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Chapter NSDAR



January Chapter Meeting

The upcoming Chapter meeting will be on Thursday, January 14, 7pm at St. Matthias United Methodist Church, 426 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg. The program will be “**A Brief History of American Currency**” by Trip Wiggins and Mark Storage.

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.

CHAPTER CHAT

CELEBRATE AMERICA!

Our Chapter 2015 hours donated total as of
December 31

2609

2014 Hours 2,406

2013 Hours 4,608

Please remember to log your hours!

<http://services.dar.org/members/committees/celebrate/>

The Celebrate America! Committee encourages community service by our members on all levels as a means of honoring



We welcomed new members (l to r) Sabrina Baldwin, Myrrh Caplan, Elizabeth (Abby) Caplan and Barbara Blose at our December meeting. Congratulations Ladies!!

Everyone is reminded to turn in your 2015 volunteer hours if you haven't yet. You can go here <http://services.dar.org/members/committees/celebrate/> to log your hours. **There is still time. Get them in by Jan. 10.**

NEW / PROSPECTIVE MEMBER ORIENTATION TEA

February 7, 2016 2-4 pm

Register Chapel United Methodist Church
85 Bells Hill Road, Stafford VA

We had a banner year in 2015 and good chapter growth also in 2013 and 2014. Mark the date and plan to join us for an orientation on what DAR is all about. The new/prospective members will receive an invitation shortly. Members who are committee chairmen, **please do a display board about your committee(s) and bring them or get them to someone if you can't come.** Most of what you will need can be found on the members' DAR site. The tri-fold display boards like used for school science fairs work great. If you need any help or ideas let one of us know (see below). If you feel that you can't do a display board, please let Susan, Donna C. or Myra know so we can be sure to have as many committees represented as possible.

There will be tea and food served, an information session on various topics and each new/prospective member will receive the chapters newly drafted *New Members Guide*.

Please RSVP to Susan Harvin, srharvin@msn.com, 540-379-6184; or Donna Courtney, Donna_Courtney@comcast.net, 540-286-2727 or your evite so we can get a head count to prepare food/tea.

January

Betty DiRisio

Susan Harvin

Miranda Sanderson-Callard

Mary Lou Stewart

Shirley Wheat

Theresa Davis



For this page in the newsletter, I need you to keep me up to date on happenings. If there is something you would like to share send me an email or text. If I don't know about it I can't share it.

December Meeting photos



We thank Elisa Pritchard for opening her lovely home to us for our chapter meeting. And thanks to the attendees for providing refreshments.

The annual purple onion gift exchange was thoroughly enjoyed! The **two** purple onions were received by Jennifer Upton and Shirley Wheat.

Chapter Delegates for Continental Congress and State Conference, will be selected very soon at upcoming meetings.

Pictures compliments of our Historian Donna Courtney. Please send her any photos you take at our events.

The **DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee** was established by the Executive Committee on September 30, 2003, as a National Special Committee. Our goal is to index DAR genealogical and membership information into computerized, searchable databases. Our work will assist in preserving these valuable records for posterity and significantly enhance the application approval and membership record retrieval processes.

The DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS) is the end result of the data input by this committee's Descendants Project. This database is a valuable tool which is being used to assist in the completion of applications. Indexing of all available applications was completed July 30, 2011.

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Our current activity is the Supporting Documentation Project. We will categorize over 6 million documents used by members to support the lineage submitted on their DAR applications.

The **Volunteer Information Specialists**

Committee is a group of Daughters who serve DAR at the chapter, state, and national levels, using computer and technology skills to assist DAR. Our committee works closely with the Information Systems and Public Relations departments at NSDAR to:

VIS volunteers serve DAR in the following ways:

- Design, build, maintain, and review over 2,000 chapter, state, national committee, and executive officer web sites
 - Create writable and savable PDF forms for NSDAR
 - Maintain chapter, state, and webmaster email contacts
 - Respond to Help Desk emails
 - Create chapter documents, including yearbooks, labels, programs, nametags, certificates, and awards
 - Index and enter data for history books, genealogical records, and the Genealogical Research System
- And much MORE!

The **American Heritage Committee** was established to preserve our rich American heritage in the fields of **art and sculpture, crafts, drama and literature, fiber arts, and music**. Members are invited to participate in the various contests conducted by this committee.

2015-2016 Theme - *“Celebrating the Arts from the Time of Our Founding Daughters to the Present”*

Conservation Tips for Winter

Use ceiling fans to your advantage. Homes that have better ventilation and airflow can be more energy efficient in the summer and winter months. If you have ceiling fans in your apartment, you have more control over ventilation than you know. Ceiling fans can be used strategically to achieve better airflow: counter-clockwise will push hot air up in the summer

and clockwise will trap heat inside to keep your rooms warmer during cooler months. Turn your ceiling fan on a low setting to gently push hot air back down.

Only use exhaust fans when necessary. Exhaust fans in your kitchen and bathroom pull the hot air that rises to the ceiling out of your apartment. Use exhaust fans sparingly, and shut them off when you are done with them.

Robert Burns' Supper

The **Scottish Society of Fredericksburg** is once again holding its annual Burns' Supper on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at the Fredericksburg Country Club to which you are cordially invited!

The 215th 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.

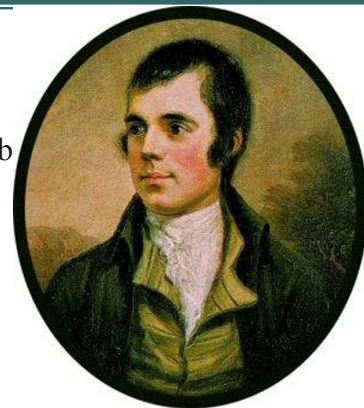
The rousing Mary Washington University Eagle Pipe Band returns, and the Welsh/Celtic band DragonFyre will take us on a trip to the hills and glens of Scotland (and probably Wales, too) with their evocative Celtic music.

The price per person is \$35 for members and non-members.

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 27th. 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.



The Genealogical Research Committee was established in 1913 and its name was changed to the **Genealogical Records Committee (GRC)** in 1932. In 1986, the committee was placed under the direction of the Librarian General because its work directly benefits the DAR Library. The purpose of this committee is two-fold: to collect, preserve, and increase the holdings of unpublished genealogical source materials in the DAR Library; and to make those same records available world wide through an online, every-name index.

Honoring our Heritage, Focusing on the Future and Celebrating America epitomizes the purpose of the Genealogical Records Committee. Whether you enjoy visiting historic archives, tramping through cemeteries or prefer to work in the comfort of your home GRC has a project tailor made to fit you.

Project #1 - Collect and Index Unpublished Records—Members at the chapter level **copy or make abstracts** of certain types of records in the chapter's geographic area. The work may be done by computer or with a typewriter. The chapter chair sends these records to the state chairman, who in turn compiles the collected materials into an indexed volume or volumes, for mailing to the GRC office at the DAR Library.

Project #2 - GRC Every-Name Indexing Project—The second project of this committee is the **ongoing indexing of the names** in the nearly 20,000 GRC volumes currently in the DAR Library collection. The indexing is done entirely online, from digitized images, using the GRC Indexing website. As each GRC volume is indexed, the names, along with the volume and page number, are uploaded to the DAR Genealogical Research System.

Project #3 - GRC Bible Catalog Project—The **Bible Catalog Project** is designed to create a catalog of each unique Bible record found within the Genealogical Records Committee collection. The project is done on the computer from the comfort of your home. It requires the volunteer to review a book and determine if there are any Bible records that need to be cataloged. A Bible record could be simply a transcription or it could be actual pages from the Bible. The project goes very quickly as there is very little data entry involved.

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S MESSAGE

JANUARY 2016

Dear Daughters,

It was marvelous to welcome hundreds of guests to our annual Christmas Open House in December and it is a pleasure to wish each of you a very happy and healthy New Year! We wish you every success in this new reporting year and look forward to hearing about your many accomplishments at the 125th Continental Congress.

It was an absolute delight to hear about your chapter's Day of Service on October 11, 2015! Many chapters have decided to make it an annual event. Can you imagine the positive impact we could have throughout the country if almost 3,000 chapters planned a Day of Service annually?

Through your hard work, we were able to welcome a record number of new members during the last few months of the year. As Sharon Withers, Registrar General, wrote "The challenge ahead is to retain these members. A study several years ago showed that for every three members gained, two were lost through resignation or non-payment of dues." Please make it a priority to engage these enthusiastic new members in the chapter's activities right away.

As we Focus on the Future, it is more important than ever that we provide for the future restoration and preservation of our magnificent, historic buildings. We would be grateful for your consideration of a personally significant gift to the Guardian Trust Campaign to establish a permanently restricted fund to support the preservation and conservation of our National Headquarters architecture, fine and decorative arts of the DAR Museum, and physical improvements and restoration of our historic property and to fund the immediate restoration needs at DAR Constitution Hall. <http://www.dar.org/giving/guardian-trust-campaign>

Another way to support the Guardian Trust Campaign is by honoring a DAR member through the Daughters Tribute. <http://www.dar.org/giving/daughters-tribute-0>

A great deal of progress has been made on Phase I of the restoration of Constitution Hall. Please visit the photographs of the work in progress: <http://www.dar.org/constitution-hall/dar-constitution-hall-lobby-restoration>

The National society celebrated a most meaningful 125th anniversary last fall and we are already making plans for a memorable 125th Continental Congress in June.

We have so much to celebrate as we continue to serve God, Home and Country.

Celebrating America!

Lynn Forney Young
President General

VADAR STATE CONFERENCE

March 11-13, 2016

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 120th Virginia State Conference will be held at the Richmond Marriott March 11-13, 2016, in Richmond, Virginia. The Opening Night will be highlighted with an address by Denise D. VanBuren, Organizing Secretary General, NSDAR. The State Regent's Conference Theme: "Celebrating Good Women...May We Raise Them."

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 11. These are always awesome and this year is no exception: **"Find Your Family History at the Library of Virginia,"** Tricia Noel, Archives Reference Staff, will discuss insightful and significant ways of using the Library to find information on those seemingly lost relatives in each of our family trees.

"The Jefferson Brothers", a book club with author Joanne L. Yeck, which introduces Thomas Jefferson's only brother, Randolph, bringing him out from the shadow of his famous sibling. This book focuses on the years in which these brothers' paths cross, most particularly after Thomas Jefferson's retirement from the political stage when both were planters—Thomas at Monticello in Albemarle County and Randolph at Snowden in Buckingham County, Virginia.

"Genealogical Insight 2", Darryn Lickliter, Head Genealogist at NSDAR will return for the second year in a row to present more updated guidelines and useful tips for completing historical research accurately. Come hear this important speaker!

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.

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.

The **Literacy Challenge Committee** was established in 1989 to meet the needs of the increasing number of illiterate individuals. In July 2007 the committee's name was changed to the Literacy Promotion Committee to better reflect the work of the committee.

Honor our Spirit of Partnership

- Seek out organizations in your community who work to promote literacy. Partner with them to provide educational supplies, coordinate volunteer efforts, or to raise funds to promote literacy in your community.
- Provide scholarships to adults studying to take the GED exam.

Partner with other DAR committees to support your objectives together -- Join with your chapter DAR Schools Chair to hold a book drive for one of the DAR supported schools, for example, or plan a chapter program with your chapter Women's Issues Chair about worldwide women's literacy rates.

Focus on Future Readers

- Mentor or tutor a child, an at-risk teen, or an adult learner;
- Teach English as a second language through classes or conversation sessions;
- Read to the blind or record books on tape;
- Read with your children and grandchildren;

Provide books to hospitals, doctors offices, restaurants and other places with waiting rooms in your community.

Chapter Regent / Chapter Chair

- Appoint a Literacy Promotion Committee chapter chair.
- Keep a log of the literacy activity your members/chapter participate in throughout the year.

Enter the contest for the Outstanding Service of a DAR Member and Outstanding Service of a Chapter.

Send completed entry forms for the contests to the state chair by the state deadline. Entry forms can be printed from the [Forms](#) page on this web page.

Complete the Literacy Promotion Committee portion of the Master Questionnaire

Twelfth Night at Kenmore

Friday, January 8 - Sunday, January 10, 2016

In the eighteenth century, December 25 was just the start of Christmas, a roughly two-week period of celebration, that ended in early January on Twelfth Night. This final night often featured the biggest celebration of the holiday season, if not of the entire year.

In *Twelfth Night at Kenmore*, a dramatic theater presentation, the year is January 1776. It is the first Christmas that Fielding and Betty Washington Lewis celebrate in their newly built home. It is not the usual celebration, however. War brings fear, doubt, and frustration to the Lewis family and their friends.

Immerse yourself in the candlelight, music, and decorations of an eighteenth-century Christmas!

Performance Times: 3:00, 3:45, 4:45 and 5:30 p.m.

Reservations required. Call 540-370-0732 x24 or email hayes@gwffoundation.org

Cost: \$12.00 adults, \$6.00 ages 3-17; free ages 3 and under.

Virginia DAR Chorus

History: The Virginia DAR Chorus was organized under the direction of Jean Harper Vernon in 1996 at the request of Ann Hunter, State Regent. During State Regent Susan Gonchar's administration (1998 – 2001), the DAR State Chorus Committee was made a new Standing State Committee. A State Chorus Pin was created and upon singing in the choir for three years, the choir member could purchase the medal to wear on her DAR ribbon. This committee has thrived under the four succeeding State Regents' administrations (Pat Mayer, Bana Caskey, and Pat Hatfield) and with the Storage Administration. DAR choral directors have been Jean Vernon, Ruth Vagt, Patricia Johnson, Nancy Turner (who served six years), and Carol Howerton. Scores of wonderful Daughters have participated on this committee and produced joyful, uplifting music. Please join us for the 120th Virginia DAR State Conference at the Richmond Marriott, March 18-20, 2016. Be There. . . "With a song in your hearts!" Come One! Come All!

Requirements: 1. Possess a love for singing. 2. Plan to attend the Virginia DAR State Conference in the spring. 3. Complete the registration form and submit to Carol Howerton, Choral Director. 3. Learn music when it is sent to you in the spring. 4. There is at least one rehearsal during State Conference.



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On August 25, 2016, the National Park Service turns 100!



In 1916, Congress established the National Park Service as a bureau within the Department of the Interior to administer America's great national parks and monuments as a unified system. Today the system encompasses approximately 84.4 million acres, managing each of the United States' national parks, which have grown in number to 58.

There are so many ways to get involved and enjoy America's national parks and even more ways to support these special places and their programs. Suggested chapter activities: Contact your nearest national park to find out its volunteer and donation needs. Adopt a park, Give a program on how your national park came into the national system, Take a day trip to experience a national park, Join the national park community, Support the National Park Foundation & local park Friends Groups

The Centennial will celebrate the achievements of the past 100 years, but it is really about the future. It's about kicking off a second century of stewardship for America's national parks and for communities across the nation. Most importantly, it's about inviting you to join us.

The National Park Service and National Park Foundation are working closely with partners and stakeholders across the country to ensure that the Centennial is more than a birthday. We want people everywhere to embrace the opportunities to explore, learn, be inspired or simply have fun in their 407 national parks, as well as understand how the National Park Service's community-based recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs positively impact their own communities. Visit www.nps.gov or www.nationalparks.org



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