



The Starfish



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Gloria Lester
Delaware State Regent 2019 – 2022



STATE THEME

*Renew, rise up, reach out and help. You
can make a difference in the lives of
others by serving America.*

STATE BIBLE VERSE

*The King will reply, "Truly I tell you,
whatever you did for one of the least of
these brothers and sisters of mine, you
did for me.*

Matthew 25:40

NATIONAL THEME



NATIONAL BIBLE VERSE

*Let your light shine before others
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

STATE REGENTS MESSAGE

I hope all of you are staying safe during these difficult and uncharted times. Our world has changed as we know it. This certainly is not how I expected the second year of my administration to go. Life has been full of so many surprises. I truly enjoyed my first year and all the DAR activities and visits to the Chapters throughout the state. I was able to make visits to all but one chapter before the pandemic hit. I will cherish the time I was able to spend with all our Delaware Daughters.

I am very proud of the activities our Delaware Daughters have been involved in to help our communities during this pandemic. Many of our "Betsy Ross Wannabes" have been sewing masks for the Beebe Hospital, local clinics and doctor's offices, Casa San Francisco Shelter, the Home of the Brave, the Veterans Hospital and the Veterans Nursing Home, hospice, La Red and many neighbors and friends.

Our Daughters organized a statewide effort to help the Navaho Nation, who is having a difficult time during this pandemic. Our Daughters across the state made masks and sent other needed supplies through Amazon to the Navaho Nation.

In addition, we have members who are nurses and paramedics working on the front lines. Some nurses have come out of retirement to work at hospitals and test sites to meet the needs of their community at this difficult time.

Some chapters have purchased food and delivered it to our frontline workers. Individual daughters have made contributions to the Food Bank for those who are out of work. I am proud of these DAR members who care so much about their communities and their country. As members of the DAR, we can all do our part to help our communities and our nation get to the other side of this global disaster.

The year's historic Virtual Continental Congress was a great success. With more than 60,000 views of the online sessions throughout the week, more members were able to take part in Congress than every before. Many Delaware Daughters attended the Virtual Cocktail Party sponsored by Cooch's Bridge

Chapter on Friday night. The DAR Insignia store officially opened for business during Congress and the President General's "Selling Sunshine" was able to raise \$100,000 for her project. We even watched the giant flag drop during the Opening Night Ceremonies Wednesday evening and the Educational awards presentations on Thursday night. Hopefully many of you were able to view the Delaware Regents Report Friday night. The National Defense Night keynote speaker, LTG Robert Ashley, was a dynamic speaker. In spite of being virtual our Memorial Service and instillation of officers was still moving. I truly missed the comradery of being in Washington DC for the week but National did a fantastic job of staging our 129th Congress. Hopefully we will all be together again in DC for our special week for the 130th Continental Congress.

Our Delaware State Meeting is scheduled for October 31st. In spite of the fact that this meeting will go virtual, we will proceed with all the activities and speakers that we planned. These programs were originally scheduled for the cancelled April meeting. The theme will be the Women's Suffrage Movement. Our hosting chapter is Nathaniel Mitchell. We can still dress in the clothing of the Women's suffrage movement and take zoom pictures in costume.

The speaker is Mary Ann Jung, who will be presenting an exciting, educational enactment in costume on the Women's Suffrage Movement. Mary Ann is an award-winning actress and Smithsonian Scholar who performs fun, interactive, and inspiring shows about women in history.

Sharon Thorne-Sulima from DAR National Headquarters will also give a presentation entitled "the Mysteries of our House Beautiful" which is about the working of the DAR Headquarters. Hopefully all of you will join me for our first fun filled virtual state meeting.

As a reminder, we still have many beautiful Starfish pins for sale to support the State Regent's project. Just send \$25 plus \$5

shipping to me to order a pin and I will send one to you. Also, we have found some of the Holly pins from the Beachell Administration for the same price. Both would make beautiful Christmas presents.

Stay safe, practice social distancing, and wear a mask and I hope I will see you at the Fall Virtual State Conference.

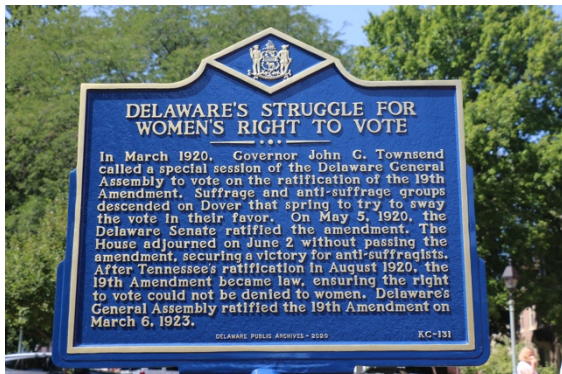
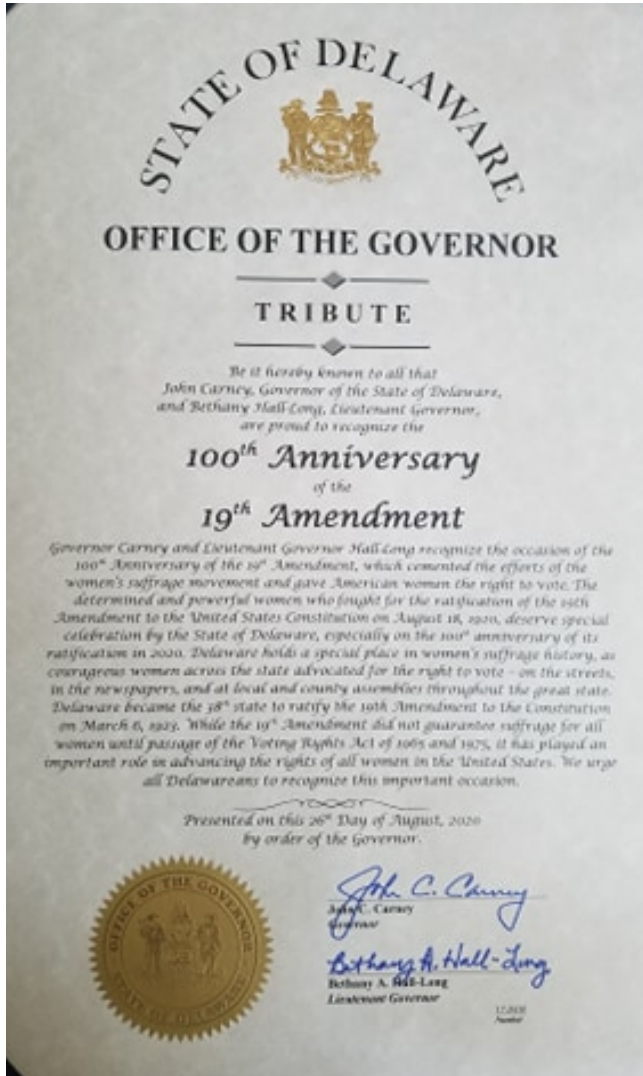
Yours in DAR friendship,

Dr. Gloria Lester
Delaware State Regent





100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment



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STATE LIBRARIAN

Donna Wilkinson Josefowski

WHAT IS THE DAR LIBRARY AND HOW CAN WE SHOW OUR SUPPORT?

According to the DAR website, “since its founding in 1896, the DAR Library has grown into a specialized collection of American genealogical and historical manuscripts and publications, as well as powerful on-site databases”.

The DAR Library collection contains:

- Over 225,000 books
- 10,000 research files
- Thousands of manuscript items
- Special collections of African American, Native American and women’s history, genealogy and culture
- Nearly 40,000 family histories and genealogies

The good news - the DAR Library is free and open to the public!

How can you support the DAR Library?

- Donate to the Friends of the Library (individually or chapter)
- Donate to the Friends of the Siemes Technology Center (individually or chapter)
- Hold chapter programs to learn more about the DAR Library’s holdings
- Donate books, periodicals, or other items (via your chapter) to the DAR Library

How do you donate a book or item to the DAR Library?

1. Search the DAR Library Wish List at www.dar.org/giving/dar-wishlist (there aren’t many listed currently)
2. If you know of a history/genealogy book your chapter can donate, check the Library Online Catalog to make sure they don’t already have a copy

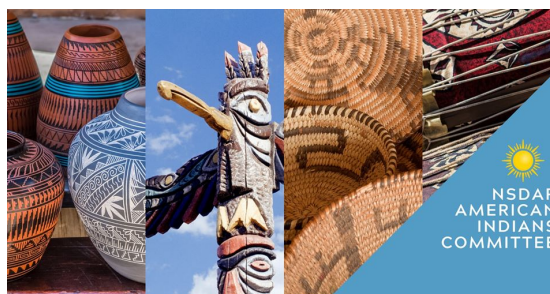
3. Ask your Chapter Librarian to send a *Gift Approval and Donation Form* (www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/LG-1002.pdf) to LibraryAcquisitions@dar.org
- Mail your book to the DAR Library after approval

Continue your support of the DAR Library in Washington DC through your monetary contributions and book donations.

AMERICAN INDIAN COMMITTEE

Jennifer Horsley, State Chair

AMERICAN INDIAN MINUTES



129th Continental Congress

Hello Delaware Daughters, this American Indian Committee Chair attended the NSDAR Committee Meeting of the American Indian led by Suzanne Heske our National Chair. The link to our You Tube Meeting is on this link: <https://youtu.be/DOffMvQlyQ8> It focuses on the following topics:

- Indian Youth of America/Summer Camps
- Chemawa Indian School
- Bacone College
- Smithsonian Native American Veterans Memorial- The Path of Harmony

There are 4 to 6-minute-long presentations available on each topic that were recorded for the fabulous American Indians Committee 2020 Social Gathering at Continental Congress.

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In addition, there is also a deeply moving and informative 20-30-minute presentation available: Professor Joe Starita, author of “A Warrior of the People: How Susan La Flesche Overcame Racial and Gender Inequality to Become America's First Indian Doctor.”

Finally, I attended Native Knowledge 360°: Foundations for Teaching and Learning about Native Americans with the National Museum of the American Indian, attended the Lakota Indian Virtual Pow Wow, and helped create the Navajo Nation Amazon Fundraiser event with Valarie Leary and Lori Porter. The American Indian Minutes 2020/2021 have been posted and are available for use via the American Indian Committee page via the DAR Members Only accessible page.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE (AD HOC)

Bylaw Revisions Proposed

Due to the recent health crisis in the United States and across the World, many events and meetings have been cancelled. This included our State Spring Meeting 2020 as well as many chapter meetings. Due to this crisis, NSDAR permitted all DAR Chapters and State Organizations to meet virtually without modifying their Bylaws during this time.

However, this made us consider future situations - either due to weather, health crisis, or other extreme situations. In preparation, a small Bylaws Committee was formed including Kitty Dickerson, Ginger Trader, Alexandra McFassel, and Donna Josefowski. Other changes include the electronic submission of State Conference reports by those who will not be present. The following verbiage was presented and discussed at the State Society Board Meeting and will be presented for consideration and vote at our Fall 2020 State Meeting. If you have any questions,

please feel free to contact Donna Josefowski at (302) 697-6210 or djosefowski@gmail.com.

Article VIII: MEETINGS

SECTION 6: *Electronic Meetings and Voting:* Meetings and voting of the Officers, Executive Board, Committees, or of the membership of the Delaware State Society, may be conducted electronically either by means of email, telephone conference call or video-conferencing when necessary. All other provisions, rules or procedures of these Bylaws concerning notice, quorum, and voting, shall be followed.

Article XI: OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, CHAPTERS

SECTION 1: All State Officers, Chapter Regents and Chairmen of State Committees shall prepare either typewritten reports in duplicate **and/or electronic reports** summarizing their work during the year for presentation at the State Conference.

COMMUNITY CLASSROOM COMMITTEE

Jan Ekoniak, State Chair

Let's Shine a Spotlight on DAR's "Community Classroom Committee"

As we ***Rise and Shine for America***, it is important to remember the two-fold purpose of Community Classroom Committee:

- 1) encourage Daughters to volunteer and provide additional support to children in classrooms and schools in their communities; and,
- 2) provide sound lesson plans rich in historical facts, enabling teachers to relay the story of the development of the United States.

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Note that lesson plans in STEM subjects are also highly desired. Many lesson plans are already available on the NSDAR Community Classroom Committee website, feel free to access them and recommend them to teachers you know. Or, if you have a lesson plan to contribute, please advise your Chapter Community Classroom Chair and/or Chapter Regent who will coordinate with the State Community Classroom Chair to submit them electronically to NSDAR for review.

While it is hoped that most Delaware DAR Chapters have 1) adopted a classroom, 2) adopted a teacher, 3) volunteered in classroom, 4) mentored a student, or 5) provided supplies, we recognize that Community Classroom opportunities in 2020 have been restricted due to COVID-19. **HOWEVER, SCHOOL IS RESUMING SOON! You as DELAWARE Daughters have a great opportunity to offer support to students and classrooms.** If you are a K-12 teacher and need supplies or other support, please reach out to the DAR State Community Classroom Chair (see contact info below). Equally important, if you are a Daughter and willing to provide supplies or financial resources in any amount, please reach out to a student or teacher in your community and ask how you can help. Remember to document your 2020 support (describe what was provided and for what grade level) by advising your Chapter Community Classroom Chair and/or Chapter Regent. In this way Delaware can capture the cumulative tally of support and report it to NSDAR. Photos of your specific efforts are encouraged and may be featured in a future Chapter or State newsletter or sent to NSDAR's Community Classroom Success Stories page.

Our State DAR Community Classroom Chair has contacted NSDAR to seek clarification whether helping with home schooling will be counted as "Service to America" hours. This is currently under discussion by NSDAR. However, please do keep track of any home schooling volunteers hours and be prepared to report them (by grade level) in January 2021 to your Chapter's

Community Classroom Chair and/or Chapter Regent. We will certainly want to highlight your homeschooling efforts no matter what NSDAR decides. ***As active Delaware Daughters let's Rise and Shine in support of K-12 education in our local communities!***

DAR Blog "Box of Sunshine"

"Dear Daughters, it's with the proudest of hearts that I share with you our committee's committed effort of support to the children in our communities during this time of uncertainty. The idea of supplying and sharing a "Box of Sunshine" students was a means of support that would give them the necessary tools to complete their learning tasks. With guidance from Mrs. VanBuren and Mrs. Kessler, we were able to create a project which all Daughters can readily support. Please take the time to review the blog, open the links, download the forms, print the Avery label, and share it with the chapters within your state. The excitement is electrifying! Share your "Success Story" and photos and remember to be someone's sunshine!"

The PowerPoint has been saved as a pdf on our committee's webpage and can be easily downloaded and shared. Join our Facebook Group, NSDAR Community Classroom Committee if you haven't done so yet! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

*Diane Waugh Oliver
NJDAR State Vice Regent
NSDAR National Chair, Community
Classroom Committee
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Link to the "Box of Sunshine!"

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DAR GOOD CITIZEN COMMITTEE AND DEADLINES

Frances O'Reilly, State Chair

The DAR Good Citizens program is a wonderful way to recognize outstanding young people who exhibit the qualities of good citizenship in their homes, schools, and communities. Chapters should contact local high schools as soon as possible and encourage their participation.

The DAR Good Citizens program and Scholarship Contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The program is open to all high school seniors enrolled in public or private schools accredited by their state board of education. United States citizenship is not required.

The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the following qualities:

- Dependability (truthfulness, honesty, punctuality, etc.)
- Service (cooperation, helpfulness, responsibility, etc.)
- Leadership (personality, self-control, initiative, etc.)
- Patriotism (unselfish loyalty to American ideals)

Each school may honor only one senior class student per year as it's DAR Good Citizen.

Each school's DAR Good Citizen receives a DAR Good Citizens pin, certificate, and wallet recognition card. This student is then eligible, if he/she wishes, to enter the [DAR Good Citizens Scholarship Contest](#).

DAR Good Citizens pins, certificates, and recognition cards may be obtained only through your state chair. Please use the [chapter chair's order form](#).

Deadlines are as follows:

- **August**
 - National chair sends packets to division national vice chairs and state chairs.
 - Division national vice chairs contact all of their state chairs.
 - State chair, working with State Regent, sets state deadline to receive chapter Scholarship Contest winner entries.
 - **State chair contacts all of her chapter chairs.**
- **Late Summer / Early Fall**
 - Chapter chairs begin contacting and giving information to the schools.
 - Chapter chairs order their DAR Good Citizens materials (using the chapter order form) from their state chair.
 - State chairs order DAR Good Citizens materials for their state, using the state order form provided.
 - Chapter chairs process the scholarship contest entries using non-DAR judges to select winner, and send the chapter contest winner's packet to the state chair by the deadline set by her state chair.

Please send your orders to your state chair early in the fall, so she can plan the state's order.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Catherine Hudson, State Chair

Are you up for a challenge? Our National Membership Committee issued a challenge to each chapter. The "We Can Do It" challenge is a call for every DAR chapter to submit at least two new membership applications and/or reinstatements by the close of this year. Ideally, these applications/reinstatements should be submitted by November 16th in order to be approved at the December Board of Management. President General Van Buren is personally requesting our participation in order to ensure the success of the challenge.

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There has been a decrease in the number of completed applications received at headquarters this year due to social distancing, restrictions, and the shutdown of repositories. Registrar general Pat McFall and Department Head Sara Sukol are addressing the backlog of applications received during the 98-day pandemic related shutdown.

If we fail to meet the challenge we will be on track for one of the lowest years of membership growth since the founding of our society. We must strive to give a boost to our membership roster and not allow the pandemic to defeat our growth. One of the easiest ways is to connect with those female relatives who have the potential to join DAR through your proven Patriot, thereby qualifying both of you to earn Legacy Status (and purchase the lovely Legacy pin for your official ribbon

Chapters that successfully meet the We Can Do It! Challenge will be recognized on the Membership Committee's webpage and at the 130th Continental Congress in 2021. Of course, we will also continue to track those chapters that achieve even greater, year-round membership growth as tracked by our annual recognition program:

Shimmer

- **5% increase in membership by new member Application**
- **3% or less decrease in membership through resignation or drops for non-payment of dues**

Radiant

- **10% increase in membership by new member Application**
- **2% or less decrease in membership through resignation or drops for non-payment of dues**

Brilliant Level

- **25% increase in membership by new member Application**
- **5% or less decrease in membership through resignation or drops for non-payment of dues**

Let's accept, meet, and surpass the "We Can Do It" membership challenge. When President General Van Buren visits our great society at the 2021 Spring State Conference we can proudly say "We Did It"

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MEMBERS COURSE

Catherine Hudson, State Coordinator

Over the last year, the State Members Course Coordinator has attempted to promote the Members Course through poster boards, articles in the Starfish, and e-mails to Chapter leadership and individuals expressing interest in participating. The efforts have shown only mediocre success. After much thought, the

Coordinator realized she had forgotten the most important component---You, the Member!!

After a lengthy thought finding session, in part as a result of suggestions and guidance of members, it seems the following may be some reasons to deter members from taking the course;

1. Time: Q; How long is it going to take to complete the course?

A: The time limit is actually one year, but an extension may be granted. To give a definitive answer is next to impossible since we all learn in different manners and rates. Spending one hour

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per week most members would complete the Members Course in 6 ½ to 7 months. Some webinars will not take an hour. In addition, it is like reading a good book once you start you want to keep going.



2. Independent Project: Q: Does it take a lot of time, money, and work to complete the Independent Project?

A: No! When you notify the Coordinator that you want to begin the Course an email with 3 attachments will be sent to you via email. One will have some suggestions for projects. You may select what you are interested in and can be worked out with the Coordinator. Certainly, feel free to ask for input from your Chapter Regent.

3. Printer: Q: Do I have to have a printer?

A: No! The answers can be downloaded and sent as attachments.

Issues having been identified the following corrective action plan is being implemented:

1. A designee from each chapter is being named by your respective Regent, in an effort to improve communications.
2. Regularly scheduled group teleconferences to discuss preselected webinars will be available on a voluntary basis.

****Remember, above all the purpose is to gain knowledge of our great DAR Society, have fun in doing so, and maybe make a new friend along the way.

Please feel free to email me at cahudson5@verizon.net or call 302-856-7904 with suggestions, comments, or ideas. They truly will be welcomed.

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S PROJECT

Carol Evans, State Chair

A reminder that the DAR Insignia Store is open, and the purchase of the VanBuren articles assists in reaching the President General's Project goals. One of her major achievements is to complete the final stage of restoration for DAR Constitution Hall. The President General is also encouraging the Sustaining Supporter which is a monthly giving program.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Jennifer Horsley, State Co-Chair (Social Media)
Valarie Leary, State Co-Chair (Public Relations)



Social Media



Jennifer Horsley Co-Chair Social Media

Since May 2020 you may have noticed various highlighted templates for Facebook or Instagram depending on which social media platform you enjoy following. *The idea behind the public platforms is to increase membership numbers for our Delaware Chapters, whereas the private page is solely for Delaware State NSDAR business.* The public venue is proving to be a tremendous asset for Delaware. Recent posts are

clearly picking up more and more followers on both social media sites daily. In the past month America250 National Chair Lynn Forney Young started following all our posts but focusing on the Patriot Spotlights. She has started following the Women's Suffrage Delaware storyline also. President General Denise Doring Van Buren has also started following the Patriot Spotlights and

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Instagram. With both telling me recently how much they enjoy our posts. I have also noticed three book authors and two bloggers have picked up on our Instagram, but both sites are seeing a surge...especially Facebook in the past three days. I have gotten private messages about the how beautiful the posts are, and several recently from an Arkansas Daughter asking me if I had a tutorial she could use, and America250 Committee Members asking for templates. Events DAR started promoting the Women's Suffrage Delaware series six weeks ago. In addition, I had two former Delaware Daughters reach out to me to reinstate their membership.

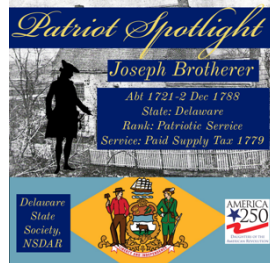
Here is what I have...

In May, on the public Facebook account, we had approximately 78 likes and it was similar in followers, and as of today we are at 157 "likes" and 184

"followers". In the past 28 days our Facebook posts have reached 4,428 people, with 1.989 post engagements and 35 new page likes, and one of the highest page like was on one from 1 August to celebrate Women's Suffrage with 936 views, second to

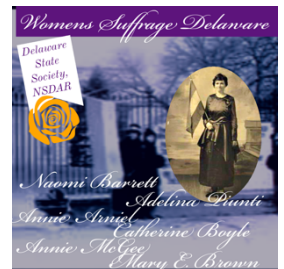
that was Col John Haslet from the 4th of July series with 536 views. However, on 9 August 2020 the highest ever is 6,636 views on one post celebrating the anniversary of our NSDAR founders. The average daily audience per post is about 400 people depending on how many views

the page or a post is viewed. This changes daily and we are trending upward constantly. You won't see "likes" on the posts but Facebook shows the daily feed report for each individual post viewing and how many have seen it on Facebook.



For Instagram, I recall that in May we had around 125 followers which has grown to 265 followers as of today. I have created 265 posts for Instagram, we have reached 5,219 this week of 15 August, which was a 252% increase from the week before. Our average weekly view is growing on Instagram. We also had 1,514 new profile visits this week. Demographically speaking, we are reaching New York, New Castle, DE., Arizona, Washington State, Lewes. Age range is 18 to 65+, 80% are women and 20% men. The highest view time of the day is 9am to Midnight steady. Friday is our slowest viewing day surprisingly.

Overall, the responses from Delaware DAR members and the NSDAR have been extremely positive. Once the Women's Suffrage Delaware Series ends, I will be focusing on other NSDAR themes. I'm in the majority of the NSDAR Facebook groups keeping up with themes or social media pushes requested. Constitution Week templates are complete. Keep an eye out for your Patriot in social media.



SERVICE TO AMERICA

Patricia L. Haas, State Chair

Thank you to all daughters who have enjoyed a new love affair with their old sewing machines or making acquaintance with their brandnew ones to sew PPE. Our communities and the Navajo Nation appreciate your service! Please make sure to enter all of your volunteer hours and update your record logs. Thank you for your service!

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VIS COMMITTEE

Valarie Leary, State Chair
Deb Smith, Vice State Chair

The DAR logo was rebranded and announced at Continental Congress in June of 2019. The refreshed design honors the character and style of the original logo introduced in 2002, while giving it an updated, contemporary look and feel to enhance its versatility.



The new logo was installed on our Delaware State and chapter websites but Deb Smith and I noticed that the websites also needed refreshing to give them an updated and contemporary look.

Per National: *A chapter or state website is the public face for DAR and a great recruiting tool. The main goals of a site are to attract new members, provide a way for the public to contact your chapter or state, and tell what you're doing in the community. The key question is to ask before deciding on any content you will use: **Will this information be interesting to the public, especially prospective members? (emphasis by me).***

Chapters should make their site attractive, informative, and a personal reflection of the chapter's personality.



The refreshed websites will be modelled after the Col. David Hall chapter website and the DAR.org website. All proposed templates have been emailed to the State and Chapter Regents for comment. 2 of the 10 proposed templates appear here.



The Wreaths Across America fundraising program was discovered late in the 2019 season which left us with only had 3 weeks to participate. A modest goal of 50 was initially set. We raised \$315 from the sale of 63 wreaths to be placed on the graves of our veterans at the Delaware Veteran Cemeteries in Bear and Millsboro. **WIN!**

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While this program is active all year, our focus will be from September to November 30, 2020 (the last day to purchase wreaths). Members may purchase their wreaths through this link:

<https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/163068/Overview/?relatedId=14788>. You are able to select either or both veteran cemeteries in Delaware.

However, this is a fundraiser, and as such is not limited to DAR members. You are encouraged to share this link with family and friends, as well as other organizations with whom you may be involved. A template of a fundraising business letter is attached to this newsletter and I am happy to send you the word doc. I encourage each of you to contact businesses in your area to request participation as well as city, county and state officials.

The goal for 2020 is **300** wreaths which would raise \$1,500 for the Delaware State Society! That is \$5 per wreath. Can we do it? **YES, WE CAN!** In fact, I have faith we can bypass 300 wreaths!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Valarie Leary
elzregina@gmail.com or 302-540-5887.

DAR EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Barbara Seningen (New Horizons) and
Cathy Hudson (Members Course):

Six Delaware Daughters have successfully completed the Members Course during the first year of State Regent Gloria Lester's administration. Those ladies are:

Leslie Donaldson	Colonel David Hall Chapter
Deborah Cannon	Cooch's Bridge Chapter
Christine Lashbrook	Cooch's Bridge Chapter
Barbara Seningen	Cooch's Bridge Chapter
Michelle West	Cooch's Bridge Chapter
Catherine Hudson	Major Nathaniel Mitchell Chapter

Chris Lashbrook is the only Daughter to have received her ribbon and certificate due to COVID - 19 necessitating canceling the Delaware State Conference. It is anticipated that several more Daughters will be included in the graduation ceremony at our next conference. In the meantime, please give these ladies a virtual round of applause and if you see them a warm and hearty Congratulations! They will all be joining that great Delaware Sisterhood of the Traveling Skittles.

The big question is which chapter will have the greatest percentage of graduates at that conference and take home the Trophy of the Traveling Skittles. C'mon ladies to quote the Georgia State Regent when being introduced at Continental Congress said it is time to take off the white gloves and put on the work gloves. So, members roll up your sleeves put on those work gloves, take the Members Course and take home that Trophy for about six months until she travels again!



DELAWARE STATE SOCIETY N.S.C.A.R.

Each year, the President of the Delaware State Society Children of the American Revolution must choose a project to complete during his/her one-year term. The 2019-2020 project was the installation of a Butterfly Garden at the Warriors Helping Warriors Brian Conley Resiliency Veteran's Center in Middletown, Delaware. Anastasia Clair, President, Delaware



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State Society N.S.C.A.R., chose to install a butterfly garden because she felt it aligned with the Delaware State theme for 2019-2020, "Helping Veterans Find Peace." The veteran's center provides homeless veterans with a place to live while also helping them secure jobs, obtain healthcare, receive counseling, and provides a place for stress relief.

The Butterfly Garden was designed to appeal to many of the senses of the veterans and contains butterfly attracting plants, windchimes, a hummingbird feeder and landscape lighting. Anastasia wanted to have a place for the veterans to sit in the garden however, upon further research she learned a bench would be very expensive. Mrs. Claudia Onken, Senior President, Delaware State Society, N.S.C.A.R., told Anastasia about a program sponsored by Trex company that uses recycled materials to make benches and other items. The Delaware State Society N.S.C.A.R. drove a recycling program throughout the state, collecting over 900 pounds in just over 3 months and earned a free bench.



The Delaware C.A.R. planned a garden and bench dedication ceremony for March 29th, 2020; however, it was canceled due to coronavirus restrictions.



Due to the generosity of local merchants, nearly all of the items needed to complete the garden were donated. As a result of the successful fundraising during this term, the Delaware State C.A.R. was also able to purchase twenty-one much needed window blinds for the Veteran's center.

The garden was planted last summer and the bench was placed in the garden this summer so that the veterans may begin using it and enjoying the garden. On June 24, 2020, Anastasia spoke to the veterans about why the Delaware State Society N.S.C.A.R. chose a butterfly garden and explained the process of installing it and obtaining the bench. She said, "When the veterans who

come through this home sit on the bench, my hope is that they will find peace while they



enjoy the garden and they will know that their service was greatly appreciated." She also thanked the following, local businesses, organizations, friends and family:

Willey Farms, Ronny's Garden World, Home Depot, Walmart, Comcast, Trex, Saint Anne's Episcopal School, Christ the Cornerstone Church, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Representative Kevin Hensley, neighbors, family, and friends.

Bill Conley of Warriors Helping Warriors also spoke to the veterans, explaining to them the work that the Delaware Children of the American Revolution has done and that it would be a gift that would last for many, many years.

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A brick was donated by the Delaware C.A.R. and placed in the pathway around the flagpole at the Veteran's Center.



products for Navajo families and pets. Thank you for your caring and generosity!

Many thanks are also due to State Regent Gloria Lester for getting the word out, Valarie Windle Leary for her superb organizing skills, Lori Porter for documenting and shipping, and Jennifer Horsley, Delaware State Society American Indian Committee Chair, our liaison to the Navajos and Amazon Wish List creator.

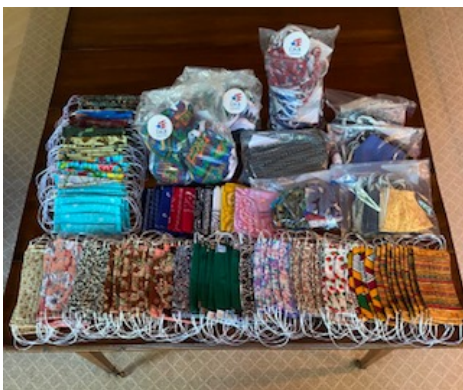
SUCCESSFUL STATEWIDE INITIATIVE FOR THE NAVAJO NATION

Submitted by Lori Porter

Rise & Shine! Our successful statewide Navajo Nation Initiative ended on June 27th. As many of you are aware, Navajo Native Americans were affected from COVID -19 at an alarming rate of exposure and death. What began as a casual conversation between two members about this dire situation blossomed into a statewide Delaware DAR project.

We want to thank **everyone** who participated in helping out either by sewing masks or providing supplies individually or through the Amazon Wish List.

Special thanks go to our sewers Lana Brown, Jan Ekoniak, Nancy Graybeal, Gloria Lester, Joanne Morris, Margie Tucker, and non-DAR member Linda Suskie. All together these ladies created 425 masks for the



Navajos! Our DAR Amazon shoppers purchased \$970.91 of much needed supplies and food

VIRTUAL FIREFLY 5K WALK/RUN

In support of NSDAR Juniors, State Organizing Secretary Debbie Cannon, and Dawn Clair, Secretary, Delaware State Society, Blue Hen's Chickens, participated in the inaugural virtual Firefly 5K Walk/Run. Hoping to win the "Best Dressed Costume" they donned their firefly attire and "lit up" the night sky!

Also pictured are fireflies and former blue Hen's Chickens Society President Anastasia Clair and current Blue Hen's Chicken Society President Anneliese Clair.



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CAESAR RODNEY

Wilmington, Delaware
Cindy Vander Laan, Regent

Caesar Rodney daughters proudly recognize the 125th anniversary of our founding on December 7, 1895! What a wonderful milestone to achieve which will culminate in two special events – a special Remembrance Toast in December and a wonderful luncheon event rescheduled for June.

Fortunately, before the shutdown, we got in a few winter meetings... In January we gathered for a meeting/program - a review of the book *Ordinary Equality, DAR Members and the Road to Women's Suffrage* by Tracy Robinson, NSDAR Director of Archives and History. In February, our daughters met at the Greenville Country Club, formerly the estate known as "Owl's Nest," for a

historical preservation program of the home and gardens. Both Gloria Lester and Barb Seningen were in attendance which was a great addition to our group!

Joining with the rest of our state, we donated masks and supplies to the Navajo nation and the Home of the Brave. We also showed our support and thanks to a local Paramedic Troop with a Chick-fil-A lunch in April, which they really appreciated.

We awarded a deserving H.S. senior a Good Citizen Award scholarship and were also happy to donate to the State Regent's Delaware Box project. Although the chapter celebration was postponed, the creation and distribution of a 125th anniversary pin, designed by Valarie Leary, was very well received! We kept in touch on Facebook and through the Rodney Report, our chapter newsletter. Our Zoom Chapter Tea in June was a good start to the new world we are all living in. Safety first, but life must go on.

We plan on a full calendar for the rest of the year and will strive to make it a reality.

COLONEL DAVID HALL

Kathy Lindemer, Regent

At January's chapter meeting members welcomed Sterling Street as their guest speaker. Mr. Street is the coordinator of the Nanticoke Indian Museum located in Millsboro, DE. He shared his vast knowledge of Delaware's Native Americans and their history.



February 2020 Social at 1776 provided a social get together for many members, perspectives, guests.



March and April chapter meetings were canceled due to Covid-19 restrictions. The chapter began to rethink what we could do and how to do things with Covid-19. We held our first electronic chapter meeting in May 2020. It was well attended by members, perspectives, and special guests. We took the opportunity to award an outstanding cadet with the DAR ROTC Medal and \$100. We also awarded the DAR Good Citizen Scholarship of \$250. State Regent Gloria Lester awarded \$250 from the DE State Society.

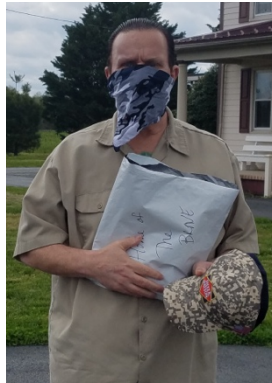
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The DAR Chapter Community Service Award was presented to chapter member Jennifer Horsley for outstanding voluntary service. Membership certificates were awarded to 10 members and one was a 50 Year Certificate. We had 4 members

cast electronic votes at DAR Continental Congress and many enjoyed attending virtually.

Due to Covid-19 our usual Service to Veterans was transformed from Members were invited to help clean up the backyard. In the Fall the chapter will have another clean up and invite members to help clean the inside of the



house. cooking and serving a monthly meal at the Home of the Brave to sewing masks for the veterans and donating needed supplies to fight Covid-19.

The group of sewers grew to 15 members who joined the DAR Service to American from Home Mask Making Effort. They sewed masks and contributed them to Beebe, Nanticoke, and Bayhealth hospital outreach programs, the Veterans Care facility in Milford, la Red Clinic in Milford, churches, post offices, the Delaware State Society



DAR Navajo Initiative, among others. Numerous friends, family, and neighbors also joined the effort at times. Our chapter has made and donated about 1,000 masks. We donated one of our masks to the Delaware History Museum for an exhibit about what we did during the pandemic.

In the summer attention turns to the Maull House where there is needed yard work and house repairs. By completing a grant of \$1,000 from Delaware Preservation Fund, Inc., the chapter was reimbursed for a prior \$1,000 expense. We then used chapter Maull House funds to have some windows repaired on the second floor and the chapter invested in a new 15 gallon hot water heater and 110 service. We began working on the backyard in preparation for the addition of a brick walkway. Engraved bricks will be sold to pay for the brickway and serve as the major fundraiser for the chapter in 2020-2021. ([Maull House Fundraiser](#))

Members were invited to help clean up the backyard. In the Fall the chapter will have another clean up and invite members to help clean the inside of the house. Prior to this, a committee is



preparing the house for the addition of several new items which include a War of 1812 cannon ball, quilts, and furniture from member Nina Patchell. Another member DiAnne Gatts gifted the Maull House with her great grandmother's wedding gown which was worn on May 30, 1888. Member Denise Clemons made all the arrangements for the transfer of these items and physical move to the house. She even paid for the furniture move! The chapter is fortunate to have



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some thoughtful and generous members. We can't wait to have an Open House and share these updates with everyone.

This Fall we are holding all of our meetings on Zoom. We are thankful to have members Janet Mahar and Katy Mahar as our technical consultants on these meetings. We are starting out the year ready to adapt past committee work around Covid-19 restrictions. We hope to participate in a Fall Service Project in October, Wreaths Across America, and we hope to have a Holiday Bake Sale safely at the Maull House or virtually.

COLONEL JOHN HASLET

Dover, Delaware

Donna Wilkinson Josefowski, Regent

This year has certainly been an unusual one for our chapter of 66 members. The Colonel John Haslet Chapter continues to remain active - in-person, electronically, virtually, and through service. Since the beginning of the year, we have been involved in the following activities:

- Listened to a presentation by Dr. Cynthia Newton of Wesley College on *Silent Sentinels: The History of the Suffrage Movement in Delaware*
- Organized a Valentine's Day social for Veterans living at an assisted living facility
- Started a book study and held three gatherings (in-person and virtually) discussing:
 - *American's First Ladies*
 - *Carrying Independence*
 - *Glory, Passion, and Principle: The Story of Eight Remarkable Women at the Core of the American Revolution*
- Held several chapter board meetings via Zoom

- Chapter Regent attended a Flag Day ceremony at VFW Post 3238 as they disposed of unserviceable flags
- Watched and participated in virtual Continental Congress. Had four voting delegates - Claudia Onken, Donna Josefowski, Kim Bates, and Deb Milano and two recognized Veterans – Kim Bates and Deb Milano.
- Several of our members attended a Veteran presentation at a Dover senior community with State Regent, Gloria Lester
- Made facemasks for others



The Colonel John Haslet Chapter continues to make plans for the fall, although our current thought is that we will meet virtually for now.

Some of our upcoming activities are:

- September Meeting – Raymond Crew (adjunct professor) will discuss The Constitution
- Canned food drive collection for the Food Bank of Delaware
- Constitution Week proclamation and display
- Virtual book study on *Abigail Adams: A Life*
- DAR Day of Service project
- Collection of items for USO Delaware

We look forward to the day when we can meet in person with our chapter members, as well as other Delaware Daughters.

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COOCH'S BRIDGE

Newark, Delaware

Sarah O'Donnell, Regent

The COVID 19 Pandemic forced us to cancel the Cooch's Bridge March, 2020 in-person Chapter meeting. However, we soon explored the use of Zoom for a variety of meetings. For \$15.00 per month, we are able to hold meetings of any time length. Those connected can see each other and communicate. Sharing screens enables us to view PowerPoint presentations, as well. We set up all meetings with a meeting ID and password. Zoom recommends that each person use a computer of some kind, but a Smart phone will work, too. Younger relatives and friends sometimes help our members connect and I thank them all!

Our Zoom world began with a successful Cooch's Bridge Board meeting in April. With the ease of meeting virtually, we held a second board meeting in June. With attendance of about 30

members, a Virtual May Cooch's Bridge Chapter Meeting enabled us to cover the opening rituals, the National Defense Report and reading of the President General's Message. We also had a speaker, committee reports and announcements. Although our Treasurer and Registrar gave reports, we felt we could not hold New Member Inductions and adequately welcome new members. We also are waiting for an in-person meeting to hold our annual Memorial Service. But we did celebrate member anniversaries, where certificates were sent home. Hence, we welcomed members typically unable to attend our meetings and enjoyed socializing both before and after the meeting. Unfortunately, our fund-raising activities, such as baskets and other sales, are not feasible virtually

What worked? We setup a practice meeting the day before to help those new to Zoom. We used PowerPoint Slides during the meeting to keep all of us on track. The "host" muted

attendees when someone was speaking or if there were any background noises. We invited attendees to wear their hats, just as they would have for the traditional Tea May meeting. It was a welcome spot of joy in our guaranteed lives of the time.

What did we learn? We learned attendees should not connect with more than one device. Otherwise, technical noises interfere. Each attendee should be located in a quiet, well lit room. Otherwise, noises interfere with the meeting and we can't see you! And, be prepared to take screen shots of attendees – for the memories!



Now that we have Zoomed, we have held the initial American Heritage Meeting for our next project. If we are permitted to hold our September meeting in person, we hope to hold it with an option to join us virtually if needed, for a reduced meeting charge to cover the gambit of meeting costs.

Our perspective of services has also been altered by the Pandemic. Over a thousand masks were created and donated by members, especially Jan Ekoniak and Joanne Morris. Some went to help the Navajo Nation, and some went to VA and other medical facilities. Monetary donations to the Navajo Nation were translated into items needed via their Amazon Wishlist. The Wilmington VA Medical Center canceled all in-person activities, e.g., BINGO, but masks and other supplies were requested. Our Daughters donated, collected, and delivered them. USO donations were also donated, collected, and

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delivered. In April, our chapter also donated 25 Appreciation Lunches to New Castle County Paramedics through the efforts of Michelle West, Clare Vosteen and Margaret Erickson-Menton.



The Conservation Committee developed new ways to support our natural habitats while social distancing by 1) collecting donations for Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research, and 2) encouraging members to help clean our Christiana Watershed by picking up litter during walks and other outdoor activities. Special thanks to the Cooch's Bridge Chairladies who led their team efforts: March Wright, American Indian Committee; Clare Vosteen and Margaret Erickson-Menton, DAR Service for Veterans; Susan Stith, DAR Project Patriot; Sarah O'Donnell, Conservation Committee.

Our future plans are also affected by the Pandemic. We look forward to a Fall Grave-Cleaning event on October 5th where we can social distance in the Head of the Christiana Cemetery (Contact: Sarah O'Donnell at sarahlareod@gmail.com). This Fall, we are also looking forward to hosting the This Place Matters Series at the Hale-Byrnes House. As we continue to adjust our sails through this pandemic, I wish all of you and your loved ones good health.

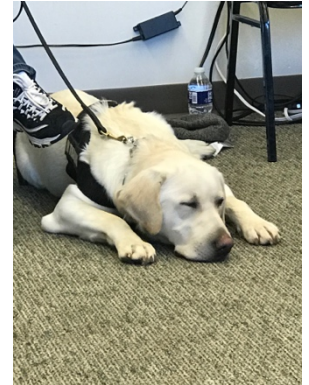
MAJOR NATHANIEL MITCHELL

Georgetown, Delaware
Carol Evans, Regent

In February, 2020 we had a very special guest, Gunny a service dog. Our Chapter Regents

Project is to support Canines Assisting Service Heroes, known as C.A.S.H. This is a unique program within the state of Delaware that provides service

dogs to qualified Delaware PTSD/TBI veterans at no cost.



Our members took an immediate donation to support this cause. Carol Evans presented Joe Startt, Dan Watson and Gunny with a \$50 check, along with dog treats from our chapter. Joe and Dan are from the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 850.



Carol Evans, Joe Startt, Dan Watson and Gunny

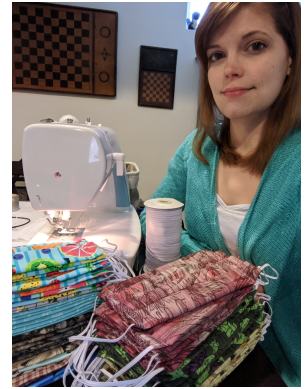
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In March Debby Hampton, a Navy Veteran spoke on Female Issues in the Navy. She volunteers for the USO at the Dover Air Force Base.



7. Participated with the Navajo Nation project. Cady Merkle made 50 masks!

8. Judith Schlott assisted with the first mass distribution of food by the Food Bank of Delaware at Sussex Central High School in Georgetown. They served 1,491 families.



Cady Merkle

Judy also provided information on staying safe and how to access mental health services.



Judith Schlott and co-workers

March 8th was the Women's Suffrage March on the Circle in Georgetown. We had a great time uniting with other DAR chapters and ladies from our state.



The Major Nathaniel Mitchell chapter was to be host for the Spring

Conference which we were prepared for, but it was canceled due to the corona virus. Our April and May chapter meetings were canceled as well.

Some of our accomplishments while on lock down:

1. We received approval for becoming a Commemorative Partner with The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.
2. Planted "Sunshine Gardens".
3. Stayed in contact with our members through the monthly newsletter, phone calls and emails.
4. Made masks and caps for healthcare workers.
5. Memorial Day, put flags on gravesites of those who served our country.
6. Observed Continental Congress via Zoom.

Future Plans:

1. Zoom Social Hour with members, August 18th, 7 pm.
2. Resume meetings September, 12th with in person and zoom.
3. Celebrate Constitution Week, September 17th.
4. Participate in Suffrage Movement Marker Dedication in Georgetown, near the circle. September 21, 2020, 11AM.
5. Family History Event, October 8th via Zoom, Land Records and Platting.
6. Entering a float in the Return Day Parade, November 5th.

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MARY VINING

Seaford, Delaware

Carolynn Foxwell, Regent

During these uncertain times of distance meeting the Mary Vining Chapter members have continued their volunteer work by making phone calls to members, sewing masks, placing flags on veterans' graves and attending the virtual Continental Congress. Our members always Rise and Shine to support the Veterans by collecting toiletry items for the Home of the Brave. One of our members spent time in the St. Stephens Cemetery in Delmar helping a volunteer veteran clean the headstones of the babies, veterans and historical markers in the cemetery. Members please be on the lookout for an invitation to our first meeting in September via Zoom.

Before:



After:



We were saddened by the recent passing of one of our members, Faye Brumbley Hudson, 88 years old of Delmar, mother of Honorary State Regent, Past Historian General, Ginger Trader, grandmother of Carolynn Foxwell, Chapter Regent and sister-in-law of Hope Huey, Recording Secretary/Corresponding Secretary.

Upcoming Events/Meetings/Announcements

FALL STATE CONFERENCE (ZOOM STYLE!)

After much consideration and the approval of our Executive Board, due to the presence of the Corona Virus, The Fall State Meeting will be held virtually by Zoom. DAR Fall Meetings throughout the nation are being held in this manner. Hopefully this will attract many more Daughters from both up state and down state that may not have been able to attend a live Meeting. The Conference will be held on October 31st, 2020.

The theme for the Conference is the Women's Suffrage Movement. We will be decorating on our Zoom meeting in the purple, green, yellow and white colors of The Movement. The speaker is Mary Ann Jung who will be presenting an exciting, educational enactment in costume on the Women's Suffrage Movement. Mary Ann is an award- winning actress and Smithsonian scholar who performs fun, interactive, and inspiring shows about women in history.

Sharon Thorne-Sulima from DAR National Headquarters will also give a presentation entitled "The Mysteries of our House Beautiful" which is about the inner workings of the DAR Headquarters. We will also have Information on The Member's and New Horizon's Training and Graduation, Committee Information, our annual Memorial Service to pay tribute to our lost Daughters, a pictorial slide show of Delaware DAR activities to enjoy while you eat lunch at home and other surprises that will appeal to all.

You are invited, but it is optional, to come to the Zoom Meeting dressed in the clothing, hats, and sashes of the Women's Suffrage Movement. We will take group pictures during the Zoom meeting.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Fall State Zoom Meeting. Come share this day of fun and fellowship with the Delaware Daughters.
--- Dr. Gloria Lester, Delaware State Regent

THE DELAWARE STATE REGENT'S PROJECT AND STATE PINS



Funds raised from the sale of Starfish Pin go towards the refurbishing of the Delaware Box. This is part of the initiative to update Memorial Hall and it was suggested by the office of Development that I take this on as my State Project, I think this is an excellent contribution to our National Society. The commitment for this project will be \$5,000.00. As our President General says "We can do this!"

My second project is a donation to Casa San Francisco, a very worthy charitable social service organization in our own state. They supply emergency shelter, case management services, a food pantry and a senior food program. The case managers help clients develop and implement a plan that will focus on wellness and stabilizing their finances and living situation. In addition, Casa distributes gift cards for school supplies and Christmas gifts for children, Although, this is not specifically a service for veterans, many veterans do utilize their services and are linked to supportive services for veterans. I have put a lot of thought in choosing this organization and I believe this will be a very worthy local project.

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Other sources of funds for the State Regents Project come from the sale of the Yearbook/Directory; Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsorship for the state meeting, voices for the State Basket, and other donations.

I chose the starfish pin as my State Regent's Pin for several reasons. First, the starfish is known for its ability to regenerate its limbs. It symbolizes regeneration, renewal and self-sustainability, as well as guidance and inspiration. These are all qualities that would enhance the prosperity of our state society. The second reason is the starfish reminds me of the Delaware Beaches which are a big part of the face of Delaware and its economy. So, let our starfish shine and guide us in the growth and renewal of our State Society.

Because our October State Meeting will be virtual on Zoom, you may order the Starfish pin with your meeting registration form. We also have discovered some of the Holly Pins were left from the Beachell Administration. Both pins would make excellent Christmas gifts. The pins are being sold for \$25 each pin and \$5 for shipping. Although I am strongly encouraging everyone to attend the virtual state meetings, if you are not able to attend the meeting, you may use the registration form to order either pin. purchase.

DELAWARE STATE OFFICERS CLUB

The Delaware DAR State Officers Club is in the process of resuming operations after a two-year hiatus. If you are a current or former State Officer, if you now hold or have previously held the position of Chapter Regent you are cordially invited to become a member of the Club. In the best traditions of NSDAR, if you are a member you are eligible to purchase this lovely pin for your ribbon.



Annual dues are \$5.00 and the funds are used to make donations to the State Regents Project, President General's Project and other worthwhile causes. Our meetings will be held on the same day as the Spring and Fall State Conferences, with the exact timing still under discussion.

At our meetings we will feature a speaker or program on topics of historical, patriotic or educational interest. During our Fall 2020 meeting, Donna Josefowski, Secretary and Nominating Committee Chair will present the slate of Officers to be elected at our Spring 2021 meeting.

If you have any questions about the Club, please contact Denise Clemons (dmclemons@comcast.net) or Donna Josefowski (djosefowski@gmail.com). If you would like to become an active member, please mail your 2021 dues to Denise Clemons 16986 Black Marlin Circle, Lewes, DE 19958. Your check should be made payable to DE DAR State Officer Club

We look forward to spending time together as members of the Delaware DAR State Officers Club.

STILL AVAILABLE:

DAR magnets for your car or other magnetic surface. Great new member gifts, gift baskets, marketing/promotion, etc.



\$5 each or 10 for \$

For further information, contact Valarie at elzregina@gmail.com

Upcoming Events/Meetings/Announcements

QUARANTINE QUIZ!!

How DAR Are You? Created By Susan Gillette Meer

You get **1** point for every item you've done.

DAR Daughters of the American Revolution

- Convinced a family member to join
- Memorized your national number
- Subscribed to the DAR Blog
- Seen the "Flag Drop" at Congress
- Included DAR in your estate plans
- Donated a basket for a DAR raffle
- Own 3 or more formal gowns
- Said "Thanks" to a random veteran
- Memorized the American's Creed
- Purchased a red, white, & blue dress just for a DAR event
- Logged into the Members Website
- Done genealogical research for someone else to join DAR
- Participated in the Junior Membership 5K
- Purchased something with the sun symbol on it
- Rearranged your pins
- Watched Today's DAR
- Referenced Robert's Rules
- Marched in a parade
- Own a colonial costume
- Flown your flag on Flag Day
- Volunteered in your chapter
- Entered a DAR contest
- Visited the DAR Library
- Told a stranger about DAR

How did you score?	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21+
	Your next meeting is calling you	You're ready to be an officer	You are clearly an asset to DAR	You bleed red, white, & blue	Maybe PG is in your future??



ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

September – November 30, 2020 ~ WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA STATE FUNDRAISER!!

September 5, 2020 ~ "Why Not Run Me?" The Story of How Abraham Lincoln Became President
@10:30 a.m. Delaware Public Archives Online Program

September 6, 2020 ~ "Talks on the Terrace" Hale Byrnes House; Lafayette's Birthday Party, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Speaker: Mr. Julien Icher, head of the new Lafayette Trail. The Public is cordially invited to attend. Well-behaved children always welcomed. \$5 at the door includes coffee and dessert. Please note: All Covid-19 restrictions will be in place. Please wear your mask, bring a lawn

chair, and observe social distancing. In the case of rain, the program will be rescheduled.

September 15, 2020 ~ 7 p.m., DAR Good Citizens Committee: Recognizing the Qualities of Good Citizenship; Presented by Kathy McClellan, National Chair
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5308024731839781134>

September 19, 2020 ~ Cooch's Bridge Chapter Meeting (Virtual); 10:30-2:00; "The Role of Women in Building a Space Suit"
Speaker: Nancylee Ridden, ICL Dover (Design and Manufacture of Spacesuits)

September 22, 2020 ~ 7 p.m., Community Classroom Committee: Shine on Educators; Presented by Diane Waugh Oliver, National Chair
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4225234478552509708>

September 26, 2020 ~ 12 noon, Parade and dedication of the Suffrage Memorial at Legislative Hall in Dover.

September 29, 2020 ~ 7 p.m.; Units Overseas: The Wide, Wide World of DAR; Presented by Cynthia McNamara, National Chair
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1240303401236612622>

October 3, 2020 ~ Head of the Christiana Cemetery Patriot Grave Cleaning; 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.; contact Sarah O'Donnell, sarahlareod@gmail.com

October 10, 2020 ~ Barnes Brinton House/Chadds Ford Historical Society – outdoor program, meeting and sack lunch next door at Chadds Ford Winery, 11 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. Contact Cindy Vander Laan, vdlaan@comcast.net

October 18, 2020 ~ Hale Byrnes House, "This Place Matters" hosted by Cooch's Bridge Dr. Tilton & Revolutionary Tea Protests"; 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Speaker: Stacey Inglis, VP Marketing, Tilton Mansion; The Public is cordially invited to attend. Well-behaved children always welcomed. \$5 at the door includes coffee and dessert. Please note: All Covid-19 restrictions will be in place. Please wear your mask, bring a lawn chair, and observe social distancing. In the case of rain, the program will be rescheduled.

October 31, 2020 ~ Colonel David Hall Chapter hosting Fall Delaware State Conference ~ via Zoom; more information to follow.

November 1, 2020 ~ [Rightfully Hers: American women and the Vote – Traveling Exhibit](#) @ 12 noon – Delaware Public Archives

November 5, 2020 ~ [RETURN DAY PARADE!](#) @ 1 p.m., Georgetown, Delaware

November 11, 2020 ~ Veterans Day Ceremony, Delaware Memorial Bridge, 10:30 a.m.

November 14, 2020 ~ Caesar Rodney Chapter, American Indian Program: Sterling Street and the Nanicoke Indian Museum, New Castle Court House Museum; open to the public; more information to follow.

November 15, 2020 ~ Hale Byrnes House, "This Place Matters" Hosted by Cooch's Bridge; Wilmington's Mitchell Center for African American Heritage" 9:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. Speaker: Kobe Baker, Mitchell Center

November 21, 2020 ~ Cooch's Bridge Chapter Meeting/Luncheon 10:30-2:00; "The Nanicoke Indian Museum"; Speaker: Mr. Sterling Street

December 5, 2020 ~ Odessa Storybook Tree (*)

December 5 or 6, 2020 ~ Caesar Rodney 125th Anniversary Celebration Toast and Remembrance, New Castle Court House Museum, *tbd*

February 16, 2020 ~ Bellefonte Café, Wilmington – Caesar Rodney Winter Dinner Get-together, 5:30 p.m.

May 30, 2021 ~ Memorial Day Service, Delaware Memorial Bridge Veterans Park, 10:30

June 5, 2021 ~ Caesar Rodney's 125th Anniversary Luncheon (rescheduled from 2020!), Columbus Inn, Wilmington, 11:30 a.m.

April 17, 2021 ~ State Spring Conference, Cooch's Bridge, President General Visit

Oct 16, 2021 ~ State Fall Conference, Caesar Rodney

April 23, 2022 ~ State Spring Conference, Open for bid

*If you are interested in helping clean gravestones of the Patriots buried in the Head of the Christiana Cemetery AND/OR decorating the Odessa Storybook Tree, please contact Sarah O'Donnell at sarahlareod@gmail.com or (908) 285 0701.

** If you are interested in serving as a Hostess at one of the "This Place Matters" series held at the Hale Byrnes House or another ** event, please contact Historic Preservation Chair, Michelle West at Michelle.L.West@hotmail.com or (240) 344-1979.



INVITATION TO THE FALL STATE MEETING

OF THE DELAWARE STATE SOCIETY NSDAR

Saturday OCT, 31 2020 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

The meeting starts at 9:30 AM on Zoom

GUEST SPEAKER- Mary Ann Jung

Mary Ann Jung is an award-winning actress and Smithsonian scholar who performs fun, interactive, and inspiring shows about amazing women in history. She has appeared on CNN, the Today Show, Good Morning America and in Newspapers around the World. We are fortunate to have Mary Ann perform an enactment in costume at our conference on Women's Suffrage.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Conference Activities include a presentation entitled "The Mysteries of Our House Beautiful" a power-point presented by Sharon Thorne-Sulima from NSDAR, on the behind the scenes workings of the DAR Headquarters.

We will also have Information on The Member's and New Horizon's Training and Graduation, Committee Information, our annual Memorial Service to pay tribute to our lost Daughters, a pictorial slide show of Delaware DAR activities to enjoy while you eat lunch at home and other surprises that will appeal to all. Come share this day of fun and fellowship with the Delaware Daughters. We invite and encourage you to dress in Suffrage Movement costumes, hats, and sashes (optional) to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment. Zoom pictures will be taken of the group.



Mail forms by October 24, 2020 to Claudia Onken, Conference Coordinator, 388 Mulberrie Point, Frederica, DE 19946

COST OF CONFERENCE: **NO CHARGE**

NAME: _____

E-MAIL FOR ZOOM INVITATION: _____

CHAPTER: _____

STATE OR CHAPTER OFFICE: _____

VOTING DELAGATE: Yes or No

OPTIONAL: Donations may be included for the State Regent's Project. Donors will be recognized in The State Conference Program that will be distributed by E-Mail prior to the State Meeting.

Gold Support \$100 _____ Silver Support \$50 _____ Bronze Support \$25 _____

SALE OF PINS: SEND CHECK DESIGNATING YOUR DESIRED PURCHASE AND ADDRESS FOR SHIPPING

EITHER WILL MAKE EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS GIFTS

STARFISH PIN \$25 PLUS \$5 SHIPPING

HOLLY PIN FROM BEACHELL ADMINISTRATION \$25 PLUS \$5 SHIPPING

PLEASE MAKE OUT SEPARATE CHECKS FOR DONATIONS AND PINS AND MAKE PAYABLE TO DSSNSDAR

COLONEL DAVID HALL CHAPTER

NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



The historic Thomas Maull House is owned and maintained by the Colonel David Hall Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). It is our goal to seek funding to preserve this home and property which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Our vision is to have this house and grounds serve as a museum for the community to enjoy. You may help us build the first phase of a Brick Walkway and update the grounds. This phase moves us closer to having an entrance way that is handicap accessible from the road to the house. By ordering a brick below on this website, you can help with our mission of historic preservation. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) charity. Thank you for your support.

Examples of what DAR members might engrave on a brick include recognizing a membership i.e. your name and chapter or patriot, marking an office held in NSDAR or chapter, or recognizing your DAR family members.

As a community member or an organization, you may wish to be recognized as a Friend. We are happy to provide each donor with an engraved brick with Friend on first line and your name or organization available on 2nd or 3rd line. If there is room for a logo, please feel free to select an appropriate logo from the clip art. If you wish to be anonymous, the chapter will engrave the name of a deceased chapter member or patriot to honor our past.

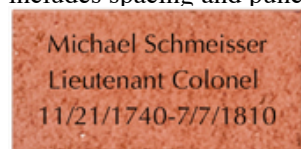
Chapter members should place orders from now until Dec. 31, 2020. After Dec. 31, the chapter will open sales to business or organizations. All sales will end April 30, 2021. Our goal is to sell 100 engraved bricks. A summer 2021 dedication is planned. Thank you for your support!

If you prefer to pay by check [CLICK HERE](#) to download the printable order form.

All text is case sensitive and centered automatically on the bricks. Please use the spaces provided below for your message and note that characters include letters, numbers, spaces and punctuation.

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☐ **4x8 Brick - \$100**
(3 lines of up to 20 characters per line - includes spacing and punctuation)



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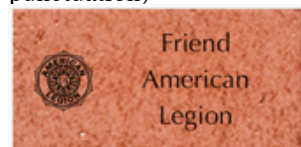
Add to Cart

If you would like to order more than one tile, with the same verbiage, simply click on the add to cart button multiple times.

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☐ **4x8 Brick with Clipart- \$100**
(Clipart picture and 3 lines of up to 12 characters per line - includes spacing and punctuation)



[View Clipart](#)

Clipart Number

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Total:

Add to Cart

If you would like to make an additional donation or do not want to purchase a brick, you can do it here: Donate (eg; 23.50)

Donate



Subtotal: 0.00

Checkout



2021 Continental Congress Bus Trip

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

The Delaware State Society is planning a “DAY” Trip to Continental Congress!

The most important things you need to know:

- We realize with the current situation, this is a work in progress!
- At this early planning stage, we **do not** know the cost of the bus trip. **This will only include your bus ride down and back.**
- Everyone will meet the bus/van in Dover and bring her own lunch.
- Each member and/or guest must register for Continental Congress through each of your own chapters. **Pre-registration is due to National by April 1st.**

Tentative Schedule:

8:30	Meet in Dover – Everyone can car pool (Location to be determined)
10:30	Eat lunch on bus to save time
11:30	Arrive at the Hall and go directly to Registration and pick up Continental Congress packets. Hopefully everyone will have pre-registered to save time.
12:00	Tour of the DAR Period Rooms and the DAR Museum. Remember to stop by to see our State Regent during the Delaware Open House.
2:30	Shopping upstairs and downstairs at DAR can be fun.
3:30	Hopefully a few of the Delaware Daughters that are staying the week will allow us to come over to their hotel room and change into evening attire.
4:45	Meet in Lobby and walk to dinner.
5:00	Dinner (Place to be determined)
6:30	Head back to the Hall via taxi or walk
7:00	Opening Night
9:00	Board bus for trip back to Dover, DE
11:00	Arrive in Dover and car pool back home

**If you are interested please email Barb Seningen seningenba@aol.com
the following information:**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Chapter Name: _____



By signing up for the trip you'll be updated via email on any upcoming changes about the trip.

Thank you,

Barbara Seningen

Remote Ideas for Events & Programs

There are so many ideas and options for remote activities. Here are a few that may help get your juices flowing. Find out what your chapter members are interested in doing, and have a good time!



Virtual Crafting Day – Using video conferencing, you can have ladies work on the same project or whatever they want while they work and chat! It's a great way to encourage American Heritage contest participation in the chapter or state.



Paper Party – There are so many variations of this! Ladies working on applications can use it as social, sharing, and learning time while providing application assistance for new members and/or supplementals. It doesn't have to be by video conference. It can also be done by conference call for ladies to share brick walls, looking for ideas on finding supporting documents, and general application preparation questions.



Virtual Tea Party – There are numerous web sites that offer a how-to for virtual tea parties. It's also a great program/event to honor a woman who has made a difference in the community (American History Committee).



Patriotic Gifting - Have little free libraries in your community? Have members distribute patriotic items (flags, flag pins, Constitution booklets, flag code, etc.) in them or request to offer the free items for customers in local shops.



Socially Distanced Pet Parade – Why not? It could be a small as walking in a neighborhood cul-de-sac or a full on one in the local park with “floats” and families. It’s fun and could get the chapter some PR. Just in case, make sure DAR is well represented!



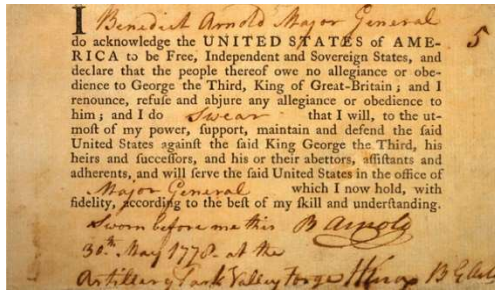
Environment Cleanup – Unfortunately, you can do this just about anywhere (neighborhood, park, lake, beach, etc.). Use this as a socially distanced event or have members share their individual/family efforts on social media. Gain some extra points by inviting C.A.R. to join in on the event.



Virtual Programs for Other Organizations - Local libraries and historical societies often offer online programs and are sometimes looking for content to share. Providing a program is a great way to advertise your chapter or state society, provide a service to the community, and possibly obtain future members.



Pen Pal Group – Pen palling requires nothing more than a stamp, pen, and paper. It’s a great way to connect with chapter members who have no Internet access.



Record Transcription Party – DAR has indexing and transcription projects as does the National Archives, FamilySearch.org, and many other organizations.

Members can work and use video or phone conferencing to socialize as they work. It can also be an individual project having members report was done.



Garden Party - A great way for members to share their gardens is with each giving a tour of their garden through video conference. Attendees can share gardening tips as well as be social!

Committee Overview

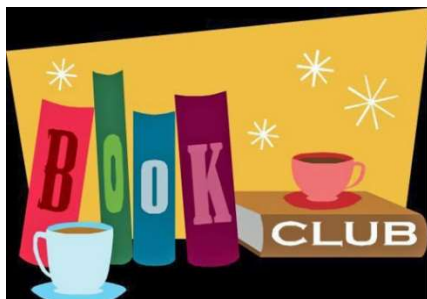
DAR Leadership Training - Enlightening and Educating

The DAR Leadership Training Committee is here to enlighten, educate, and inspire current and future leaders of our society, from our newest members to our most experienced members. Whether you have just joined or have been a member for many years, the DAR Leadership Training Committee has the resources to help expand your knowledge of DAR and to develop your skills as a volunteer leader.

Shine even brighter by expanding
your knowledge and skills!



Membership Course/New Horizons Parties –Watch the webinars as a group and have members fill out their worksheets individually. It's a great way to socialize and learn about DAR!



Book or Movie Club - Book clubs and movie clubs are popular now. These could be done by conference call, video conference, or even socially distanced. Book and movie reviews could result from these groups and added to your chapter newsletter!



Paint & Sip Party – So many options! Members can buy a kit from the chapter as a fundraiser or just buy the supplies themselves. The hostess would provide the basic tutorial live or in written instruction. The paintings can be done while on a video conference or afterwards to show the final piece!



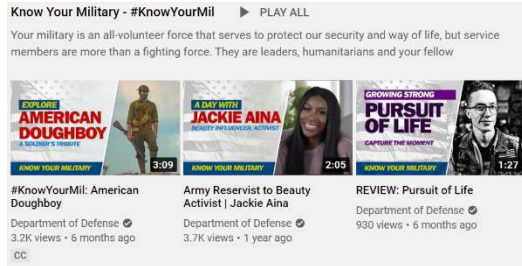
Writers Group – Members can write stories or poetry and share them within the group, submit them to the American Heritage Committee, include them in the chapter newsletter, and so much more. Who's up for an annual online chapter literary magazine?



My Patriot Program – There are no bylaws requiring a length of time for a program. A quick and well received activity is to have each member give a 2-minute talk on one of her verified ancestors. Just make sure to have them prepare it for 2 minutes and use a timer!



Virtual Tours – There are a few ways to do these. You can watch a recorded tour of places and museums (DAR has a few!) or you can prepare your own. Find a museum that has non-video virtual tours on their site, pick a small area, research the info, and become a docent! A few examples are the Revolutionary War Museum and the Louvre.



Share a Video - YouTube is a great free resource to find educational videos that are short enough to be used for an activity or a program. Make sure to use a video from a reputable source such as DAR, the Dept. of Defense, and the Smithsonian, and verify the information being presented is accurate!



Show & Tell – Everyone has some item that is of value or meaningful to them. Have members pick an item and give them 2-3 minutes to share it. The activity can be based on a theme or just let them share whatever they want!



Play a Game – SO many options available online or just make up your own! A DAR trivia game could be fun. Pictionary is great and full of laughs. Indoor scavenger hunt is super easy to do. Games could also be done outdoors while being social distanced.



Prepare Chapter History – This is a great time to update chapter history. Interview members, transcribe records, research public records and newspapers, find photos, etc. This could be a group project, chapter social, or a chapter meeting program. Share what has been found and compile it!

Essay Contest

ESSAY CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS

Share your thoughts and experiences in relation to the *Women's Issues' National Theme, Family: Prevention of Domestic Violence; Family Issues; Career Issues; or Health Issues* through essay writing. The original three Categories, *Family Issues, Career Issues, or Health Issues*, may feature diverse subjects, just as before. The *Women's Issues' National Theme, Family: Prevention of Domestic Violence* may be written about in any of the three original categories. **Examples:**

Career Category: have you worked in a Shelter for Battered Women and have a heartfelt story to tell?



Women's Issues – Share a national winning essay from the Women's Issues Committee on the Members Webpage. There are many to choose from, make great points of discussion, and may encourage members to submit their own!



Talent Demonstration - Everyone has some sort of talent. How about lining one of your members up to demonstrate? Maybe someone plays music or sings. Chapter members may enjoy an art show or a monologue performance. Dust off the magic trick kit and entertain the chapter!



“Getting-to-Know-You” - Have each chapter member write a 2-minute bio including something that none of her chapter member may know. Start off with the basics vital info and then tell them something interesting. People usually have a lot of fun with this one and can be done by phone or video conference.



“How-To” Session – Do you have a chapter member who is a great baker? Maybe there is one who knows how to reupholster a chair. So much talent is had in each chapter. Having a chapter member teach a skill to others is fun! It could be anything from computer skills to carpentry!