



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

## **Minutes**

**Meeting:** September 9, 2017

**Place:** Indian Valley Library, Telford

**Attendance:** (29)

Carole Bishop, Jennifer Cherry, Eleanor Cobb, Joan Cossman, Linda Donaldson, Erna Fenchel, Martha Foote, Patricia Hallman, Linda Hatcher, Holly Hayick, Marian Helinsky, Dale Hoppe, Diane Hustead, Molly Jager, Susanne Johnston, Beth Lentz, Bonnie Marino, Mary Martino, Pamela Martino, Carol Morrell, Sara Natali, Janet Robinson, Ann Rorer, Shirley Sargent, Helen Schwartz, Margaret Sellers, Elizabeth Semon, Kerry Smith, Heather Wassel.

**Guests:** (4)

Carolyn Crowe, Rosemary Forsythe, Emma Kleinschmidt, Pam Margolis.

### **Opening Rituals**

The meeting of the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, was called to order by Regent, Holly Hayick, at 10:35 A.M.

Opening Ritual with prayers lead by Jennifer Cherry followed.

***DAR Ritual***

***Pledge of Allegiance***

***American's Creed***

***Star Spangled Banner***

**President General's Message** was read by Ann Rorer. The topics included: Day of Service 10/11/17, the NSDAR Paris Trip and 100<sup>th</sup> WWI Anniversary, the Americana Room and Women's Service WWI, Junior Membership and the annual Classroom Grant, and Constitution Week.

**The National Defender** was read by Joan Cossman. The topic advocated to teach the rights brought forth in the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

**Constitution Week Minute** was read by Heather Wassel.

*Most of the delegates were natives of the 13 colonies. Only eight were born elsewhere; Butler, Fitzsimons, McHenry and Patterson were born in Ireland and, two, Davie and Robert Morris were born in England; Wilson was born in Scotland and Hamilton was born in the West Indies. Reflecting the mobility that has always characterized American life.*

**Minutes** from the June 2017 meeting were posted to the Towamencin Chapter Members Website. Minutes were approved as posted.

### **Reports of Officers**

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

*Regent, Holly Hayick, shared the upcoming programs, including PA Sunday at Valley Forge on Sunday, September 17th, the Towamencin Society C.A.R. for the October 14, 2017 meeting, and a possible spring trip to Christ Church to celebrate the special projects grant to finish the gates restoration.*

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

*Treasurer, Diane Husted, reported A balance of \$ 3,976.39, as of August 31, 2017, and reviewed the budget plan for the 2017 – 2018 term.*

*Sue Johnston moved to accept the budget as proposed. Erna Fenchel seconded the motion. The motion to approve the budget was passed with no one opposed.*

*Diane Husted proposed for additional donations for the \$750 portion of the projected budget surplus. Joan Cossman moved to table the discussion of the allocation of surplus funds for the State Regent Project until April. Erna Fenchel seconded the motion. The motion was passed with no one opposed.*

➤ **Registrar** – Sue Johnston, report filed

*Registrar, Sue Johnston, reported the following statistics and extended a Welcome to the guests attending the meeting.*

*Total members: 97*

*New members: 6 YTD*

*Pending members: 5*

*(2 pending in Washington, 2 applications waiting for one more document, 3 applications waiting for signatures and check(s))*

*Prospective members: 24*

*Supplementals pending: Linda Hatcher – 4 approved; Marion Helinsky – 2 approved*

➤ **Historian** – Erna Fenchel

*Historian, Erna Fenchel, reported a new project for the chapter, known as the Patriot Recognition Project, involving patriots interred at Wentz's United Church of Christ. Kudos expressed to Joan Cossman for the extensive research completed, starting with 3 prospective patriots and uncovering a total of 38 patriots. Joan delivered the documentation to the DAR Headquarters, Washington D.C., awaiting approval by the Historian General and Registrar General. At least two members, Joan Cossman and Eleanor Cobb, each have 2 patriots at Wentz's. Planning is in process to scope the purchase of a bronze plaque, that will be placed in a room in Wentz's containing historical / military tributes, along with a public dedication service at the church. May 2018 represents the approximate approval timeframe.*

➤ **Librarian** – Linda Donaldson

*Librarian, Linda Donaldson, reported the lending library has 30 books. The library list and a listing of 4 books for future donations, were filed and posted to the Towamencin Chapter Members' Website, <http://members.towamencinpadar.org>.*

**Book Club:** *A group of eight daughters have expressed an interest in forming a book club. The first meeting is Monday, October 23, 2017, 6:30 PM, in Hatfield, Rebecca Drive, Linda's home. Please stay tuned for the first book and let Linda Donaldson know if anyone is interested in joining.*

## Reports of Committees

- **American History** – *Please contact Regent, Holly Hayick, if interested in serving as the Chapter Chair of American History. Assistance is needed to contact schools regarding the essay contest, with the topic of the WWI 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Please consider embracing the opportunity to assist with this initiative. Co-chairing can also represent an option, if multiple people are interested.*
  
- **Americanism & the Flag of the United States** – Carole Bishop  
*Flag Minute* – *Parliamentarian, Carole Bishop, presented a program after the business meeting regarding important facts and care for the American Flag.*
  
- **American Indians** – Sue Johnston  
*Sue Johnston reported the following for the PSSDAR AIC committee.*  
*Chemawa Bed Sets: 230 bed sets were sent to Chemawa.*  
*November 12th AIC Luncheon: Save the date for the November 12th luncheon to raise additional monies for the bed sets. Reservations are due by November 4th.*  
*PSSDAR State Conference 2019: Save the date to attend the Cameo Breakfast at the State Conference in 2019 – the guest speaker will be Laura Braucher, the Superintendent of the Chemawa School. She stated, “The PA ladies have adopted us”.*
  
- **C.A.R.** – Sue Johnston  
*Please consider attending a C.A.R. meeting – bring a neighbor, a friend’s child, a nephew/niece or just come yourself – all members are always welcome.*  
*Next Meeting: Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, Indian Valley Library, Telford (the Sunday following the DAR Saturday meetings).*  
*Updates: Towamencin Society, C.A.R., currently has 52 members with 10 pending.*  
*On October 14<sup>th</sup> – the next Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, meeting, Regent, Holly Hayick, is allowing a Towamencin Society C.A.R. day. We will present activities from the National, State, and Towamencin Society levels, including projects and contests of the year. Please help us with your support during the bake sale and tombola raffle. In addition, we are*

*collecting socks for the students at Chemawa and would greatly appreciate any contributions at the October or November meetings.*

➤ **DAR Schools** – Eleanor Cobb

*Eleanor Cobb presented the fall / winter initiative for helping the Crossnore school – the Crossnore Shoe Boxes. Please see the list distributed and posted to the Towamencin Chapter Members' Website, <http://members.towamencinpadar.org>, for ideas and information. Please bring in the filled shoe boxes no later than the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The focus groups include the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades.*

➤ **DAR Service for Veterans** – Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Beth Lentz

*Regent, Holly Hayick, extended an invite to members to volunteer at the Southeastern Veteran's Center – special approval is not needed if attending with Holly, Jennifer Bindas and/or Beth Lentz. An example opportunity includes assisting with the Fall Fest on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. (Additional ideas are also posted to the homepage of the Towamencin Chapter Members' Website, <http://members.towamencinpadar.org>.)*

➤ **Junior Membership / VIS** – Sara Natali

*Recording Secretary, Sara Natali, filed a report for Junior Membership & VIS. Highlights included the following.*

*Save the date for the Eastern Junior Membership Luncheon at Penn's Landing, Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.*

*Sara moved to nominate Samantha Freise as the Chapter Outstanding Junior. Jennifer Cherry seconded the motion. The motion was passed with no one opposed. Sara will notify Samantha and she may choose to apply for the State Level Outstanding Junior, if she chooses to do so.*

➤ **Literacy Promotion** – Linda Donaldson

*Librarian, Linda Donaldson, reported an update with collaboration with the North Penn School District. Please stay tuned for literacy opportunities in the spring. Report filed.*

**Chapter Chaplain Installation:** Jennifer Cherry

**New Members Installation:** Heather Wassel & Kerry Smith

**Old Business**

➤ ***Southeastern District Luncheon Saturday, August 12, 2017***

*Regent, Holly Hayick, Registrar, Sue Johnston, and Recording Secretary, Sara Natali, attended the Southeastern District Luncheon on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.*

***Awards Received Included:***

*Trekker Level for 10% Membership Growth (Kudos to Joan Cossman and Sue Johnston)*

*100% Applications Verified in 2016 (Kudos to Joan Cossman and Sue Johnston)*

*President General Project 100% Participation*

*GEP III Course Completion – Joan Cossman (Completed previously)*

- ***Veteran’s Thank You Business Cards*** – *Please see Beth Semon if additional stock is needed – she carries a supply with her to meetings.*

**New Business**

- ***By-Laws Update for October*** – *At the October meeting, the membership will vote on an update to the Chapter By-Laws to remove the following clause.*

*Article III. Section 2. Remove: “The acceptability of the applicant for chapter membership shall be by a majority vote by ballot of the chapter at a regular meeting.”*

- ***Hurricane Harvey / Texas Donation*** – *Joan Cossman moved a motion to request the chapter to donate \$50 toward the relief for Texas Daughters in need after the devastation of Hurricane Harvey. Sue Johnston seconded the motion. The motion passed with no one opposed.*

**Announcements**

*Thank you to hostesses: Executive Board*

*Today's Program: Flag Etiquette: Respect for and Display of the US Flag*

*Speaker: Carole Bishop*

*Next Meeting: Saturday, October 14, 2017*

*Program: C.A.R. Projects*

*Speaker: Towamencin Society C.A.R.*

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM

Recording Secretary, Sara Natali

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