



NEW CASTLE AREA ORGANIZING CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2022

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First, thank you to everyone who attended on Saturday, August 20. Welcome to Laurie Lorenz and Jan Henion! Laurie is a new prospective member and Jan is reinstating her DAR membership. The energy was HIGH in the room and as a result we have PLANS! More on the next few pages.

It has been very busy since our first preliminary meeting. Please see the application status update on page #. I am very grateful to Susan Johnston, National Chair for the Lineage Research Committee and Morgan Elliott, National Vice Chair, Volunteer Genealogist Coordinator, for arranging a volunteer genealogist for our organizing chapter. Welcome to Rachel Shaw, from Mandeville, Louisiana. Rachel brings significant genealogical experience to us as well as being the National Membership Division Vice Chair, South Central LSDAR State Membership chair AND Pierre de Mandeville Chapter Regent!

Our next regular “preliminary” meeting will be held Saturday, September 17, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the New Castle Library, 424 Delaware St. At this meeting, we will be creating Constitution Week displays (one for the library and one for the New Castle Court House Museum). A discussion on the Bylaws and chapter dues will be on the agenda. AND it is quite possible that we may be planning our organizing meeting!

I realize September’s schedule looks BUSY for our chapter. If you are only able to join us for 1-2 activities, that is fine! *There is no minimum requirement for participation in the DAR.* It is hoped that you are participating because what we are doing is fun and relevant. If you have friends or family that may be interested in joining us, bring them along. Please feel free to send them my contact info or forward them this newsletter so they can see what we are about thus far.

It is my pleasure to work with a dynamic group of women who are interested in growing our chapter and planning for the future. We will accomplish great things together and have fun doing it! I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

In DAR friendship,

Valarie Leary
Organizing Regent

OUR SECOND PRELIMINARY MEETING!

The second “preliminary” meeting of the Organizing New Castle Chapter was held Saturday, August 20, at the New Castle Court House Museum. We had 8 people in attendance. Many had sent their regrets as they had summer weekend plans. THIS is the reason we usually do not meet in the summer!

As a way of continuing to get to know each other, each person brought an item that represents something about themselves.

Can you guess what item represents whom?



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- A. Doris Duffy
- B. Cindy Snyder
- C. Valarie Leary
- D. Rebecca DeVore
- E. Jan Henion
- F. Laurie Bottoni-Lorenz
- G. Denise Dyson
- H. Sandra Komenda

The DAR National, State and Chapter structure/management was reviewed with a focus on the chapter structure and the offices required. The handout is attached to this newsletter.

The importance of Wreaths Across America cannot be stressed enough. The DAR is a major sponsor. It is important that each and every veteran not be forgotten, and be honored for their sacrifice. You are encouraged to reach out to a variety of groups for sponsorship (VFW, church groups, local businesses, etc.). However, I recognize that asking for sponsorship is not necessarily something that everyone is comfortable with, so with that said, if you provide the contact name, address, email, etc. to me, I will send the letter under your name (you are the common denominator after all).



We discussed and decided to participate at Chautauqua on Saturday, September 10, and at Art on the Green on Saturday, September 24. At both of these events we will have a DAR tri-fold for information, a basket that Laurie Bottoni-Lorenz is putting together with the help of others at the meeting, and the milkweed seed bombs!

Many thanks to Rebecca Devore who talked about Monarch Butterflies being on the endangered list. She had a great idea for making milkweed seed bombs as a fundraiser. *"Climate change has significantly impacted the migratory monarch butterfly and is a fast-growing threat; drought limits the growth of milkweed and increases the frequency of catastrophic wildfires, temperature extremes trigger earlier migrations before milkweed is available, while severe weather has killed millions of butterflies."* ([https://www.iucn.org/press-](https://www.iucn.org/press-release/202207/migratory-monarch-butterfly-now-endangered-iucn-red-list)

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Eight bags of old towels, blankets, sheets, etc



were collected and delivered to the Brandywine Valley SPCA after the meeting.

We walked among the kennels and in the cat rooms and fell in love with many of these animals.



APPLICATION / TRANSFER STATUS

The following Prospective Members will become members on September 5, 2022:

Doris Duffy
Rebecca Devore
Susan Brook
Sherrye Eaton
Elizabeth Walsh
Jan Henion (reinstatement)

The LRC (Lineage Research Committee) is assisting with an AIR (additional information required) on Deb's application. It is literally referred to as "clearing the AIR."

Denise Dyson and Michelle Carre both have AVGs completing their applications (Assigned Volunteer Genealogists)

It is my plan to mail the applications of Laurie Bottoni-Lorenz and Cynthia Everhart on Friday.

Cindy Snyder is waiting for a death certificate.

Transfer Status is complete on:

Jackie Albaum
Sandra Komenda
Deb Smith
Tracy Walsh
Valarie Leary

What does this mean? It looks like we will be organizing on October 15! Save the date! More info to come!

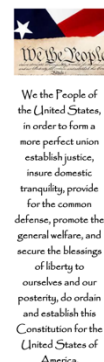
Constitution Week September 17 – 23, 2022

In the last newsletter, a history of Constitution Week was presented. In 2022, we recognize the 67th anniversary of Constitution Week.

At our September 17 meeting, we will put together a tri-fold display for Constitution Week (arts and crafts anyone?). The following posters are in but please bring paper, ribbon, stickers, or any other item you think might help to make it interesting!



"Takeaways" such a pocket-sized Constitution booklet will be available and I will make bookmarks as well. If you have additional ideas, they are welcome!



Doris Duffy picked up some great swag at the Dollar Store:



A proclamation from the City has been requested and will be displayed with the tri-fold.

After the meeting we will take it upstairs (we will be meeting at the library) to be placed in the reading circle for patrons to view and pick up handouts. I have asked Julie Kirk (Librarian Extraordinaire!) to select some adult and children's books to add to the display.



An opportunity to "play" with another chapter is available on October 1, 2022. I am working this day but please feel free to participate. I have been wanting to see this cemetery!!!

Dear Conservation Daughters!

The Cooch's Bridge chapter has been leading an annual grave cleaning in October for several years. But this year we have been requested to lead a cemetery beautification! Who can resist digging in dirt! In line with the Conservation Committee mission to preserve our natural resources, this opportunity will also enable us to plant native plants. You are on this list because you have participated in grave cleaning/ conservation events AND/OR you may be in a position to 'spread the word'!

George Widger (SAR and Pencader Museum) has asked for our help in his ongoing efforts to restore Pigeon Run Presbyterian Cemetery. The cemetery had become overgrown. Over the years, volunteers have cleared much of the main cemetery, repaired and cleared the gravestones and marked veterans from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Recently, many unmarked graves have been located in the main cemetery and adjacent land through ground penetrating radar (GPR).

This summer, we identified beautification ideas, e.g.: plant daffodils near headstones, irises in 'wet' areas, native perennials, rhododendrons near the entrance.

On Saturday, October 1st (Rain Date: October 8th) we will meet at Pigeon Run Presbyterian Cemetery (Behind 201 Jestan Blvd, New Castle) from 9 AM – noon. CAR and SAR are welcome! Participants should bring garden gloves and tools (shovels, spades, picks, etc.) and insect repellent. Plants/bulbs, bottled water and snacks will be supplied.

Please bring containers filled with tap water; **there is no water source at this cemetery for watering.** Also inform me if you have bulbs and/or plants you can bring. Natives are particularly welcome; deer resistant species are encouraged.

If you plan to attend (family/friends included), please let me know along with how many will be coming with you. My contact information is - Sarah O'Donnell (sarahlareod@gmail.com; 908-285-0701).

Thank you for your service!

Sarah O'Donnell
State Conservation Chair, DSSDAR

Miscellaneous Announcements and Advertisements



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Children of the American Revolution

Do you have any children or grandchildren who are under 22 and would like to participate in the Children of the American Revolution? A co-ed society for children under 22, the C.A.R. helps to encourage leadership amongst children while supporting the same ideals as the Daughters (and Sons) of the American Revolution. The contact for the C.A.R. is changing and I will have updated information on August 6.



September 7, 2022 – 5 p.m. to ?, we are gathering to make the milkweed seedballs as well as a tri fold display about the Delaware State Society DAR. Please join us at the home of Laurie Lorenz, 59 The Strand, New Castle. Her house is on the corner of The Strand and Harmony. Please enter through the garage gate on Harmony.

September 10 a.m., Noon to 5 p.m. - Chautauqua*, We will have a table with the milkweed seedballs, a basket for which “voices” will be sold for a drawing on September 24 at 3 p.m. at Art on the Green. The theme of this year’s event is **“That’s Entertainment.”** The event will feature music, historic theater, Shakespeare, vocal performances, speakers and an all women orchestra. The event will take place “on the Green” in New Castle (next to and behind the Court House Museum). This is a free event. Invite your family and friends!**

September 17, 2022, 10:30 a.m. – DAR 101, P. 3; Bylaws (National provides a template) and a decision on the amount of chapter dues. *Are we ready to organize on October 15? If so, let's plan the meeting!!* If not, we will discuss DAR from home, state meetings and Continental Congress. *Creation of the Constitution Week display, followed by set up at the New Castle Public Library.* New Castle Library, 424 Delaware St. New Castle. Parking as well as handicapped access is behind the library. Turn onto 5th Street to access.

September 24, 2022 – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Art on the Green. We will have a table with the

milkweed seedballs, a basket for which “voices” will be sold for a drawing on September 24 at 3 p.m.

October 15, 2022, 10:30 a.m. – Tentative date for Organizing Meeting?

October 29, 2022 – Delaware State Society DAR Fall State Meeting. Dover Agricultural Museum, Dover, Delaware. More information once it’s available. All are encouraged to attend.

November 19, 2022, 10:30 a.m. – Target date for Organizing Meeting (but we may be doing it in October).

December 10, 2022, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Spirit of New Castle, a free holiday event in Historic New Castle with home tours, entertainment, etc. and a possible opportunity for fundraising (baking and crafts); more information to follow.

* Past and Present Chautauqua takes its name from a series of adult education programs first held at Lake Chautauqua, N.Y. during the late 19th century. Chautauquas spread throughout America in the late 19th and early 20th centuries bringing speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers, preachers and specialists of the day to a wide cross-section of the nation’s rural and small-town population.

**This is not a DAR event but it is an event with historical significance and it is being organized by Cindy Snyder, prospective organizing member and supervisor of the New Castle Court House Museum and The Green.

The Delaware State Society DAR is on Facebook and Instagram!!



Delaware State Society Public Facebook (share!)



Delaware State Society Instagram (share!)



Open to Delaware State Society Members only

Thanks to Deb Smith the Battell and Read Chapter website is “under construction.”



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Wreath Sponsorship Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local, community cemeteries each December. Wreaths may also be sponsored online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
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Please make checks payable to:

Wreaths Across America

PO Box 249

Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.
Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card = If you wish to send a physical honor card telling someone of your sponsorship, please see "In Honor" section below. The \$2 fee is required for this mailing.	\$2.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM

In Honor of:

Below, please provide email or mailing address of "In Honor of" recipient so we can notify them of your sponsorship in their honor. If you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet.

Email address: _____

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This name will be listed on our online memory wall. Below, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided.

Branch of Service: _____

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State: _____

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