



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

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Fall 2013

MEETING 14 SEP 2013



Our 3rd meeting of 2013 was called to order by Chapter Regent Joy Bland at 11:00 am on Saturday,

Sept. 14 at Tom's Pizza and Steak House in Paris. Chaplain Janice Webb gave the invocation followed by our ritual. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as was the Treasurer's report given by Treasurer Beverly Wood. National Defense Chairman Mary Ann Claxton gave a message which talked about the Syrian crisis which is currently in the news, giving some background as to the roots of the conflict which go back to earlier uprisings in other Arab nations. She concluded with a quote from former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger: "The Arabs can't make war without Egypt, and they can't make peace without Syria."

Several items were on the agenda beginning with a discussion about our Veterans' project. We have been donating money to the veterans' home in Humboldt for them to buy items for the residents as prizes for games and other incidentals. But we've been informed that right now they are not in need of that kind of donation. So it was agreed that we would participate in the Christmas Angel Tree project for them instead and that Joy would look into the Wounded Warrior Project and see if we can participate in that as well.

Next on the agenda was the Christmas Tea. We have again been invited by Stephanie Tayloe to help in hosting a tea at her house on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.. We need to bring finger foods (Stephanie will provide desserts) and we need to be there the whole time to assist in receiving guests and helping Stephanie in any way we can. She has already started decorating and the house is always so beautiful - it is a very special occasion so you do not want to miss it.

President Joy then brought up the subject of programs for the rest of the year. We need volunteers who are willing to present programs at the November, February, June and September meetings. Anyone interested in presenting or who has an idea of a program may contact Joy.

Last on the agenda was discussion of the amounts

that we donate to national projects. It was decided that we would give the following amounts to national projects:

American Indian Scholarships - \$5.00
College of the Ozarks Scholarships - \$125.00
Golden Acorns - \$5.00
National Headquarters Maintenance - \$28.00
Headquarters Fund - \$12.00

CHAPTER MEETING PROGRAM



The program for the chapter meeting on Sept. 14 was presented by Stephanie Tayloe, Archivist at the county Archives and Genealogy Director for the county library. Her topic was Henry County Women of Distinction and it was a most interesting program. There have been many women who were leaders in our county. Among the many that she named were Dr. Henrietta Veltman who helped the poor of Henry County for over 50 years. Luzane Wynns Tayloe who started the school for the deaf in Memphis which is still in operation after 50 years of operation. Mrs. C. Reynolds who was the first woman to serve on a governor's staff and did much to help children all over the state. Mrs. Ruby Krider, teacher, whose love of speech and theater enriched the lives of thousands of students and whose name continues support of the arts in the Krider Performing Arts Center in Paris. And no less than four governor's wives, including Martha Mariah Travis, the wife of Isham G. Harris, governor during the Civil War. A strong woman, she assisted her husband in his duties, especially when he had to be away from Nashville in his tireless campaign to see Tennessee secede from the Union.

SUMMER BOARD MEETING

Chapter Historian Mary Ann Claxton reported on the Summer Board Meeting which was held Aug. 22 at the Preston Hotel in Nashville where the first order of business by State Regent and chapter member Joan Harmon was to introduce Linda Mansur who has been appointed Second Vice Regent Pro Tem due to the resignation of Sue Groves for health reasons. Next Regent Harmon read a thank you note from Catherine Walton, winner of one of the first scholarships to be given through the new State Regent's Scholarship Project.

Motions from the Executive Committee included a motion to change the wording in the standing rules to say that the words send or sent relative to state correspondence will mean by electronic mail if possible and a motion to approve the Report/Document and Property Management Policy Tennessee State Society and Its Chapters Report. Another motion set the registration fee for state meetings at \$8.00 per person.

National Historian Mrs. T. Richard Dean reported that she has received a total of five narratives, one of which was hers, for her project "How did I get here." For more on her project, see "Reminders" below.

State Vice Regent Charlotte Miller extended an invitation to all to attend the State Assembly to be held at the Airport Hilton in Knoxville on March 5, 2014. Our National President will be our guest and will be the speaker for our Candlelight Dinner. Plan now to attend - a prize will be given for the chapter with the most in attendance outside of the host Knoxville chapter.

Following the business meeting, State Corresponding Secretary Mary Ann Claxton presented a program titled "DNA: What Can it do for Us?" This was an introduction to DNA, explaining the three types of DNA used in genealogical research and their function in that research.



Above: Chapter members attending the Summer Board meeting were (l to r) Hon. State Regent Aline Roberts, State Regent Joan Harmon, and State Corresponding Secretary Mary Ann Claxton.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

TSSDAC STATE ASSEMBLY: March 5, 2014, Airport Hilton in Knoxville

DAC NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: April 6-8, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC

TSSDAC Summer Board: August, 2014, Hotel Preston, Nashville

BOOK PRESENTED TO LIBRARY



Chapter Regent Joy Bland presents the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists Lineage Book, Vol. XXXVII to W. G. Rhea Henry County Library Genealogy Director Stephanie Tayloe. The book will join other lineage books already in the Genealogy Room at the library.

REMINDERS!

The National Historian's Project is to tell "How I wound up here." This should be a migration story starting with your ancestor on whom your DAC membership is based and telling about each generation - where they were and where they wound up (if they moved), ending with you and how you got where you are today. You were all so very good about turning in your ancestor stories, I know we will have a good representation on this project as well. Again, these are histories that we need to be documenting for future generations. Send yours to Mary Ann Claxton, Chapter Historian. Deadline for turning in to national is Feb. 1, 2015, but we need to have them in well before that. Reports from committee chairmen should already have been turned in to our Chapter Regent. Also remember that they need to be turned in to the state committee chairman as well. If you've not turned your committee report in (either to chapter or state), you need to do so right away. Forms for committees should now be available on the national website.

Also don't forget that our State Regent Joan Harmon announced as one of her State Regent Projects collecting ancestor stories for compilation into a state book which would be available for members to have for a small donation. We are still needing stories for this project. Please send stories to Chapter Historian Mary Ann Claxton. Mary Ann says that she has all of the stories that were contributed by our chapter over the last three years to the National Historian's Project, but Joan has opened her project to ANY ancestor - not just a colonial ancestor. So there are still stories out there for you to write! And if you know of anyone OUTSIDE our chapter who contributed stories to the national project, please contact them and be sure that they know that they need to send a copy of their story(or stories) to Mary Ann Claxton(State Corresponding Secretary who is coordinating this Regent's project). We have sold 15 copies of the first volume and have a few more copies left. If you would like to have a copy, contact Mary Ann.