



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

## **Minutes**

**Meeting:** February 11, 2017

**Place:** Indian Valley Library, Telford

**Attendance:** (35)

*Members: (31)*

Jennifer Bindas, Carole Bishop, Carla Blumenfeld, Jacqueline Carter, Jennifer Cherry, Linda Donaldson, Martha Foote, Margie Gehlhaus, Janet Gross, Linda Hatcher, Holly Hayick, Marian Helinsky, Samantha Freise, Dale Hoppe, Jessica Hoppe, Diane Husted, Molly Jager, Susanne Johnston, Mary Kern, Kathryn Landis, Beth Lentz, Pamela Martino, Sara Natali, Winnie Peterson, Margaret Sellers, Elizabeth Semon, Joanne Shupe, Jacqueline Swanson, and Margaret Updike. Deborah Cowhey (Bucks Chapter, NSDAR), and Lucina Verish (Bucks Chapter, NSDAR).

*Guests: (4)*

Marsha Althouse, Susan Heavener, Corrie Smith, and Heather Wassel.

### **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***

***America the Beautiful***

**President General's Message** was read by Beth Semon. Topics included holidays in February, State society visits in the spring, the 126th Continental Congress in June, and recognition to the historical eagle lectern used in the Presidential Inauguration in January.

## **National Defense**

*Carla Blumenfeld presented topics regarding the online reading of the National Defense and the Carlisle barracks, and efforts to collect backpacks for the USO at the State Conference.*

*Examples to collect include backpacks, highlighters, rulers, 3 ring binders with paper, pens (black, blue), pencils, erasers, markers, crayons, pencil cases, folders, filler paper, notebooks, etc. Stay tuned for a future e-blast. “We are working directly with our “local” Liberty USO to support its efforts within Pennsylvania. Their outreach extends to the nine military bases and over twenty National Guard Armories and Reserve Readiness Centers in our region such as Horsham Air Guard Station, Fort Indiantown Gap, Philadelphia International Airport, and Joint Base McGuire-Dix in NJ. Liberty USO is a chartered affiliate of World USO, a 501 C-3 nonprofit, and not a government agency. Check <http://libertyuso.org/> to read more. “*

## **C.A.R.**

*The Towamencin C.A.R. society currently possesses 22 members. Many C.A.R. members attended today, presenting the C.A.R. national initiatives, and hosting a tombola and bake sale. Proceeds will benefit 4 Paws for Ability – dogs trained to assist veterans.*

*C.A.R. National Initiatives presented:*

*National Freedom’s Thunder – Battle of Yorktown*

*Going miles for smiles...\$25 donation given from the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR*

## **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

*Minutes from the December 10, 2016 meeting were posted to the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, Members’ Website. Minutes were approved as posted.*

## **Reports of Officers**

### **➤ Vice Regent – Samantha Freise**

*Samantha Freise shared upcoming programs.*

*Stay tuned for the trip to the Museum of American Revolution scheduled for May 13, 2017, a joint trip with Towamencin C.A.R. Signups will be distributed in the future, \$12 for adults, \$10 children, and under 6 is free.*

*Public admissions for the museum will open for purchase to the public, Feb 22, \$19.*

*Spring Luncheon, Rising Sun Inn, joint with Towamencin C.A.R., Saturday, April 8.*

*The Chapter Master Questionnaire was submitted in January. It covers activities completed for a calendar year for reporting, please continue to keep track of efforts for 2017.*

➤ **Chaplain** – Carla Blumenfeld

*Carla Blumenfeld sent Jackie Lawson Birthday e-cards for members.*

➤ **Corresponding Secretary** – Winnie Peterson

*Winnie Peterson reviewed two upcoming Pennsylvania luncheons.*

*Valley Forge Luncheon – Saturday, March 18, Copperfield Inn at Lakeside, Limerick – RSVP by March 11<sup>th</sup> to Ms. Betsy Parrish.*

*Tamassee Luncheon, South Western District Sections 3 & 4 Luncheon – Sunday, March 12, Bishop Connare Center, Greensburg, PA*

➤ **Treasurer** – Diane Husted

*Diane Husted reported a balance of \$ 3,970.16, as of January 31, 2017. Report filed.*

➤ **Registrar** – Sue Johnston

*Sue Johnston presented the Registrar's Report. Report filed.*

*Total Members: 95*

*New members: 2, Elizabeth Shaw, Margaret Updike*

*Applications Pending: 2*

*Applications Ready to Send: 10 actively gathering documents*

*Prospective members: 30, 11 actively gathering documents*

*Supplementals Pending: 13 – for members: Linda Hatcher, Sara Natali, Susan Popp, Lisa Madsen, Marion Helinsky, Bonnie Marino, Sandy Valenti, and Jen Cherry.*

*Prospective members in attendance to the meeting included Susan Heavener, Heather Wassel, and Corrie Smith.*

*Supplementals Workshop – 3 members are invited to attend a workshop at Diane Husted's house on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please see Sue Johnston after the business portion, if interested.*

➤ **Librarian** – Linda Donaldson

*Linda Donaldson reported the lending library has 27 books, 4 new – 2 donated by Carla Blumenfeld, 1 donated by Linda Donaldson, and 1 donated by Carol Morrell. The library list and a listing of 5 books from Linda for future donations, were filed and posted to the Towamencin Chapter Members' Website, <http://members.towamencinpadar.org>.*

*Book raffle – See Linda to participate in a book raffle at the March and April meetings, \$5 for 5 or \$12 for 15. Raffle will be for a book basket, drawn at the State Conference.*

*National Read Across America Day Thursday, March 2nd - (Birthday of Dr. Seuss) – See Pam Martino to volunteer to read to children at 1:40 PM at E.M. Crouthamel Elementary School in Souderton, to help advocate literacy. Books with our DAR donation bookplates will be provided for you, courtesy of Pam, to read and then donate to the school library. The entire visit should last about an hour. Flyers with details are available for anyone interested in participating. If volunteering, please remember to bring your driver license.*

**New Member Installation – Margaret (Meg) Updike** - presented by Regent, Holly Hayick, Chaplain, Carla Blumenfeld, and Chapter Membership Chair, Margie Gehlhaus.

## Reports of Committees

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

*Flag Minute* was read by Carole Bishop, titled *Flag on Iwo Jima*.

Carole presented an initiative to donate change towards Braille flags, which include the pledge of allegiance. Members gave \$57.35 by the conclusion of the meeting.

➤ **American Indians** – Sue Johnston

*Indian Minute* was read by Sue Johnston, topic included instruments of Native Americans.

Sue reviewed the AIC initiative, they have received 180 sets of bedding, getting them close to their goal of 400 by year end. Thank you to the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, for their contributions towards the above counts.

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

Eleanor Cobb referenced the 4 large boxes of toys donated by the Chapter for Crossnore School previously, by reading the letter of appreciation received describing the children enjoying the games.

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

Jennifer Bindas hosted the writing of thank you cards for women veterans, as an introduction of the program for later today to build wreaths for women in service.

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

Samantha Freise shared the continuation grant submitted for Historic Preservation and Christ Church, sent in December 2016. Approval announcements are slated for late March – mid April. Thank you to Jackie Carter for all the work with Discover Lansdale – we will keep Discover Lansdale in mind for future grant recommendations.

➤ **Junior American Citizens** – Martha Foote

Martha Foote presented an introduction to initiatives for Junior American Citizens.

➤ **Literacy Promotion** – Linda Donaldson

*Literacy Committee report was filed, summary follows:*

*On Monday, February 6th, Linda Donaldson attended another meeting of the Montgomery County Literacy Network [MCLN] in Blue Bell. The Keystone Opportunity Center's supports an upcoming free Tutor Training Day in Souderton on Friday, February 24th from 10 to 3. Flyers with details about this opportunity are available for anyone interested in volunteering to learn how to tutor or aide in ESL, GED, Pre-GED and Civics classes.*

*MCLN had added to their December meeting minutes a request for sample questions for a future email survey to their entire membership. Discussion of the questions resulted in the setting of goals for the group going forward that concentrated on building a membership directory for the website, beginning a blog, creating a brochure for handing out to people needing tutoring. Linda volunteered to help MCLN craft their message online and in print media. The MCLN mission is in the process of being defined and revised.*

**Old Business**

➤ **State Conference Bus**

*Holly Hayick will reach out to the bus company for smaller transportation alternatives.*

**New Business**

➤ **10 Years of Service Certificate**

*Regent, Holly Hayick, recognized Molly Jager, Past Regent, for achieving 10 years in DAR.*

➤ **State Conference**

*Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, may send 15 or less delegates to the State Conference. Volunteers included: Holly Hayick, Marian Helinsky, Diane Hustead, Carla Blumenfeld, Samantha Freise, Sue Johnston, Jen Cherry, and Sara Natali. Holly motioned the approval of the 8 delegates, Pam Martino seconded, and all members in attendance affirmed.*

➤ **Veterans Thank You Cards**

*Beth Semon proposed the continuation of offering veterans thank you cards, printing costing \$38.11 for a supply of 1,500, from vistaprint. Margie Gehlhaus motioned the approval, Sue Johnston seconded, and all members in attendance affirmed.*

➤ **2017 Iron Pigs schedule**

*Winnie Peterson presented an idea to attend a 2017 Iron Pigs game, if anyone is interested. The schedule includes games from spring through the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Sept 20 for \$11 – more information to be sent in an e-mail. Please stay tuned.*

**Announcements**

**Thank you to hostesses:** Jennifer Bindas, C.A.R. Bake Sale

**Today's Program:** Service for Veterans Project, Indiantown Gap active duty wreaths

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, March 11, 2017, 10:30 AM

*Program: First Ladies, Joan Cossman*

*Hostesses: Chapter Members*

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

Recording Secretary, Sara Natali

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