



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

Spring 2019

JUNE, 2019 MEETING ON THE 8th, 11:00 AT TOM'S PIZZA & STEAK HOUSE

FEBRUARY MEETING ATTENDANCE IMPROVES



Seven members braved the freezing temperatures to enjoy a meal and colonial program, conducting chapter business in the process. Regent Geraldine Sykes called the meeting to order after our server had taken our lunch orders. Chaplain Joy Bland gave the devotional from James 5:9 - "Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgment yourselves." It is so easy for us to grumble and complain about "little things" when we really need to be praising God for all the myriad blessings we experience every hour of every day.

Following our ritual, National Defense Chairman Mary Ann Claxton talked about the Citizens' Military Training Camps which operated from 1921 to 1940 on about 50 military bases around the country. Mary Ann's uncle had attended one at Camp McClellan in Alabama for the month of July in 1925, so reading from his certificate she named classes that were taught in the BASIC course. These included the military classes you would expect like Military law Duties of the soldier, Marksmanship (pistol and rifle), Musketry, Gunnery, and Firing, but also included Hygiene and Equitation and Hippology. Hippology is the study of the horse, and, at the time, we were only 7 years beyond World War I and horses and mules were still being used in the military. This was an interesting look at military training almost 100 years ago.

Secretary Frances Spillman read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved as read.

There followed the Treasurer's report from Treasurer Beverly Wood (read by Regent Sykes) which accounted for various expenditures from the fall and winter and concluded with a sound balance to start the new year. Registrar Mary Ann Claxton reported that we do not have anyone working on papers at this time.

Moving on to new business Regent Sykes noted the reports from committee chairmen which she includes in her Regent's report. Our chapter activities should bring several awards from the state meeting.

Delegates to that meeting was the next item of business. Only two members were planning to attend, so delegates for the meeting will be Aline Roberts and Mary Ann Claxton. Also our chapter was asked to bring 5 door prizes for the meeting. These were brought to the meeting and will be taken to the state conference by Mary Ann.

Regent Sykes also read a very nice thank you note from Carole Holt, National Chairman of the National Headquarters Committee thanking us for our donation. Mary Ann also noted that we had received a thank you note from Stamps for the Wounded acknowledging our donation of

cancelled stamps for wounded veterans which are used in their rehabilitation. That note was given to historian Berdie Maie Foy to be added to our scrapbook.

Regent Sykes then said that she had printed out some call letters for the state conference in case anyone had trouble printing the form. A discussion ensued about that and similar forms which are e-mailed from state and/or national officers but which some members cannot open due to the incompatibility of files with older computers. Mary Ann offered to

resend forms which come like that, putting them into a format that will open on all the computers.

The last item of business was the need for programs for June, September, and November. First Vice Regent Aline Roberts agreed to present the September program, but other programs will

still need to be worked out. Anyone with an idea or who would like to present needs to contact Regent Sykes.

Following the business meeting, State Patriotic Education Committee Chairman Mary Ann Claxton presented the Colonial Education Kit and the accompanying program which she presented to 140 fourth graders in Henry and Harrelson Schools this year. The kit contains items that colonial youth would have been familiar with such as a musket ball, clay marbles, gourds for use as bowls and spoons, quills for writing and samples of various animal furs mounted on a deer hide to let students feel what the different furs are like. Also included are sample clothes for students to model and two matching games based on colonial occupations and general colonial life. Mary Ann also presented the PowerPoint program which she shows to students which elaborates on the items represented in the kit display. This kit was put together by a National Historian several years ago and one kit was given to each state. Mary Ann has added items to the kit like samples of flax in three stages showing how it was processed to make linen cloth, and ink and parchment paper so students can try their hand at writing with a quill.

Following the program, the meeting was adjourned.



December Tea Well Attended

December 15th saw three chapter members join many others from local lineage societies for the annual DAR tea. Site for this year's tea was the historic Mandle-Harding house, home of Ray and Noragene Harding. Decorations were beautiful and food was delicious. Music was provided by Inman School strings students and also by the Harding's beautiful antique player piano which completely fascinated the students who had never seen one.

