



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

Fall 2015



Above: Members and guest at the Sept. 12, 2015 meeting. After the ritual, Regent Geraldine Sykes called for the minutes of the last meeting and the treasurer's report. Mary Ann Claxton brought the National Defense message, reporting from Dr. Thomas Fleming's Sept. 9 post on The Abbeyville Blog of the Abbeyville Institute where he compared the destructive techniques of ISIS with US citizens and leaders who call for or tolerate the destruction and/or desecration of monuments and symbols of Christianity and Southern cultural history; an interesting and sobering comparison.

The program was presented by Stephanie Tayloe who gave a brief history of dolls. Dolls have probably existed as long as man has; they have been found in the pyramids of Egypt. but the popularity of the predecessors of the dolls we knew growing up actually started in the early 1900's. Many early dolls are very valuable collector's items today. Stephanie then showed two of her dolls, giving a history of each - one of which, Eve, had been burned in a fire, but her head had survived; Stephanie's mother had the doll's body restored. The interesting feature of the doll is that a knob on top of its head allowed the head to be turned to show one of three different expressions!



At left and right: Members had been asked to bring their favorite doll, so Stephanie turned the program over to members who talked about their dolls, some of which were very old and very valuable.



NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

Dear Daughters,

As Daughters of the American Colonists, we come from a proud heritage of individuals who embrace, apply, and celebrate the successes from technology. Just like the millwrights, ironmasters, and carpenters of Colonial times, this administration will be emphasizing technology not only through the National President's Project but our day-to-day activities and committees' projects. The National Headquarters will be kicking off the quest for applying modern technology by posting forms and information on the website, thereby providing instant access and saving the cost of postage. Officers' and committees' letters and the minutes will no longer be mailed but rather readily available on the website for the entire membership to read. In addition, the Veterans' Services Committee will have monthly postings of ideas for chapters and state societies to use to benefit veterans in their local areas as well as those serving around the world. Lastly, the Historic Landmarks and Memorials Committee is compiling information on markers placed by National and State Societies which will be posted on our website.

The Patriotic Education Committee has an exciting project which will utilize technology in the form of informative and entertaining videos and lesson plans for teachers which are accessible through the internet. The Colonial and Genealogical Records Committee will be promoting the scanning and digitizing of our original applications. This not only preserves the records but also provides easy 21st century access to the data. Please refer to each of the Committees' letters for information on ways you can support these and all Committees' projects.

Finally, another area of technology, desperately needing attention is the updating of our National database program which is outdated and cumbersome. Options are being investigated to find the best system for our organization. Keep in mind regardless of

the system, it is only as good as the information it holds. Therefore, please make sure to email changes in membership as soon as possible to National Headquarters.

By working together, the efforts of the members across the nation will result in carrying forward the lofty goals envisioned by our founders. We enter this challenging and exciting time with the knowledge that the deeds we do today are the building blocks of tomorrow. May each of us use the gift of present and her own particular talents to further the worthy objectives of our Society and to build a bright future for the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists.

In DAC Friendship,
Phyllis Best Jones
(Mrs. Ken Jones)



TSSDAC Summer Board attendees stand in the restaurant area of the Hilton Suites, Brentwood, location of the meeting. At far left front is chapter registrar Mary Ann Claxton and immediately behind her is chapter First Vice Regent Aline Roberts.



Above, Chapter Registrar Mary Ann Claxton (left) and Chapter First Vice Regent Aline Roberts join State Regent Linda Mansur for a picture at the Hilton Suites, Brentwood, TN.

The TSSDAC Summer Board heard reports from the state officers, state chairmen and chapter regents. Business conducted included changes in the Standing Rules, Section 1 b and c which deal with chapter assessments for State Assembly and member registration fee for State Assembly.

Also Section 1d was removed as it no longer applies. Section 4 on State Awards and Obligations included the addition of the Alvin C. York JROTC medal in the standing rules and a scale set for various miscellaneous expenses.

Hostess chapters for the March State Assembly are Jamestown and Prudence Hall. That meeting will be at the Doubletree Hotel In Mufreesboro on March 3, 2016.

State Regent Linda Mansur announced that we now have a domain name for our state organization: tssdac.org; this is much easier to remember for finding our state website than trying to type in the long Rootsweb address. Linda said that the website is still "under construction," so check it periodically to see what has been added.

Linda also introduced Hon. State Regent Linda Dean as the new National Vice President Blue Ridge Section.

She also noted that one of the National President's projects is the funding of a *Spy Adventure App for Smartphones* to be used by visitors at Mt. Vernon historical site. This is an amazing use of technology to engage visitors to Mt. Vernon in learning about the site and is targeted toward guests ages 11-15, but adults are going to enjoy it as well.

Also it was noted that on the national website there will be monthly postings about things that we can do for veterans and active duty personnel to help them and show our support for them.

PLAN AHEAD: Next meeting is Saturday, Nov. 14 at 11:00 at Tom's Pizza and Steak House in Paris. This is a change from our usual November location which has been being in Union City.