Falls of the Rappahannock Chapter NSDAR

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December Chapter Meeting

The upcoming Chapter meeting will be on
Thursday, January 12, 7pm at St. Matthias United Methodist Church, 426 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg. Our program will be ***Where Have the Bees Gone?*** presented by Cliff Scholl.

Directions to Meeting

From Stafford, take US 1 south to Falmouth and take a left onto Butler Rd. Go about 1.5 miles and turn left onto Deacon Rd. Follow Deacon Rd. about 2 miles and take a right onto Edwards Dr. The St. Matthias parking lot entrance is the first right.

From upper William Street in Fredericksburg, take the Blue-Gray Highway across the river to Stafford County. Take a left onto Route 3 West (Kings Hwy) and then at the second light turn right onto Cool Springs Road. At the next light Cool Springs Rd. becomes Deacon Rd. Follow about 2 miles then turn right onto Edwards Dr. The church parking lot is the first right.

SERVICE to AMERICA!

Our Chapter hours donated total as of Januaary 5

309

Please remember to log your hours!
http://services.dar.org/members/committees/ServicetoAmerica/

The Service to America! Committee encourages community service by **all** members on **all** levels as a means of honoring our heritage.

Everyone is reminded to turn in your 2016 volunteer hours if you haven't yet. You can go here http://services.dar.org/members/committees/ServicetoAmerica/default.cfm? to log your hours. Or log in to the dar.org/members site and click on the link on the lower right.

State Regent to Visit

Mark your calendars! **Saturday, April 8, 2017.** We will be joining with other area chapters to host a visit by State Regent Judy Surber. The meeting will be at the Fredericksburg Country Club. As more details become available they will be included in the newsletter.

As you know, our April meeting is usually our Youth Recognition meeting on a Saturday. We want to encourage you to attend the State Regent's visit so we have moved our Youth Recognition meeting to our normal second Thursday night which will be April 13, at St. Matthias United Methodist Church.

I know these meetings are just a few days apart, but I encourage you to mark your calendars and try to attend BOTH. You will be enriched by meeting members from other area chapters, and April is the month we vote on our new officers so we need you to be at the regular meeting as well.

Thank you for all your support!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

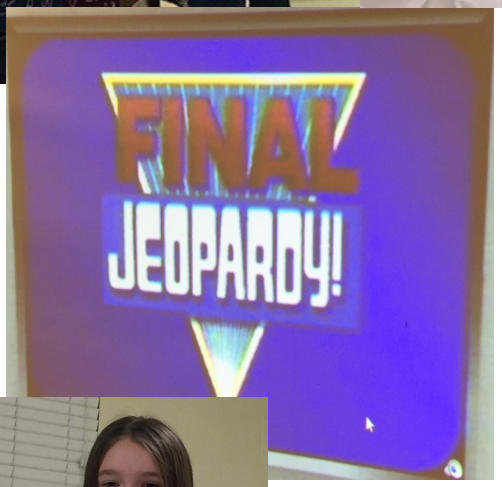
January

Susan Harvin	3
Miranda Sanderson-Callard	7
Shirley Wheet	13
Elizabeth Ernst	14
Mary Lou Stewart	17
Heidi Broton	28
Theresa Davis	28

Videoconference at meetings?

Due to little to no response to this option for meetings, it is being discontinued.

DECEMBER
Meeting photos



Thanks to everyone who came out to make our December meeting a success. We had **two** purple onion winners.

DAR Jeopardy was a big hit! We must do that again soon.

Donna Courtney told us about a quilt she had purchased which had names on it. She has managed to track down a descendant and will be getting it to them soon.

Our CAR members in attendance had a good time as well. Charlotte is showing everyone her ponytail that she is donating to Wigs for Kids.

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

Dear District V Regents,

District V is providing volunteers in the Exhibits Room at State conference in March. This is an opportunity for District V Daughters to serve. Volunteers will greet members, help State Chairmen put handouts in the mail bags, assist DAR Schools Committee with sales, and help with clean up on Saturday afternoon. Three volunteers per shift are needed on Friday and Saturday; two volunteers are needed on Thursday. The exhibits will be in the (TBA ~ to be announced room) Chapter Regents are welcome to volunteer just be sure it doesn't conflict with business sessions or your other duties. Volunteers will be recognized with a certificate.

Please forward this to your members attending State Conference and ask interested volunteers to email Susan at susanp@smartneighborhood.net with their first and second choice of shifts, cell phone number, email and chapter.

Thursday, March 23 (Assist with set up)

4:30 to 6:00 PM

Friday, March 24

8:30 to 11:30 AM

11:30 to 2:00 PM

Closed During Memorial Service (2:00 to 3:30)

3:30 to 5:00 PM

Saturday, March 25

8:30 to 10:30 AM

10:30 to 12:30 PM

12:30 to 2:30 PM

2:30 to 4:30 PM

4:30 to 6:00 PM (Assist with Clean Up; will probably be finished by 5:00)

Thanks for your support of District V,

Susan Postle and Jean Ryan

President General's Message
January 2017

Dear Daughters,

As January brings us to another new year, it offers us a time to reflect and to set new (or old, but unfinished) goals. Promises of new beginnings keep us moving forward into this new year with a renewed sense of service. I hope you will embrace the opportunities to serve your communities and our nation that come your way.

This month we will also see the inauguration of a new President of the United States. After a particularly divisive and emotional election, it is important to reaffirm that the DAR is a nonpolitical, nonpartisan organization. While our members are active in supporting our country and promoting civic responsibility, we do not use the platform of our organization as a forum for political discussion, nor to endorse candidates, nor to lobby political issues. We respect the varying personal political affiliations of all our members.

DAR has long shown respect to elected officials at the local and national levels, but such respect does not constitute an endorsement of their political policies. States and chapters are welcome to invite political office holders to bring greetings or speak at their DAR gatherings in a nonpartisan atmosphere. If you invite an elected official to speak at a meeting, remind him or her that DAR is not a political entity, and that controversial opinions should be avoided.

Personally, what has concerned me most during this election cycle is the lack of respect for opinions other than our own. Are we so fearful of one another that we cannot respect our differences? What became of the nation created by Patrick Henry's cry, "I disagree with what you say, but I will defend to my death your right to say it"? When we silence another's opinion, we nullify the right to express our own. What makes this country great has always been the foundation laid by our ancestors to provide checks and balances, to anticipate differing opinions and to ensure a peaceful transfer of power.

The DAR has come a long way from the time when we were perceived as an organization consisting of a single political mindset. We are proud of the diversity in our members' backgrounds and beliefs. Our members are passionate about this country. May that always be true! I hope and believe that the DAR is an organization that demonstrates civility and the courtesy to respect one another's opinions. Without that attitude our country will not survive, much less move forward.

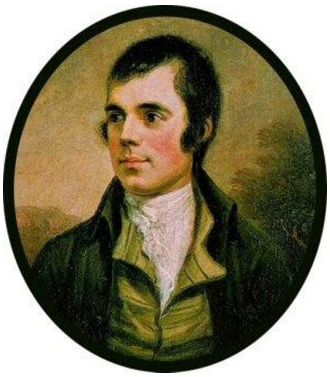
As you reflect on your chapter's successes from the past year and plan for new initiatives in the year ahead, take this opportunity to join together with your fellow members to work as a team. We are stronger when we work together and forming friendships at the chapter level is what keeps us connected.

With Valentine's Day on the horizon, I always remember a friend who told me that love is not a feeling but a choice. May you choose to contemplate what is important to you and to one another and consider that Service to America may very well begin at home.

Moving Forward in Service to America,

Ann T. Dillon
President General

Robert Burns' Supper



The **Scottish Society of Fredericksburg** is once again holding its annual Burns' Supper on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Fredericksburg Country Club to which you are cordially invited!

The 216th observance and celebration of the life of Robert Burns begins at 6 o'clock pm with a social hour and festivities starting at 7 o'clock pm.

The rousing Mary Washington University Eagle Pipe Band returns, and the Welsh/Celtic band DragonFyre will take us on a trip to the hills and glens of Scotland (and probably Wales, too) with their evocative Celtic music.

The price per person is $35 for members and non-members. Children 10 and under are $17.50

Please send your payment to Avril Bishop 5 Hardwick Street Fredericksburg, VA 22405. Make checks payable to the Scottish Society of Fredericksburg, and **include the names of all those attending**.

Seating is limited and reservations are secured by receiving check. The last day to receive a check to secure reservations is Wednesday, January 25th. There is no assigned seating or reserved tables, plan on arriving early to find seats with others you wish to sit beside.

Payment is non-refundable with no postponement due to inclement weather.

Virginia Page Club

The tradition of paging is alive and well in Virginia DAR! Hundreds of women have served as pages over the years at Virginia State Conference, some for a couple years, some others for two decades.

Purpose
The primary purposes of the Virginia State Page Club are to promote interest in paging at the Virginia State Conference and the Continental Congress, and to provide information about paging to its members and to encourage new pages. Additionally, the Virginia State Page Club acquaints the membership of Virginia DAR with the activities and enthusiasm of Virginia Pages.

Eligibility
Any woman is eligible for membership in the Virginia State Page Club who is a member in good standing of the NSDAR, and who has served the Virginia DAR as a page for no less than one State Conference.

Meeting
An annual meeting is held during the State Conference, at a time when as many pages as possible can participate. By the end of State Conference, two Pages are honored with the Virginia State Page Club's "Tired Feet" award.

VADAR STATE CONFERENCE

March 24-26, 2017

Richmond Marriott, Richmond VA

If you haven't attended State Conference make this your year! It's informative but also a LOT of fun. The 121st Virginia State Conference will be held at the Hotel Roanoke March 24-26, 2017, in Roanoke, Virginia. The 2017 Conference theme is *"We the Daughters, many hands… Strive to Preserve the History"*.

If any of our Prospective Members are interested in going as a guest, talk to Donna Sayre. The only thing you can't do is attend Business Sessions and those are on Saturday. But you are welcome at the Workshops and any of the meals/banquets.

There will be workshops on Friday, March 24. These are always awesome and this year is no exception: **"How to Protect Yourself (Scams, Identify Theft, and Internet Risks)"** – Rob Garbee, founder of RISE (Roanoke Information Security Exchange) will educate you on how to be safe in our new and rapidly changing information world**.** Come hear this important speaker!

"Genealogical Research Committee" – Patricia Hatfield, Librarian General, NSDAR, will educate you on the "ins" and "outs" about the GRC. The main focus will be understanding how GRC records can help you find little known information housed in the DAR Library. Currently, volunteers to the Genealogical Research Committee are encouraging Daughters to push for Bible record projects in their states.

"Just.One.Plan." – Adele Morris, Educational Resources National Chairman, will educate you about how to get your chapter involved with compiling various electronic lesson plans that focus on America, its history, government, heritage, and genealogy for use by teachers, scouts, SAR, CAR, and community groups. This is an exciting new committee and all can participate! This workshop will address who may submit lesson plans, what format to use for submitted lesson plans, who may use the lesson plans, and how the lesson plans will be reviewed and approved.

"Yes, You Have Help!" – Deborah Clayton, Lineage Research State Chairman, and Nancy Simmons, Volunteer Genealogists State Chairman, will educate you on tips for successful completion of membership applications and on how to get additional assistance. Regardless of whether you have an elusive link between generations, four straight generations of John Smiths, or simply need a document from a local courthouse to establish a new DAR patriot, these volunteers stand ready to help.

You can get more information and forms here: **http://www.vadar.org/membersonly/committees/conference.html** It is a password protected site so ask one of us if you have forgotten the password.