

A.S.C.A.R. HOLDS STATE CONFERENCE

The Arkansas Society Children of the American Revolution held their annual State Conference on Saturday, June 5, 2010, at the Museum of the Arkansas Grand Prairie in Stuttgart, Arkansas. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Cindy Bagwell Crum, Senior State President. The meeting was then turned over to Caitlyn Bailey, Acting President.

The Invocation was given by Chaplain Bethany Crum. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Jess Crum. The group then sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Natalie Renauld led the group in reciting The American's Creed. Jennifer Taylor led the C.A.R. Creed. Susan Milton read the Object of C.A.R. The Mission Statement was read by Bethany Crum. Bethany welcomed the group to the meeting and Stephanie Taylor gave the Response.

Acting President Bailey then introduced the distinguished guests who brought greetings. Glenn Railsback, past Senior President of the Arkansas Society C.A.R., brought greetings from the Arkansas State Society Sons of the American Revolution and Sons of the Revolution. Mary Lee Schultz, President of the Arkansas State Society Daughters of the American Revolution, brought greetings from the Daughters.

Amy Taylor read the Standing Rules and the program was adopted as printed. Jess Crum, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the 2009 State Conference. Bethany Crum read the treasurer's report.

The Daniel Dunn, Tulip Ridge, Saracem, and Aquixo Societies gave reports of their work the past year.

Cindy Crum and Susan Railsback reported on the great number of pounds of aluminum pull tabs that the State C.A.R. has donated to the Ronald McDonald House at Little Rock and Shreveport.

The group voted to donate \$100.00 to the museum for letting us have our meeting there and to donate \$250.00 to the National Project in honor of the State C.A.R. President.

Cindy Crum gave the report of the Nominating Committee. The following officers were elected for 2010-2011: Courtney Bailey, President; Dr. Cindy Crum, Sr. President; Kirk Schultz, First Vice President; Mary Lee Schultz, 1st VP; Amy Elizabeth Taylor, Second Vice President; Fern Taylor, 2nd VP; Susan Milton, Chaplain; Glenn Railsback, Sr. Chaplain; Jennifer Taylor, Recording Secretary; Susan Railsback, Sr. Recording Secretary; Aubrey Gill, Organizing Secretary; Gale Markley, Sr. Organizing Secretary; Natalie Renauld, Corresponding Secretary; Betty Underwood, Sr. Corresponding Secretary; Jess Crum, Treasurer; Melrose Bagwell, Sr. Treasurer; Christina Ollison, Registrar; Jeannette Coley, Sr. Registrar; Bethany Crum, Historian; Gina Bailey, Sr. Historian; Caitlyn Bailey, Librarian; Betty B. Stafford, Sr. Librarian; Stephanie Taylor, Curator; Sue Thompson, Sr. Curator; Andie Mc Bagwell, Webmaster; Anna Lewis-Cressley, Sr. Webmaster; Maddie Bagwell, Newsletter Editor; and Melrose Bagwell, Sr. Editor.

Mr. Railsback announced that he had the uniforms if the C.A.R. was interested in having a Color Guard. They agreed to this suggestion and a number of the C.A.R. members volunteered for the Color Guard. The State C.A.R. has a United States Flag and an Arkansas Flag but no N.S.C.A.R. Flag so they agreed to purchase a C.A.R. Flag.

The group sang the C.A.R. song and were dismissed to visit and enjoy a picnic lunch.

During the afternoon session, the group sang "God Bless America."

The group discussed the South Central Regional Meeting, which will be held in Little Rock at the DoubleTree Hotel June 18th and 19th. The Arkansas Society is the host. Senior leaders volunteered to assist with the registration and the hospitality room.

Dr. Cindy Crum installed the new officers.

Caitlyn Bailey read President Courtney Bailey's 2010-2011 Program of Work. The National Theme is "The Magnificent Valor: The Beginnings of Freedom" and the National Projects is to raise funds for the restoration of the Great Essentials Exhibit at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The State theme is "The Beginnings of our Freedom - The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States of America, and the Articles of Confederation."

The State Project is making citizens more aware of the Declaration of Independence, The Articles of Confederation, and The Constitution of the United States of America since these original documents are housed in the Great Essentials Exhibit. Making people aware the 4th day of July is Independence Day - not just the July 4th Holiday! Working on Membership and organizing new C.A.R. Societies and continuing to save pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald Houses.

Bethany Crum gave the invocation. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Saturday, June 11, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at the MacArthur Military Park in Little Rock with the Saracen Society serving as host.