

Towamencin Chapter DAR Minutes

Meeting: September 12, 2015

Place: American Legion Post 234, 353 N. Main St., Souderton, PA, 18964

Attendance: Sandy McCarthy, Pat Hallman, Cynthia Cooper, Elizabeth Semon, Peggy Sellers, Beth Lentz, Joan Cossman, Shirley Sargent, Carol Morrell, Bonnie Marino, Linda Donaldson, Karlyn Shedloreski, Sara Natali, Jessica Hoppe, Dale Hoppe, Joyce Greaver, Carla L Blumenfeld, Mary Rose DriDomizco, Linda Hatcher, Molly Jager, Martha Foote, Jackie Carter, Sue Johnston, Pam Martino, Carole Bishop, Samantha Hennenfent, Diane Husted, Stephanie Seely, Margie Gehlhaus, Holly Hayick, Melissa

Meeting called to order by the Regent, Sandra McCarthy at 10:45 AM, followed by the Opening Ritual, Pledge of Allegiance, American Creed and America the Beautiful.

CAR Message: Presented by children members and Stephanie Seely, with leadership from Carla Blumenfeld and Sue Johnston. One may help support the NSDAR CAR goal for the George Washington Tent restoration by purchasing CAR shirts and pins. Programs distributed for next term, held at the Indian Valley Public Library starting at 2:00, unless otherwise stated:

- **Sunday, September 13, 2015** – Getting to Know You Pool Party Meeting at home of Carla Blumenfeld. 232 Harleysville Pike, Souderton, PA at 2:00. Revolutionary time's scavenger hunt.
- **Sunday, October 3, 2015** – Reenactment of the Battle of Germantown at Cliveden.
- **Sunday, November 4, 2015** – George Washington's Tent – the first Oval Office. Meet us at the visitor's center at Valley Forge to hear our historian tell us about the First Oval Office. See the cabins where the soldiers lived and George Washington's Headquarters. Play Colonial games.
- **Sunday, December 4, 2015** – Christmas at the Peter Wentz Home, followed by hot chocolate and donuts at Dunkin Donuts. We will learn how to make the ink that George Washington's spies used.
- **Sunday, January 3, 2016** – Native American culture and the role they played in the revolution – guest docent will teach you to speak some Lenape and play Native American games. Learn what the name Towamencin means. IVPL
- **Sunday, February 7, 2016** – Valentine's for Vets and guest speaker, Dr Rebecca Janney, author of children's history books. Look over our C.A.R. library and borrow some books. IVPL
- **Sunday, March 6, 2016** – Guest beekeeper will speak about beekeeping in the colonial days and will bring beekeeping cloths and equipment. We will make candles and sample some honey. IVPL
- **Sunday, April 3, 2016** – Installation party. New Officers installed. BYOD (bring your own device). Children will create a yearbook/directory with officer, member and attendee information. IVPL
- **Saturday, April 19, 2016** – Dress up luncheon with DAR at Indian Valley Country Club.
- **Sunday, May 1, 2016** – Money Trivia. Who was the first treasurer of the United States? Who "coined" the expression "In God We Trust"? What money was used before the Revolutionary War? How is money made? Prizes will be given for the person getting the most correct answers. See samples of money from that era. IVPL
- **Memorial Day Parade / Lansdale** – Wear colonial costumes or patriotic clothes
- **Sunday, June 5, 2016** – End of year picnic. Family trees – genealogy workshop.

President General's Message: Read by Beth Semon. Topics: Day of Service – 10/11/2015; Celebrate America! Hours: 124th Continental Congress – 1 Million Service Hours Surpassed in 2 Years; American Spirit Commemorative Issue; Guardian of Trust Campaign to preserve DAR HQ, DAR museum, Constitutional Hall and surrounding grounds – www.dar.org/giving/guardian-trust-campaign.

National Defense Report: Read by Carla Blumenfeld. Topics: Commemorative Certificate for Service during the Vietnam War; DAR member in Texas – Person on POW bracelet came home.

American Indian Minute: Read by Joan Cossman.

Conservation Minute: Read by Jackie Carter. Topic: Cards for conservation tips distributed; Wrapping paper for gifts idea – Sunday Comics.

Minutes Approval: Meeting minutes from June’s meeting – Sandy McCarthy passed motion for approval. All approved.

Executive Board Reports:

- **Treasurer – Holly Hayick:** The chapter had an ending balance of \$2,741.45 as of August 31, 2015, taking into consideration Deposits & Credits of \$200 and Checks & Debits of \$194.71. Detailed report filed.
- **Chaplin – Beth Lentz:** No report
- **Programs – Samantha Hennenfent (on behalf of Jennifer McKeon):** Encouraged members to visit the Towamencin Members Website (members.towamencindar.org/) to view updates for the events calendar and meeting information. Hostesses needed – volunteers to send Jennifer McKeon e-mail (jmbmckeon@gmail.com): 1) 12/12/2015 – location hostess needed; 2) 02/13/2016 – one light refreshments hostess needed.

Meetings Schedule (10:30 AM):

September 23, 2015	Souderton American Legion:	Constitution Week
October 10, 2015	Lansdale Library:	250 th Anniversary of the Stamp Act
November 14, 2015	Indian Valley Library:	DAR Museum Outreach
December 12, 2015	TBD:	Social, Junior Trunk Show
January 9, 2016	Lansdale Library:	Genealogy Workshop – NO MEETING
February 13, 2016	Lansdale Library:	Units Overseas Webinar
March 12, 2016	Lansdale Library:	Insignia Webinar & New Pins
April 19, 2016	Spring House Tavern:	Luncheon – Grace Kelly in Philadelphia
May 14, 2016	Lansdale Library:	American History Indians
June 11, 2016	Home of Sue Johnston:	Luncheon – Flags of US Craft

- **Corresponding Secretary – Samantha Hennenfent:** Annual Dues reminder, due by the October 10th Meeting at the latest or send to Treasurer, Holly Hayick. Yearbook completed – waiting for submission of dues to verify any new entries – electronic copy to submit in 2016 with printed copy to follow in 2017 (every 3 years).
- **Registrar – Joan Cossman:** There are currently 81 members, 5 new prospective members, 18 prospective members in database, 15 supplementals verified and 26 supplementals pending. Detailed report filed.
- **Historian – Sue Johnston:** No report
- **Librarian – Carole Bishop:** Two donations received from Carla Blumenfeld – 1) Fortunate Ones about blind in Philadelphia, 2) Following the Drum – Woman at Valley Forge Encampment

Memorial: In honor of Margaret Zerbe-Krauss – presented by Joan Cossman

Committee Reports:

- **American History:** (on behalf of Sandi Valenti) American History Essay – Topic: Colonial Family Reaction to the Stamp Act; polling schools with approval by early November and then volunteer readers needed.
- **CAR:** Carla Blumenfeld and Sue Johnston completed training in August. They will lead CAR programs through the 2015-2016 term.
- **Conservation – Jackie Carter:** Reported 7,000 twist bottle caps were collected. Printout distributed of Montgomery County Electronics recycle program. Best Buy also mentioned as electronics recycler. Molly Jager added some recycling companies cannot keep up with demands and encouraged to conserve before consumption in general.
- **DAR Schools:** Sandy McCarthy read thank you letter from Crossnore School. Sandy sent labels – 45, and box tops – 87. Jackie Carter suggested having a form to collect and tape on the labels / box tops. Grocery stores, such as Shop Rite, also allow sign-up for credit to Crossnore with loyalty cards / receipts. For the pajamas collection before November, please focus on collecting larger sizes (8 – 16).

- **DAR Project Patriot – Linda:** Thank you card presented for phone cards collected.
- **DAR Service for Veterans – Jackie Carter:** Handout distributed for “Cards for Veterans” for SE PA and NJ Veteran Hospitals. Due Dates to collect cards, followed by Holiday:

November 1	Veterans Day
November 15	Thanksgiving
December 15	Christmas
February 1	Valentine’s Day
May 20	Memorial Day
- **Historic Preservation – Samantha Hennenfent:** Presented announcement from September Towamencin Newsletter: Christ Church Preservation Trust will be holding an event in our honor on Saturday, October 17 at 5:30 PM for our support of their NSDAR Special Project Grant for the gates of the burial ground to be restored. Please RSVP and for more information contact Samantha at hgsmark@yahoo.com. Christ Church will place a plaque with the Chapter’s name in the burial grounds. Work on the gates is expected to be completed prior to the Pope’s visit in late September. Same worker is restoring the Benjamin Franklin tombstone. DAR Museum annual exhibit will change on October 9th to “Remembering the American Revolution – Knitting Together a New Nation”. Blue Star Neighbor: Samantha signed up for e-mail updates at the Continental Congress in June 2015. She will include updates regarding Blue Star events in the chapter’s newsletter. Continental Congress, June 2015: Samantha shared a picture of Samantha and Sara Natali paging, in line before the evening processional. Samantha and Sara will also page at Valley Forge Sunday, September 13, 2015, where the NSDAR President General will also attend.

New Member Installation: Cynthia Cooper – presented by Sandy McCarthy and Beth Lentz

Old Business:

- **Past Events:** Sandy McCarthy passed around pictures 1) Coatesville Medical Center visit, including Sandy McCarthy and Carla Blumenfeld from our chapter plus others. 2) Plains Mennonite Church Visit, including Sue Johnston, Samantha Hennenfent, Joan Cossman and Sandy McCarthy – Samantha presented the certificate to Plains Mennonite.
- **Mt Moriah:** Beth presented the book, *PA Real Daughters (written by State Regent, Roberta Patton McMullen)*, to highlight the burial grounds of two real daughters at Mt Moriah, in case anyone would like to visit. She also mentioned the Mt Moriah State Restoration Project – sign-up for 10/24/2015 from 9 – 1.
- **PSSDAR Day of service 10/11/2015:** Joan Cossman stated information will be forthcoming from Christyn Olmstead to see if the South Eastern District would sponsor a project in Valley Forge Park – information will be posted to the chapter’s newsletter – please stay tuned.

New Business:

- **Budget:** Holly Hayick distributed the 2015-2016 budget proposal for \$6,900. Dues increased to \$65, with \$775 remaining for miscellaneous expenses. Budget approved – Jackie Carter first, Pam Martino second, Sandy McCarthy declared motion passed.
- **Members Honored:** Sandy McCarthy discussed 4/23 luncheon where Carole Bishop, Librarian, was honored.
- **Trip Ideas:** Sandy presented Winnie’s idea for trip ideas. Please feel free to submit future trip ideas. New York Music Hall – Beautiful, Carole King Dates: 10/28, 11/15, 12/2
Beth announced that the American Revolutionary War Museum in Philadelphia to open in Fall 2016.

Announcements:

- The next meeting will be October 10, 2015 at 10:30 AM at Lansdale Library.
- Thank you to Sandy McCarthy and Sue Johnston as the hostesses for today’s meeting.
- Keurig is being tested at \$1 a cup, accepting donations as well.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Recorded By: Sara Natali, on behalf of Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Recording Secretary
Cc: Sandy McCarthy, Regent; Jennifer McKeon, Vice Regent