

From The Committees

C.A.R.

CAR societies in Arkansas:

Benjamin Seaton Society - Clinton

Daniel Dunn Society - West Memphis

DeCantillon Society - North Little Rock

De Soto Trail Society - Benton

James Leiper Society - Northwest Arkansas

Joseph Stillwell Society - Stuttgart area

Saracen Society - Pine Bluff

Southwest Trail Society -Texarkana

Thomas Ashley Jr. Society - Harrison

Tulip Ridge Society - Fordyce

Chapter Regents and C.A.R. chairs--encourage your members to enlist their children, grand's, and great grand's into C.A.R. It's a bargain; \$35 application fee, \$20 annual dues. Age requirements: birth -21. The only proofs you need are the documents that connect them to you. Your state chair will help in any way she can. Contact her at jmccley@sbcglobal.net or (870) 735- 1686. Melrose Bagwell is the Senior Newsletter Editor. She will email one to you if you contact her at marose7@windstream.net. Arkansas C.A.R. is on the move! Get your kids involved!

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

I hope all you GRC Chairmen are making plans to copy Bible records in your area. The Major Jacob Gray chapter had an instruction program on this at our Oct. 11 meeting. We will mostly be using digital cameras, but copy machines may be used, too. I'll be contacting each of you soon with tips about publicity, etc. One chapter has made arrangements with their local library and also a local business to copy Bibles for them when they're brought in and also are publicizing this locally. **Please remember to type up your family histories and send them in along with copies of your documentation.** Thank you for participating in this work. If you have questions or comments please contact: Ester Eads. Chair ekheads@classicnet.net or (501) 941-7310

"There is no remedy for love but to love more."

Henry David Thoreau



GENEALOGY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Genealogy Preservation Project Update

All the originals applications from National Number 370,001 through the December 2008 National Board of Management: 868,200+ have now been input into our ever-growing database. Volunteers and staff are proofing new entries every day. Eventually, all data will be searchable through the National Member's Only website. Much is available already, for you to peruse. We are now keying in data from supplementals approved in October 1989, and working forward to the most recent ones. These supplementals open new patriots! Indexing their lineage is so important to the Descendants database and aiding in growth for our membership. A little statistic - in the month of December 2008 the lineage from over 19,500 applications was entered. Since this a Double Entry system, the data is entered twice - by two different volunteers. This means that Daughters entered over 9,700 applications in December, alone. And over 9,900 applications were checked and certified to be uploaded to the Descendants database. Ladies, give yourselves a big "attagirl!" At the onset of this project, we started with about 1.2 million applications and supplementals to input. Today, we have about 500,000 applications to enter so we need your support. I am always available for a hands-on demonstration for Daughters in your area. If you haven't worked on the project lately we hope your New Year's resolution is to rejoin the active team. Just send us an email at darprojects@dar.org, or contact Marilyn Sickel, Arkansas Chairman, Genealogy Preservation Project: sickelfarm@aol.com

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Membership Chapter Achievement Report Announcement

Filling out the Chapter Achievement Form has just become easier. The Membership Chapter Achievement Report on e-Membership now provides in one location all the information you need to fill in sections 1 & 2 on the Chapter Achievement form. This new report also does the math for you so you'll know at a glance how many points your chapter has earned. This report joins the Magazine Chapter Achievement and Contest Analysis Report which provides you information for filling out section 6b. **Remember, both your State and National Chapter Achievement forms should be completed and mailed to our State Chairman, Shirley Coppock, by the deadline, February 1st. With all of these new reports available on eMembership, our forms should be much easier to complete.**

CONSERVATION—OPENING DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY

This year chapters can participate in a special NSDAR project to encourage beautification projects in their local communities called Opening Doors of Opportunity. The guidelines for this beautification project are available from the Conservation Committee on the NSDAR members' only website: <http://members.dar.org/committees/conservation/contest.htm>. Submissions must reach the national chairman by April 1. Entries will be judged on the project's impact to the community and the environment, time involved to plan and carry out the project, and the degree of ongoing maintenance required. Winners will be announced at the committee meeting during Continental Congress. I encourage chapters to participate in this opportunity to beautify their local communities. Marian C. Crawford, Conservation Chairman

DAR NEWS

The DAR News has raised its subscription price to \$10. It was approved at the Board of Management in August. You can get it free off the state website. Daughters who have paid subscriptions will still have it mailed to them until their subscription runs out. New subscriptions (\$10) will begin January 1, 2009. Officers will not receive a paper copy. They can get it from the website. If you want something included in the DAR News in January, the deadline is **April 18, 2009**. Photos need to be jpeg and labeled. We are hoping to include more chapter news.

AMERICAN HERITAGE

As part of Quilters' SOS, Karen Musgrave interviewed Ms. Pauline Laughlin of Rogers, Arkansas over the telephone. The quilt discussed was "Basket of Flowers."



"Basket of Flowers"

MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

This is your invitation to join me at a Membership Workshop, Friday afternoon, March 20, during the ASDAR State Conference. We will be exploring the possibilities of RECRUITING new members RETAINING and REVITALIZING existing members REACTIVATING those members that have resigned

**Sue Thompson
ASDAR State Vice
Regent**

"If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded."
Maya Angelou

Corrections

MEMBERSHIP

Many chapters have been notified by e-mail of ladies who live in their area who are interested in joining DAR. Please contact them and invite them to attend a chapter meeting. If they need help in finishing their research, please offer them assistance.

Membership

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The e-mail address for Fran LaFace is incorrect in the yearbook (page 25). It should be: fclaface@swbell.net.

The e-mail address for Marcia Connors is incorrect in the yearbook (page 31). It should be marciacommorsdar.com.

Mary Lee Schultz's address is incorrect in the yearbook (page 14). It is 1300 Military Road.

New e-mail address for Martha Poplin on page 20: mpoplin@suddenlink.net. Mailing address is 21 Gettysburg South, Cabot, Ar.

Claire Holmes' address is 22 Southern Pines Drive West, Pine Bluff, AR 71603.

January 6, 2009

Dear Mary Lee,
Please know how grateful I am to the Arkansas Daughters for their generous contribution of \$4,024 to the President General's Project. I know we share the same pride in our beautiful complex of historic buildings. This support of their restoration and maintenance for future generations helps to ensure the future of our National Society.

Faithfully,

Thank you so much for this generous gift. I look forward to seeing you at February Board.
Linda Gist Calvin

From the Districts

REGISTRARS AND RESEARCHERS

The Wataseka District has contributed to the Butler Library funds for the purchase of the "Virginia Revolutionary "Publick" Claims". This is a 3 volume set and a wonderful research source used to find new ancestors that provided material aid during the American Revolution. The volumes are now available for use at the Butler Library.

Quapaw District Meeting



"Make kindness your daily modus operandi and change the world." *Annie Lennox*

From Your State Officers

Chaplain

Please use the Chapter Chaplain's Report Form (NIP 2008-2009 Part II – page 2) to report 90th and 100th Birthdays to the Chaplain General and she will send a birthday greeting to those members. The Chaplain General's address is on the report form and requests should be received by the Chaplain General prior to the 15th of the month previous to the 90th or 100th birthday. (If a birthday falls June 15th, send the request by May 15th to the Chaplain General). Also, send the State Chaplain a copy of this report form so a birthday greeting can be sent beginning with the 90th birthday and each year thereafter.

It is very important to show these special members that we care about them. There are only a few names in the birthday file for each month, so please check with your Chapter Registrar for any names that might need to be added to our 90+ birthday greeting file. If you missed that 90th birthday, please send the name and current address to the State Chaplain so a file can be set up to send a card each year from the State Chaplain.

Dora Kate Lee
State Chaplain

State Vice Regent

If you are a new Chapter Regent, you are probably wondering what this Master Questionnaire is all about and why it is so important. The Master Questionnaire is used to tell your State Regent, your State Chairmen and the National Committee Chairmen what your chapter is doing to further the objectives of the National Society. It is important that you fill it out as completely as possible so that your chapter will receive credit for what it has done. Now is the time for you to brag on the activities of your chapter.

Your chapter officers and committee chairmen should assist you in completing the MQ. However, the Chapter Regent is fully responsible for making sure that the MQ is completed, copied and mailed to State Corresponding Secretary Ann Presley, and State Regent Mary Lee Schultz by the DEADLINE, February 1, 2009. A third copy should be retained by the Chapter Regent. Remember to follow the instructions on page 1 of your MQ. In addition to the MQ sent to you from National, there are also some pages from our State Committees in the "Brown Bag" you received at the August Board of Management. Include as much detail about your chapter activities as possible, using additional pages if necessary.

What happens to the MQ after it leaves your hands? The State Corresponding Secretary sorts through all of the MQs, collates the pages for each committee, and sends the appropriate pages to each of the State Committee Chairmen. What happens next?

Each State Committee Chairman assesses your answers from your MQ, and she prepares her own report, which is sent to the National Vice Chairman for our Division. If your chapter report is an outstanding report, she should relate that information on her report. Each State Committee Chairman's report should go into as much detail as necessary to relate each chapter's outstanding efforts. The State Committee Chairmen also uses your MQ report to determine who will receive awards at the State Conference, and our National Vice Chairmen will use the state reports to determine winners on the National level.

YOUR Master Questionnaire report is important.

- Start early enough that you won't be rushed or overwhelmed.
- Ask for help from your chapter.
- Go into detail about your activities.
- Remember to look for additional pages for State Committees in the "Brown Bag".
- Make copies. Mail one copy to Ann Presley, one copy to State Regent Mary Lee Schultz, and retain the third copy.
- DON'T forget the deadline is February 1st.

Arkansas State DAR Project Patriot

When our State Regent Mary Lee received a request from Janet McCain Huckabee to assist the Red Cross in the reading, sorting, counting and boxing of Christmas Cards for our military and veteran personnel, she, of course, said yes, not realizing that the big need for volunteers would occur when she was out of the country.

The request went out to the chapters and according to one Red Cross staff member, DAR saved the day. Specifically, the following chapters sent volunteers: Arkansas Post, Akansa, Benjamin Culp, Major Jacob Gray and Prudence Hall. Ladies, I did not think we would be able to do it, but we, along with many other volunteers, finished processing the cards at 4:30 Saturday (12/20) and the cards were boxed, sealed and ready for mailing. I estimate (not

official) the total count of cards processed was about 65,000 cards. What an accomplishment – just imagine the soldiers, veterans, sailors and airmen who will receive a Christmas card with a special message due to this effort. Again, thank you to the “DAR Christmas Card Elves” – Mary Dotson, Sylvia Matthews, Susan Veal, Linda Thomas, Carole McCune, Carole Villareal, Junelle Mongno, Betty Harp, Winnie Talley, Ann Pounds, Nita McDonald, Myrna Daniel and Wilma Murry Carole McDonald, Jamye Barnes, Myrna Daniel and Flo Brackman with friends of the DAR Margaret Ivey, Jackie Daniel and Jami Pounds.

Corresponding Secretary

State Committee chairmen

If you need certificates, please call me at (501) 835-1642 or e-mail at ann.presley@sbcglobal.net and let me know how many you need. I'll have them for you at state conference.

STATE CONFERENCE

The Call to 2009 DAR State Conference was mailed the week of Christmas by the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau to all Chapter Regents and State Board of Management members. If you have not yet received yours, please notify Mary Miller, 38 Riverview Rd., Batesville, AR 72501-8050, phone: 870--793-7725, or by e-mail: mcmiller@ipa.net. The packet will be mailed to you.

Please encourage chapter members to get their registration and room reservation sent in prior to the deadline. If you have American History essay winners, scholarship winners, or a Good Citizens winner, please send in a registration form for each member of his/her family who will be attending the Youth Breakfast on Saturday.

The 2009 Arkansas DAR State Conference will be March 19--21, DoubleTree Hotel, Little Rock.



Susan Veal presented a copy of “The Book” to Janet Huckabee.

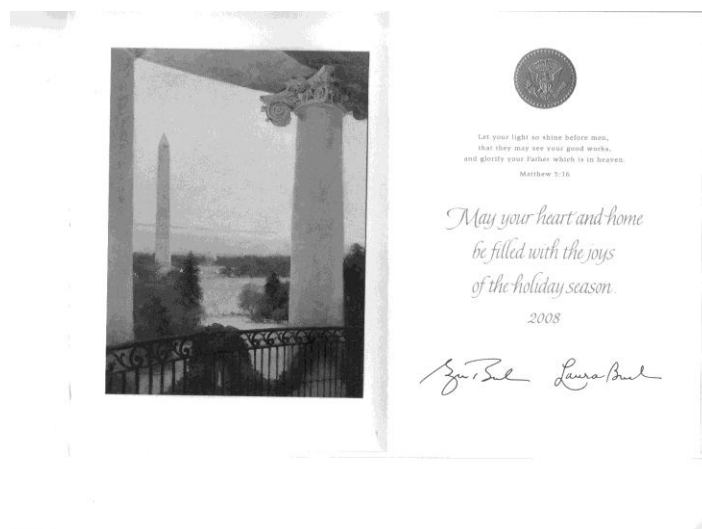
Registrars Workshop

At the Arkansas State Conference there will be a time to learn more about being a Chapter Registrar.

We'll discuss:

- Completing the application form
- Coping with all the lineage papers
- Submitting supplements
- Dealing with details of the job

There will be a Q&A time for genealogical problems.



Christmas card from the President of the USA

Jane Jones ' son, Hunter, was named "Teacher of the Year" by Shining Mountain Chapter in Billings, Montana.

State Regent's Project

State Regent Mary Lee Schultz has selected

Veterans as her project. DAR is raising

money for the Veterans hospital. The Wii systems were given to the three veterans hospital to use for rehabilitation. Chairs have been purchased for the ICU waiting room at the McClellan Veterans Hospital. Now we are trying to raise money for better furniture, lockers, and other needed items. Mary Lee is selling items to raise funds. Please help.

Watch for programs on Wilf Blum In March.

The Arkansas Historical Markers Book Committee has had a banner year. You and the schools were excited about receiving free copies of the book for their libraries. As this project started after the August Board of Management meeting, I wasn't able to get a report form printed that reflected your chapter's successful distribution of the books! [The Brown Bag questionnaire is at the bottom of this message. I have added a few more questions! There is also question #25 on the state Chapter Achievement Award form that asks if you purchased a copy of THE BOOK.]

We would like for you to list the schools that received a copy of THE BOOK from your chapter. If an area has been left off the donation list, we hope to give copies to those schools. As we have less than 200 books left, we may not be able to give every school a book but that remains our goal. Send any news articles or copies of thank you letters or funny stories about your delivery adventures (photocopies are acceptable).

There will be a display of the pictures, news articles, letters, and stories about this distribution. A final report will be sent to the Arkansas Department of Education; Butler Center; "Books for Arkansas Students Education" program through the Central Arkansas Library System; and our friend, Tom Dillard who is president of the Arkansas History Education Coalition.

I am looking forward to reading and reporting on all our success. Don't forget that you can include the donation of these books on the Literacy Committee questionnaire!

