



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

Minutes

Meeting: April 8, 2017

Place: The Rising Sun Inn, Telford

Attendance: (33)

Kelly Adams, Kelly Bayer, Jennifer Bindas-McMonagle, Carole Bishop, Carla Blumenfeld, Jacqueline Carter, Jennifer Cherry, Eleanor Cobb, Joan Cossman, Mary DiDomizio, Linda Donaldson, Martha Foote, Margie Gehlhaus, Janet Gross, Holly Hayick, Marian Helinsky, Dale Hoppe, Diane Hustead, Susanne Johnston, Kathryn Landis, Beth Lentz, Bonnie Marino, Pamela Martino, Cindy Miller, Stephanie Miller, Sara Natali, Winnie Peterson, Shirley Sargent, Elizabeth Semon, Lisa Todd-Madson, Sandy Valenti, Wendy Weirman, Rebekah Wieland.

Guests: (15)

Lucina Verish (PSSDAR Registrar), Rebecca Gelles (PSSDAR AIC Chair), Jennifer Gelles, George Gelles, Joanne Damanski (Lieutenant Matthew Smith Chapter, NSDAR), Heather Wassel, Rick Gehlhaus, Anne Rorer, David Hallman, Gabriella Aragon, Holly Marx, Emilee Gelles, Andrew Verish (C.A.R. State Historian), Maria Foote, Fred Donaldson.

Opening Rituals

The luncheon and meeting of the Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, was called to order by Regent, Holly Hayick, at 10:35 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

American's Creed

Reports of Officers

➤ **Regent** – Holly Hayick

Regent, Holly Hayick, presented an overview of the top three stories of the chapter from in the last year, which will also be included in her report at the PSSDAR State Conference on April 29th. The following represent excerpts present at the luncheon.

Bonnie Marino / Veterans Day Program at Mater Dei

Bonnie Marino, Towamencin Chapter, NSDAR, member, was honored by Local Fox29 Philadelphia with their 'You Go There' segment on November 11, 2016. Bonnie is a 6th grade teacher at Mater Dei Catholic School in Lansdale. She has organized the Veterans wreath laying at St Stanislaus cemetery Day Event for the past 8 years. Approximately ,115 Veterans were in attendance. Towamencin members, Joan Cossman and Marian Helinsky, also attended.

Margie Gehlhaus / NSDAR Historic Preservation Recognition Award

Margie Gehlhaus, New Member Committee Chairman, was the recipient of the NSDAR Historic Preservation Recognition Award in the category of Interpretation and Living Story in May 2016. Margie educates audiences of every age what the daily tasks of living in the Federal Period of the 1820's was like. Dressed in period costume, she shares her knowledge and interest of the early American lifestyle. Margie shows off here cooking skills while explaining what it was like to thrive in early America, being self-sufficient without the use of modern conveniences.

Jackie Carter / Box Tops to Crossnore School

Jackie Carter, Conservation Committee Chairman, donated \$2,500 won from a box tops sweepstakes to the Crossnore School with personal and company matching donations for a total of \$7,500. Jackie is an adamant collector of box tops and her diligent effort to enter every conceivable contest for box tops has paid off. She hit the jackpot. By participating in the ShopRite "For My School" Bonus Earnings Promotion sponsored by General Mills Sales, Inc., she won the sweepstakes and the check was disbursed in December 2016.

➤ **Librarian** – Linda Donaldson

Linda presented a ballot for members to vote on the book to donate in memory of late member, Ruth Oberholtzer.

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>

Reports of Committees

➤ **C.A.R. – Sue Johnston**

Sue Johnston introduced the C.A.R. members in attendance:

Emilee, Maria, Gabriella, Holly, and Andrew.

Towamencin C.A.R. received recognitions for the most outstanding C.A.R. society in PA.

➤ **Junior American Citizens – Martha Foote**

Holly Marx won the first prizes for the Stamp and Poster contests for 7th graders. Martha Foote presented Holly Marx with certificates and a monetary award. Then a photograph was taken with Regent, Holly Hayick, Martha Foote, and Holly Marx.

Announcements

Grace was given by Chaplain, Carla Blumenfeld.

Today's Program: Living History: Tobacconist of the Federal Period, Speaker: Rick Gehlhaus

Donations from patrons, absentee donations, and tombola: \$474

Next Meeting: Saturday, May 13, 2017, 10:30 AM, Museum of the American Revolution

Recording Secretary, Sara Natali

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