



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

Spring 2017

JUNE MEETING ON THE 10th, 11:30 AT TOM'S PIZZA & STEAK HOUSE

## FEBRUARY MEETING ALSO LIGHTLY ATTENDED



Again illness, work, and other issues kept attendance at the February meeting to a bare minimum with eight members present. Regent Geraldine Sykes called the meeting to order at 11:30. Following the ritual, National Defense Chairman Mary Ann Claxton looked into historical Presidential and/or Congressional bans on immigration targeting specific groups. We are most familiar with the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, but the earliest ban was in 1798, just 7 years into our current form of government, with the Alien and Sedition Act which allowed for deportation or imprisonment of non-citizens who were deemed dangerous. So, although we find it disagreeable, historically there is much evidence of the government reacting against different groups of immigrants

based on perceived dangers to our country.

Our first order of business was a report by Geraldine on the historical marker at Reelfoot Lake. The marker has been refurbished and we are now awaiting shipment. In addition to the refurbished marker, there will be a plaque listing the donors who contributed to resetting the marker (see picture at left). If the necessary money has been collected thanks to people in Union City and our chapter. State Regent Linda Mansur said the state society paid \$50.00 on the bill and then they will pay for printing and mailing the invitations and other costs of the

ceremony. Date for the re-dedication

### Restoration Contributors



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will be May 27. That is Memorial Day weekend and Samburg always has a parade on Saturday so many dignitaries will already be in attendance. Following the program we will go to the Boat House Restaurant across the road for lunch.

Still on the subject of markers, Geraldine said that she had been contacted by the family of Joan Harmon concerning putting a marker on her grave. Nothing has been finalized yet, but we will work with the family to get this accomplished.

Geraldine also reminded everyone that committee reports are due and that a copy should be sent to her as well as to the state committee chairman.

Next order of business was electing delegates for State General Assembly in March. It was determined that Aline Roberts, Pat Boals, Geraldine Sykes, and Mary Ann Claxton will be going to the meeting and can be delegates.

In further business, Geraldine said that Joan Harmon's family has asked about getting a DAC marker for her grave. The chapter agreed this should be done and we will have to coordinate with the family about getting the marker and about a time to have the marking.



Following the business meeting, Janice Webb presented a very interesting program on the history of Valentine's Day. Named for St. Valentinus who was imprisoned for ministering to Christians and for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry. While in prison, he

supposedly healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius, and before he was executed he wrote her a letter and signed it "Your Valentine." After the history, Janice showed some valentines she had and then members (who had been asked to bring a valentine) told about the valentines they had brought. Pictured at right Frances shows the card album made for her by her mother.

Following the program, the meeting was adjourned.



## REELFOOT HISTORICAL MARKER TO BE RE-DEDICATED IN NEW LOCATION

Pictured at left is the damaged marker which was originally placed by the State Society and the Union City Chapter on 3 APR 1985 near the Air Park Inn near the spillway at Reelfoot Lake. The Inn has since been demolished and the area is no longer safe. The plaque and its concrete post had been damaged and the Reelfoot Lake Friends group removed it for safe keeping till it could be restored. We are expecting the time to be about 11:00 or 11:30. After the program, the group will be eating at the Boat House Restaurant across the street from Spicer Park where the marker is going to be set up. State and National officers will be invited to

attend. This is going to be a really special event so be sure to mark your calendar. We will probably carpool from Paris. Watch your e-mail for further details.