



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

Minutes

Meeting: October 14, 2017

Place: Indian Valley Library, Telford

Attendance: (29)

Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Carole Bishop, Jennifer Cherry, Eleanor Cobb, Brittany Davila, Linda Donaldson, Erna Fenchel, Leslie Fine, Martha Foote, Margie Gehlhaus, Janet Gross, Patricia Hallman, Holly Hayick, Marian Helinsky, Samantha Hennenfent Freise, Dale Hoppe, Diane Hustead, Molly Jager, Susanne Johnston, Wendy Kelly, Emily Kim, Kathryn Landis, Carol Morrell, Sara Natali, Winnie Peterson, Janet Robinson, Shirley Sargent, Joanne Shupe, Heather Wassel.

Guests: (9)

State Registrar, Lucina Verish, Rebecca Kulp, Towamencin Society, C.A.R. (Andrew, Holly, Kathryn, Gabby, Fiona, Gabriel, Isabel)

Opening Rituals

The meeting of the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, was called to order by Regent, Holly Hayick, at 10:32 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 Wendy Kelly. The topics included: The Day of Service 10/11/17, the NSDAR Paris Trip and 100th WWI Anniversary sites, the New Horizons Leadership Training, the work around the America's 250th Anniversary, the DAR Blog, and the American Spirit magazine.

The National Defender was read by Erna Fenchel. The topic advocated working dogs in the military.

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

Reports of Officers

➤ **Vice Regent** – Samantha Freise

Vice Regent, Samantha Freise, shared the upcoming programs.

The November 11th meeting will include a visit from the Crossnore School and an overview of their Weaving Room. The Crossnore Newsletter presented a feature on Jackie Carter's donations. Please feel free to invite other chapters, maximum capacity is 70 seats.

The December 9th meeting will include a presentation of the 100th Anniversary of WWI and the influence from PA and DAR.

Hostesses are needed for the February and March meetings – please contact Samantha to volunteer.

➤ **Chaplain** – Jennifer Cherry

Chaplain, Jennifer Cherry, lead a moment of silence to pray for the individuals touched by the tragic events in Las Vegas.

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

Treasurer, Diane Husted, reported A balance of \$ 6,121.84, as of September 30, 2017.

➤ **Registrar** – Sue Johnston

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

Total members: 98

New members: 1 transfer in

Pending members: 5 (2 pending in Washington, 3 applications waiting for signatures)

➤ **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:** The first Towamencin Book Club meeting is Monday, October 23, 2017, 6:30 PM, in Hatfield, Rebecca Drive, Linda's home. 12 daughters have expressed interest. The book to discuss is **The Summer Before the War** by Helen Simonson. Please let Linda Donaldson know if anyone is interested in joining.*

➤ **Corresponding Secretary** – Winnie Peterson

Corresponding Secretary, Winnie Peterson, announced that the annual yearbook was sent. If any future changes arise, please contact Winnie.

Reports of Committees

➤ **American History** – Please contact Regent, Holly Hayick, if interested in serving as the Chapter Chair of American History. Three schools were contacted to begin the initiative. Assistance is needed to oversee the essay contest, with the topic of the WWI 100th Anniversary. Please consider embracing the opportunity to assist with this initiative.

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

***Flag Minute** – Carole Bishop read the history of the song, Star Spangled Banner.*

➤ **American Indians** – Sue Johnston

***Indian Minute** – Sue Johnston read how the Indians helped to decode German messages in 1918.*

Sue Johnston reported the following for the PSSDAR AIC committee.

***Chemawa Bed Sets:** 240 of 400 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 3rd.*

- **C.A.R.** – Sue Johnston – *Towamencin Society, C.A.R., presented today’s program.*

- **DAR Schools** – Eleanor Cobb
*Eleanor Cobb provided a reminder for the fall / winter initiative for helping the Crossnore school – the Crossnore Shoe Boxes. The list is 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 11th** meeting, with a “B” (boy) or “G” (girl) on the wrapped shoe box. The focus groups included the 3rd and 4th grades.*

- **DAR Scholarships** – Molly Jager
Molly Jager sent letters to 6 schools in the area to seek interest for scholarships.

- **Literacy Promotion** – Linda Donaldson
Linda Donaldson reported an update with collaboration with the Montgomery County Literacy Network, the Veterans Community Network, and the North Penn School District. Please stay tuned for literacy opportunities in the spring. Report filed.

- **Junior Membership / VIS** – Sara Natali
Holly Hayick and Sara Natali will be attending the Eastern Junior Membership Luncheon at the Rope and Anchor Bar at Penn’s Landing on Saturday, November 4th. Please contact Sara if interested in attending.

New Members Installation: Brittany Foote Davila & Leslie Fine

Old Business

- **By-Laws Update** – Parliamentarian, Carole Bishop, introduced a proposed amendment to the membership to vote on an update to the Chapter By-Laws to remove the following two clauses.
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.” In addition, remove the reference to send the application “to the chapter”.

Registrar, Sue Johnston moved a motion to accept the amendments. Margie Gehlhaus seconded. After calling for the vote, Regent Holly Hayick stated the motion was passed, with no one opposed.

New Business

- **Stars for our Troops** – Vice Regent, Samantha Freise, presented an initiative to collect retired flags or stars for troops to wear. State Registrar, Lucina Verish, added a proposal to partner with the Bucks County Chapter for flag folding in the shape of a star that veterans / troops could wear.
- **Banner** – Regent, Holly Hayick, announced that Sandy Valenti is in process of ordering a Chapter Banner with a size of 3' x 8' for \$160.
- **New Horizons Gathering / Scrapbook Review** – Chaplain, Jennifer Cherry, offered to coordinate a group meeting before the end of the year to review the Chapter scrapbooks. This is to help with a curriculum requirement of the New Horizons course. Please contact Jennifer if interested.

Announcements

Thank you to hostesses: C.A.R. Bake Sale

Today's Program: C.A.R. Projects

Speaker: Towamencin Society C.A.R.

Next Meeting: Saturday, November 11, 2017

Program: Crossnore School & Children's Home

Speaker: Kay Yarbrough, Major & Planned Giving Officer, DAR Liaison

Hostesses: Linda Donaldson & Beth Lentz

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM

Recording Secretary, Sara Natali

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