

## Towamencin Chapter DAR Minutes

December 12, 2015

The home of Carla Blumenfeld

In attendance were: Carole Bishop, Carla Blumenfeld, Jacqueline Carter, Eleanor Cobb, Joan Cossman, Linda Donaldson, Erna Fenchel, Margie Gehlhaus, Janet Gross, Linda Hatcher, Holly Hayick, Samantha Hennenfent, Dale Hoppe, Jessica Hoppe, Diane Hustead, Molly Jager, Susanne Johnston, Kathryn Landis, Beth Lentz, Bonnie Marino, Sandy McCarthy, Jennifer McKeon, Jennifer McMonagle-Bindas, Carol-Lynn Morrell, Sara-Beth Natali, Sandy Valenti, Karlyn Shedlowski, Melissa Stavey.

Guests: Marian Helinsky, Becky Shaw, Linda Evans, and Laurel Yocum.

Regent Sandra McCarthy called the meeting to order at 10.35a.m. The Opening Ritual, Pledge of Allegiance, American's Creed, and singing of "American the Beautiful" followed.

Sandy Valenti read the President General's Message. Highlights of the message were the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual DAR Christmas Open House and the Constitution Hall restoration project. A thank you was given to all members who participated in National DAR Day of Service. There were an unprecedented number of member applications in October 2015. Also, members were reminded to read Today's DAR Blog and the DAR members website.

Joan Cossman read the National Defense Message. Joan read a quote by DAR member Margaret Chase Smith regarding moral character.

Samantha Hennenfent read a quote from Faithkeeper Oren Lyons, Onondaga Nation for the Indian Minute.

Jackie Carter gave us a Conservation tip.

### **Board Reports:**

Due to the nature of our meeting, approval of the minutes of the November 2015 meeting and the Treasurer's report were postponed until the February 2016 meeting.

Corresponding Secretary Samantha Hennenfent asked members to please check their listing in the recently emailed yearbook and notify her of any errors. Also, Samantha circulated several Christmas cards for us to sign for our very elderly members.

Registrar Joan Cossman reported our Chapter has 81 members.

**Committees Reports:**

Conservation – Jackie Carter reported that 27 cell phones were donated and 14,605 bottle caps were collected for recycle.

Community Service – Sandy Valenti reported that \$200 was collected for Manna on Main Street. This means that two children will receive Christmas presents from our Chapter with a little extra to donate to Manna's Christmas project.

DAR Children of the American Revolution – Sue Johnston will present her American Indian program to Towamencin C.A.R. members on January 3, 2016.

DAR Schools – Eleanor Cobb will ship the pajamas we collected to Crossnore School. Eleanor thanked the Chapter for their generosity.

DAR Service for Veterans – Jennifer Bindus-McMonagle reported 130 Christmas cards were sent to veterans in the Philadelphia area.

There will be no meeting in January. However, Registrar Joan Cossman will conduct a Prospective Member Genealogy Workshop on January 9, 2016 at the Lansdale Library. The next meeting of the Towamencin Chapter will be held on February 13, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. at the Lansdale Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. followed by holiday shopping at the Jr. Trunk Show. The membership enjoyed a Christmas covered dish luncheon.

Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Recording Secretary,  
Cc: Sandy McCarthy, Regent; Jennifer McKeon, Vice Regent

Minutes approved as corrected 2/13/16.