



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

## **Minutes**

**Meeting:** September 10, 2016

**Place:** Indian Valley Library, Telford

**Attendance:** (33)

Carole Bishop, Carla Blumenfeld, Jacqueline Carter, Eleanor Cobb, Joan Cossman, Mary DiDomizio, Linda Donaldson, Erna Fenchel, Martha Foote, Julia Forbes, Margie Gehlhaus, Lisa Halteman, Linda Hatcher, Marian Helinsky, Samantha Hennenfent, Dale Hoppe, Jessica Hoppe, Diane Hustead, Wendy Kelly, Mary Kern, Bonnie Marino, Pamela Martino, Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Sandy McCarthy, Carol Morrell, Sara Natali, Shirley Sargent, Margaret Sellers, Elizabeth Semon, Melissa Stavey, Jacqueline Swanson, Sandra Valenti, and Anne Wiedemann.

**Guests:** (4)

Elsie Jo Cardone, Joanne Shupe, Leslie Fine, and Melissa Glidden.

### **Opening Rituals**

The meeting of the Towamencin Chapter NSDAR was called to order by Vice Regent, Samantha Hennenfent, at 10:40 A.M.

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

*DAR Ritual*

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*American's Creed*

*Star Bangled Banner*

**President General's Message** – read by Samantha Hennenfent.

**National Defense Message** – read by Martha Foote.

**Indian Minute** – read by Carla Blumenfeld.

### **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes from the **June 11, 2016** meeting were posted to the Towamencin Chapter Members Website. Minutes were approved as read.

## **Reports of Officers**

➤ **Regent** – Holly Hayick

*Holly composed a greetings letter to the chapter, read by Samantha Hennenfent. The letter included gratitude to the program committee, the 9 executive board officers, 24 committee chairs, and meeting hostesses. Open committee chairs included President General Project, DAR Project Patriot and Constitution Week for 2017. Letter filed.*

➤ **Vice Regent** – Samantha Hennenfent

*Samantha reported new meeting topics to follow and programs for the new term to be posted.*

➤ **Chaplain** – Carla Blumenfeld

*Carla sent birthday greetings via e-mail addresses available in the chapter directory. Get Well Wishes were sent to Lisa Madison and Wendy Weirman, including an offer for future carpools to chapter meetings.*

➤ **Corresponding Secretary** – Winnie Peterson

➤ **Treasurer** – Diane Husted

*Diane reported a balance of \$ 3,734.08 as of August 31, 2016. Report filed.*

➤ **Registrar** – Sue Johnston

*Samantha Hennenfent reported:*

*New members: 10 to be sworn in at the October meeting*

*Transferred member out: 1                      Transferred member in: 1*

*Supplemental approved: 1                      Memberships pending: 2*

*Prospective members: 24*

➤ **Historian** – Erna Fenchel

*Erna reported certificates awarded and archived:*

*Chapter Achievement Level 1*

*Historic Preservation Recognition*

*Honoring Heritage Community Service*

➤ **Librarian** – Linda Donaldson

*Linda reported 19 books transferred, 4 borrowed, and 3 new books obtained over the summer. Library list filed and to be posted to the Towamencin Chapter Members' Website.*

## **Reports of Committees**

### ➤ **American History** – Sandy Valenti

*Essay contest topic and requests submitted to participating schools.*

*Topic: National Parks; Schools invited: North Penn Area: AM Kulp, Bridle Path, General Nash, Gwyn Nor, Gwynedd Square, Hatfield, Inglewood, Knapp, Montgomery, Walton Farm, York, Pennfield Middle School, Penndale Middle School, Pennbrook Middle School. Souderton Area: Indian Valley Middle School, Indian Crest Middle School, E. Merton Crouthamel Elem., Franconia Elem., Oak Ridge Elem., Salford Hills Elem., West Broad Street. Corpus Christi Catholic, Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Catholic, Mater Dei Catholic, Germantown Academy.*

### ➤ **American Indians** – Sue Johnston

*Carla Blumenfeld reviewed the PSSDAR American Indian Committee initiatives:*

*Bacone is in need of books supplies.*

*Chemewa is in need of sheets / bedding sets – many are over 5 years old.*

*PA obtained an agreement with Bed, Bath and Beyond for bedding sets for \$65 – donations should be sent to PSSDAR and they will purchase the discounted sets.*

*Donation sales also included Hand Sanitizers for \$2 and a Boscov 25% off coupon for \$5 to use on October 18, 2016.*

### ➤ **C.A.R.** – Sue Johnston

*Carla Blumenfeld presented CAR activities that occurred over the summer.*

*June 2016 – picnic and Eastern State Conference – Holly Cherry won most energetic*

*August 25, 2016 – Independence Hall trip to celebrate parks 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

*August 28, 2016 – Veterans & Assistance Dogs program*

### ➤ **Chapter Achievement Awards** – Diane Husted

### ➤ **Conservation** – Jackie Carter

*Conservation Minute read by Jackie.*

*Linda Hatcher named as co-chair for recycling.*

*Caps collected total as of 9/1: 17,191.*

*“Pollinators” recycling contest announced – see site for details.*

<http://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/conservation/chapter-conservation-contest>

*“Bags for benches” initiative described, including partnership by Hatfield Township with Giant stores. 10,000 recycled bags will make 1 park bench, with 1,500 park benches made to date, since 1997.*

➤ **DAR Magazine** – Joan Cossman

*Joan shared the July/August magazine, Sara Natali and Samantha Hennenfent appeared in the members’ supplement as Pages from the PA State Conference in April.*

*Subscription: \$18 or \$48 for 3 years.*

*20 of Towamencin members currently have subscriptions.*

*January & June drawings forthcoming – stay tuned.*

*Gift subscriptions represented great ideas for library and guest speakers, plus others, along with recycling copies to schools, libraries, etc.*

➤ **DAR School** – Eleanor Cobb

*Eleanor shared the Crossnore School initiatives.*

*Toys and board games to collect – see Eleanor for list or to share ideas.*

➤ **DAR Service for Veterans** – Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle

*See Jen for care packages and letters to collect for veterans or volunteer opportunities to help with veteran service projects.*

➤ **Flag of the USA** – Carole Bishop

*Flag Minute read by Carole.*

➤ **Insignia** – Beth Semon

*Poem of emblem, 1907, read by Beth.*

*See Beth for book of pins, related by-laws, order forms, and placement questions.*

➤ **Historic Preservation / Patriot Records** – Samantha Hennenfent

*Towamencin DAR marker in June was recognized for the Peter Wentz Home.*

*Margie Gehlhaus was awarded the Historic Preservation Recognition Award in June.*

*Samantha received the honor to serve as the State Chair, Eastern, for the Patriot Project, indexing names, with pin achievements after 10,000 names. See Samantha for details to volunteer online to index names read from colonial handwriting.*

➤ **Junior American Citizens** – Martha Foote

- **Junior Membership** – Sara Natali  
*Join Sara in attendance at the PA Eastern Junior Luncheon: Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia, Essington, PA, November 5, 2016.*
- **Lineage Research** – Joan Cossman
- **Literacy Promotion** – Linda Donaldson  
*Linda will attend a MC Literacy Network Quarterly meeting at Plymouth Meeting, October 17, 2016, 1:30 PM. Topics to include volunteer tutors, GED test support, etc.*
- **Membership** – Margie Gehlhaus
- **Public Relations** – Jackie Carter  
*Send stories of any Towamencin Chapter activities and publications seen (name & date) to Jackie to archive / publish events.*
- **Service to America** – Wendy Kelly  
*Goal shared for 19 Million community service hours.  
See Wendy for list of examples of meaningful service or assistance with logging hours, Patriot Project hours count as well.*
- **Volunteer Genealogists** – Erna Fenchel
- **Volunteer Information Specialists** – Sara Natali  
*Chapter Websites were moved to a new cost effective Web host.  
New Website Links:  
Public: [www.towamencinpadar.org](http://www.towamencinpadar.org)  
Members Only: [members.towamencinpadar.org](http://members.towamencinpadar.org)  
User: lansdale  
Password: lansdale  
Please direct any content questions / suggestions to Sara.  
Stay tuned for future Website updates and announcements.*

## **Old Business**

### ***Lansdale Historic Home Photographs***

*Joan Cossman will contact the 10 volunteers in October for further details of assignments.*

***Discover Lansdale Community***

*Jackie Carter is researching requirements for a historic preservation grant, the involved parties can meet the matching funds. Building purpose to be confirmed not for commercial purposes, solely historic preservation. Grant writer to be consulted.*

**New Business**

***PA Sunday Valley Forge***

*Sunday, September 18, 2016, service at 11:45 AM, luncheon 12:30 PM*

*Samantha Hennenfent is State Chair for the current term, 65 have reserved seats for the luncheon.*

***PA SAR / DAR / CAR Debutant Ball***

*Saturday, September 17, 2016*

***PSSDAR State Fall Meeting***

*Saturday, September 24, 2016 – Holly Hayick, Margie Gehlhaus, Carla Blumenfeld, Diane Husted, and Sue Johnston plan to attend.*

***Budget 2016-2017***

*Treasurer, Diane Husted, presented. Dues needed by October 31, 2016. New categories added for miscellaneous donations. Budget filed.*

***10 Year Certificate***

*Presented to Pam Martino*

***Skippack Historical Festival***

*September 24 – 25, 2016*

***Upper Salford Township Historical Festival***

*October 15, 2016 – free booths available*

***Donations for Bedding Sets for Chemewa***

*PSSDAR is asking chapters to donate \$260 to help the State purchase bedding sets at \$65 each. The need is immediate as terms have started and current sets have aged 5+ years. Motion from Carla requesting chapter to donate \$260. Motion was voted to be tabled until the October meeting by Joan Cossman, seconded by Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle. Any individuals may make donations as well, please send checks to Treasurer, Diane, with memo “Indian Sheets” or plan to bring money to the next October meeting.*

**Announcements**

*Thank you to hostesses: Carla Blumenfeld, Linda Donaldson, and Carole Bishop.*

*Today's Program: DAR 101, presented by Vice Regent, Samantha Hennenfent*

*Next Meeting: October 8, 2016 10:30 AM, Indian Valley Library*

*Program: Dr. Mark Miller, ROTC North Penn High School*

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM.

Recording Secretary, Sara Natali

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