical Society by providing support during their Four Centuries Weekend.

The annual commemoration of the 238th Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield was held on June 14, 2018 at the Battle Ground Cemetery

owned by this Chapter. Representatives from the Chapter, Boy Scout Troop 73 Honor Guard, Springfield Historical Society, SAR & DAR State Officers, CAR and community members were present. A public presentation on the Battle of Springfield, Connecticut Farms & Elizabeth was given by members of Jockey Hollow SAR. This Chapter is cultivating a relationship with State and Local SAR to help support the expenses of maintaining the Revolutionary Cemetery in Springfield which once belonged to the SAR.

The NJDAR Fall Meeting was attended by four (4) members. The chapter had a fundraising table to help support our Revolutionary Cemetery.

The Chapter continues to participate in various fundraising activities to support and maintain our Revolutionary Cemetery in Springfield. Several members donated to the DAR Schools Committee.

At the Annual Chapter Holiday Tea, donations of personal care items and clothing were collected for the Female Veterans at Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Hospital. The Chapter donated over \$450.00 in products and gift cards to the VA. The Chapter's Service to America Volunteer Hours totaled over 900 hours.

Barbara Pierson  
Chapter Regent

## **CLAVERACK**

The Claverack Chapter meets Sunday afternoons to best accommodate its members. Seven business meetings are held each year. The Pledge of Allegiance, Flag Salute and American's Creed are recited at each meeting. Meeting notices are sent to all members and prospective members. The Chapter celebrates its Patriots annually with a candle lighting ceremony. A subscription to *The American Spirit* magazine is purchased with Chapter funds for all active members who wish to receive it.

Three members attended both the Spring and Fall State Meetings. Three Chapter members were added in 2018. Furthermore, there are six prospective member applications in the final stages of completion as of the end of December 2018, and one supplemental application to submit. These are included within the twenty-two prospective members that we have. In October 2018, a swearing-in ceremony was held to welcome into membership the new members.

Four members participated in a Naturalization Ceremony for Bergen County Law Day in May and presented gift bags to the twenty-eight new citizens containing patriotic items such as American flags and copies of the U.S. Constitution. One Member participated in the September Naturalization Ceremony for the Steuben House in Bergen County and distributed twenty-four bags on that occasion. Members also participated in the preparation of over 127 gift bags for six other similar Naturalization Ceremonies in North Jersey. Claverack Chapter holds a holiday luncheon in December at a local restaurant and pays for its members to attend. Since the Chapter does not ask the members to pay for the luncheon, it is requested that those attending bring donations for the food pantry of Clifton. This year we donated 125 pounds of food.

The Chapter contributed monetary assistance to the Hester Schuyler Colfax Chapter in its efforts to assure access to a Franklin Lakes historic cemetery in which there are eleven Revolutionary war soldiers, including three patriots, as well as soldiers from the war of 1812 and the Civil War. The Chapter is also working with the Passaic County Department of Cultural and Historical Affairs in its current planning efforts to restore the Vanderhoef House in Weasel Brook Park in Clifton. The Chapter will furnish the dedication signage.

The Chapter has two State Chairs: Americanism and DAR Leadership Training.

The Chapter has made the following donations in 2018: \$100 to the State Regents Fundraiser; \$2,500 to the County of Passaic toward the restoration of Vanderhoef House (specifically for museum displays); and our annual donation to NJ Mission of Honor for the military burial of the cremains of unclaimed veterans was increased to \$300 this year due to an increase in the cost of the burials.

Valerie C. Trupp  
Chapter Regent

## **COLONEL THOMAS REYNOLDS**

During 2018 the Chapter has moved forward on a number of fronts. The Chapter received nine new members, two of them Juniors. The Chapter still has two members trained as genealogists who have taken the National courses. As to the committees, the statistics are: of 52 schools contacted, three participated in the American History Essay contest with

three bronze medals being presented along with monetary awards. There were ten certificates and ten bronze medals presented to students for American History excellence. No student participated in the Christopher Columbus essay contest this time, although 16 schools were contacted. The Chapter alternates the schools each year in sending a monetary donation from their schoolhouses. In 2018 the Chapter sent \$200 to Hillside school, plus 124 box tops to Hillside, and 74 box tops to Hindman. one kit on Constitution Week was distributed to a local school and 42 Proclamation requests were sent, but only 12 received from area communities. Four Good Citizens were honored from the eight high schools contacted and each received a \$50 award. Bronze medals were presented to two JROTC cadets, one at Seneca High School and one at Northern Burlington High School.

The Chapter's Sew4Vets committee continues to meet monthly to sew, create and knit custom items for the veterans living in the New Jersey State Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland. The committee collects and delivers personal care supplies from the wish list during the year, as well as Christmas items, to Vineland. Over \$580 in cash and supplies was donated in 2018. A Chapter Program on the Vineland home was presented on Veterans Day by State VAVS Chair, Diane Donnelly.

One Chapter program was presented on the New Jersey Room by State New Jersey Room Chairman, Linda Boyd. In September, four members attended the Naturalization Ceremony at the Olde Courthouse in Mount Holly. A Chapter meeting in October was held at the Columbus Historical Society followed by a tour of the museum conducted by prior Regent, Pearl Tusim. An NSDAR emblem was placed on long-time Constitution Week chairman, and prior Regent, Kassie Regn's, gravestone, appropriately, on Constitution Day.

Several members also participated in and attended the Southern District luncheon honoring our State Regent. In December, several members participated in Wreaths Across America at the Beverly National Cemetery prior to the holiday luncheon. The Chapter's annual meeting had a program on a Revolutionary Soldier presented by the Southern SAR President. Four members attended Continental Congress in June.

Florence Thompson  
Chapter Regent

## CRANE'S FORD

During 2018 the Crane's Ford Chapter welcomed 2 new member. Our total membership at the end of the year was 54.

Our chapter members enjoyed a variety of programs during the year including a program on Rebuilding Wounded Warriors which demonstrated the use of therapy dogs. It was presented by Rebuilding Warriors, a non-profit organization that provided service dogs for wounded veterans. Our chapter presented the NSDAR Women in American History award to Joanne Rajoppi, Author and Union County Clerk. We also presented the NSDAR Conservation Award to Dr. Thomas Ombello, Biology Professor at Union County College for his passion of collecting seeds and growing seedlings of historic trees.

Activities during the year included participation in the Township of Cranford Memorial Day parade and ceremony at which this Regent spoke and laid a wreath at the monument to war veterans. Also, visited veterans in November at the VA Health Care Center in Basking Ridge and collected gift cards for Crossnore DAR School at our annual Christmas luncheon.

This chapter presented a graduating Cranford High School senior with an award for excellence in American History and the Good Citizen Award. Our JROTC committee presented 3 outstanding cadets from Linden High School, Roselle High School and Elizabeth High School with a certificate, medal and a monetary award from our chapter.

Our chapter made a donation to Cranford 86, an organization that will be hanging banners in downtown Cranford for each of the 86 Cranford residents that gave their lives in service to our country. We chose Marine Corporal Paul Sjursen (1922-1944), he died during a battle in the Pacific during World War II. Corporal Sjursen is related to one of our chapter members.

In April and September this chapter had representatives attend the NJDAR meetings in Princeton.

During 2018 this chapter logged 772 hours of volunteer community service for "Service to America". Also, this Regent volunteered for the NSDAR Supporting Documentation Project categorizing 3,232 documents, in total for this project she has categorized 27,449 documents since 2013. This regents also worked on the NSDAR Patriot Record

Project identifying 10,850 patriot names for 2018. In total, Mary Leonard has indexed 30,584 patriot names since 2015.

It was my pleasure to serve as Chapter Regent,

Mary Leonard  
Chapter Regent

### **EAGLE ROCK-CRANETOWN**

In 2018, the Eagle Rock - Cranetown Chapter had 26 active members with nearly one half living outside the state. An equal number are 50 year members. The group was delighted to welcome a new member, Catherine Cavallo, who transferred from another New Jersey chapter and reluctant to see a member transfer out to a nearby chapter.

The Chapter met twice during the year. The meetings in March and September were informal, focusing on exchanging ideas for rebuilding. The members received much needed support at the March meeting from the Northern District Chair and the State Organizing Secretary.

While considering new ideas, the members continued to achieve the Chapter's traditional goals. Treasurer Alice Ruggieri represented the Chapter at Montclair's commemoration of Veterans' Day. A senior at James Caldwell High School who was selected for excellence in the humanities received a scholarship of \$1,000. A student at Union High School was awarded a Junior ROTC medal. The Chapter continued its affiliation with the Grover Cleveland Birthplace Memorial Association. While the Chapter provides a donation, Historian Edith Jenkins contributes much time and energy as the Association's vice president and serves as a liaison between the two groups.

In order to increase communication among Chapter members, the first issue of the Chapter's newsletter was distributed in the fall

The Chapter members were very pleased to receive a membership certificate for one of the founding members, Louise Livingston Kellogg. She joined the Nova Caesarea Chapter on January 21st, 1895, the date of the certificate. Six months later she transferred to the newly formed Eagle Rock Chapter in Montclair. The certificate was forwarded to Karen Stroeve from the New York State Archives and she in turn presented the

certificate to the Regent at the September State Meeting. In excellent condition and with the DAR seal intact, the certificate is destined to be one of our Chapter's greatest treasures.

Ann Watkins  
Chapter Regent

### **ELIZABETH PARCELLS DEVOE**

Our chapter members have been very busy this past year. We have retained our membership at 20 with one DAR-CAR member. The majority are out of state. We have 4 prospective members who are currently working on their applications.

Our activities are many and varied over 1000 hours of Service to America. One of our favorite is the veterans mainly at the Paramus Veterans Memorial Home. Bags filled with "goodies" were hand delivered to over 60 women, 360 calendars were collected and placed on all veterans bulletin boards. 2 large bags of yarn (over 50 skeins) were donated for knitting and crocheting. 25 new books-coloring, crosswords, search a word +++ 2 packages of colored pencils and 2 packs of crayons were delivered for the veterans of enjoy. One member helps or runs a bingo night along with the American Legion. Shawls were crocheted and donated. Material was brought to the NJDAR fall meeting for veterans' quilts. 661 stamps were sent to the Veterans Stamp and Coin Club. Over 50 stump covers were crocheted and given to a veteran's facility in Maine. Members participated in Memorial, Flag Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, 911, Veterans day programs, parades and services. One large box filled with clothes was sent to Landstuhl along with cards. 3 boxes to soldiers overseas also with notes, food, and toiletry items. On facebook a request was made for children's books for service men/women to read to their children via skype-22 books were mailed. A total of 69,544 coupons to many bases overseas.

In December through Amazons wish list, Tamasee, KDS, Crossnore received requested items. Hindman 22 packs of seeds in the spring.

We had to move our regular meeting which fell on Flag Day. One member attended a ceremony and one read 2 books about the American Flag to a 2nd grade class, with questions and answers following. The books were donated to the class and each student and teacher received a gift bag filled with the American Flag, Flag Code, Pledge of Allegiance bookmark, flag bracelets, small notebooks, stickers plus instructions on how to construct the American Flag. One member interviews 11th grade girls for Jersey Girls State where they learn about government, not politics, and participate in town, county, and state offices even running for an office. In a formal setting with other organizations 8 Girl Scouts earning the Gold Award and 7 Boy Scouts earning the Eagle Scout are presented with certificates from our chapter-both the regent and registrar must sign. One boy scout is helped with his family's genealogy and patches are sewed on uniforms for others. At each meeting we collect used eyeglasses for the needy, DAR Magazines for the veterans, box tops for Tamasee, can tabs for Shriners, and 264 note cards for a woman's prison. Post stroke victims are visited weekly, a docent for the Pascack Historical Society and board member, board member for the YMCA-YWCA and on the board, which helps towns and counties obtain low cost financing for projects which will help the public. One member an associate of 3 overseas DAR Chapters.

Crocheted hats and scarves along with toiletries given to the Bergen County homeless shelter. A book was donated to the NSDAR Library. \$200 to the American Indian Fund. A program about the DAR was presented to a local Woman's Club. Spring and Fall NJDAR meetings were attended by 2 members. We continue with our annual candle lighting ceremony honoring our ancestors. Our National and State goals were met for 2018 and we were happy to receive level 2 Achievement award for 2017.

It has been a pleasure to serve the chapter and look forward to another great year.

Patricia A Franz  
Chapter Regent

## **ELIZABETH SNYDER-CONTINENTAL**

The Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter had an interesting and active year of service and camaraderie. Chapter members participated in events, recognized achievement in the community and within the chapter, and provided service to veterans and community service organizations. The chapter members were active all year long, including the months when no formal chapter meetings were held.

The Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter was represented with member attendance at the Spring Annual Conference, Continental Congress, and the Fall Meeting. We expanded our community service events as a chapter and conducted a book drive for children being served by CASA SHaW (Court Appointed Special Advocates Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren Counties). This was in addition to our annual collection of items for the Plainfield Area Humane Society and residents of the Lyons VA. The chapter continued the strong relationship developed with the Somerset County 4-H and participated in the 4-H Fair and 4-H Festival of Trees. We connected with the Green Brook Historical Society to have a program on the newly restored Vernue-Mundy House and were in turn invited to a program on the use of medicinal herbs during the Civil War.

Recognitions to students and chapter members were given by the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter over the course of 2018 Chapter awards were presented to students through Somerset County 4-H. New for the Chapter this year was the presentation of the Youth Good Citizenship Award to an Eagle Scout who had preserved a cemetery that includes veterans of the American Revolution.

The Chapter undertook several new activities this year. The Chapter visited a special education program in a high school to teach students about local historical sites and women in the American Revolution. In April, the Chapter attended a Somerset Patriots baseball game having won use of the county box seats. Chapter members participated in several Naturalization Ceremonies and Somerville Flag Day. The Chapter also engaged in fundraising to replace a local stolen historical marker.

Service to veterans was accomplished through support to Wreaths Across America, the Lyons VA, Menlo Park VA, and the Somerset County 4-H. During the 4-H Festival of Trees the chapter collected signed cards and children's drawings for veterans at the Lyons VA. The

chapter members participated in the Green Light a Vet program to raise awareness in the community to employ veterans. These service projects are the heart of the chapter's dedication God, home, and country.

Beth Scheiderman  
Chapter Regent

## **FERRO MONTE**

Ferro Monte Chapter by the numbers: 68 members; 2 new members, 1 resigned/dropped, 1 deceased. 1 State Officer, 2 National Vice Chairs of National Committees, 5 State Chairs of National Committees, 2 State Chairs of State Committees, 4 Congressional Pages, 3 State Pages, 5 CAR Senior Leadership positions. 4,238 volunteer hours.

On April 14, 2018 the Ferro Monte Chapter celebrate its 45<sup>th</sup> birthday. In the ongoing efforts in service to our active military and veterans, the chapter held a dine- in fundraiser for Project Patriot. The Chapter sent coupons to service members on military bases in Guam and Germany. Chapter members marched in the Roxbury Memorial Day parade. The chapter again participated in the Lake Hopatcong Veteran Cruise; towns surrounding Lake Hopatcong organized cruises around the lake for one hundred veterans to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to recognize their service to America. Members of the chapter presented a patriotic wreath and served an after-cruise luncheon to about two hundred fifty veterans and their families.

The chapter celebrated its' the fifth year organizing the local Wreaths Across America. Six hundred ten wreaths were laid at three cemeteries in the area. Ceremonial wreaths honoring each branch of service, POW/MIA, and a thank you wreath decorated by local children were put on display on Main Street throughout the holiday season. The wreath laying, and remembrance ceremony were attended by over three hundred people. NJ State Librarian Heather Varner acted as mistress of ceremonies, while the Garrison Commander of Picatinny Arsenal was the keynote speaker. A luncheon concluded the event.

The fall season kicked off with community outreach a top priority by participating in the annual Suckasunny Day and Home for the Holidays

street fairs. The Chapter initiated town proclamations for Constitution Week and Native American Heritage Recognition Month.

Programs throughout the year included: a member tea with great conversations and DAR trivia, DAR members from the Jefferson Historical Society played treated the chapter to a highly entertaining historical fashion show, feting the chapter's DAR Good Citizens, Columbus Essay and NJDAR Scholarship winners, attendees were given copies of the American Creed during a program the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Creed. "Flying back to the Future", the NJCAR State President's project was presented by NJDAR State Librarian Heather Varner.

The Ferro Monte Chapter members have had an exciting and productive year. As wrap up our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, it has been an honor to serve as their Regent.

Kimberly Armstrong  
Chapter Regent

## **FRANCIS HOPKINSON**

It was a bittersweet year for the Francis Hopkinson Chapter, having a busy and product year, but losing the heart of the chapter, Kitty Bowers. All meetings began with the President General's Message, a national defense item, and Indian, conservation, and women's issues minutes. Box tops were sent to participating schools, stamps for the wounded were sent, and Ronald McDonald House received pop tops. Two members are working on updating our present website.

The members volunteered 1546 hours to the community. This included participating in literacy programs at Jamesburg Library, working with the elderly by providing programs and craft projects. Several members provided genealogy help at historical societies, lectured, offered two workshops, and provided DAR lookups. Two members participated in indexing applicants' supporting documents, with 2485 images processed. Baby blankets were provided and knit hats were donated to the Seamans' Church Institute. One member led the IEEE volunteer committee. One member volunteered at a food pantry and another "manned" the Diaken Medicare Hotline.

Members volunteered over 250 hours to our veterans at Menlo, by playing golf, collecting, packing & playing elf, for the holiday event. The chapter made monetary donations of \$350, provided 4 boom boxes, and \$3814 in clothing, toiletries, etc to Menlo and Lyons. At one meeting, members painted golf balls with different holiday themes, for the Menlo Park golf tournaments.

In April, the chapter celebrated its' 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, at Cranbury Inn. A concert of Revolutionary period music was performed by the "Practitioners of Musick", followed by power point presentations on the life of the chapter's namesake, Francis Hopkinson and the history of the chapter. Chapter memorabilia was on display.

The chapter elected Kitty Bowers as Honorary Regent and presented her with a pin and certificate. In honor and memory of her contributions, the chapter is raising money to have her name placed on a plaque in DC.

The chapter has entered into a project with Old Tennent Cemetery, to place markers on graves of Revolutionary War Veterans. The first group was placed and dedicated, complete with flags, in December.

Francis Hopkinson hosted "Wreaths Across America", at Old Tennent Cemetery. The Color Guard from the Colts Neck HS Jr ROTC participated, as did a local Boy Scout troop. 153 wreaths were placed on veterans' graves. Several members attended the "Wreaths" Memorial Program at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Five junior ROTC medals and scholarships totaling \$350, were presented at area high schools. Two junior Good Citizenship Awards were given to a young lady and gentleman at Barkalow Jr HS. One member participated in the 250 Task Force. Two members were state chair ladies. Several members attended two naturalization ceremonies.

Members attended the Spring and Fall Conferences and workshops, and the State Regent Fund Raiser and provided baskets. One member attended NJ Day at Valley Forge. A member attended the DAR Headquarters trip and made donations to the PG's Project.

It's been an honor to serve as regent for this active chapter.

Gail B. Hahn  
Chapter regent

## **GENERAL DAVID FORMAN-PENELOPE HART**

General David Forman-Penelope Hart kicked off the year with a Genealogy Workshop which was well attended and resulted in a few new members. We partnered with General Mercer and were aided by the CDRC volunteers.

The chapter has continued reaching out to our local communities this year. We partnered with General Mercer. Members of our chapter attended General Mercer's spring luncheon honoring their student award winners. While members of their chapter joined General David Forman-Penelope Hart at our National Defense luncheon. We supported the Old Barracks in Trenton by attending a fundraising tea in May that raised funds to allow children of Trenton to attend the Barracks summer camp for no cost.

In October we held a service project at an assisted living facility. It was a joy to see one of our long time members and celebrate Halloween with the residents by making a craft.

The members of the General David Forman-Penelope Hart chapter continue to take the idea of service to our communities to heart. Chapter members performed over 2,500 hours of service in 2018 including a chapter member who will be honored at Congress for her many hours adding to the Patriots Records Project.

The chapter continued to support activities at Menlo Park Veterans Home with financial contributions and volunteer hours. Several chapter members assisted at golfing events at Menlo Park throughout the year.

The chapter hosted its annual National Defense Luncheon. We learned about Hessian soldiers in the Revolutionary War. With our CAR chapter Morven, many chapter members participated in Bells of Peace marking the centennial of the end of World War I.

In December we celebrated our year with a holiday party at Grafton House, a historic home in Hamilton, to great success. We had the honor of the New Jersey State Regent as our guest.

This officer continued to assist the Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee.

Box tops continue to be collected and sent to DAR sponsored schools. Several chapter members assisted the Schools Committee with donations. The chapter celebrated Constitution Week and had members participate in Earth Day. Several chapter members assisted Governor William Livingston place wreaths for Wreaths Across America.

Moving Forward in Service to America,

Catherine Medich  
Chapter Regent

## **GENERAL LAFAYETTE**

General Lafayette Chapter worked hard in 2018 to fulfill its mission of promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism. The chapter gained 8 new members including 1 junior

and 2 transfer members. Two members passed away. Chapter Members logged a total of 5,134 Celebrate America! hours throughout the community.

The highlight of the chapter's achievement was its official change of location to Somers Point, NJ on June 5, 2018. Atlantic City had been its official home since organizing in 1895.

The chapter launched a brand new closed Facebook page to announce activities, events and chapter and member achievements. Chapter programs included a February presentation on the Four Chaplains and their museum. In April the chapter was treated to a program by Barbara Rheault on "Cranberries, the Pines and You." The Chapter's Annual Spring Luncheon featured a presentation by local historian about the restored oyster schooner A.J. Meerwald and its role in the now defunct oyster industry of the Delaware Bay. The New Jersey State DAR Scholarship winner, Lena Nguyen of Oakcrest High School, sponsored by the chapter attended.

Chapter members participated in the Atlantic City Regional Stand Down to serve homeless veterans and also cruised Delaware Bay on the A.J. Meerwald on a gorgeous sunny day.

At the chapter's September meeting General Lafayette members answered the call, and after ringing bells for Constitution Week, hearing a Constitution Moment and playing Constitution Jeopardy, assembled 100

DAR gift bags for the 100 citizens naturalized at Rowan College Burlington County on September 18, 2018. On September 26, 2018 members turned out and braved the mosquitos for the New Jersey Run for the Fallen at the Chestnut Neck Monument to receive the military runners and their caravan honoring NJ military fallen in the current conflicts. The October Chapter Meeting featured the program “Working With Veterans,” presented by Bill Pettek, American Legion; DAV Northfield, NJ. The chapter closed out 2018 by celebrating the season at its Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Crab Trap Restaurant where we learned about the brand-new non-profit organization promoting the restoration and preservation of Somers Mansion named Patriots for Somers Mansion.

General Lafayette served its veterans at Vineland Veterans Home by writing 310 Christmas Cards and the same number of individually addressed birthday cards. Members visited monthly and delivered items specifically purchased by request for the women veteran residents. Special MP3 players were gifted to the residents. Lap blankets and 117 bag covers were crafted and donated along with \$750 in monetary and in kind gifts. The chapter hosted a Memorial Day Ceremony at Chestnut Neck Monument with a new Eagle Scout offering the program. General Lafayette Chapter continued its Project Super Stars for Veterans cutting and retiring flag fields and making up packets to be gifted to veterans, first responders and patriots.

Rosemary Cain Wallace,  
Chapter Regent

### **GENERAL MERCER**

The General Mercer Chapter has forty-four members, ten of whom live out of state, and five prospective members. There are approximately fifteen active members who attend the four membership meetings per year. Flag, Indian and Conservation Minutes and the National Defense Report are presented at every meeting. The chapter hosts guests at their meetings as well as husbands of members. Several members of the Gen. David Forman-Penelope Hart chapter attended our meeting in May 2018.

During the year there have been programs on women’s issues and “Women Who Have Made Important Contributions During War Time,” a program presented by Bill Harmon about his mother, Elaine D. Harmon

who served as a WASP during World War II, and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on September 7, 2016. There was a program honoring two recipients of the Good Citizen Award and their families, and a visit from a Hessian Grenadier during the Revolution.

Donations in the amount of \$266 were sent to the New Jersey Cottage at Tamasee.

The chapter awarded Good Citizen Awards to students from two high schools in the Trenton, New Jersey area and awarded a JROTC bronze medal to a student at Pemberton High School in Pemberton, New Jersey.

Many members are engaged in volunteer activities which include local historical societies, the Masonic Home of New Jersey, local garden clubs, literacy programs, libraries and church activities. A total of 909 hours have been reported during 2018.

Judith King Monti serves on the Founders Committee for the Watson House.

Several members attended the 126th Annual State Conference in April 2018.

Donations to veterans in the form of clothing, CDs, books and toiletries were collected and delivered to the Vineland Memorial Veterans Home in Vineland, New Jersey, in December.

Two members and two prospective members participated in the Wreaths Across America Program at Beverly National Cemetery on December 15, 2018.

On September 27, 2018, five chapter members attended a Naturalization Ceremony at the Olde Courthouse in Mount Holly, New Jersey, which was very patriotic and inspiring.

It has been an honor to serve as Regent of this chapter.

Every member matters.

Ellen V. Fayer,  
Chapter Regent

## **GENERAL WASHINGTON**

2018 was a sadder year than others for the General Washington Chapter. We lost one member to a long illness, and two members missed most of or the entire year due to the illness or death of a spouse. Another member lost her twin brother to cancer. Our Recording Secretary and another member retired and moved to warmer climes. We had so few attending members that we were forced to cancel two of our usual six meetings.

General Washington Chapter did manage a couple of field trips, something we always enjoy. In March, we visited the newly refreshed Watson House and had a delightful tour. In April, inspired by a November 2017 fundraising event for the Jersey Blue Chapter attended by our Regent and Vice Regent, we held a paint party and painted a “Patriotic Sky” picture. Our remaining two meetings were held at our vice Regent's home, where we held our standard business meetings and enjoyed our holiday pot luck feasts, and discussed ways to grow the Chapter. We have submitted the proposal for the placement of our Chapter's W3R memorial marker to a local historian and a property owner with the ideal Trenton spot for it. By December 2018 our attendance was back up, and as of February 2019 we have a new prospect who will be working with our Registrar to submit her paperwork.

Valerie Wagner  
Chapter Regent

### **GENERAL WILLIAM MAXWELL**

General William Maxwell Chapter is a Level One chapter with a facebook page, a website, a monthly electronic bulletin, and a quarterly newsletter. The chapter has 66 members, thirteen associate members and twelve prospective members.

Chapter meeting programs included the annual Awards Day celebration for the NSDAR contest winners and their families, a visit from a service dog and ambassador from The Seeing Eye, a serious discussion about sexual harassment in the workplace presented by a family mediator attorney, a lively sing-along of songs of the Great War in their historical, cultural and social contexts, and a look into the Wick farm and house with Tempe's role in history presented by an interpreter from the house. This program elicited much discussion about that horse. The chapter traveled to Philadelphia in the spring for lunch at the City Tavern and a tour of the Museum of the American Revolution. The summer field trip was a lovely tea at Morven Mansion in Princeton, followed by a tour of the property.

The chapter raised funds for a bronze plaque to be placed on the historic Maxwell-Robeson-Cummins property in downtown Belvidere. The house was designed by the great-nephew of the chapter's namesake, John Bryan Patterson Maxwell, and was later purchased by Dr. George Wyckoff

Cummins and his wife Annie Blair Titman Cummins. Mrs. Cummins was the organizing regent of the chapter in 1931 and for many years the chapter met in her home. The chapter celebrated the plaque with a ceremony and reception attended by several dignitaries from NJDAR, Belvidere and Warren County and received a proclamation from the town of Belvidere acknowledging this contribution to honor the house's history.

Members raised funds selling jams and educated the public about DAR and chapter activities at the annual Hope Christmas Craft Market.

In celebration of Constitution Week, the chapter received three proclamations from the Warren Country freeholders and the mayors of Blairstown and Belvidere.

Chapter members attended naturalization ceremonies, NJ Sunday at Valley Forge, the state regent's fundraiser, district luncheons, the NJDAR bus trip to DC, and both NJDAR state meetings. One member serves on the state board, one member serves as a national vice chair for a division, four members serve as state chairs of a national committee, two members serve as members of a state committee, and two members serve as chairs of a state committee.

Chapter members donated and delivered Wish List items, holiday cards and gift cards to Veteran's Haven North valued at over \$1,000. They also donated items for a basket at the state regent's fundraiser. Several books on NJ history and genealogy were donated to the Warren County Library.

The chapter gained four new members, five new prospective members and has three new member applications under review at national. There are seven supplemental applications under review, with four verified supplementals during the year.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve your administration.

Janice Platt Hunold  
Chapter Regent

## **GOVERNOR WILLIAM LIVINGSTON**

2017

The Governor William Livingston Chapter experienced a year of growth and changes as we continued our goal of expanding membership, while increasing awareness and participation of chapter members.

Chapter meetings featured local history, Constitution week with ringing of the bell, and women in the Revolution. Our Vice Regent has worked diligently sending a monthly newsletter to all members on chapter events. The chapter Good Citizen winners were each presented with a certificate, pin and a cash award.

Eight members and four associate members attended the State Spring Conference in April. During the conference our chapter sponsored State winner for the Betty Bradbury Scholarship was presented. Chapter members also attended the September State meeting.

The chapter co-sponsored a Vietnam Veterans Breakfast at Manasquan High School to say thank you to veterans who served. The students shared time with the veterans to learn what they went through and to understand the sacrifice the veterans made.

The Chapter participated in the Memorial Day parade. Our Regent represented our chapter at the Osborn Cemetery Memorial Day Celebration where wreaths were placed.

At our annual luncheon in May we had Mrs. Argraves, Honorary State Regent and Pat Saftner, State Historian as our guest speakers. The chapter presented a Jean Wengler Scholarship to a local high school student for \$1000.00.

Eight members of the chapter attended NSDAR Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. Our chapter is proud to have amongst our members one National Chairman, one National Vice Chairman, one Eastern Division Vice Chairman, as well as members working many hours on committees at Congress. One member brought rum cakes by boat, car and bus from the Bahamas to Washington for the Bahamas Units Overseas luncheon.

For Constitution week members placed displays in local libraries and a program was presented on the Constitution.

For our day of service we continued our tradition of each member baking goods and delivering them to their local police, EMT, firehouse or lifeguard station with a thank you for their service note.

The chapter celebrated member Ruth DeBruin on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a card from Pamela Wright, Chaplain General, and congratulations from Mrs. Olde, NSDAR Reporter General. At the meeting, guest speaker Susan Luczu, Central District Director gave a presentation on Colonial Cooking.

Several members attended Valley Forge services.

December we enjoyed friendships and sharing with a luncheon, Christmas Carols, cards to soldiers and making patriot ornaments. Once again the chapter joined with another local chapter and placed wreaths for Wreaths Across America

A new group was formed, “friends helping friends”. The group of chapter board members meets every week to work on outstanding applications, spend time talking and working through problems and brick walls. This group will not only accomplish a task but will help to build communications within our chapter.

It is an honor to serve as Regent of this very dedicated Chapter and I look forward to our continued support to this our much loved society.

Lynda R. Aber  
Chapter Regent

2018

The Governor William Livingston Chapter is now in its 93<sup>rd</sup> year serving our Society with 109 members. The increase in our chapter membership has been the wonderful culmination of joining together our chapter registrar, and a new committee, friends helping friends. The committee meets to establish a viable list of prospective members (pm). Our membership chairman contacts the pm and then the committee works to put the application together. This Committee has not only increased our membership but has also brought together new friendships and leaders for the future of the chapter.

Our programs this year have proven to be educational, enlightening and great resources of information. We attended other Chapter luncheons, application meetings, the museum traveling trunk show, Seed Shower for Hindman School and became partners in the Vietnam War Commemoration. We attended the State Conference. At our Chapter award night, we presented a medal to a new Eagle Scout, nine good citizen awards as well as our chapter sponsored Betty Bradbury student was honored.

In May we had our annual luncheon and awarded the Chapter Wengler Scholarship of \$1000.00 to a local student. We co-chaired the Vietnam Veterans breakfast at a local high school for 40 veterans. This Regent was honored to again attend the Osborn Cemetery recognition of a Revolutionary Patriot. We rode in the lead car for the Memorial Day Parade and we attended Continental Congress. This regent served on the registration committee and also served as Vice Chairman, Eastern Division Commemorative Events in giving out National awards. We went to the State Archives for research, had chapter board meetings and

application meetings. August this Regent attended Cathedral of the Pines in New Hampshire.

September, we had National Officer Connie Olde as our speaker, we celebrated Constitution week, and installed four new members, voted to endorse candidate from chapter for state office, changed the bylaws. Attended application meetings and State Conference. This Chapter Regent attended meetings for reorganization of our local CAR Society and was asked to serve on their board. October we welcomed two new members. This Regent attended ex-regent's luncheon, Southern District luncheon, NJDAR slate for new officer's tea, assisted with the Boscov's chapter fundraiser, CAR meetings and District get-togethers.

We attended services at Valley Forge, honored Barbara Molteni for 50 years membership in DAR. Mrs. Molteni became our first Honorary Chapter Regent. We had our Christmas program, signed 400 Christmas cards for veterans and made patriotic ornaments. We sponsored Wreaths Across America, attended services at the Vietnam Memorial, and had 28 members and families participate in placing wreaths at a local cemetery. Chapter members attended Haddonfield Chapters bus trip to Wash. DC.

Our Chapter is indeed thriving and are very blessed and proud to have so many members willing to give of their time and support to our chapter and the NSDAR. We all look forward to the coming year as we continue to grow in Service to America. This Chapter Regent thanks the Chapter for the honor to serve as Chapter Regent.

Lynda R. Aber  
Chapter Regent

## **GREAT JOHN MATHIS**

2018 has been a fun, educational and productive year for Great John Mathis chapter and our members. The Chapter membership increased by 2 members; one new and one transferred in and recorded 517 Hours for Celebrate America and Service to America.

Vice Regent Cathleen Engelsen serves as State Chair for the Arts, and as active member of the Surf City Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Regent Sharon Romano promoted conservation by

maintaining a butterfly sanctuary garden and hummingbird stations. She also served as President of the Frank Massaro Stafford Scholarship Fund and presented 2018 recipient of its annual \$1,000 scholarship at the Soutyhern Regional HS Scholarship awards day in June. Registrar Judith Ollivier donated her time regularly at the food pantry in Tuckerton. Chapter members participated in the LBI beach cleanup.

The Chapter started off the year with an art show and sponsored an essay contest commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WWI. We also hosted historical guest speaker and Southern Regional HS teacher, Jeff Brown for an educational presentation on WWI. Our next program was a presentation by Historian and President of the Waretown Historical Society, Adele Shaw the Revolutionary War in Ocean County. May was the month for Local History and Lore at the Barnegat Light Museum Presented by Karen Larson. Immediately followed by a tour of the Edith Duff Gardens. June is our pot luck dinner meeting and hosting contest winners and scholarship awarded to Southern Regional graduates.

September we celebrated Constitution week and also sponsored an art exhibit at the Tuckerton Seaport where Chapter Vice- Regent and Artist Cathleen Engelsen displayed her art including her locally famous 23 ft Tuckerton Creek Mural as well as other historical art pieces that are part of the Seaport. In October the Chapter hosted a delightful presentation on raising Monarch Butterflies presented by Teresa Hogan. In November we participated in the Veterans Day Celebration in Beach Haven Centennial Park then immediately hosted a local veteran and his wife for lunch to thank him for his service. . For December, the Chapter decided to forgo our member gift exchange gifting \$20. Gift cards for the Local food band instead.

Sharon Romano,  
Chapter Regent

## **GREENWICH TEA BURNING**

The Daughters of Greenwich Tea Burning Chapter NJDAR had a wonderful year repeating some services which were educational and helpful to the community in previous years and adding new ones. The Wreaths Across America ceremony was again held at Greenwich

Presbyterian Cemetery where many Tea Burners are buried. A hot cocoa reception was held in the church fellowship room for those attending. The Chapter again provided an historical, educational program for the community utilizing professional actors. Members created a butterfly garden. The daughters worked on quilts for the residents of the Veterans' Home and members raised tomato plants to give to local senior citizens. Some of the members supported fundraising events of sister chapters. Some daughters visited meetings of nearby chapters.

Daughters attended Memorial Day events honoring our fallen military. Members of the chapter attended genealogical training events. Some members worked on getting the chapter's activities into the local newspapers and radio stations. Again, this year one member taught preschool children how to spin yarn. A member made a trip to Constitution Hall for a special tour. And the Chapter donated funds for the preservation of important local buildings. Preschoolers were taught the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly. Three local citizens who have donated much of their time to conservation efforts and the care of local seniors and events honoring veterans were acknowledged with awards. Awards and scholarships were given to the Civil Air Patrol outstanding senior and this year the outstanding senior of The Vineland HS Air Force ROTC was added. Some members volunteered with a crafts program at the Veterans Home. The Chapter also adopted three female residents of the Veterans Home and visited with them regularly.

The daughters attended the state conferences in Princeton as well as the workshops presented. One member contributed almost 500 hours to the DAR Descendants Project, and another volunteered at the County 4-H Fair.

New this year for our chapter was a balanced budget, and a new meeting schedule which included evenings and Saturdays. The chapter visited the refurbished historic East Point Lighthouse. The mayor of Greenwich was requested to sign a proclamation for Constitution week.

The Chapter heard from a retired US Naval Captain of a nuclear submarine and held an open house seeking new members. Chapter members supported the Southern District luncheon honoring the State Regent and her officers and donated a basket containing items commemorative of Greenwich and its historic tea burning. The State Regent's project fundraiser was attended, and a basket was donated for the event. Members from the chapter joined the Master Masons of New Jersey commemorating the monument for the Tea Burners in Greenwich.

Members knitted and crocheted 100 hats for the local hospital maternity ward's preemies. Organic fertilizer was collected and donated to senior gardeners for their vegetable plants. Two members worked at the 4H Camp, and another assisted an unemployed neighbor making cemetery

sprays for her family. And lastly, members participated in two Naturalization Ceremonies.

Sarah Tarpine-Smith  
Chapter Regent

## **HADDONFIELD CHAPTER**

The chapter celebrated 121 years of service at its Annual Luncheon and Fundraiser on January 27. It hosted State Regent Karen Stroeve and a program on the National Constitution Center was presented. The event raised thousands in support of DAR's projects.

The chapter celebrated Women's History Month with a program by State Historian Pat Sanftner entitled "Alexander Hamilton and Betsy Schuyler – Their Story". They welcomed the Gibbsboro Garden Club in April who shared "Keeping a Healthy Pollinator Garden". The chapter presented the club with the DAR Conservation Award. The chapter celebrated the military by hosting NSDAR Reporter General and NJDAR Honorary State Regent Connie Olde and Southern District Director Rosemary Wallace at its May Meeting. Mrs. Olde installed new members, and the chapter's Good Citizen winner Megana Vatson shared her essay and was presented with a gift card. Members heard William Harmon's story of his mother, Elaine Harmon, WWII WASP Pilot, and her journey to Arlington National Cemetery. The family traveled from Maryland for the event. Mr. Harmon was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

In December the chapter sponsored an overnight trip to NSDAR Headquarters to attend the Christmas Open House. Also included was a visit and tour of WIMSA (Women in Military Service in America Memorial) at Arlington National Cemetery, dinner at Gadsby's Tavern, tour of the DAR Museum and lunch at Woody's Crab House. Forty daughters and guests from across the state participated. They were honored to present a donation to WIMSA, and to President General Ann Dillon with a donation to her project.

Members supported Vineland Veterans Home, emphasizing on female residents. They supported Stand Down... an event for at-risk and homeless veterans. Members participated in Wreaths Across America at Beverly National Cemetery. The chapter donated \$1,200 in support of the Service for Veterans Committee and provided toiletries to Home of the Brave for homeless vets.

The chapter donated \$1,500 to DAR Schools. Members participated in Memorial and Flag Day Celebrations and the Fourth of July Parade,

distributing over 200 American Flags. The chapter continued to support NJDAR State Headquarters Watson House via donations and as docents.

The chapter presented an award to the winning teen female in the Jonas Cattel Run. The 10-mile race is in commemoration of Jonas' run from Haddonfield to Fort Mercer during the Revolution in which he warned the patriots of the impending Hessian attack.

Members presented three Bronze ROTC Medals, three Youth Citizenship Awards, and a Certificate of Outstanding Work in American History.

The chapter provided \$475 in support of both Chemawa Indian School and Bacone College.

Members participated in four Naturalization Ceremonies and a ceremony on the Battleship New Jersey. Constitution Week materials were placed at local libraries.

Members supported a local women's shelter.

Chapter members logged nearly 3,400 Service to America Hours, and donated 931 books to local technical schools and Trenton Psychiatric Hospital.

The chapter welcomed seven new members including two juniors. It continues to focus on its members, chapter growth and service to God, Home and Country.

Diane Clark Argraves  
Chapter Regent

## **HESTER SCHUYLER COLFAX**

The chapter celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year with a luncheon this past November. The chapter hosted Carol Simon Levin, portraying Emily Warren Roebling, as the engineer of the Brooklyn Bridge. Her portrayal delighted guests, including our State Historian, Pat Saftner and Northern District Director, Ruth Westerfield. The chapter is excited to have thrived for almost a century and know the next 10 years will fly by fast.

Regent Norato was blessed with a baby girl this year, which was quickly accepted in the Children of the American Revolution. At the same time, this Regent was awarded New Jersey's Outstanding Junior. It has truly been a special year and a great way to end her term as Regent.

In May, the chapter honored four local students with the Good Citizens Award and Tea Ceremony, presided by Regent and Chair Norato.

The dedicated members of this chapter continued to honor the sacrifice of war veterans by participating in Wreaths Across America in December. Members were able to help place wreaths on the graves, as well as attend the ceremony. Afterwards, members enjoyed a Dutch Christmas gathering at the Historic Van Riper-Hopper Home in Wayne.

The chapter is looking forward to a productive new slate of officers in 2019.

Jennifer Norato  
Chapter Regent

## **JERSEY BLUE**

Chapter meetings start with an opening ceremony which includes the Pledge of Allegiance, American's Creed, Preamble to the Constitution, an invocation by our chaplain, various information minutes; National Defense, American Indians, Women's Issues, Conservation, and Flags Minutes. Chaplain sent out handmade birthday and sympathy cards. Membership stands at 72 members with 5 associate members.

Members participated in many community projects: Read Across America and Multicultural Night at Adamsville Elementary School has been a huge hit with the children. We promoted the DAR at East Jersey Old Town History Day, placed flags on veterans' graves, and participated in naturalization ceremonies and welcomed new citizens with gift bags. Our chapter sponsored one of the naturalization ceremonies at the Spring Conference. Chapter members toured the historic Low House where some of the antiques from our Buccleuch Mansion have been housed during renovations and repairs to the mansion. Quilts from the mansion were also on loan at the Morristown Chapter at the Hamilton-Schuyler House Museum. We continue to work hard cleaning and moving items back into the mansion and look forward to resuming open houses for the public in the spring. The chapter regent was invited to attend a Fourth of July ceremony in East Brunswick and had the opportunity to meet members of the community and tell them a bit about the DAR and gave small flags to those in attendance.

The veterans of Menlo Park VA Home enjoy our monthly visits to play mini golf, which brings an opportunity for them to socialize and enjoy some recreation and win prizes. The clothing room continues to be manned by dedicated members of our chapter every week. Some members participated in the Day of Service at the VA Home and visited residents and also helped to develop a functional means of communication for one of the speech-impaired residents.

Chapter by-laws were updated and made available to members. A couple of our chapter meetings were joint DAR/CAR with the Colonel John Nielson Chapter. Guest speaker, Irene Curran, gave an enlightening program about the 1860 Presidential Election at the Monroe Library. Another joint program was “The American Eagle” and was presented by our chapter Vice Regent and Col. John Nielson CAR Sr. President, Christy Vizoki. Young and old alike learned a great deal.

Mimi Chu  
Chapter Regent

## **LOANTAKA-PARSIPPANONG**

Our chapter has been very enthusiastic about bringing in sundry items for our three-year Pet Project to unfunded pet shelters. We did quite a well-balanced gifting program after looking at the items on the list. The \$200 check was to help that shelter with some veterinarian needs they were having at the time. We donated to four different un-funded shelters in our area: Father John's in Sparta, Montville Shelter and Second Chance and St. Hubert's Animal Welfare.

We donated underwear and sock for both men and women to Lyons Veterans Hospital during the year. We donated a total of \$642.00 worth of sundry items during the Holiday Season.

There was a lot of time spent by our Treasurer and Board members getting our By-Laws updated during last year. It had its ups and downs but our Treasurer was very stout hearted and thanks to her, the By-Laws were completed.

Have finished cleaning up and copying the Parsippanong Chapter historical files and are ready to put them in their permanent home.

Two of our members are working on the Loantaka Chapter files by sorting, copying and placing them in their specific folders for permanent housing.

We held one of our meetings at the Interfaith Pantry in Morris Plains. We do continually bring in donations for this food pantry and 30 lbs. of diapers. We thought it was a good idea to have the members get acquainted with the facility.

Our chapter orchestrated a community presentation of the K9 Unit from the NJ State Police. It was held at the Montville Senior Center in April. Two Policemen came with their dogs and equipment. They showed the attendees how they worked the dogs and what the dogs could do. They also described how the dogs were housed and for the highlight, they showed us how the dogs did their attacks with a voice command from their owners. It was very informative.

We always have our first meeting in September at the Smith-Baldwin House in Parsippany. We are working on getting them a grant for the restoration of the house. This is where our files will be kept once we have finished our reorganization and sorting.

Our scholarship fund is up to \$10,129. We have not had any applicants to date, so we are planning on moving it out of Morris County College and into Rutgers University. Hopefully we will receive some interest at that college.

Stephanie Reidinger  
Chapter Regent

### **MAJOR JOSEPH BLOOMFIELD**

The Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter had sixty-two members at the end of 2018. One new member was added during the year, and one new member was verified but had not yet received her National number. Two prospective members have applications pending.

The Chapter had six meetings, one awards ceremony and one luncheon; at one meeting, members enjoyed a presentation on the history of The American's Creed, and at another meeting, a member devised an entertaining and informative quiz entitled "Which Lee was it?", based on information about Revolutionary figures Harry Lee and Charles Lee.

The Chapter hosted its annual Chapter Awards Night at the Bloomfield Civic Center for chapter winners of the American History Essay Contest and the DAR Good Citizen Award. In addition to Chapter members and students, the ceremony was attended by parents and other family members, teachers and administrators.

The Chapter had another successful year in participating in the American History Essay Contest. 522 essays were received from Bloomfield public school students in grades 5-8. First place winners from each grade were awarded National bronze medals and certificates; first through third place winners in each grade were awarded plaques engraved with their names; and Honorable mention winners received ribbons. Each winner received an American Flag and flag information. All 522 entrants received a Certificate of Appreciation for participating. At the State level, our 7th grade essayist placed second, and our 5th and 8th grade essayists each placed third. Our Chapter Good Citizen was also honored at the ceremony.

The Chapter provided ROTC medals to East Orange Campus High School and NJIT to honor outstanding cadets.

At the Bloomfield High School Awards Night, a \$500 scholarship was presented to the winner of the Chapter's Good Citizen Award, and a \$1500 scholarship, the Margaret Sherlock Scholarship, was presented to a student who demonstrated excellence in science. Ms Sherlock, a DAR member and a graduate of Bloomfield High School, was a respected chemist in the pharmaceutical industry and bequeathed money to the Chapter to fund the scholarship.

The Chapter had two main service projects. Chapter members collected several bags of non-perishable food items and \$35 in cash for donation to the Food Pantry at the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green. Members also collected clothing, puzzles and personal items, as well as \$35, for donation to the East Orange Veterans Hospital. Also, many members individually volunteered to promote literacy, to assist in classrooms, and to make quilts for veterans; many individually collected clothing and household goods for donation to veteran's organizations,

It is an honor to serve as Regent of the Major Joseph Bloomfield Chapter.

Anita Magatti  
Chapter Regent

## MATOCHSHONING-REBECCA CORNELL

The Matochshoning- Rebecca Cornell chapter is proud to present this summation of our activities and events from 2018. We were once again well represented at each of the state conferences, Continental Congress and our Madam State Regents fundraiser.

We began our year with our Annual Christmas Luncheon, on January 6<sup>th</sup>. We have come to enjoy having this gathering after the holiday rush so we can sit back, relax and share our Christmas stories with each other. As always, we take a collection for our Veterans at this time. It was presented at their annual golf outing at the Veteran's home in Edison in June.

Our state's Chairman on Commemorative events, Mrs. Linda Aber joined us for a lovely March meeting, she brought us simple ways in which our chapter could participate more with commemorative events. So, our chapter collected 40 packets of seeds for the Hindeman Settlement School, to support their "Seed Shower" and we included 365 box tops as well.

Colonia High School benefitted from a native plant species courtyard garden and community outreach area through the grant writing undertaken by our chapter, including an Earth Day celebration as well.

Our ROTC medal was received by Marivy Borges at Perth Amboy High School.

We enjoyed Mr. Donald Peck's presentation about Woodbridge townships historical facts, through his book, A Spirited War, and tales of the Ghosts of the revolution through central New Jersey. We were all intrigued with his other writings as well.

We were thrilled at our October meeting with a presentation of "Fall Flavors" given by our Central District Director, Mrs. Susan Luczu. She gave us a wealth of information, tested our knowledge on fall flavors, totally blasted our taste buds and gave us valuable recipes which were graciously incorporated into our members holiday's menus.

Several members participated in Wreaths Across America on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the First Presbyterian Church in Woodbridge. Despite the ugly weather, our spirits were not dampened. We were finally able to tally and submit our Service to America hours, culminating with a combined 817 hours. Our Chaplin continues to make every one of our members lives

matter by receiving personalized birthday cards, yes, through the mail. We unfortunately had to mourn the passing of 4 of our members. These ladies all left their mark on our chapter and will be sadly missed.

Colleen B. Parlman  
Chapter Regent

## **MOORESTOWN**

The Moorestown Chapter held six chapter meetings in 2018. We also had 1 luncheon and an outing to the NJ DAR Headquarters, The Watson House, which was attended by 13 members. Chapter Programs included:

- The Watson House, presented by Honorary State Regent Mrs. Diane Argraves,
- DAR, Past Present and Future, presented by Reporter General Mrs. Cornelia Ball Olde,
- A program on Vietnam Veterans with the presentation to the chapter of an American Flag, by Captain Kevin Barret, that had been flown over Afghanistan and
- A presentation by Executive Director Lucille Beard of the Alice Paul Institute on the Suffergettes.

The chapter had a day of service which included the cutting of over \$4000.00 worth of coupons for families of deployed military along with writing greeting cards to over 100 deployed military men and women, along with the assembling of 12 care packages for the deployed men and women. Chapter members have attended both the spring and fall State meetings along with the Valley Forge Day. Eight members attended the Southern District Luncheon honoring our State Regent Mrs. Karen Stroevever.

Eight new members were added to the Moorestown Chapter, along with two transfers into the chapter. Chapter donations for 2018:

- \$150.00 to the Alice Paul Institute,
- \$150 to the Watson House,
- \$100.00 to the Tamassee School, including \$150.00 worth of Box Tops
- \$750.00 to the NJ Room at the DAR headquarters.
- Over 2,200 Volunteer Hours to Service to America.

The Moorestown Chapter is very involved with Veterans projects, donating personal items on a monthly basis to the Vineland Veterans

Memorial Home. Over 200 hours were spent visiting the residents of the Home. Seven of the chapter members participated in “Stand Down” for Homeless veterans and six members and their families participated in the laying of wreaths at the Wreaths Across America Ceremony.

Eight Chapter members participated in the Moorestown Day Festival and another ten participated in the Moorestown 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade handing out over 1000 American flags, Flag Codes and the Story of the Pledge of Allegiance at the combined events.

Chapter awards:

- Women in American History Award,
- VIS Award
- NJ DAR Americanism Award
- VIS Chapter award
- Chapter member Kellianne Mayer won the individual VIS State Award
- 5 awards from the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home, including the Volunteer Group of the year.

Moorestown Chapter presented eight JROTC awards to six schools and contacted ten schools for the Good Citizen Award with five schools participating. The Chapter also presented three 25 years of service certificates and donated 53 books to a local Literacy Program.

All chapter meetings included the reading of the President Generals message, National Defense Report, Preamble to the Constitution, Americans Creed, a Conservation Minute and a Constitution Minute. The Chapter acquired a Proclamation from the Township of Moorestown declaring Sept 17 -23 Constitution Week.

Diane Martin Donnelly  
Chapter Regent

## **MORRISTOWN**

The Morristown Chapter has been very busy this year. The year started with a presentation on eating healthy; how and where to purchase these. Also, the new trends such as veggie noodles and cauliflower pizza crust. It was a wonderful way to start the New Year.

As a Chapter, donations for many wonderful causes were collected. The generosity of our membership is overwhelming; A personal friend is stationed in Afghanistan with the United States Marine Corps and 16 large

ready to ship boxes were sent full of needed toiletries and goodies to all who are stationed with him; The 'Little Red School House' is passed around to donate extra to the DAR Schools; our now annual 'Giving Tree' provides needed personal items for our local battered women's shelter; Our first ever 'Soup'er Bowl Sunday collected over one hundred pounds of non-perishable food items for our local food pantry.

This Chapter also was a first time participant in Wreaths Across America. Three members, one hodar, and a granddaughter helped honor our deceased War Veterans.

A Morristown Annual event is Holly Walk. Again, this Chapter participated, decorating our beautiful Historic Schuyler Hamilton House in traditional Colonial holiday décor. Over two hundred visitors toured our house on this Saturday in December. The hours of preparation are in the hundreds.

The N.J.C.A.R. was welcomed to picnic on our grounds during their packet meeting over the summer. It's a pleasure to see these young members who do and learn so much. They are our future and it is nice to have them at our house.

This Chapter is honored to have a State Officer amongst our membership. We are honored to have so many women willing to donate their time and energy to help keep up not only the house but the grounds. We are honored to have our committee chairs that decorate libraries for Constitution Week, set up Flag displays, march in parades, attend Swearing in Ceremonies for New Citizens, make quilts for our Veterans, dedicate their Sundays to docent tours through our lovely house, receiving just under 1000 visitors in 2018, honor Good Citizens, American Essay Contest entrants, and Constitution Week Poster entries.

Carrie T Efinger  
Chapter Regent

## **NOVA CAESAREA**

Nova Caesarea Chapter is proud to be the oldest chapter in the State Society, and the third oldest chapter in the National Society. Its members volunteer within their communities and provide senior leadership for the New Jersey State Society Children of the American Revolution. This officer attended the N.J.C.A.R. State Conference in

March as well as the New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York C.A.R. State Conferences, the N.S.C.A.R. National Convention in April, the N.S.C.A.R. Mid Southern and New England Regional Meetings in June. Madam State Regent, it is a pleasure to serve under your administration.

Amy Northrop Wittorf  
Chapter Regent

## **OAK TREE**

The year 2018 was replete with learning experiences for Oak Tree Chapter. Some of the programs at the meetings included: two presentations and slide shows by the Chapter Regent about DAR Founding, the various rooms at National, and a report with photos about her trip to Continental Congress 2018. A program was presented by Stacy Roth about Molly Pitcher, including lessons in firing a cannon. The chapter had a NJ Council for the Humanities \$250 grant for that program. In October, Mr. Jack Mahon gave us a program about the Raptors of Salem County using slides to demonstrate the various types. Our Veterans celebration in November was a program given by retired Air Force DAR member Martha Hogan Battisti about her work with the guided missile systems. December found the chapter enjoying lunch and a tour of the Pennsville Historical Society.

The chapter presented a \$250 scholarship for Excellence in History to a Penns Grove-Carney's Point High School Senior at Senior Awards Night in June.

The chapter increased its Service to America Hours by about 90 this year. Service as a chapter included: collection of money, box tops and can tops for the schools, food collection for the local food bank. Members participated in the DAR Day of Service, the Million Pollinator Project and money was collected for the Tamassee School. Chapter members worked sorting and counting clothing and toiletries for the Vineland Veterans Home and a check for \$200 was given to the Vineland Veterans Home along with many clothing and toiletry items. Several members also went to the home and assisted with Christmas preparations.

By far, the biggest accomplishment in service was the "Wreaths Across America" on December 15, 2018. This was the chapter's eleventh year

collecting money for the 909 wreaths placed on the graves at Finns Point National Cemetery in Pennsville, NJ. Coordinator and chapter chaplain, Helen Petrin, headed up this effort. There were boy and girl scouts, military active and veterans, the local high school choir, donated school buses for transportation, buglers and refreshments.

The weather was cold and rainy but at least 300 people came and participated in placing the wreaths on the graves.

The Chapter admitted one new member in December. Oak Tree Chapter has worked hard to improve its rating in the Chapter Master Report and will continue to work towards the goal of new members.

Margaret Pietrantonio  
Chapter Regent

## **OLD WHITEHOUSE-GENERAL FRELINGHUYSEN- COLONEL LOWREY**

94 members reported 1,600 hours to Service to America. On DAR's National Day of Service members picked produce at Grow-a-Row and distributing it to clients of Flemington Harvest Family Success Center. The Ladies repeated their work for "Operation Gratitude" collecting 550 lbs. of left-over Halloween Candy at 16 businesses for servicemen and first responders. \$1100 was donated for shipping. The Chapter held 2 food drives collecting 650 lbs. and \$450 in cash and gift cards for the Flemington Food Pantry \$2,650 worth of items were donated to the Lyons VA Hospital's patients. One lady knitted 107 hats for them. Along with a Memorial Day Parade float, the Ladies passed out 100 American flags to bystanders with their contact information on them. They also sent DAR Schools \$90 and 60 labels and box tops. All NSDAR monetary contributions were met.

The Constitution Week Committee set up displays with handouts at four libraries. They incorporated material from NJ State Bar Association into them. Their work helped the NJ Eastern Division earn third place at NSDAR.

The Union Forge Heritage Association led a tour of the 1760 Joseph Turner House and the VanSyckle's Tavern. The Chapter also met at the

Lebanon Reformed Church's Skunk House. They learned the history of these places and contributed to their preservation.

Descendants of Revolutionary War Private Garrett Probasco joined the members commemorating the placement of his DAR grave marker at the North Branch Reformed Church Cemetery. For the holidays, wreaths were placed on the graves of the 9 Revolutionary Wars Soldiers buried in their DAR Memorial Park Cemetery.

4 winning Good Citizens shared \$700 and read their essays at the Chapter's annual Flag Day Ceremony. The SAR presented the Chapter and 4 Girl Scouts who participated in the event with SAR's first certificate of appreciation. The Chapter presented 10 Youth Citizenship Awards and 1 Jr. ROTC Award at school graduation ceremonies.

At 5 meetings we read: the Preamble, the President General's Message, National Defense for 3 minutes, and the Indian and Conservation minutes. The Sunshine Committee sent special birthday wishes to our six 90+ members, and every member received a Happy Birthday wish, sympathy, get well or thinking of you cards.

Junior Members served as officers; chapter, state, and national chairs and vice chairs; and pages. The Jr. Chair held a Golf Outing and another junior presented a program on Women's Issues. The VIS chair, a junior, manages the Chapter's website, Facebook, and Twitter accounts.

12 new members joined the Chapter this year and we lost 5 former members. 24% of the members subscribe to the American Spirit. 5 members completed the GEP1 course, 2 the GEP2 and 1 completed GEP3. 5 members attended NJDAR Sunday at Valley Forge. 3 members attended NJDAR's Flag Day event at the Patriot's Baseball Stadium. The Chapter aided the Central District with center pieces for the tables at NJDAR State Meetings and provided the voices for the Central Districts State Fund Raiser Luncheon. 2 members attended Continental Congress.

Beverly Smith  
Chapter Regent

## **PEGGY WARNE**

Due to significant snowstorm March 2018 meeting was cancelled.

April 2018 meeting included Milestone Awards postponed from cancelled March meeting. Two members of Peggy Warne Chapter received 5 years of service awards. Sue Sloan presented program about medical practices during Revolutionary War. Many soldiers suffered greatly from wounds and disease due to unsanitary and crowded conditions in makeshift hospitals. There were caring women and men who tended the soldiers, doing the fighting. Physicians did what they could to heal the soldiers with the knowledge and instruments available at the time.

May meeting was held at Merrill Creek Reservoir Education Center. Jane Bullis of the Center informed us of bird migration through the area and also forestation techniques used in the surrounding the reservoir. School children visit the reservoir area for education on conservation, as well as adults. Chapter donated magazines about conservation for the education programs.

June meeting venue was held in a new venue, Broadway UMC church, and flyers about Peggy Warne Chapter left to inform church members about DAR and our chapter. Gerri Calvin presented a very informative program on contributions of women to America, including Susan B. Anthony, "Sojourner Truth", "Lady Bird" Johnson, Rosa Parks, to name a few.

After the June meeting a number of our members stopped at the herb house which was on the property of Peggy Warne at the time, who had tended to the soldiers during the Revolutionary War. A plaque had been placed on the building by the chapter in the past. During the summer, area around the building was cleared of brush by member of chapter.

Our September meeting was on September 11, and a brief remembrance of 9/11 was included. Mentioned were the many trees planted around the reflecting pool. Survivor tree program donates seedlings, which communities nurture to symbolize resiliency and hope.

September program featured facts and stories about the Constitution and its attendees to the Constitutional Convention, such as James Madison Governor Morris; also, the rules of the Convention, with a short quiz following the presentation by Joan Boehm.

The chapter donated material for the Veteran's quilts put together at the September State Fall Conference. Also, children's patriotic books were given for distribution to urban school children. A member of chapter

posted picture and information about immigrant relative who became naturalized citizen many years ago. Naturalization ceremony was held during the Fall Conference, which member attended.

October meeting needed to be cancelled because of sickness of many members of chapter.

November, members of our chapter attended the Menlo Park Veterans Home for a Veterans Day Commemoration Event. It celebrated the Armistice of World War I. Members visited residents and stayed for the special Veterans Day ceremony. Many patriotic songs were sung and a memorable story by a resident veteran about his family's veterans sacrifices, as well as his time of service during war time.

Chapter contributed Christmas gifts to Menlo Park Veterans, which includes women veterans, Gifts of clothing and toiletries were donated, which totaled \$313.

December meeting was held at Belvidere Diner for a holiday celebration. Two awards were announced; one for Registrar for 10% Applications verified without Pre or Air Letters and the other, Chapter Achievement Award, Level 3. Brief program presented about Chocolate in Colonial America by Joan Boehm.

Chapter received one new member this year. Request made for assistance in application process of prospective members, which has been answered. We plan to work with State representative on prospective members for chapter.

Looking forward to more informative programs and projects in the coming year.

Joan Boehm  
Chapter Regent

### **POLLY WYCKOFF-DAVID DEMAREST**

The Chapter financially supported the following projects: \$100.00 for the recreation fund and \$200.00 for Christmas presents to the Menlo Park VA Nursing Home. Members also volunteered for the monthly mini-golf event. In support of the Everardus Bogardus Society, the Chapter

presented the New Jersey State C.A.R. with a \$30.00 donation for sponsoring the C.A.R. State Conference.

The Chapter held its third meeting at the Schoolhouse Museum in Ridgewood, NJ and \$100.00 was donated for historical preservation.

The Chapter held its annual awards luncheon at the Old 76 House in Tappan, NY. At the event, the chapter's nominee for 2018 Outstanding American History Teacher of the Year, Jon Bennett was honored. He was also honored for being awarded The Helen Pouch Memorial Grant. U.S. Army Veteran Larry Robertson was honored with the Distinguished Citizen Medal for his 42 consecutive years of service as a Teaneck First Responder (still active as an EMT Crew Chief); for his 25 years as a career Teaneck Firefighter; and for his current position as Teaneck O.E.M. Coordinator. Carol Banicki was honored with the Women in American History Award, for her dedication to historic preservation. Mr. Bennett, Ms. Banicki, and Mr. Robertson were also given DAR challenge coins.

Fair Lawn Mayor, Kurt Peluso, presented the Chapter with a Constitution Proclamation for Constitution Week. The Chapter awarded two Youth Citizenship Medals

In honor of Veteran's day, members served lunch to service members at the Hackensack Recruitment Center. Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy military service members were represented. Most of them had been deployed and several of them had multiple deployments under their belt. The lunch included home-made sandwiches, several sides, desserts, chips and drinks.

Students from the Charles A. Selzer School participated in the DAR American History Essay Contest.

Programs were presented including the Bill of Rights, DAR Schools, the United States involvement in WWI and the Anniversary of the Treaty of Versailles, historic promotion and preservation, and American history education in our schools.

The Chapter had a rewarding year.

Jan McCart  
Chapter Regent

## PRINCETON

The Princeton Chapter, NJDAR continues to grow and reposition itself in the community of Princeton. During 2018, a strong was finally seated, enabling the Chapter to begin the process of taking on important projects in the community. Princeton continues to receive requests to join from both new and existing members as either full or associate members.

In early 2018, Princeton Chapter began the Princeton Wars Memorial Bench Restoration Project to be completed during 2019. Total cost - \$7,000. The Wars Memorial Bench, at the intersection of Mercer and Nassau Streets, takes the form of a semi-circular exedra placed on a circular base. A tablet mounted to the exedra indicates that it was erected to honor Princeton residents who served in the Great War. The project was conceived and proposed in 1918 by a committee of prominent citizens as “a common expression of admiration and gratitude towards those who died in a great cause”. This classical sandstone bench is showing it’s 93 years of age. From a distance, the memorial bench shows it’s curving, graceful shape. Yet a closer inspection shows the need for cleaning. In addition, the broken masonry on the steps indicate a potential safety hazard, and the cracks on the bench will widen if not repaired. The stone steps up to the Bench are in need of repair and the Bench needs to be re-caulked in the seams and cracks. The restoration, done by retired local expert stone mason, Vincent Baldino, will preserve the Bench’s integrity.

The date of the re-dedication of the Wars Memorial is yet to be finalized.

The goal was reached through the monies collected from the Annual Holiday Silent Auction (\$4,100 raised through the Silent Auction, business sponsors, and individual donations) along with the Chapter commitment of \$3,000. \$250 was collected for Puppies Behind Bars.

As of December 2018, the Princeton Chapter has begun collaborating with the Princeton Cranbury SAR Chapter on local projects and events.

Joanne Shypula  
Chapter Regent

## RED BANK

The Red Bank Chapter had a very memorable 2018. The Chapter held Executive Board meetings in January and February, completing annual reports and preparing for the coming year.

In March, Red Bank honored five Good Citizens at the South Jersey Technology Park at Rowan University. The students and their families were given a tour and visited the virtual reality lab. High Schools represented included: Delsea Regional, Glassboro, Pitman, Washington Township and Williamstown. Chapter members Debbie Van Dexter, Good Citizens Chairperson, and Sarah Piddington, South Jersey Technology Park Director, hosted the event.

In April, Red Bank members visited the Old Barracks Museum in Trenton. Members took a tour, learning about the Barracks' notable place in Revolutionary War history.

In May, at the final Chapter meeting for the 2017 – 2018 DAR business year, member Nora Taylor hosted the Chapter at the Wenonah Memorial Presbyterian Church. Members donated covered dishes and fellowshiped together in the Church's activity hall. Nora guided members on a tour through the sanctuary, highlighting the stained glass.

Also in May, Chapter members donated baked goods to be sold at the Pitman Spring Craft Fair.

Red Bank board members met several times during the summer and hosted a Prospective Members Meet and Greet, held on August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Riverview Pavilion at Red Bank Battlefield. Approximately twenty-five members, prospective members and guests attended. Board members signed, and later submitted, seven sets of NSDAR application papers for DAR membership.

In September, Red Bank started the 2018 – 2019 DAR business year with a meeting at the Mullica Hill Library. Approximately twenty people attended the meeting and enjoyed a presentation regarding Constitution Week by Registrar Linda Boyd.

Additionally, Executive Board members participated in several events and activities, including the Naturalization Ceremony, held at the NJDAR Fall State Conference in Princeton.

In October, Red Bank met and enjoyed Rowan University Student Katie D'Aquilante's presentation on the history and artifacts of Winterthur Museum in Delaware.

Red Bank members also donated a large Silent Voices basket to the Southern District Luncheon, held at the Greater Bay Country Club in Somers Point.

In November, Regent Debbie Wilkins attended the DAR New Jersey Sunday Service and Luncheon at Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge National Park. Reva Meighan, Red Bank Treasurer and Veteran's Chairperson, along with several chapter members, attended the Veteran's Day festivities at the Vineland Veterans Home. Gift cards and donations from Red Bank Chapter members were presented.

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Red Bank Chapter hosted a Christmas Brunch at the Telford Inn in Mantua. The forty guests included numerous Chapter members, guests, and nine Prospective Members whose papers had been verified and approved during the past twelve months. These nine ladies are, in alphabetical order: Dr. Rosemary Biggio, Duanne Boyle, Mel Bradley, Christine Ford, Sally Livoti, Sue McCauley, Jean Swisher, Suzanne Swisher, and Mary Whitman. Executive Board Members Debbie Wilkins, Regent, Linda Boyd, Registrar, and Beverly Gerhart, Chaplain, officiated at the swearing-in of these new members.

Debbie Wilkins  
Chapter Regent

## **SADDLE RIVER**

The Saddle River Chapter had three programs in 2018 that fulfilled the American Heritage and American History categories: Fabric and Textiles of Colonial and Early 1800 Times; DVD- Triangle Fire; and Palisades Amusement Park.

The American Indian Minute was read at all meetings, and \$200 went to the American Indian Scholarship Fund. A wreath was presented at the Ridgewood Memorial Day Service, and with the help of the C.A.R. chapter – The Washington Elm, over 3000 flags were placed on veterans' graves at Washington Memorial Cemetery. The chapter also participated in the Ridgewood Fourth of July Parade and invited the C.A.R. to join

them. Two chapter members attended the fall State Meeting and reported back. Recommendations on various aspects of women's health were addressed at several meetings.

Celebrate America volunteer hours totaled 1549. Each meeting opened with the DAR ritual. The Chaplain conducted one memorial service and gave Sunshine Reports at 6 meetings. Five contacts were made, and one 90<sup>th</sup> birthday card was sent. A Constitution minute and an excerpt from the National Defender were read at each meeting. Displays honoring Constitution week were exhibited in 7 schools and 2 libraries. Articles are regularly submitted to 3 local newspapers and to the "Crossroads Courier". Nine Schools were contacted for the Good Citizen's Award, and two applications were received. Both entries are winners at the chapter level and received scholarships totally \$600. One submission was selected by the state as their second-place winner.

Two books were presented to the Ridgewood Library's Historic Room, and the chapter contributed \$200 to the Friends of the Library and \$100 to Friends of Seimes. The chapter has 41 subscriptions to the DAR Magazine, and the President General's message was read at all meetings.

This chapter contributed \$200 to the DAR Museum Exhibition Fund and \$100 to Project Patriot. Friends of the DAR Scholarship received \$200, \$25 to NJDAR State Scholarship and \$25 to Betty Bradbury Vail Scholarship. 469 box tops and labels were collected for the Kate Duncan Smith School. \$200 was contributed to the Friends of the DAR schools. Through the state \$25 was given to the NJ Cottage at Tamasee, to DAR Schools, and to Educational Programs & Funds. This chapter contributed \$200 to the NSDAR Archives, and \$25 to Historic Programs and Funds. Chapter Achievement contributions of \$75 went to National, \$240 to State, and \$250 to the President General's Project. The chapter participated in the Lord and Taylor "Shop Smart, Do Good Charity Event" Fund Raiser.

The Saddle River Chapter welcomed 2 new members, bringing the total number of members to 100.

Charlotte McCarthy Martyn  
Chapter Regent

## SHREWSBURY TOWNE-MONMOUTH

As of December 31, 2018, our chapter had 84 members and four associate members. Each chapter meeting included Defense minutes, Flag minutes, Women's Issues and Conservation minutes. Indian minutes were either read aloud or printed in our newsletter.

We welcomed State Regent Karen Stroever to speak at our February meeting. Children's author Robert Skead spoke in March. April's meeting focused on the American History Essay contest with winners reading their essays; our chapter's nominee for Outstanding American History Teacher also spoke. Our informal May picnic meeting featured Deb Hvizdos' account of genealogy hunting on her recent trip to Ireland and Scotland. In October, our first meeting after the summer, several officers spoke on 'Some Things You Might Not Know About DAR' explaining terms (ex. 'voices', 'Member for Member', CMR) that might be unfamiliar to newer members. November's speaker was a Certified Sleep Educator whose topic 'Are You Getting a Good Night's Sleep' attracted a good crowd. Historic preservation was addressed at December's meeting, with an NYU art history professor describing past and present efforts at the Ocean Grove national historic site.

During the year, members were active in many ways. Seven participated in Naturalization ceremonies at Sayreville Library and Montgomery Lower Middle School. At Shrewsbury Towne's Memorial Day ceremony, we awarded Mayor Burden a certificate of appreciation for his warm support of our chapter. In June, we again set up an information table during the Battle of Monmouth reenactment weekend. At the annual Ocean Grove house tour, chapter members served as docents. Four read to elementary students during October. We strongly encouraged members to log their Service to America hours: our total was 11,214 - astonishing considering 2017 was just over 4,000. To be fair, Deb Hvizdos' task of rebuilding state-wide websites accounted for over 1,000 hours.

A New Member Tea took place in September: the initiation was held in October. Four certificates of membership were presented at our December meeting: one of these was to Ruth Reighard who accumulated 70 years of membership.

We put forth a candidate for the History Teacher of the Year award. For the second year, our chapter presented an ROTC Bronze Medal to a Long Branch High School cadet.

Nine schools participated in the American History Essay Contest, submitting over 500 essays. Two won at the state level. Contest participants were asked to provide school supplies, and these were donated to Hindman Settlement School. Four area high schools participated in DAR Good Citizens, with four students given recognition.

At our December luncheon, voices raised a total of \$940 which was divided between two local charities: HABcore and Family Promise.

Our chapter's website is maintained and regularly updated. A bi-monthly newsletter containing chapter, state and national information goes to all members via email or US mail.

It has been a pleasure serving this year.

Kathleen J. Evans  
Chapter Regent

## **THE COASTAL WATCH**

The Coastal Watch Chapter had a very successful year. Members and associate members were encouraged to join in events as the Chapter embarked on numerous activities.

In the spring, members volunteered to hostess at a Vietnam veteran's breakfast at a local high school. Members assisted with serving light breakfast foods and ensuring the students were interacting with the different veterans, who displayed equipment and told of their experiences.

The Chapter Awards Committee presented the Good Citizens Award to a deserving student. They also presented medals and certificates to ROTC cadets at two different schools. In addition, the Chapter Vice Regent presented the Youth Citizenship Medal to an Eagle Scout and life member of the Children of the American Revolution.

A new Chapter Board was installed in July, and it wasted no time in setting new goals. The Chapter Membership Committee quickly formed a new schedule of meetings and activities. This was followed with a new

Chapter yearbook, which was emailed to the members and associate members in two different formats for their convenience. Also, a new Chapter newsletter was created and is emailed every two months.

The Coastal Watch Chapter members have been very generous with donations throughout the year. They donated more than 70 containers of body wash and deodorant to the NJ Veteran's Memorial Home. The Chapter members also donated several items for women and girls to the Hope Center, a local charity. In addition, the Chapter sponsored ten gift bags containing patriotic items, which were given to new citizens of the United States. Our Chapter Registrar/former Regent gave a donation, in the Chapter's name, to Wreaths Across America. She also donated her time to a memorial garden in Allenhurst, NJ throughout the growing seasons.

In November, the Chapter Regent gained approval as an official Counselor of the Boy Scout Genealogy Merit Badge. She then taught sessions to several scouts of a local troop. The boys earned the merit badge and learned to trace their own family histories. Several parents enthusiastically attended the sessions as well.

Also, in November, the Chapter hosted an 18<sup>th</sup> century fashion show presented by the Monmouth County Historical Association. The program was held at the library and open to the public. The event was very informative and fun.

In December, the Chapter members held an annual fundraiser by wrapping gifts at Barnes & Noble bookstore. The proceeds will help fund the Chapter's future activities.

The Chapter has several new membership applications being processed. A strong goal for the upcoming year is to increase the current membership. In the meantime, the Chapter consists of daughters, who are enthusiastic about stepping up for a good cause.

Cheryl Blake  
Regent

## WESTFIELD

Dear Madam State Regent:

The year 2018 far surpassed the previous year in the Westfield Chapter with successful activities and tremendous growth. The chapter participated in many new and exciting events and activities and expanded their involvement with DAR projects.

January 2018 began with a board meeting to plan events and discuss new and potential members. Chapter members assisted the veterans with “Crazy Hat Golf” on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park, NJ. A meeting was held on March 15<sup>th</sup> where discussions continued on planning events and committees and the upcoming NJDAR Spring Conference.

Chapter members were delighted with a presentation by local author Joanne Rajoppi on women’s post-Civil War struggles at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting followed by discussion and questions. April also included an Immigration Naturalization Ceremony on the 21<sup>st</sup> in Woodbridge, NJ, for which members filled DAR gift bags, and several members attended the NJDAR Spring Conference on the 28<sup>th</sup> where the chapter donated canned food for the homeless.

The Chapter continued their Memorial Day tradition of putting flowers on the grave of local legend ‘Betty Frazee’, and awards for Good Citizenship and History were presented on June 8<sup>th</sup> to graduates at Holy Trinity Intermediate School. On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, a group of chapter ladies sponsored BINGO, including donating the winnings, at the Veterans Home in Menlo Park. This was a new and very well received event this year. Continuing with summer, the Westfield Chapter sponsored the Immigration Naturalization Ceremony in Plainfield on July 14<sup>th</sup>, and members helped the veterans enjoy themselves at “Cowboy Golf” at the Veterans Home in Menlo Park.

A busy Fall included a photo with the Westfield Mayor for Constitution Week, the Fall NJDAR Meeting, a big October 26<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting with several new members being sworn in, the chapter’s annual Veterans Day desserts at the American Legion, NJDAR Regents Lunch on November 18<sup>th</sup>, writing Christmas cards to the Veterans on November 24<sup>th</sup>, and gift packing and sorting at the Veterans Home in Menlo Park December 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

It is an honor to serve as the Westfield Chapter Regent and be an active part of the NJDAR. The Chapter will continue to grow its membership and fulfill the mission of the NSDAR.

Barb Benko  
Chapter Regent

### **YE OLDE NEWTON-NASSAU**

Our chapter held five regular meetings in 2018 and one “field trip” to the Indian King Tavern in Haddonfield for a tour and history lecture.

All regular meetings are held at 1 pm at the Collins-Knight House in Collingswood, NJ. We had programs on the Vietnam War, and the history of the Collins Knight House. In addition, we did a family tree craft and made holiday cards.

Chapter members participated in Wreaths Across America, Naturalization ceremonies in Camden and at the Fall State meeting, volunteered at the Vineland Veterans’ home, helped host the Fall State Meeting and the Fall Southern Luncheon, and donated an art basket for fundraising for the State Regent’s Project.

Our chapter sponsored a DAR Good Citizen from Cinnaminson High School: Erinkimber Cunnane.

“The Little Chapter That Could” Award was an unexpected and exciting acknowledgement at the Spring Conference. We have 4 prospective members currently working on their applications.

Josephine Ann Guscott  
Chapter Regent

***BYLAWS OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE  
SOCIETY OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE  
DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION***

***ARTICLE I – Name***

The name of the organization shall be THE NEW JERSEY STATE  
SOCIETY OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS  
OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

hereinafter referred to as NJDAR.

***ARTICLE II – Objects***

The objects of this Society shall be to promote the objects of the  
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, hereinafter  
referred to as the National Society.

(1) To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who  
achieved American Independence; by the acquisition and protection of  
historical spots and the erection of monuments; by the encouragement of  
historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its  
results, by the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of  
the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots; and by the  
promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries;

(2) To carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the  
American people, “to promote, as an object of primary importance,  
institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge,” thus developing an  
enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages  
as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of  
American Citizens;

(3) To cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom,  
to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for all  
mankind all the blessings of liberty.

## ***ARTICLE III – Members***

**Section 1.** Membership. The membership of the state society shall consist of the chapters in good standing of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution in the State of New Jersey.

**Section 2.** New Chapters. The Recording Secretary shall enroll a chapter newly confirmed by the National Society as a member of New Jersey State Society upon receipt of the following information from the chapter: name of the chapter; the date of its organization; the names of its officers and its members.

## ***ARTICLE IV - Fees and Dues***

**Section 1.** Annual Dues. The annual state dues of \$10.00 for each chapter member shall be sent by the chapter treasurer and postmarked no later than December 1. A chapter whose dues have not been paid before December 1 shall be notified by the state treasurer that the chapter shall not be entitled to representation at the state conference.

**Section 2.** New Chapters. Newly organized chapters shall pay the dues required per member to the State Treasurer within one year of the date of its organization to entitle the chapter to representation at the state conference. New chapters, organized after the annual state conference, are exempt from state dues until December 1.

**Section 3.** Reinstated members. Members who are reinstated prior to July 1 shall pay the dues required per member to the state treasurer.

**Section 4.** State Conference. A registration fee shall be collected for the state conference and meeting, the amount to be determined by the state board of management.

**Section 5.** Fiscal year. The fiscal year shall be January 1 through the last day of December.

## *ARTICLE V – Officers*

**Section 1. Officers.** The elected officers of the New Jersey State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution shall be regent, vice regent, chaplain, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, organizing secretary, treasurer, registrar, historian and librarian. The regent may appoint a parliamentarian, who acts as an advisor in matters pertaining to Parliamentary Law and Procedure; advise the state society, board of management and chapters, when requested; maintain a file of current chapter bylaws. As a member of the state board of management in this advisory capacity, she does not have a vote.

**Section 2. Term of Office.** The term of office shall be for three years or until their successors are elected. The term of office shall begin no earlier than at the close of the Continental Congress at which the regent and vice regent are confirmed. A member having served more than one-half a term in office shall be deemed to have served a full term.

### **Section 3. Eligibility.**

- A.** To be eligible for the office of state regent or state vice regent, a member shall hold and have held membership in a chapter within the New Jersey State Society for at least five (5) years prior to her election and have served a term as chapter regent.
- B.** To be eligible for any other office a member shall have been a member of a New Jersey State Society chapter for at least five (5) years.
- C.** A chapter may not have more than one state officer at one time.
- D.** A member holding two or more offices each carrying a vote at an annual state conference shall be limited to vote only in one of the offices held by said member.
- E.** No state officer shall be eligible to serve two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.
- F.** No state officer shall hold a state office and a chapter office at the same time.

**Section 4. Vacancy.** The State Board of Management shall fill a vacancy in any office, except that of state regent, within 60 days. If the office of state regent becomes vacant, the state vice regent shall become state regent automatically provided she has been confirmed as state vice regent.

**Section 5.** Honorary State Regent. A member who has completed a term as State Regent may be elected honorary state regent for life by a majority voice vote at the state conference at which her successor is elected. She shall have all the rights and privileges of a voting member as long as she remains a member in good standing in a chapter of this state. Honorary state regents shall be exempt from state dues and conference registration fees.

**Section 6.** Honorary State Officer. A member of the State Board of Management who has demonstrated extraordinary service may be elected honorary state officer for life by a majority voice vote at a state conference. She shall have all the rights and privileges of a voting member as long as she remains a member in good standing in a chapter of this state. Honorary state officers shall be exempt from state dues and conference registration fees.

## *Article VI – Nominations*

**Section 1.** Endorsement. A candidate, whose consent has been obtained, shall be endorsed by her chapter. This endorsement will be in writing. No chapter shall present a candidate for office before Continental Congress preceding the year of the election.

**Section 2.** Nominations. Nominations of candidates for all state offices shall be made from the floor of the State Conference providing the consent of the nominee has been obtained and the nominee shall have

the endorsement of her chapter in writing. A candidate for a state office shall send her name, address and the state office for which she is candidate to the State Recording Secretary no later than sixty (60) days prior to the State Conference at which she is to be a candidate.

## ***Article VII – Elections***

**Section 1.** State Officers. Officers shall be elected for a term of three (3) years at the annual State Conference in the same year as the National Society election occurs. A majority vote shall elect. If there is only one nominee for any office, the election for that office may be by voice vote. A member who has served more than half a term in any office shall be considered to have served a term.

**Section 2.** Vice President General. A candidate for the office of Vice President General shall have been endorsed for the office by a majority vote by ballot at a State Conference of the state in which she holds membership. The motion for endorsement shall designate the specific Continental Congress at which she desires to be a candidate for election and shall be made not more than eighteen months in advance of the Congress so designated.

**Section 3.** No state monies shall be provided for campaigns.

## ***ARTICLE VIII - Duties of Officers***

**Section 1.** Duties. The officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, by the bylaws of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the National Society.

**Section 2.** The regent shall:

- A. preside at all meetings of the state, the board of management and have general supervision of the affairs of the society;
- B. have the option to appoint a parliamentarian who shall be approved by the state board of management. The parliamentarian shall serve in an advisory capacity, without vote and shall not be a member of the state board of management. The parliamentarian shall maintain a file of current chapter bylaws;
- C. appoint all committees, not otherwise provided for;
- D. be ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee, audit committee, and disciplinary committee;
- E. sign checks in the absence of the treasurer;
- F. sign all contracts and agreements made in the name of the state and authorized by the state conference or the board of management;
- G. engage a certified public accountant, with the approval of the board of management at its first meeting following the annual state conference at which officers have been elected, to perform an audit;
- H. perform such other duties as the National Society may require or as directed state board of management, or the state conference.

**Section 3.** The vice regent shall:

- A. perform the duties and responsibilities of the regent in her absence or inability to serve;
- B. fill the unexpired term if a vacancy occurs in the office of regent;
- C. sign checks in the absence or inability of the regent and treasurer;
- D. perform such other duties as may be directed by the National Society, regent, the board of management, or the state conference.

**Section 4.** The State Chaplain shall:

- A. open all meetings with reading of scripture and prayer;
- B. conduct memorial services and religious services as may be required or requested;
- C. keep a file of all deceased members of the state;
- D. perform other duties as may be directed by the Chaplain General, regent, the state board of management or the state conference.

**Section 5.** The state recording secretary shall:

- A. keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the State Society and the board of management;
- B. be custodian of the state records;
- C. notify officers and chairmen of votes and of proceedings of these meetings, which affect their duties;
- D. compile, edit and print the Annual Proceedings;
- E. perform such other duties as may be directed by the Recording Secretary General, regent, the state board of management or the state conference.

**Section 6.** The corresponding secretary shall:

- A. send notices of all meetings to the appropriate members;
- B. send notice of proposed bylaws amendments to all chapters, voters, delegates and alternates thirty days before the state conference;
- C. conduct correspondence as may be requested;
- D. compile and publish the directory;
- E. purchase, print and distribute stationary;
- F. perform other duties designated by the Corresponding Secretary General, regent, the state board of management or the state conference.

**Section 7.** The state organizing secretary shall:

- A. assist in organizing new chapters, assist in the merging of chapters, and the disbanding of chapters;
- B. consult with the regent concerning chapters whose membership falls below the number specified by NSDAR bylaws and chapters in danger of disbanding, and assist such chapters;
- C. assist the Lineage Research and Volunteer Genealogist committees as needed;
- D. perform other duties designated by the Organizing Secretary General, regent, the state board of management or the state conference.

**Section 8.** The state treasurer shall:

- A. be the custodian of all funds and securities;
- B. be bonded in an amount determined by the board of management and paid for by the New Jersey State Society;

C. disburse funds by check only upon order of the state conference or the board of management; D. deposit the funds in such banks or financial institutions as may be designated by the board of management and approved by the state regent;

E. prepare a detailed financial statement representing funds received and dispersed from the beginning of the fiscal year to be presented to the state board of management;

F. close the books at the end of the fiscal year for audit by a Certified Public Accountant after which, it is adopted by the state board of management and which may be published in the proceedings;

G. provide NSDAR by May 31 each year with a copy of the appropriate IRS form 990 or confirmation the at the 990-N epostcard has been filed, a copy of the state's annual financial report, and a copy of the audit report;

H. ensure that all chapters comply with IRS and state filing requirements, receive a copy of the chapters' filed federal tax returns or confirmations that the 990-N epostcard has been filed, and that any electronic state forms have been filed as required;

I. on November 1, notify chapters that they will be in arrears for State Society dues as of December 1;

J. receive from chapters their state dues, and contributions other than national dues, for national, state and chapter projects, and shall transmit these contributions for the purposes designated by the contributors;

K. have charge of the seal;

L. perform other duties designated by the Treasurer General, regent, the state board of management or the state conference.

## **Section 9.** The registrar shall:

A. keep a record of all chapters including chapter names, dates of organization, names of all members with the support of eMembership, with their national number, date of admission, ancestral lines, dates of marriages, divorces, births, and deaths;

B. keep records of all state officers, past and present, and

national officers from New Jersey;

C. prepare such data as the chaplain may require for the preparation of the necrology to read at the annual State Conference;

D. compile a list of genealogists and make it available to applicants who desire assistance to prove a line of descent;

E. perform other duties designated by the Registrar General, regent, the state board of management or the state conference.

**Section 10.** The historian shall:

A. keep a record of historical and commemorative work done in the state;

B. send a report of each state conference for publication in the Daughter's newsletter;

C. keep an updated inventory of the NJDAR material on file at the state headquarters;

D. perform such other historical works as may be designated by the office of the Historian General;

E. perform other duties designated by the regent, the state board of management or the state conference.

**Section 11.** The librarian shall:

A. solicit, collect and catalog historical and genealogical books, with emphasis on New Jersey, for the DAR Library and file duplicate copies in the New Jersey DAR section at the Special Collections and University Archives, Alexander Library at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, 169 College Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey;

B. perform other duties designated by the Librarian General, regent, the state board of management, or the state conference.

## ***ARTICLE IX - Meetings***

**Section 1.** State Conference. The annual meeting of the state shall be held in the month of April, unless otherwise ordered by the board of management or the executive committee, for the purpose of receiving reports, electing officers and transacting other necessary business. The

regent shall appoint a conference chairman and in consultation with her determine the site of the state conference.

**Section 2. Special Meetings.** The regent shall call special meetings of the state when ordered by six members of the board of management, or when requested by 10 chapters. The business for which the special meeting is called shall be stated in the call and no other business shall be transacted at the special meeting. At least fifteen (15) days notice shall be given.

**Section 3. Voting Members.** The voting members for state meetings shall be:

- A. the elected state officers as provided in these bylaws;
- B. the honorary state regents, honorary state officers, national officers and honorary national officers whose membership is within the state;
- C. the chapter regent or in her absence the first vice regent or her alternate;
- D. the elected delegates or alternates of each chapter of the state entitled to representation at the Continental Congress or special meeting of the National Society.

**Section 4. Chapter Representation.**

- A. The number of representatives from each chapter shall be the same number allowed by the National Society at Continental Congress;
- B. Delegates and alternates shall have belonged to the chapter at least one continuous year immediately preceding the Continental Congress to be eligible to represent the chapter, except the regent or first vice regent of a newly organized chapter;
- C. Each chapter may elect two (2) alternates for each delegate;
- D. The delegates and alternates selected shall be delegates and alternates to attend any special meeting of the state, which may be held prior to the annual state conference of the next year.

**Section 5. Quorum.** One-fourth (1/4) of the total voting members present with credentials shall constitute a quorum for the state conference and Special Meetings.

**Section 6.** Attendance. All members of the New Jersey Daughters of the American Revolution in good standing shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor at state conference.

**Section 7.** Credentials Committee. As soon as possible after the election of delegates and alternates and no later than 30 days postmarked prior to the state conference, a typed list of delegates and alternates to the state conference shall be sent to the regent, treasurer and to the chair of the credentials committee. The committee will verify that the delegate count is authorized and that those elected are in good standing.

**Section 8.** Proxy voting. There shall be no proxy voting at any state meeting.

**Section 9.** Notice. Unless members indicate otherwise to the regent and recording secretary, in writing, all communication required in these bylaws, including meeting notices, may be sent using electronic measures, including email.

**Section 9.** Districts. The state shall be divided into three (3) geographical districts by the Board of Management. District Directors shall:

- A. be appointed by the State Regent;
- B. act as leaders of district wide events and functions;
- C. be assigned to direct and communicate with district chapters and committees;
- D. assist the Chapter Development and Revitalization Committee;
- E. perform other duties designated by the State Regent and as pertains to the appointment.

**Section 10.** Autumn Meeting. A general meeting of the state society and/or other meeting shall be held in the second half of each year

known as the autumn meeting, the time and place of which shall be arranged by the regent. The object of the autumn meeting of the state society shall be to promote enthusiasm and the patriotic aims of the Daughters of the American Revolution. No business of the state society, which would normally be considered and acted upon at a state conference, may be considered and acted upon at such autumn meeting unless prior written notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting shall be given in the manner provided for the call of special meetings [Article IX, Section 2].

## ***ARTICLE X - Board of Management***

**Section 1.** Members. The members of the board of management shall be:

A. the elected officers of the New Jersey State Society consisting of the ten (10) state officers: regent, vice regent, chaplain, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, organizing secretary, treasurer, registrar, historian and librarian.

**Section 2.** Meetings. The board of management shall meet at the call of the regent at least four

(4) times during the year, one of which shall be at the time of the annual state conference. Special meetings of the board of management may be held at the call of the State Regent, and shall be called upon the written request of six (6) of the State Officers. At least five (5) days' notice of the time and place of regular and special meetings shall be given each member of said board. Votes may be by mail, email or teleconference if necessary, and will be reaffirmed at the next board of management meeting.

The Board of Management shall:

- A. have all power and authority over the affairs of the New Jersey State Society during the interim between meetings of the New Jersey State Society excepting that of modifying any action taken by the state conference;
- B. be the custodian for all real and personal property of the New Jersey State Society;
- C. make a complete report at each meeting of the Board of Management;
- D. approve the budget at the first meeting following Continental Congress;
- E. authorize the expenditures within the adopted budget;
- F. approve appointment of a Certified Public Accountant;
- G. fill vacancies in elective state offices;
- H. fix the time and place of the state conference when not arranged by the preceding conference.

**Section 3.** Quorum. A quorum for any regular or special meeting of the board of management shall be six (6) members.

**Section 4.** Proxy voting. There shall be no proxy voting.

**Section 5.** Contractual work for a project costing five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) or greater shall require procurement of three (3) bids before award is made. The lowest bidder for the same quality work and/or supplies shall be awarded the contract or work required. The Board of Management, by a majority vote, shall render the final decision as to what constitutes same quality.

**Section 6.** The Board of Management shall receive notice of all bequests to the New Jersey State Society, NSDAR. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Management to study the terms and conditions of said bequests prior to acceptance or rejection of same as funds must be used for approved DAR projects.

**Section 7.** No individual will benefit from the income of any bequest or from any state or chapter funds.

## ***ARTICLE XI - Committees***

**Section 1.** State Committees. The State Committees shall be: Bylaws; Conference Committee; Finance; Founders Committee; New Jersey Period Room; New Jersey Sunday at Valley Forge; Newsletter; NJDAR Awards, Contests & Scholarships; State Regent's Project; and Tours & Travel.

**Section 2.** Members. The regent shall appoint the members of committees and of such other committees as the board of management shall create.

**Section 3.** The Bylaws Committee shall:

- A. review the state bylaws for compliance with NSDAR Bylaws;
- B. submit any necessary amendments to the Board of Management prior to the State Conference;
- C. edit and correlate proposed amendments from chapters or the board of management before notice is given;
- D. prepare the notice of proposed amendments for distribution by the corresponding secretary thirty (30) days prior to the conference to all voting members, including chapter regents.

**Section 4.** The Finance Committee shall consist of the state chairman, regent and treasurer. The committee shall:

- A. prepare an annual budget based on receipts of the preceding year;
- B. present the budget for approval at the first meeting of the board of management following Continental Congress;
- D. supervise expenditures within the adopted budget.

**Section 5.** Quorum. A quorum of each committee shall be a majority of the committee members.

**Section 6.** Proxy voting. There shall be no proxy voting.

## ***ARTICLE XII - Chapter Responsibilities***

**Section 1.** The Chapter Regent, immediately following her election shall furnish:

- A. a list of chapter officers to the office of the Organizing Secretary General, the state regent and the state corresponding secretary;
- B. the name of the corresponding chapter officer to each state officer;
- C. the name of the corresponding chapter chairman to each state chairman;
- D. a current copy of the chapter bylaws to the state parliamentarian and state chair of the bylaws committee;
- E. a current copy of the chapter yearbook to the state officers.

**Section 2.** The Chapter Regent shall complete the Chapter Master Report or ensure it is completed and submit it as instructed by the State Regent. The information is to be used in compiling the state report to the National Society.

## ***ARTICLE XIII - Reports***

**Section 1.** Each State Officer, the District Directors, the Regent of each chapter, the State Chairman of each national committee, state committee, and the State Chairmen of such special committees as may be requested by the State Regent or the State Board of Management, shall prepare an annual report. These reports shall be submitted to the State Regent and the State Recording Secretary.

**Section 2.** Each State Officer, State Chairman of National, State and Special Committees shall pass to her successor all materials pertaining

to the office within thirty (30) days of the close of the Continental Congress in the year of her election or appointment.

## ***ARTICLE XIV - Parliamentary Authority***

The rules contained in the current Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws or rulings of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, these bylaws or any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

## ***ARTICLE XV - Amendment of Bylaws***

**Section 1.** Notice. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any state conference, provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent to the board of management, the national officers and honorary national officers of the state, honorary state regents, honorary state officers, and all chapters of the state, at least thirty (30) days before the State Conference.

**Section 2.** Effective. Any amendment to the bylaws shall take effect at the close of the state conference at which it is adopted unless otherwise provided for prior to its adoption or in the motion to adopt.

**Section 3.** Mandatory Amendments. Any amendment to the bylaws of the National Society shall become the law of the state without further notice.

## ***ARTICLE XVI - Liability***

The State Society shall be an independent legal entity from the National Society, solely responsible in all instances, for their debts, legal obligations, liabilities, expenditures, claims made against it and any actions taken by it.

## ***ARTICLE XVII - Dissolution***

Although the period of duration of the state organization is perpetual, if for any reason the state organization is to be dissolved or otherwise terminated, no part of the property of the state organization or any of the proceeds shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any of the officers or members of the state organization. Upon the dissolution of the state organization, assets shall be distributed by the Board of Management to and only to the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. [Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the local United States District Court, exclusively to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3), with purposes and objectives consistent with those of the state organization.]

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