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National Society Daughters of the American Colonists Colonel Gideon Macon Chapter TSSDAC

Summer 2012

The Chapter met for the second meeting of 2012 at First Presbyterian Church in Paris on June 16 at 2:00 p.m. It was a busy meeting with regular business as well as an auction and installation of new officers. After our ritual, Janice Webb gave the National Defense message, two letters from the Secretary of the Army honoring the Army on its birthday June 14th and one for Father's Day thanking the fathers and grandfathers in service to our country. This was followed by the Treasurer's report by Beverly Wood and minutes of the last meeting by Pat Boals.

The business meeting began with approval of the revised bylaws, copies of which had been mailed to members prior to the meeting. The bylaws are now in compliance with state and national bylaws.

Next on the agenda was Summer Board meeting which will be Aug. 16 at the Sheraton in Brentwood. Registration starts at 9:00 and the Executive Committee meets at 10:00 with the first session of the State Board meeting at 10:30. Joy agreed to help with registration.

Discussion of the marking of the Henry County Courthouse was the next order of business. The marking is set for July 21, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. We, along with Colonial Dames will be organizing the program and providing refreshments. Members are asked to bring FINGER FOODS (nothing requiring a fork!). Anyone who can do so is asked to be at the courthouse at 5:00 Friday evening, July 20 to help set up. Joy Bland presented a tentative program for the marking, noting that the final program would have appropriate titles and descriptions added.



Regent Geraldine Sykes conducts the meeting while some of the many delicious auction items that were brought for the auction sit temptingly on the table.



The auction was a dessert lover's delight! But four loaves of homemade bread and bags of fresh peaches plus a beautiful plate for dips gave the auction additional variety so that over \$250 was raised!

80th TENNESSEE STATE ASSEMBLY

At our February Chapter meeting plans were being finalized for the TN State Assembly to be held in Jackson March 7. At our June meeting Regent Sykes read one of several cards which were received by her and other members complimenting our Chapter on the Assembly. Members present worked tirelessly to be sure that everything proceeded as planned. Cheryl Markham brought beautiful flowers for the luncheon tables; pearls (for our 80th year) and ivy on mirror tiles completed the arrangements.



NEW OFFICERS FOR 2012-2015



Following the auction, TN State Regent Joan Harmon (at right) installed the new officers for 2012-2015. Pictured above, left to right: Librarian Stephanie Tayloe, Historian Mary Ann Claxton, Treasurer Beverly Wood, Registrar Pat Boals, Chaplain Janice Webb, and Regent Joy Bland. Not pictured are Vice-Regent Aline Roberts and Recording Secretary Berdie Maie Foy.



Above, outgoing Regent Geraldine Sykes transfers the Regent's pin to incoming Regent Joy Bland.

91st NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - April 8-11, 2012



Pictured above are members of the TN State Society who attended the DAC National Assembly in Washington. L to R: Mary Prince, Stella Anderson, Hon. National Vice President Mary Wayne Miles, Hon. National Vice President Linda Dean, Gail Holman, Aline Roberts, and Linda Mansur.



National President Georgia Holder, who was present for the State Assembly, installed the new TN State Society officers for the next 3 years. Pictured above are the new officers for 2012-2015 (L to R): Librarian Debra M. Wilson, Historian Lynda P. Williams, Treasurer Susan E. Orman, Corresponding Secretary Mary Ann Claxton, Recording Secretary Nancy W. Carr, Chaplain Geraldine Sykes, Second Vice-Regent Sue M. Groves, First Vice-Regent Charlotte Miller, TN State Regent Joan Harmon, and National President Georgia Holder. Not pictured is Registrar Laura Bales.



Pictured at left is Jackson Mayor Jerry Gist presenting the key to the city to National President Georgia C. Holder.

The Doubletree Inn at Jackson, TN was the site of the 80th meeting of the Tennessee State Society Daughters of the American Colonists on March 7, 2012. Thirty-seven delegates were registered and the evening candlelight dinner included guests for a total of forty-two in attendance. Highlights of the meeting were an address at the dinner by special guest DAC National President Georgia C. Holder, a welcome prior to the morning business session by Jackson Mayor Jerry Gist, his presentation of the key to the city of Jackson to DAC National President Holder, and a beautiful memorial service honoring seven members of the Society who had passed away during the last year. In honor of TSSDAC's 80th anniversary, pearls were a feature of the

simple table decorations at luncheon and dinner. At the luncheon meal, in keeping with the assembly theme "Our Colonial Ancestors," tables were identified by different colony names and attendees sat at the table from which their colonial ancestor came. Evidence of the early settling of our state was seen by the fact that there were two tables set for Virginia ancestors, one for North Carolina ancestors, and two tables for all other colonies.

CHAPTER MEMBERS AT STATE LEVEL



Chapter member Joan Harmon is the new TN State Regent. A native Tennessean with ancestors who were here prior to statehood, she joined DAC in 2002 and has held chapter and state offices. She loves to travel and read, but DAC is her main interest.

Other Chapter members in state offices are Geraldine Sykes, State Chaplain, Mary Ann Claxton, State Corresponding Secretary, and Beverly Wood State Parliamentarian.

Chapter members serving on state committees include Beverly Wood, *Colonial Courier*, Jo Ann Birmingham, Insignia, Joy Bland, National Headquarters, and State Regent's scholarship project, Mary Ann Claxton.

Honorary National Vice President Mary Whayne Miles gave a report on National Assembly:

<>152 people registered to attend and 18 were there for the first time

<>We have 65 new members, 4 of whom were Golden Acorns.

<>Since much renovation had been done to National Headquarters the tea and the Board meeting were both held at the headquarters building so everyone could see what had been done.

<>Money that had been going to Bacone College was not being used as stipulated by the Society so they are going to begin looking into other places that Native Americans attend; the Bacone project is supported by Golden Acorns.

<>The price of lineage books is \$50.00 and it was voted for people to be able to donate memorials to pay for programs. Also, the price of yearbooks is \$15.00 now but the price will go to \$20.00 after Dec. 1, 2012.

<>The Technology Committee is preparing to scan already bound lineage books so that we will have digital copies of all those records.

<>The National President's Project is to help fund an outdoor pavilion at St. Mary's (MD) City Museum. Dedication is expected to be Friday, Oct. 10, 2014 at the NSDAC fall Board meeting.

<>Among the awards our chapter received at National Assembly were Second Place in Electronic Communications, Blue Ridge Section for establishing and maintaining a Chapter Website, and third place for the Chapter history book.

AWARDS AT STATE ASSEMBLY

Our chapter received 6 awards at State Assembly:

1. Most public relations, 784.57 - first place
2. Most number of books donated to libraries
3. Publicity achieved on giving a National medal of Award to an ROTC cadet and on planting a tree to honor their colonial ancestors
4. To Mary Ann Claxton in recognition of her extraordinary contributions to the work of our Society
5. Submission of 19 "My Colonial Ancestor" stories (actually there were 21)
6. Contributions to College of the Ozarks



<>Above Col. Gideon Macon members attending the dinner stand with National President Georgia C. Holder (in red jacket). Also in attendance but not pictured were Cheryl Markham and Jo Ann Birmingham.

<>Pictured below are members who attended the luncheon (and again we missed Jo Ann!) with National President Holder in the center.

