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***Falls of the Rappahannock
Chapter NSDAR***



**WOMEN'S
HISTORY MONTH**

Honoring the accomplishments of women.

March Meeting

Thursday, March 5

Tour of the Masonic Lodge

Speaker: Jan Gardner

Hostesses: Peggy Neal and Linda Tague

Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge #4

803 Princess Anne Street

Message from our Chapter Regent

Chapter Members,

Wow, February has been a tough month for Falls of the Rappahannock. The flu and strep hit my house hard. I hope that everyone who has been sick is recovering and feel much better! There's a lot of exhaustion in my house still, but we are on the mend and starting to catch up.

We have an exciting meeting coming up in March at the Masonic Lodge. I know I am looking forward to our tour. I hope you will join us.

State Conference is also coming up in March. It's not too late to attend. And it's definitely not too early to be thinking about Continental Congress.

Our April meeting will be our annual youth recognition luncheon. There will be a sign up coming soon for luncheon needs. Please be looking for that to bring a dish. It is always nice to recognize our good citizens and share a meal with them and their families.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending State Conference or Continental Congress. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting at the Mason Lodge.

Alicia



Montpelier



Dolley Madison, the fourth First Lady of the United States, is widely remembered as the most lively of the early First Ladies. Despite her Quaker roots, she was outgoing, energetic, fun-loving, and kind. As a prominent entertainer and hostess, she helped shape the role of First Lady and served as the model for every future First Lady to come.

In 1794, Dolley Payne Todd married James Madison, a planter and Congressman from Virginia. James Madison was elected president in 1808. On the evening of his inauguration, Dolley Madison sponsored the first Inaugural Ball. During their time in the White House, she was the first president's wife to formally associate herself with a public charity project, sponsoring a home for orphaned girls in Washington, DC.

Chapter Chat

Wanted:

Stories, Photos, News and High Sea Adventures

This is YOUR Chapter Newsletter , please send stories, photos, news about your family/ancestors, and historical trips to the editor so that she can make this newsletter more about YOU!

Send all information to sonja.k.johnson@gmail.com

Please bring the following to every meeting:

Box tops

Ink Cartridges

Coupons

Coke bottle caps

Stamps

Greeting Cards

We have so many fascinating women in our Chapter, that I would like to start spotlighting them. At the end of this newsletter will be a questionnaire. Please fill it out and return to me by email or at the next meeting. Each month we will highlight our fellow-Daughters.

SERVICE to AMERICA!

Our Chapter hours donated to date total :

240

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. You may now count your DAR hours!



April Meeting

Saturday, April 4th

12PM

Youth Recognition Luncheon

Hostesses: Donna Sayre and Chapter Volunteers

Regester Chapel United Methodist Church

85 Bells Hill Road, Stafford VA

DAR Museum

Something Borrowed

The DAR Museum has an impressive collection of wedding attire, including wedding dresses worn by three generations of one Philadelphia family. On Mary Emma Funk Radcliffe's wedding day in 1882, she wore a white satin bustle skirt and bodice (left). Wearing white for your wedding didn't become a common cultural ideal in America until the second half of the 19th century. Queen Victoria of England was credited with setting the style for white, but white had already become the custom for bridal attire among the English aristocracy in the 18th century.

Mary Emma's daughter, Sarah Cunningham Radcliffe MacKay, reflected the fashion of the time in her 1914 dress and veil (center). The 1942 white rayon satin dress worn by Jean Radcliffe MacKay Christie was accompanied by a veil and "Juliet cap" made with lace taken from her mother's 1914 wedding dress. The recycling of dresses and veils was a common practice then, and many brides today still enjoy adopting family heirlooms into their own wedding attire.

The dresses were the gift of Mr. James W. Christie III, Mr. Stuart R. Christie and Mr. John M. Christie.



Member Spotlight

Name: Susan Ryckele Harvin

Offices held in the Chapter: Regent, Vice Regent

Committees you have chaired: Schools, Magazine, Pressbook, Honor Flight, Membership, Program, Yearbook, Publicity

What interested you in joining the DAR? When we moved to Fredericksburg without knowing anyone and having been to VA exactly once before I had counted on transferring my Jr. League membership as a way to meet new people and become involved in the community. Fredericksburg doesn't have a Jr. League.



Shortly thereafter, I saw a message in the Free Lance Star saying to call Rita D'Arcangelis if you were interested in learning about DAR. As fate would have it my dad's 3rd cousin had just sent me a family genealogy and pointed out which relatives had been DAR members. I had been cleaning out my dad's files and found 3 generations of birth, marriage and death certificates. I knew Rita's name because we both worked at MWC so I called her. Rita took me to a meeting where I met many very nice women who took me under their wings with lots of encouragement and introduced me to all things DAR.

Whom are you named after? Susan by my older sister after her doll. Marsha because daddy thought "Susan Marsha" would sound best when calling me from the back door.

What was she or he like? A doll, literally!

If you could speak to any of your ancestors, what would you ask them and why? My great grandmother Clara Gertrude Tharin Wilkins. On her deathbed my mother repeatedly asked two questions about her grandmother Wilkins and for the last 21 years I have wished Gertrude was alive so I could find the answers. Even more so now that I am a grandmother.

What world and national events have significantly influenced your life? Kennedy Assassination especially since we had seen him when he had recently visited Columbia. Also 9/11, and The US visits of Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict. Seeing the Beatles in 6th grade instilled my love of music but that probably doesn't count.

What is one thing that your family has passed down from generation to generation?

A handmade cradle which traveled to TN on covered wagon, has been slept in by at least 6 generations of John's family and now lives at my house.

What special foods do you associate with your family and family celebrations?

Homemade foods such as cornbread dressing, Oyster pie, Meatballs & red gravy, German Chocolate Cake, Lane Cake, Sour Cream Pound Cake.

Who have been your role models? What about them do you admire? They probably wouldn't want me to say!!

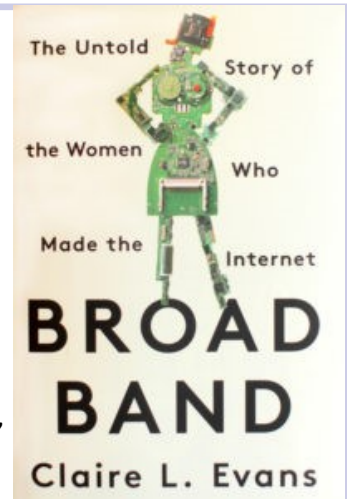
What is your favorite thing about being a member of the DAR? Meeting new people, working with other members on projects which benefit schools, veterans and the community.

Great Lives Series at UMW: Lectures are held at 7:30 p.m.

Female Internet Inventors

Lecture Date: March 10, 2020

The history of technology you probably know is one of men and machines, garages and riches, alpha nerds and programmers – but female visionaries have always been at the vanguard of technology and innovation. In fact, women turn up at the very beginning of every important wave in technology. They may have been hidden in plain sight, their inventions and contributions touching our lives in ways we don't even realize, but they have always been part of the story. In *Broad Band: The Untold Story of the Women who Made the Internet* (Penguin Random House), Claire L. Evans finally gives these unsung female heroes their due with her insightful social history of the women who made the Internet what it is today.



Hedy Lamarr

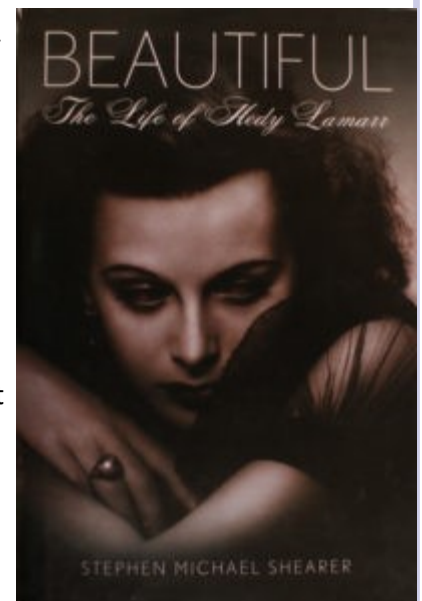
Lecture Date: March 31, 2020

Beautiful Austrian-born film actress Hedy Lamarr (nee Kiesler) was born to wealthy Jewish parents in Vienna in 1914. The only child in a privileged household, she was blessed with remarkable beauty, famously acclaimed at early age by a noted film director as “the most beautiful girl in the world.” The movie *Ectaze*, with its then-scandalous sex scenes, made her a star in Europe.

But, with Hitler rising to power and anti-Semitism spreading on the continent, Hedy secretly left her husband and in 1937 sailed to America, where she quickly signed a contract with the MGM Studio—and acquired a new name: Hedy Lamarr. She was soon starring in major films opposite the biggest Hollywood stars of the day: Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Robert Taylor, William Powell, John Garfield, Judy Garland, and James Stewart. Her popularity reached its peak with her performance in Cecil B. DeMille's biblical classic *Samson and Delilah* (1949)

But there was more—much more—to the life of Hedy Lamarr. Largely unknown at the time, she had been in 1941 the co-developer of a patent of what she called “frequency hopping”—a method of wireless communication that eventually became the basis of every cell phone, WiFi, Bluetooth, and defense communication device now in existence. As a result, in 1997, three years before her death, the International Scientific Community recognized her as having “one of the most brilliant minds of the 20th century.”

This from a woman whose beauty was also her curse. No one of her generation could see the intelligence behind that remarkable face. Yet Hedy Lamarr, of all actors and actresses in history, left behind the dual gift of an extensive film history canon, as well as that of scientific discovery.



Women's History Month

Victoria Woodhull was a spiritualist, activist, politician and author who was the first woman to run for the presidency of the United States.



Born Victoria Claflin on September 23, 1838, in Homer, Ohio, Victoria Woodhull was a radical in many ways during her lifetime, and made history in 1872 as the first woman to run for the presidency of the United States. She and her sister, Tennessee Celeste Claflin, became involved in the spiritualist movement of the 1800s. Woodhull became a popular medium, traveling around with her sister to entertain audiences.

At the age of 15, Victoria married Canning Woodhull. The couple divorced in 1864, and Woodhull later reportedly wed Colonel James H. Blood, who introduced her to several reform movements.

In 1868, Woodhull and her sister, Tennessee, traveled to New York City, where they met Cornelius Vanderbilt. The wealthy Vanderbilt had recently become a widower, and he appreciated the psychological solace that Victoria Woodhull was able to provide him so much that he set the sisters up in business. The sisters started the first woman-run stock brokerage company.

A strong supporter of women's rights, Woodhull often spoke publicly on behalf of women's suffrage, and even addressed Congress on the issue. Seeking to be more politically active, establishing the Equal Rights Party, and shortly thereafter, for the U.S. presidency on the political group's ticket in 1872

There is some evidence that abolitionist Frederick Douglass ran as her running mate, but it is unclear how involved he really was in the campaign. No matter the case, the election turned sour, with Woodhull publicly fighting with her critics in her publication. Woodhull became a target for public scrutiny because of her many relationships and radical ideas.

Divorcing James H. Blood in 1876, Woodhull went on to marry a wealthy banker from England, John Bidulph Martin, in 1883.

In 1877, Woodhull and her sister moved to England, perhaps to make a fresh start. She spent much of her time writing; her works from this time include *Human Body: The Temple of God* (1890). Woodhull also published a magazine with her daughter, *The Humanitarian*, for nine years, beginning in 1892.

Victoria Claflin Woodhull Martin died on June 9, 1927, in Bredon's Norton, Worcestershire, England. She stands as an example of a woman who chose to speak out for what she believed in.

Retrieved from: <https://www.biography.com/activist/victoria-woodhull>

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 18, 2020 at 11am-4pm (Rain Date- April 25th)

The mission of the Fredericksburg Earth Day Festival is to provide an enjoyable and engaging family-friendly event devoted to environmental awareness and stewardship.

Our chapter will have a table at Earth Day this year. It's a wonderful experience for all of us. We help the children plant seeds, talk to various folks about the DAR and have fun! Please consider signing up for a shift at this years festival, We need many hands.

WE also need: donations of potting soil, seeds and biodegradable peat planting cups. NO Plastic of any kind, please.



District IX Chapters

Back in September our Regent told us about becoming a part of a new district being comprised of fabulous chapters that are in closer proximity to us. She asked that we get to know these new chapters. This is the first installment of five.

Culpeper Minute Men Chapter NSDAR

Culpeper, Virginia

Our History

Celebrating over 90 years of service to the community, Culpeper Minute Men Chapter, NSDAR, was organized in 1923 by Mrs. Berkeley Gilkerson Calfee in Culpeper, Virginia.

Behind the Name

Our chapter is named for a Revolutionary War military unit formed in 1775 and commanded by Patrick Henry.

Meetings

Our chapter meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month, September through May.



Mine Run Chapter NSDAR

Fredericksburg, Virginia

Our History

Celebrating over 10 years of service to the community, Mine Run Chapter, NSDAR, was organized in 2006 by Ms. Debbie Sue DeHart in Rhoadesville, Virginia.

Behind the Name

The Mine Run stream in Orange County, Virginia, was located near the organizing Regent's home in Rhoadesville. The chapter relocated to Fredericksburg in 2019, making it more attractive to prospective members. Our new location is easily identifiable to prospective members as a place near their home, as most members are located in the Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, and Stafford areas.

Meetings

Our chapter meetings are held during the second week of each month, September through May.



The background of the poster features a stylized American flag with white stars on a blue field and red and white stripes. On the right side, there is a dark blue silhouette of a soldier in profile, facing left and saluting with his right hand. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020
1400 HOURS (2:00 P.M.)
CULPEPER NATIONAL CEMETERY
305 US Avenue | Culpeper VA 22701

Keynote Speaker: Brigadier General John Rose
Vietnam Veteran, Vietnam War Commemoration

- ▶ Pinning for Veterans and Family Members
- ▶ Display by Freedom Museum

Participation by: VFW 2524 • Liberty High School JROTC • American Red Cross • Patriot Guard Riders • Sons of the American Revolution • Vietnam Veterans of America/Culpeper Chapter



Cohosted by:
Virginia Daughters of
the American Revolution

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Spotlight a member of FOTR

Name:

Offices held in the Chapter:

Committees you have chaired:

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Whom are you named after? What was she or he like?

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What world and national events have significantly influenced your life?

What is one thing that your family has passed down from generation to generation?

What special foods do you associate with your family and family celebrations?

Who have been your role models? What about them do you admire?

What is your favorite thing about being a member of the DAR?

If you have a photo you would like to attach, please do so.