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State President  
Benita Kerr Brown



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## State President's Message

The Tennessee Society Colonial Dames XVII Century held the Summer Board of Management meeting in Nashville on August 19. The meeting was well attended with all thirteen Chapters represented.

In August, I made my first "official" chapter visit as State President to the John Madison Chapter, my own home chapter in Jackson. Then, it was my pleasure to visit the Natchez Trace Chapter in Columbia in November. One of the joys of serving as State President is having the chance to meet members from across the State and enjoy the hospitality of so many Dames.

Plans are being finalized for the 56th State Conference at the DoubleTree Hotel in Jackson on March 9. President General Jan Lockard will be our Special Guest Speaker. Hostess chapters for this event are Captain Charles Barham, Chucaqua, John Madison, and Reverend Henry Smith.

The 88th National Conference in Washington, D.C. April 12-14, will be an especially exciting time for the Tennessee Society this year. First, at the annual Open House and Tea, we will have the honor of presenting a beautiful original painting of iris by Tennessee artist Ted Williams to be displayed in the Tennessee foyer. Ted is the husband of State Corresponding Secretary Lynda Williams, and we are hopeful that they will both be present for the unveiling. The following day Tennessee will host the National Awards Luncheon. Honorary State President, Aline Roberts, is serving as our Awards Luncheon chairman for the event.

*Benita Kerr Brown*

## CDXVIIIC Website Links

National: [www.colonialdames17c.org](http://www.colonialdames17c.org)

Tennessee State Society: [www.rootsweb.com/~tncd17c/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~tncd17c/)

## Captain Charles Barham Chapter



Captain Charles Barham Chapter held their annual fund raiser auction at the September meeting. The goal is to fund a local scholarship in the future. *Auctioneers for the day, Suzanne Richter (holding basket); Geraldine Sykes standing at far right. Seated L to R: Mary Hershey, Pat Boals and Julie Wilson*

**Captain Charles Barham Chapter** held their annual Christmas Tea in the home of member, Stephanie Tayloe. Guest enjoyed the beautiful Christmas decorations and trees at the historical two story family home. This year the new tree was the ancestor tree in the den. Pictures of Stephanie's great grandparents, Steven Palmer and Mary Katherine Haymes Routon; grandparents S. J. and Pearl Sanders Routon; parents, Jim and Val Rucker Routon; decorated the tree along with bird's nest representing the empty nest in the family. Steven and Mary had 17 grandchildren, each representing a different branch of the family. Other trees included the Patriotic tree in the front red parlor which featured an ornament that plays the National Anthem when activated; the Scarlett O'Hara tree with large display of antique dolls; the all gold tree in the front blue parlor; a tree trimmed with pink ornaments and tatted snow flakes. An array of beautiful Christmas cakes were served from antique servers. A silver center piece holding pink roses adorned the dining table filled with a variety of finger foods.

## Captain Charles Barham Chapter Officers

Honorary Tennessee State President, Mrs. Aline Roberts installed officers of **Captain Charles Barham Chapter** in Paris, TN at the June meeting. *L - R, front row: Mrs. Roberts; Pat Boals, Vice President; Joy Bland, President; Suzanne Richter, Recording Secretary. back row: Geraldine Sykes, Treasurer; Patty Anderson, Registrar; Stephanie Tayloe, Librarian; Mary Ann Claxton, Parliamentarian. Not pictured: Julie Hesson, 2nd Vice President; Beverly Wood, Chaplain; & Berdie Maie Foy, Historian.*



### IMPORTANT DATE

**State Conference**  
March 9, 2012  
DoubleTree Hotel  
Jackson, TN

### Reminder

Please remember to send your Chapter Credentials Form before the February 20 deadline. Those forms were sent to all Chapter Presidents in December. If your chapter will have delegates to National Conference, please note the Chapter Credential Report Form for National Conference must be received by the National Chairman by April 1, 2012. You may refer to the online packet for that form.



## Natchez Trace Chapter



Those attending the Natchez Trace December 10th meeting included State Officers and Natchez Trace Officers and members: (front row) Benita Brown, State President, Cindy Waters, President; (back row) Phyllis Little, State Organizing Secretary, Cheri Caudle, Scholarship Committee Chairman, Jeanell Kutterer, Registrar, Lynda Logan, State 2nd Vice President, Martha Watt, 2nd Vice President, Sue Thompson, State Chaplain, Joyce Johnson, Chaplain, Sandra Rowell, Recording Secretary, and Anne Bump.

## Captain Thomas Carter Chapter

The Captain Thomas Carter Chapter met on December 7 at the Orangery in Knoxville for the luncheon meeting. Stephanie Wayland and Tootie McCook presented the program on “Mysterious Knoxville” featuring well-known sites within the city. The chapter also held their annual Christmas gift exchange. Pictured below (L-R), Stephanie Wayland, Vice President Ruth Heizer, President Shirley Hall, and Tootie McCook.

Natchez Trace has had two very productive meetings this Fall. At our September meeting, we installed officers. Every incoming officer was given an officer notebook that included the National Bylaws and state and chapter directories. Plans were also made for our December luncheon where our State President will be the guest speaker. Benita Brown, our State President, was the guest speaker for our December meeting. Her presentation was very informative. She informed the chapter about her goals for the next two years. She answered many questions from our members and inspired us to set up a committee to find a historic house to mark. We also had three other state officers in attendance: Lynda Logan, Phyllis Little and Sue Thompson. After the meeting, we all enjoyed our Christmas luncheon.

*Natchez Trace President Cindy Waters with State Officers - Benita Brown, President, Phyllis Little, Organizing Secretary, Lynda Logan, 2nd Vice President and Sue Thompson, Chaplain.*



## Prudhomme Fort Chapter



### Prudhomme Fort Officers

*Front row from left: First Vice President, Pauline P. Moore; President, Patricia P. Johnson; Second Vice President, Lavonne C. Jolley; Chaplain, Ramah G. Schier and Historian, Doris C. Hicks. Back row from left: State Chaplain, Joan Hanks; Recording Secretary, Elizabeth L. Murray; Librarian, Judith T. Bean; Registrar, Ruth R. Jones; Treasurer, Bernice Nelson; and Parliamentarian, Lenore L. Levy. (Not pictured: Corresponding Secretary, Sue F. Wyse.)*

### Giving to the Community

A check was presented by Prudhomme Fort Chapter members to out-going President, Lenore Levy, to be added to the Chapter's Pocahontas Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded annually to a Native American student, male or female, in the amount of \$500.00 per semester, for a total of up to four semesters. The award is for a student showing an interest and aptitude for the medical field (dental, orthopedic, chiropractic, etc.), and is available in area high schools and local colleges.

Prudhomme Fort focuses on areas in the community concerning historic preservation and patriotism; and by fostering the memory of our colonial ancestors, whose principles of virtue, courage and patriotism led to the formation of our United States of America.



*Bernice Nelson, Treasurer, presents the check to out-going President, Lenore Levy.*

### National Website

<http://www.colonialdames17c.org/>

Log in to "Members Only" to download Forms and Documents. **USERNAME** and **PASSWORD** are required.

Contact State President Benita Brown for this information at:

*jbebrown@aeneas.net*





## John McKnitt Chapter

At the Christmas Tea the guest speaker, Gayle L. Her, presented a talk on Colonial Music and the history behind some of the songs. The ladies sang the songs with Gayle as she played the piano.

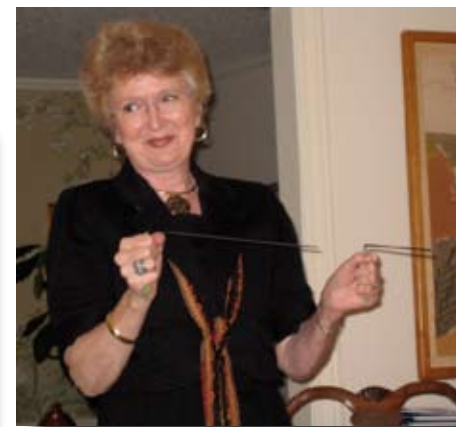
Officers of the John McKnitt Chapter are: President Sandy McRae, First Vice President Libby Norris, Second Vice President Jennifer Golz, Chaplain Gail Little, Recording Secretary Charlotte Reynolds, Corresponding Secretary Kandy Smith, Treasurer Donna Hamilton, Registrar Lana Davis, and Historian Nancy Buchanan. Presently there are thirty-one members in this chapter that was formed February, 2008.

*Pictured below:  
Gayle L. Her, speaker at  
the Christmas Tea*



## John Madison Chapter

At their November, 2011 meeting, the John Madison Chapter was treated to a fascinating program on grave dowsing, presented by Reverend Henry Smith member Judy Chaffin. A means of locating unmarked grave locations, the technique is similar to that of water witching which has been used for hundreds of year to locate underground water sources. Metal rods are utilized to identify areas where the earth has been disturbed. Enthusiastic members were given an opportunity to try the technique, and have since had great success in their "practice" attempts with graves that have good headstones to test their findings. This is another great tool in our search for family history!



*Judy Chaffin  
demonstrates the use  
of dowsing  
rods for location  
of unmarked graves.*

*Pictured Left: John Madison Chapter members attending TN State Board were (L-R): Chapter President Phyllis Little, State President Benita Brown, and Chapter Recording Secretary Jennie Whitehead.*

## Bible Records Project Reminder and Update

Just a reminder to continue collecting copies of original old family Bible Records to submit to our National CDXVIIC Library. They will be microfilmed for present and future generations to use in genealogical research.

These must be copies of the original entries, not transcriptions. Please include photocopies of the title page, as well as each family entry. This is a State President's Project. If you have Family Bible Records that you would like to submit, you may bring them to State Conference where Bettie Gustafson, our State Colonial Research and Records Chairman will be available to take donated Bible Records near the Registration Area.

OR mail them to:

Mrs. L. Gene Gustafson  
8348 Rosemark Road  
Rosemark, TN 38053-5724

UPDATE!! Please submit the above mentioned Bible Records with a cover sheet which includes the following information:

- Family name
- Location of family (ex: Madison County, Tennessee)
- Dates included in entries
- Surnames included in record
- Name of person submitting record
- Contact information of person submitting record

If you have already submitted Bible Records for this project to Bettie Gustafson, but did not include all of the requested information on your cover page, please e-mail or mail an updated cover page to Bettie as soon as possible at the above address or by e-mail at:

*Bettiegustafson@gmail.com*

## Clarendon Chapter



Four members of the **Clarendon Chapter** attended the Summer Board Meeting. Pictured (front row L-R) *Second Vice President Lynda Logan; State President from John Madison Chapter, Benita Brown; Clarendon Chapter President Blanche Pearson;* (back row L-R) *Honorary State President, Aline Roberts; and State Recording Secretary, Carolyn Christian Martin.*

In September the members enjoyed a program presented by Dr. Jim Williams on the Salem Witch Trials. He told of little girls who were killed by hanging or being pressed to death. Dr. Williams teaches a class about the witch trials at Middle Tennessee State University.

In November member Lynda Logan played and explained the three types of dulcimers and gave a history of the Southern instrument first made in the 1700's in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The dulcimer was supposed to sound like the bagpipe music.

Aline Roberts has applied to the National CDXVIIC Marking Chairman to place a Historical Marker on Aline and Jim's home on Saturday, June 23. Mark your calendar to attend this event. More information will be available later after the approval.

## Chapter Challenge

*Please keep in mind our 2011-2013 Chapter Challenge as you make your Chapter plans for the coming year:*

- ❖ *Increase membership by 10 per cent.*
- ❖ *Contribute copies of original Bible records to our National Society Library.*
- ❖ *Create or maintain a webpage linked to our State website.*
- ❖ *Mark a historic site or grave.*
- ❖ *Sponsor a qualified student for a scholarship.*

## Deadline Reminder for Reports

Chapter Reports are due to the State Chairman by **January 15, 2012**. All forms are available on the National Colonial Dames XVII Century website in the "Members Only" section at:

*[www.colonialdames17c.org](http://www.colonialdames17c.org)*

The National Society distributed printed packets only unless they were expressly requested from National Headquarters. You may e-mail your reports to the appropriate officer or chairman, or in cases where e-mail is not available, by post.

State Officers and Chairmen are reminded that reports should be forwarded to the National Chairman by **February 15, 2012**.

## State Board Meeting Luncheon





**The 56th State Conference**  
**Tennessee Society Colonial Dames XVII Century**  
**Is hereby called by**  
**Benita Kerr Brown**  
**Tennessee State President**

**Friday, March 9, 2012**  
**DoubleTree by Hilton Jackson**  
**1770 Highway 45 Bypass, Jackson, TN 38305**  
**Phone 731-664-6900**

**The room rate is \$99.00 plus tax. Make your room reservations directly with hotel before the February 14, 2012 deadline and mention “Daughters of 1812” to receive the group rate.**

**Directions to Hotel:** *Traveling on I-40, take exit 80A onto US-45-Bypass South. After coming off of the exit, travel on the HWY 45 Bypass through two stop lights. Soon after passing through the second light, look for the DoubleTree Hotel sign on the left. Turn left onto Max Lane Dr.*

**Schedule of Events (CDT)**

<b>Registration</b>	<b>9:00 – 11:15 AM</b>
<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>9:15 – 9:45 AM</b>
<b>Board of Management</b>	<b>9:45 – 11:00 AM</b>
<b>Processional Line</b>	<b>11:15 AM</b>
<b>Luncheon</b>	<b>11:30 AM – 12:45PM</b>
<b>Memorial Service</b>	<b>1:00 – 1:30 PM</b>
<b>Business Meeting</b>	<b>1:30 – 3:30 PM</b>

**Hostess Chapters**

Captain Charles Barham ~ Chucaqua ~ John Madison ~ Reverend Henry Smith

**Luncheon Entrée** – House Salad, Grilled Marinated Vegetables, Broccoli And Penne Pasta With Sliced Grilled Chicken, Dinner Rolls, Chef’s Selection Of Dessert **Or** Vegetarian Platter

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Clip and Mail – Luncheon and Conference Reservation -**\$25.00**

**Deadline for Reservations: February 22, 2012**

Make Checks payable to CDXVIIC State Treasurer  
Mail to: Mrs. Mrs. Terry O. Sykes, State Treasurer  
One Hillcrest Circle, Paris, TN 38242-3807

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Delegate \_\_\_\_\_  
National, State or Chapter Office/Chairmanship \_\_\_\_\_  
Luncheon Entrée – Circle one:   Chicken       Vegetarian