



Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR
Daughters of the American Revolution
Lansdale, Pennsylvania

Minutes

Meeting: June 10, 2017

Place: Susanne Johnston's House

Attendance: (18)

Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Carole Bishop, Carla Blumenfeld, Eleanor Cobb, Linda Donaldson, Erna Fenchel, Holly Hayick, Dale Hoppe, Jessica Hoppe, Diane Hustead, Molly Jager, Susanne Johnston, Beth Lentz, Carol Morrell, Sara Natali, Diana Rehborn, Ann Rorer, Shirley Sargent.

Guests: (1)

Charlene Souder.

Opening Rituals

The meeting of the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, was called to order by Regent Holly Hayick at 11:00 A.M.

Opening Ritual with prayers lead by Chaplain, Carla Blumenfeld, followed.

DAR Ritual

Pledge of Allegiance

American's Creed

Star Spangled Banner

President General's Message was read by Linda Donaldson, advocating the 126th Continental Congress, June 28th – July 2nd, 2017, Congress Online and Herald to stay abreast Congress activities, the WWI Centennial, the DAR Blog, and the American Spirit information now on Facebook.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the last meeting were posted to the Towamencin Chapter Members Website. Minutes were approved as posted.

Reports of Officers

- **Vice Regent** – Samantha Freise, presented by Holly Hayick

Samantha Hennenfent shared upcoming programs.

Towamencin Annual Luncheon April 2018 – Save the date – the William Penn Inn has been reserved. The topic will include the USO, presented by a PSSDAR Officer.

Program Committee – The program committee will meet the week of 7/3 – if anyone is interested in volunteering for two-member positions, please contact Samantha.

Constitution Week Volunteers – PA Valley Forge Sunday begins the week on 9/17, please contact Samantha to volunteer to help commemorate Constitution Week.

Special Project Grant – The project grant for Christ Church for \$8,000 was entered into the NSDAR historic database.

Meeting Hostesses – Volunteers needed for two hostesses per meeting and for location hostesses for the June and December meetings. Indian Valley Library has been reserved through November minimally.

Volunteers:

September Hostesses: Wendy Kelly, Beth Lentz

October Hostesses: C.A.R. Bake Sale

November Hostesses: Linda Donaldson & TBD

December Location: Ann Rorer

- **Chaplain** – Carla Blumenfeld

Carla Blumenfeld sent Birthday e-cards [from Jackie Lawson] for members for May birthdays.

- **Treasurer** – Diane Husted, report filed

A balance of \$ 3,891.89 was reported, as of May 31, 2017.

- **Registrar** – Sue Johnston

Sue Johnston reported the following statistics, the chapter is close to 100 members.

New members Install Pending: 2

Applications Pending: 3

➤ **Librarian** – Linda Donaldson

Linda Donaldson reported the lending library has 28 books. The library list and a listing of 5 books from Linda for future donations, were filed and posted to the Towamencin Chapter Members' Website, <http://members.towamencinpadar.org>

Books donated to the NSDAR Library as memorials included the following.

For the memory of Ruth: Our Hidden Heritage – Pennsylvania Women in History

For the memory of Laura: William Penn – A Biography

Reports of Committees

➤ **Americanism & the Flag of the United States** – Carole Bishop

Flag Minute was read by Carole Bishop, titled *Adoption of the U.S. Flag Code.*

To retire old flags, see the C.A.R. – they perform a ceremony annually during their June meeting.

➤ **American Indians** – Sue Johnston

PSSDAR American Indian Committee has collected 180 of the 400 bed sets – the chapter contributed 5 bed sets.

➤ **C.A.R.** – Sue Johnston

Sue Johnston reviewed the Towamencin C.A.R. initiatives.

Please consider attending a C.A.R. meeting – bring a neighbor, a friend's child, a nephew or niece or just come yourself – all members are always welcome.

Next Meeting: *Second Sundays at 2:00 PM (following the Saturday DAR meeting)*

Sue shared highlights from the C.A.R. State conference towards the end of March and the National conference in April. Towamencin C.A.R. has won 24 awards at the State Level and has grown to 51 members. For the New England Regionals, Jenn Cherry and Holly Marx were in attendance in New England in June.

- **DAR Magazine / Volunteer Genealogists** – Joan Cossman, reported by Holly Hayick
The NSDAR Magazine Bronze Level ribbon for 2016 will be given to Joan Cossman and the chapter at the NSDAR Continental Congress later in June.
Congratulations to Sara Natali for winning the American Spirit subscription drawing for June – a year’s renewal to the American Spirit!

- **DAR Schools** – Eleanor Cobb
Eleanor Cobb shared highlights of the Crossnore school and newsletter. The Chapter was recognized in the Crossnore newsletter for their annual toys & games donation and the box tops donation from Jackie Carter.
A representative from Crossnore will be presenting a program at the November 2017 meeting – please stay tuned.

- **DAR Service for Veterans** – Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Beth Lentz
Jennifer Bindas reported examples of how individuals may volunteer for veterans. See the Towamencin Members site, <http://members.towamencinpadar.org>, for the ideas to volunteer at the Southeastern Veterans Center -
<http://www.dmva.pa.gov/stateveteranshomes/southeastern-veterans-center/Pages/default.aspx>

- **Historic Preservation / Patriot Records** – Samantha Freise, presented by Holly Hayick
Nominations for a Historic Preservation Award for an individual or group may be sent to Samantha for future consideration.
Please consider in participating in the Patriot Records project for helping with indexing names / historic records. One is eligible for a pin after 10,000 names.

- **Literacy Promotion** – Linda Donaldson
Linda Donaldson shared a ‘save-the-date’ for the National Family Literacy Day for November 1, 2018. Please contact Linda if interested in participating and stay tuned for future updates as plans are finalized over the summer.

Old Business

- **PSSDAR State Conference** - *Holly Hayick provided a recap of the highlights from the PSSDAR State conference, celebrating the sharing of ideas at the Chapter and State levels. Copies of certificates won were provided to the Historian.*

Trekker Level (10% New Members)

Patriot Records 10,000 hours (Linda Brad)

New Business

- **Chaplain & National Defense** – *We will miss Carla Blumenfeld and extend her gratitude and many best wishes for the future – she is moving to South Carolina in August. The board will vote on the open positions.*
- **Public Relations & Conservation Committee Chairs** – *We extend gratitude and many best wishes to Jackie Carter, as she pursues different initiatives for the upcoming year. The board will vote on the open positions.*

- **Upcoming Events**

Saturday, August 12 – S.E. District Luncheon, The Melt, RSVP by 8/5

Saturday, September 17 – PA Valley Forge Sunday, RSVP by 9/1

Saturday, September 30 – PSSDAR Fall Meeting (with Designer Bag Bingo Friday, 9/29)

Memorials

Ruth Overholtzer

Laura Hager

New Member Induction

Ann Rohr

Announcements

Thank you to hostess: Sue Johnston

Today's Program: First Ladies Scavenger Hunt

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 10, 2017 10:30 AM, Indian Valley Library

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM

Recording Secretary, Sara Natali

Cc: Regent, Holly Hayick; Vice Regent, Samantha Freise