



Towamencin Chapter
Daughters of the American Revolution
Lansdale, Pennsylvania

Minutes

Meeting: October 8, 2016

Place: Indian Valley Library, Telford

Attendance: (39)

Kellie Adams, Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Carla Blumenfeld, Colleen Canara, Jacqueline Carter, Jennifer Cherry, Eleanor Cobb, Joan Cossman, Mary DiDomizio, Linda Donaldson, Erna Fenchel, Martha Foote, Julia Forbes, Janet Gross, Lisa Halteman, Holly Hayick, Marian Helinsky, Dale Hoppe, Jessica Hoppe, Diane Husted, Molly Jager, Susanne Johnston, Wendy Kelly, Mary Kern, Kathryn Landis, Beth Lentz, Bonnie Marino, Pamela Martino, Sandy McCarthy, Cynthia Miller, Stephanie Miller, Carol Morrell, Sara Natali, Winnie Peterson, Janet Robinson, Helen Schwartz, Margaret Sellers, Claudia Stowers, and Jacqueline Swanson.

Guests: (3)

Marsha Althouse, Elsie Jo Cardone, and Jackie Gillhouse.

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 Chaplain, Carla Blumenfeld, followed.

DAR Ritual

Pledge of Allegiance

American's Creed

Star Bangled Banner

President General's Message – read by Sandy McCarthy, topics included 126th DAR anniversary in October, October Day of Service, American Spirit, and the DAR blog.

National Defense Message – read by Carla Blumenfeld, topics included the ROTC 100th anniversary, DAR Medals to ROTC since 1967, and military members participating in Olympics through history.

Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes from the September 10, 2016 meeting were posted to the Towamencin Chapter Members Website. Minutes were approved as posted.

Reports of Officers

➤ **Regent** – Holly Hayick

6 members attended the PSSDAR Fall Meeting in Harrisburg – it was fun and informational. In attendance included Holly Hayick, Sue Johnston, Carla Blumenfeld, Diane Husted, Jennifer Cherry, and Margie Gehlhaus.

➤ **Vice Regent** – Samantha Hennenfent, read by Holly Hayick

Thank you to all for your help in running the September meeting. Upcoming programs will include the spring luncheon at the Rising Sun Inn in April and a visit to the new Museum of the American Revolution in May.

Volunteers for hostesses needed for the November and March meetings – please e-mail Samantha if you would like to volunteer.

➤ **Chaplain** – Carla Blumenfeld

Birthday e-cards sent for September [from Jackie Lawson] for 6 members.

Sympathy card circulated for all members in attendance to sign and share condolences regarding the sad news of the passing of the State Regent, Cyndy Sweeney's husband, Jim Sweeney.

Get well wishes extended for Linda Brad.

➤ **Corresponding Secretary** – Winnie Peterson

Thank you to Sandy Valenti for updating the chapter yearbook. Thank you to everyone for ongoing updates sent for the chapter yearbook. A PDF of the yearbook will be forwarded periodically.

Thank you note read from C.A.R. for the generous donation from the Towamencin Chapter for \$25, written by Coney Churka.

➤ **Treasurer** – Diane Husted

A balance of \$ 7,351.46 reported, as of September 30, 2016. Report filed.

➤ **Registrar** – Sue Johnston

New members: 2 to be sworn in at the November meeting

Transferred member out: 1 Supplemental approved: 3 Prospective members: 24

➤ **Historian** – Erna Fenchel

Keeping the Chapter's history book updated continues.

➤ **Librarian** – Linda Donaldson

Lending library has 24 books, 1 borrowed. Library list filed and posted to the Towamencin Chapter Members' Website.

Reports of Committees

➤ **American History** – Sandy Valenti, read by Holly Hayick

History essay contest coordination continues.

➤ **American Indians** – Sue Johnston

Indian Minute read by Sue Johnston, topic included the Creek Indians.

PSSDAR initiatives reviewed – Chemewa needs bedding sets – many are over 5 years old. PSSDAR obtained an agreement with Bed, Bath and Beyond for bedding sets for \$65. Luncheon to be held Sunday, November 20, 2016, 12:30 PM, at Jessica's Tea Room at the Historic Weaversville Inn, Northampton, PA, to raise proceeds to purchase the bedding sets. Donation sales also include Hand Sanitizers for \$2, a Boscov 25% off coupon for \$5 to use on October 18, 2016, and raffle tickets \$3 for 1 or \$10 for 4 (drawing at year-end or state conference).

➤ **C.A.R.** – Sue Johnston

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 9, 2016, 2:00 PM, Indian Valley Library, Telford.

Topics: National Guard presentation and comparison to Minute Men during the American Revolutionary War, pumpkins to decorate, National Parks discussion, and WWII home activities.

➤ **Conservation** – Jackie Carter

Conservation Minute read by Jackie Carter, from the September / October American Spirit, topics included the National Pollinators Gardeners Challenge, and the Bison voted as a new National Mammal, voted by Congress May 9th, representing the nation alongside the Bald Eagle, the nation's official bird.

National Pollinators Gardeners Challenge Website:

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

➤ **DAR Magazine** – Joan Cossman

Thank you to 5 members that have started subscriptions since the last meeting.

Stay tuned for a drawing in June – current subscribers may participate.

September / October issue shared, topics highlighted the Union Station, and Gov. Morris and the Constitution.

Forms distributed or visit, www.dar.org/AmericanSpirit, or call, 1-866-327-6242.

Gift subscription purchased for the guest speaker for today.

Subscriptions also make great gifts for the holidays.

➤ **DAR School** – Eleanor Cobb, Jackie Carter

Eleanor Cobb shared the Crossnore School initiatives for 3 new cottages to house new recreation rooms.

Toys and boards games requested to collect by the November or December meetings.

Eleanor shared list of ideas, such as board games, chess, doll cloths, coloring books, crayons, jax, tonka toys, Lincoln logs, paper dolls, and magic sets.

No wrapping – bring items to next meeting.

Ideas expressed for purchasing toys using AC Moore 50% off coupons.

List to be posted to member's Website.

Jackie Carter presented ebox-tops for presentation. Stores such as Shoprite and Acme offer credit for box tops by scanning receipts, without the need to clip the box tops.

Presentation will be posted to the chapter Website. See www.growlocallearning.com for additional options. Stay tuned for contests from box tops for education to increase earnings towards education, such as the Hefty Fall De-Clutter Contest and Box Tops for Education, Grandstand for Schools, www.boxtops4education.com.

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

Efforts are in process with Southeastern Veterans Center in Spring City seeking volunteer opportunities, ranging from visiting with veterans, escorting to bingo or Sunday afternoon games, and other general activities options for members to attend and volunteer monthly. Please see Jen or Beth to express veteran volunteer interests.

➤ **Flag of the USA** – Carole Bishop

Flag Minute presented by Joan Cossman, topics included Flag protocol with regards to the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the National Anthem.

- **Historic Preservation / Patriot Records** – Samantha Hennenfent, read by Holly Hayick
Towamencin DAR marker recognized for the Peter Wentz home was publicized on the NSDAR Website: <http://www.dar.org/national-society/historic-sites-and-properties/peter-wentz-homestead>.
- **Junior Membership** – Sara Natali
Please join us in attendance at the PSSDAR Eastern Junior Luncheon: Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia, Essington, PA, November 5, 2016, 12:00 PM. RSVP by October 22, see forms distributed and invite posted on members' site for further details. If anyone is interested in carpooling or traveling together to the luncheon, please contact Sara.
Thank you to the Towamencin Pages for attendance at the PA Sunday at Valley Forge. If anyone is interested in Paging at upcoming State or National meetings / conferences, please let Sara know and she will help coordinate with the State Page Chair, Gretchen Gailey.
Fall trip ideas presented for Sunday, October 23, 2016, 1 – 5 PM at the Glencairn Museum in Bryn Athyn for a Medieval Festival celebrating and learning about history or afternoon hike at a local park. Please contact Sara with interests and ideas for fellowship outings.
- **Literacy Promotion** – Linda Donaldson
Linda Donaldson and Pam Martino 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.
- **PA Sunday at Valley Forge** – Samantha Hennenfent, report filed
Thank you to Sara Natali, Margie Gehlhaus, Jennifer Cherry, Holly Hayick and Joan Cossman for attending this event. It was a beautiful service.

New Members Induction

10 new members inducted: Kellie Adams, Colleen Camara, Jennifer Cherry, Julia Forbes, Lisa Halteman, Cynthia Miller, Stephanie Miller, Janet Robinson, Joanne Shupe, and Claudia Stowers. 3 new members to be inducted at a future meeting included: Jaclyn Miller, Elizabeth Shaw, and Margaret Updike.

Old Business

- ***Donations for Bedding Sets for Chemewa for PSSDAR – American Indian Committee***
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. Treasurer, Diane Hustead, received \$190 from individual donations. Joan Cossman motioned for the chapter to donate \$50, Linda Donaldson seconded, and all present approved the motion. Wendy Kelly donated \$10 and Sandy McCarthy donated \$10, making up the total of \$260.
- ***Manna on Main***
Joan Cossman reported on behalf of Sandy Valenti, the chapter is collecting donations through the November meeting for gift cards for Manna on Main for a child or children for Christmas. Individuals may send donations to Treasurer, Diane Hustead, or purchase gift cards for \$75.

New Business

- ***New Members Workshop***
Save the date: Sunday, November 6, 2016, New Members Workshop hosted by Margie Gehlhaus and Holly Hayick at Holly's house. Topics: DAR 101, New Horizon Course information, and fellowship.
- ***PSSDAR Conference***
Save the date: April 27 – 29, 2017, 120th PSSDAR State Conference in Pittsburgh Hagey Bus transportation idea being researched by Holly Hayick and Margie Gehlhaus, @ \$95 per person. Read the book, "Girl Waits with Gun", to prepare for the book club discussions at the conference.
- ***NSDAR Conference***
Save the date: June 28 – July 2, 2017, 126th Continental Congress, Washington, D.C. Joan Cossman reported PSSDAR is considering a block of rooms at the JW Marriott.
- ***Coatesville Veterans Parade***
Friday, November, 4, 2016, arrive at 8:30 AM, check with Holly Hayick if interested.
- ***Veterans Day Program***
Bonnie Marino requested the chapters Veterans flag to be used in the Veterans Day program.

➤ ***Salford Hills Elementary Visit – Guinness World Records Certificate***

On Friday, November 11, 2016, at 1 PM, Diane Hustead and Holly Hayick will visit the Salford Hills Elementary near Souderton, for a 5-minute presentation of the Guinness World Record for assisting the Towamencin Chapter and NSDAR in exceeding the goal for DAR Letters to Service Members in June 2016.

➤ ***David Library of the American Revolution***

Molly Jager shared upcoming lectures at the David Library in Washington Crossing.
<http://www.dlar.org/events.htm>.

➤ ***Historic Book Binding***

Molly Jager shared a vendor for custom bookbinding and repair: Colonial Bindery, Ramon & Danielle Townsend, 256 Eagleview Blvd, Exton, PA 19341. 610-507-0827.
ramontownsend@yahoo.com. www.colonialbindery.com.

➤ ***Box Tops for Education***

Jackie Carter won 25,000 box tops towards Crossnore schools.

When signing up for collecting box tops, please indicate credit for “Williams Academy for Crossnore”.

Crossnore will be honoring the Towamencin Chapter in Crossnore’s Newsletter – please sign the photo release form for those interested to participate in photos to send to Crossnore. Sara Natali volunteered to help with the photos.

Announcements

Thank you to hostesses: Linda Donaldson, Jackie Carter

Today’s Program

Dr. Maj Mark Miller, C/2d Lt Fahema Sultana, C/Maj Conor Thorson, and C/Lt Col Emily Blasé: ROTC North Penn High School.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2016 10:30 AM, Indian Valley Library

Program: Chicken Soup for the Native American Soul, Sue Johnston

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Recording Secretary, Sara Natali

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