



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

Minutes

Meeting: December 10, 2016

Place: Carla Blumenfeld's House

Attendance: (30)

Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Carole Bishop, Carla Blumenfeld, Jennifer Cherry, Eleanor Cobb, Joan Cossman, Linda Donaldson, Erna Fenchel, Julia Forbes, Margie Gehlhaus, Janet Gross, Linda Hatcher, Holly Hayick, Marian Helinsky, Samantha Hennenfent, Dale Hoppe, Jessica Hoppe, Diane Hustead, Susanne Johnston, Kathryn Landis, Beth Lentz, Bonnie Marino, Pamela Martino, Carol Morrell, Sara Natali, Winnie Peterson, Shirley Sargent, Jackie Swanson, Sandy Valenti, Wendy Weirman.

Guests: (0)

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

Reports of Officers

➤ **Regent** – Holly Hayick

The Chapter Master Survey questionnaire for 2016 chapter activities is due by the end of January. Officers and Committees, please stay tuned to assist with completing the survey. For the State Conference in April, the Chapter can send 15 delegates. Please consider the opportunity to attend and come prepared to vote for delegate attendees at the February meeting.

➤ **Vice Regent** – Samantha Hennenfent

Samantha Hennenfent shared the experience of attending the Annual DAR Christmas Open House at the DAR Headquarters in Washington, D.C., on December 7, 2016, with Recording Secretary, Sara Natali. Please see the Chapter's Facebook for pictures posted to-date and stay tuned for features in a future newsletter. Samantha and Sara explored the various festivities and decorations at the hall, including the PA Foyer, featuring a Junior Membership Tree and a National Park Tree near the side entrance. In addition, a Victorian Santa greeted those young at heart, with wishes of happy holidays. The DAR Museum also featured Fashion of the Revolutionary Era in period rooms, including Jane Austen like attire, and period-specific Christmas decorations. In attendance from PA, also included the State Regent, State Vice Regent, and many others.

➤ **Chaplain** – Carla Blumenfeld

Carla Blumenfeld sent Birthday e-cards [from Jackie Lawson].

➤ **Registrar** – Sue Johnston

Sue Johnston will be leading a membership / genealogy workshop on Saturday, January 14, 2017, 10:30 a.m. Friends and prospective members are welcome – please see Sue to sign-up to attend.

Reports of Committees

➤ **American History** – Sandy Valenti

For the volunteers rating the history essays, please return tracking sheets to Sandy via e-mail by December 12, 2016.

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

***Flag Minute** was read by Carole Bishop, titled “The Flag at the North Pole”.*

Carole Bishop coordinated donating an American Flag to the Indian Valley Library from the Chapter, as a token of appreciation for allowing us to meet on Saturdays in the Community Room.

➤ **American Indians** – Sue Johnston

***Indian Minute** was read by Sue Johnston.*

➤ **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 Meetings:** Sunday, December 11, 2016, 2:00 PM, Indian Valley Library, Telford.*

Topics: Holiday party and special presentation from the winner of the History Teacher contest.

***4 Paws for Ability:** C.A.R. is selling Christmas ornaments for \$10 to benefit 4 Paws for Ability. In addition, on February 11, 2017, Towamencin C.A.R. will host a bake sale during the DAR meeting and baskets to raffle. Please see Carla Blumenfeld or Jenn Cherry to purchase the Christmas ornaments and to help support “4 Paws for Ability”.*

➤ **DAR Magazine** – Joan Cossman

Joan Cossman held a drawing for three gifts for members that have already subscribed and shared congratulations: 1) Wawa Gift Card – Winnie Peterson; 2) DAR Personal Calendar – Shirley Sargent; 3) Continental Congress Cards – Sara Natali.

Subscribe by June 2017 to be entered to win a 1 year subscription.

As an idea for sharing the American Spirit, please feel free to give Sue Johnston American Spirit magazines to repurpose for the new member folders.

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

Eleanor Cobb reported the chapter donated 60+ games, packaged in 4 large boxes.

Thank you all for helping to support the Crossnore school.

➤ **Literacy Promotion** – Linda Donaldson

Linda Donaldson provided handouts for Adult Education Tutors and events suggested for National Read Across America Day. Thursday, March 2, Dr. Seuss’ Birthday, represents an excellent opportunity to join a literacy sub-committee and help contact local schools / daycares where DAR volunteers can read books to children. The Veterans Community Network has partnered for this initiative, committing to promoting books about vets, service animals, and their families. Contact: lindadonaldson@verizon.net, 215-872-5242.

➤ **National Defense** – Carla Blumenfeld

The National Defender was read by Carla Blumenfeld, with the topic including highlights of the Army Navy games.

Old Business

➤ **Manna on Main**

Sandy Valenti reported a minimum donation of \$300 received, to sponsor four children. Thank you all that donated.

➤ **Towamencin DAR Facebook**

Please join the Towamencin DAR private group page on Facebook to receive news and events updates. Thank you to Jennifer Cherry for coordinating.

Announcements

Thank you to hostess: Carla Blumenfeld

Today's Program: 225th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights, Julia Forbes

Next Meeting: Saturday, February 11, 2016 10:30 AM, Indian Valley Library

Program: Service Project

Hostesses: Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 PM.

Recording Secretary, Sara Natali

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