

CYBER Sunflower

Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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The CyberSunflower is a monthly publication of the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Please submit any articles or news ideas no later than the 15th of the month and inclusion is based on space and relevance. KSDAR maintains editorial control over all content. Contact Kimberly Patrick or Susan Metzger for any questions..

A Message from the State Regent

Dear Kansas Daughters,

As I write this letter it has been exactly one month since I stood on the platform of Constitution Hall and was installed as State Regent. Every day since has been filled with learning, celebrations, and service. Thank you for entrusting me with this wonderful opportunity.

I hope you enjoy the first issue of the *CyberSunflower* for this Administration. Each month this electronic newsletter will bring you quick updates, highlight opportunities to participate in committee activities, and share photos and stories of our amazing chapters and members.

The theme of this administration is “Welcome Home” and reflects the desire to make our chapters and state Society a welcoming environment for current and future DAR members. At our upcoming State September Meeting, I will share the specifics of the proposed State Regent Project – a project that aims to support our Nation’s veterans and our NSDAR headquarters, and increases the accessibility to more than 120 years of our KSDAR reports and proceedings.

Speaking of the State September Meeting, this fun and informative event will be held on September 13-14th at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Lawrence, KS. **ALL** members are encouraged and welcomed to attend. Additional information about the speakers, workshops, club and district meetings, and registration are included in this *CyberSunflower*.

Just as Kansas sunflowers turn to and are energized by the sun, Kansas Daughters can find inspiration from the President General’s theme and project. President General VanBuren encourages us to **Rise Up** in meaningful service to America and to **Shine** by raising awareness of DAR’s purpose, relevancy and vibrancy through robust public outreach. If you have not already, visit the NSDAR member’s website to learn more about the President General’s theme and project.

I look forward to seeing you in Lawrence in September!

Welcome Home,

Susan Metzger



KSDAR Cyber Security

Every three years the KSDAR and NSDAR administrations change, and with that are changes to how we operate. One change for KSDAR that you will be seeing in the near future, is that the KSDAR Members' website will become password protected. We are hopeful that this change will stop phishing that has taken place in the past. The password will be easy to remember and will be emailed out to our KSDAR Daughters once the security has been put into place.

Another change that you will see is that the *CyberSunflower* will be coming out to all KSDAR Members that have an email address. We will be using Mail Chimp which will allow members to opt-out of receiving the newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: If you opt out of the *CyberSunflower*, you will also be opting out of all email notifications from the State and your District.

KSDAR has a closed Facebook page that is always full of great ideas, photos and happenings amongst the chapters. If you use Facebook and have not joined the KSDAR Facebook page, the page is called Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution (KSDAR). Ask to join and once verified that you are a member, you will be welcomed.

2019 – 2022 KSDAR National Committee Chairs

Sincere appreciation is extended to those Kansas Daughters that have agreed to serve the **Welcome Home Administration** as Committee Chairs. Contact information can be found on the Kansas Members' Website at www.members.kansasdor.org.

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| America 250! Our Patriots – Lori Graham | Historic Preservation – Pam Reisig |
| American Heritage – Stacy Cope | Historic Preservation Grants Vice Chair – Amanda Tindell |
| American History – Laurel Barnes | Insignia – Colleen Anderson |
| American Indians – Marty Wellington | Junior American Citizens – Becky Harris |
| Americanism – Kristi Kocher | Junior Membership Chair – Jodi Bachand |
| Audit – Nancy Williams, Chair; Deniese Fawcett, Cindy Henry | Junior Membership OJ Vice Chair – Grace Gregory |
| Bylaws – Laura Kaiser, Chair; Carlotta Munson, Renee Slinkard, Jean Pinick, Bobbi Scritchfield | Junior Membership Pages – Whitney Watts |
| Chapter Achievement Awards – Kerin Smith | Junior Membership Shoppe Vice Chair – Michelle Snyder |
| Chapter Development and Revitalization – Dee Saddler | Junior Membership Sales Vice Chair – Taylor Crawford |
| C.A.R. – Janis Miller | KSDAR Scholarship – Anne Seitz, Chair; Terry healy, Kari Byerly |
| Commemorative Events – Sandy Worth | Lineage Research – Linda Jensen |
| Community Classroom – Renee Slinkard | Literacy Promotion – Julie Heng |
| Community Service Awards – Carol Reynolds | Membership – Melissa Stuchlik |
| Conservation – Karen Schneck | National Defense – Bonnie Hitchcock |
| Constitution Week – Vicki Timmons | Patriot Records Project – Victoria Dibble |
| Credentials – Bev Ronnebaum | President General's Project – Sherry Koster |
| DAR Genealogy Preservation – Elizabeth Winterbone | Protocol – Mary Frisch |
| DAR Good Citizens – Karen McCune | Public Relations & Media – Melissa Precht |
| DAR Leadership Training – Members – Jeri Kling | Resolutions – Kimberly Lees |
| DAR Leadership Training – New Horizons – Pam Kelley | Service to America – Kathy Hays |
| DAR Magazine – Leesa Hettenbach | State Application Team (SAT) – Marla Ainsworth, Chair; Jan Wichman, Phyllis Benedict, Pat Carpenter |
| DAR Museum Outreach – Joy Hayden | State Awards – Laura Hunt |
| DAR Project Patriot – Jan Goss | State Regent's Project – Haley Popelka, Chair; Kellen Liebsch, Julie Roller, Becky Spaulding |
| DAR Scholarship – Anne Seitz | State Webmaster – Diana Crouch |
| DAR School – Gayle Bremenkamp | State Meetings – Becky Craig, Chair; Renee Gruen, Treasurer; Andrea Castillo, Marshall; Lisa Gray, Guest Hospitality; and Anne Otte, Pianist |
| DAR Service for Veterans – Jeanna Walters-Fancella | Volunteer Genealogists – Bunnie Bowen |
| Finance – Janet Lake, Chair; Carol Ann Holcomb, Laura Bond, Rebecca Kline, Peggi Barrett | Volunteer Information Specialists – Becky Spaulding |
| The Flag of the United States of America – Sharon Maurath | Women's Issues – Mary Cutting |
| Genealogical Records – Patricia Unruh | |
| Historical Markers and Archive Committee – Monna Metzger, Chair; Roxie Thornburg, Andrea Colley, Katana Ewbank | |

State Chair Club

by *Connie Becker, Club President*

All State Chairs of a National Committee past and present are cordially invited to attend the State Chairmen's Club meeting at the State September Meeting! Information will be provided to assist you with streamlining your committee work!!! Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

DAR Schools

by *Gayle Bremenkamp*



The smell of a new box of crayons brings back memories of new beginnings. By supporting our DAR Schools, we will have the opportunity to help students start their own new beginnings.

National DAR School Chair, Morgan Meyer Lake sent the following quote, "I hope you will support the Friends of the DAR Schools Fund during the VanBuren Administration. With the fabulous Sustaining Supporter program you can make a contribution as small as \$5.00 a month. Working together we can make a 'reel' difference in the lives of children."

Honorary Vice President General Mary Frisch has donated four school pins (shown above) that will be door prizes at the Saturday luncheon during the State September Meeting. The pin is adorable. Let us get **Hooked on our DAR Schools** and make a **reel** difference in the students' lives.

Keynote Speaker for State September Meeting

by *Susan Metzger*

I am very excited to share that our Keynote Speaker for Saturday morning of the State September Meeting is Mary Tolar, Director of the Staley School of Leadership Studies and Interim Provost of Student Success at Kansas State University. Mary's research relates to the history of women's movements including the suffrage movement and other historical women's activist crusades such as the Women's Christian Temperance Union and Anti-Slavery campaigns. Join us on Saturday, September 14th for Dr. Tolar's presentation and mini-workshop on finding inspiration and motivation from our history while identifying and overcoming barriers to women's pathways to service in our communities.



For the past 10 years, Mary Hale Tolar, Ed.D., has served as the Director of the Staley School. She is currently serving as the interim vice provost of student success, providing leadership in the student retention, success and progression areas of the university's strategic enrollment management efforts.

Mary is a Rhodes Scholar, Truman Scholar, founding member of the National Association of Fellowships Advisors, and co-author/editor of *The Lucky Few* and the *Worthy Many: Scholarships and the World's Future Leaders* (2004). Research interests focus on the art and practice of civic leadership development, women's pathways to public service leadership, and undergraduate leadership development through applied learning.

Mary considers developing students as scholars and citizens the civic purpose of higher education and essential to a vital democracy and a healthy society. "The major challenges we face today are not simple matters of resources. They are not technical problems, but rather challenges that require new ways of thinking, marshalling resources in new ways to adapt to changing circumstances—challenges that call each of us to exercise leadership."

State September Meeting, September 13 & 14

The State September Meeting (SSM) is the opportunity to visit with Committee Chairs, attend training workshops, attend your District Meeting, and meet Kansas Daughters from across the state. The SSM is a relaxed atmosphere than the State Conference, and is focused more on learning and relationships. If you are interested in paging, contact Whitney Watts at whit.watts@outlook.com.

Schedule for the SSM

<i>Time - Friday</i>	<i>Event</i>
10:00 – 11:30am	Finance Committee
12:30 – 3:00pm	Executive Committee
2:00 – 5:30pm	Registration
3:00 – 4:00pm	Chapter Regent’s Club Meeting
4:00 – 4:45pm	State Chairman’s Club Meeting
5:00 – 5:30pm	Committee Fair Set-Up
5:45 – 6:45pm	Dinner
7:00 – 9:00pm	Committee Fair (Cash Bar)
7:15 – 7:45pm	Mini Concurrent Workshops



Vision 2020 – Set Your Sights on Continental Congress
 How-To Guide to Completing a DAR Membership or Supplemental Application

<i>Time - Saturday</i>	<i>Event</i>
8:00 – 10:15am	Registration
8:30 – 10:00am	Board of Management Meeting
10:15 – 11:30am	Keynote Speaker – Women’s Pathways to Service, Mary Tolar, Interim Vice Provost of Student Success, Director of K-State Staley School of Leadership Studies
11:45 – 12:45pm	Lunch - Presentation by the Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution Graduation of Members, New Horizon, and GEP Course Graduates
1:00 – 2:00pm	Breakout Sessions

Workshop #1: Rise and Shine for Growth and Retention
 Workshop #2: Chapter Treasurers
 Workshop #3: Exploring E-Membership
 Workshop #4: TBD

2:15pm District Meetings



2019 KSDAR STATE SEPTEMBER MEETING REGISTRATION FORM
September 13-14, 2019 Lawrence KS Hostess District: SE

DoubleTree by Hilton, 200 McDonald Dr., Lawrence, KS
Call 1-785-841-7077 - ask for KSDAR room block and rate of \$101.00 (plus Tax)
Reservation must be made by August 12, 2019 to guarantee a room in the block.
Please complete one registration form for each attendee and PRINT CLEARLY.

Name (as desired on nametag)
Address City State Zip
Chapter District: SE SW NW NE
State Officer Chapter Regent National/Honorary Officer
2019 Page 1st Time Attendee Guest (HODAR/Non-Kansas/)

REGISTRATION FEE \$7.50 (If paging, cost is waived) \$7.50 \$
KSDAR Bylaws Article VIII Meetings, Section 8 State September Meeting

MEALS

Special Meal Consideration
Vegan/Vegetarian Gluten Free Other:

Friday Dinner ---- La Fiesta Buffet

Tortilla Soup, Fajita Chicken, Seasoned Ground Beef, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Corn Shells, Flour Tortillas, Shredded Cheese, Lettuce, Green Onions, Jalapenos, Black Olives, Diced tomatoes, Guacamole, Salsa, Sour Cream, and Cinnamon Crisps with Honey; buffet includes VEGETARIAN STUFFED PEPPER

(If paging, the cost for this meal is waived) \$26.25 \$

Saturday Lunch ---- Boxed Lunch (Choose one of the following)

All boxed lunches served with whole fruit, bag of chips, cookie, bottled water, and selection of pasta salad, potato salad, or coleslaw

- Turkey and Swiss on Wheat \$22.50 \$
Roast Beef & Cheddar Ciabatta \$23.75 \$
VEGETARIAN/ ROASTED VEGGIE WRAP \$22.50 \$

Thank you for considering support of the following:

- Page Patron Fund \$
State Regent Project Fund \$
TOTAL \$

With the generosity of Kansas Daughters the Page Patron Fund will pay for the registration fee of pages and provide their meal Friday evening. Business attire is appropriate for all meetings. Checks should be made out to KSDAR and postmarked on or before August 12, 2019. No refunds after that date. Please mail this form and check to Renee Gruen, Conference Treasurer, 10140 W 96th Ter. Apt B, Overland Park, KS 66212-5145. Email reneegruen@yahoo.com, phone 913-961-5059.

In case of Emergency, please contact:

Name: Phone:



Donations for Haskell Indian Nations University

By Marty Wellington

The Kansas DAR has a proud tradition of supporting the students of Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence by donating a wide array of school supplies, laundry supplies, linens, and personal items each year. We owe a debt of thanks to Sandy Wurth, who originated this project. As the new KSDAR American Indian Committee Chair, I am honored to continue Sandy's work.

Now is a good time to encourage your chapters to participate in this activity since many stores offer great "back-to-school" deals. Look for a suggested list of needed supplies on the KSDAR website, under the American Indians Committee in the State Information Packet (SIP) page.

If your chapter wishes to participate, please share this information with your chapter's American Indian Chair so that individuals may coordinate the collection of items for Haskell at the chapter level. Chapter representatives can bring their donations to the State September Meeting. Since our meeting is in Lawrence this year, it presents a wonderful opportunity to deliver items to Haskell while we are in town.

As in years past, we will organize a second delivery of donations from the chapters in the Northeast District to take place on Sunday, October 6. More information will be shared on this trip as the date approaches.

For those of you who enjoy American Indian arts, culture, performances, and food, the Haskell Indian Art Market is scheduled for Saturday, September 7, 10am-6pm and Sunday, September 8, 10am-5pm.

Attention All Chapter Treasurers

by Janet Lake, KSDAR Treasurer

It's that time of year where Chapters are beginning their dues collections and members are "eagerly" paying their dues and submitting moneys for NSDAR Funds. There are some items that Chapters and their Treasurers need to note:

- 💰 The National Dues have increased by \$2, for a total of \$42.
- 💰 The Life Membership has increased to \$1,200 for new members.
- 💰 On the State Remittance Form the minimum payment for NSDAR Patriotic Projects and Funds and for Membership Programs and Administrative Funds have increased to \$25 each.
- 💰 The President General's Project remains at \$2.50 per member per year, or \$7.50 for the three-year period of this administration. President General Denise VanBuren will be our guest at the 2020 State Conference. She will personally present certificates to those chapters who have paid 100% of the PG Project, so you may want to pay the \$7.50 this first year.

American Spirit Magazine

Don't forget to subscribe or renew your subscription to the award winning *American Spirit* and *Daughters Newsletter* when you are paying your dues! One year subscriptions are only \$18 – get one for your local library, historical society or other locations where prospective members might see them!



*Denise Bullock,
KSDAR
Organizing
Secretary
promoted
America Spirit
at Continental
Congress!*

Continental Congress 2019

The 128th Continental Congress was filled many wonderful events. There were over 50 Kansas Daughters in attendance supporting our new Organizing Secretary General, Kathryn West, and new Honorary Vice President General, Mary Frisch, State Regent Susan Metzger as well as the Kansas Chapel Open House, Kansas Daughters Service Project, KSDAR Organizing Secretary Denise Bullock's performance with the All-American DAR Chorus and Memorial Service and many other memorable activities.

Start your planning now for the 129th Continental Congress, June 24 – 28, 2020!



Be Our Guest! Be Our Guest! Put Our Manners to the Test!

By Mary Frisch, KSDAR Protocol Chair, Honorary Vice President General

I will have a Protocol Paragraph in each issue of the CyberSunflower. Please take a moment to read them. It will include timely tips and helpful hints. Thank you for all you do for KSDAR. We are all volunteers. Together there is nothing we can't do!

Our Kansas State Regent will be your honored guest upon invitation. I know you will extend every courtesy and give her the Kansas Welcome she so richly deserves. Please remember that the State Regent is the highest-ranking officer in the state of Kansas. She is a member of the National Board of Management.

In Kansas it is a generally accepted practice for the State Regent to visit every Chapter. To facilitate this honor, each Chapter Regent must do some advance planning.

- First, the Chapter Regent must extend a formal, written invitation.
- It is a courtesy (and much appreciated) for the Chapters in each of the four Districts to attempt to have a joint meeting for this official visit since Kansas has a very large geographical area consisting of 62 Chapters.
- District Directors should begin planning for a joint Chapter official visit as soon as possible. Try to enlist as many of your District Chapters as possible for this event.

Chapter Visit Protocol:

- The State Regent is the highest-ranking officer in the state unless the President General is present.
- The State Regent should **always** be introduced first.
- Please check the State Regent's calendar to make sure she is available.
- Always ask the State Protocol Chair to provide you with a copy of the State Regent's bio prior to the official visit!
- The Chapter Regent will read the official bio and introduce the State Regent.
- Always stand when the State Regent is introduced!
- The State Regent IS THE PROGRAM! **NEVER** engage a speaker when the State Regent is visiting your Chapter. She is the speaker!
- Always be prepared to present the State Regent with a generous check for her project during her official visit. You can and should plan ahead for this. Make the State Regent's project donation a "line item" in your annual budget. Kansas will always have a State Regent and the State Regent will always have a project for our support. Show appreciation! Be supportive! Be prepared!
- Checks should be made payable to the KSDAR State Treasurer with a notation: "State Regent's Project."

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Members and New Horizons Leadership Training

by Jeri Kling and Pam Kelley

The Leadership Training Team of Jeri Kling and Pam Kelley have hit the ground running and are ready to begin working with Kansas Daughters to complete the Members Course and New Horizons course. No matter if you are a new DAR member, or a long-time member, these courses will help you to learn more about all things DAR. The VanBuren Administration has refreshed these programs to keep them current. You can take them at your own speed or work together with a group!

DAR MEMBERS COURSE

The Members Course provides an opportunity for members to learn more about DAR and how they can become active participants at all levels – chapter, state, and national. At the core of the course is a self-guided curriculum structured around a series of webinars that participants can do at their own pace. Any member who is interested in learning about DAR's rich history and how she can get involved should sign up for the Members Course!

The Members Course is designed to fit into anyone's busy schedule and is open to all current DAR members in good standing with a current subscription to the *American Spirit Magazine*. Contact Jeri Kling at jeri@bartunekgroup.com to learn more!

DAR NEW HORIZONS COURSE

The focus of the New Horizons Course is to encourage, educate, and instill confidence in members interested in expanding their horizons and service to DAR through leadership. It's an amazing program that teaches future leaders how to apply these principles in making their chapters successful.

The New Horizons Course is open to any current DAR member in good standing that actively attends chapter meetings, who wants to learn more about the operation and governance of a successful chapter and has been nominated for participation by her chapter or state society. She must also have completed either the New Members Course (prior to the VanBuren Administration) or the Members Course and have a current subscription to *American Spirit Magazine*. When you have fulfilled these requirements, please contact New Horizons state coordinator, Pam Kelley at pamkelley2585@att.net and she'll get you started!



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District Visit Protocol:



- The District Director should coordinate a time and place appropriate for the number of chapters expected to attend. Try to be as inclusive as possible. Be sure to check the State Regent's calendar to make sure she is available.
- Once the time and place has been established, the District Director should send a formal invitation to the State Regent. Please include a list of the Chapters participating.
- The District Director should ask the State Protocol Chair for the official bio prior to the event.
- The District Director should read the bio and introduce the State Regent.
- Always stand when the State Regent is introduced.
- Remember! The State Regent is the program. She is excited to share information about her state project and her vision for Kansas with the Kansas Chapters.
- The District Director should allow time for each Chapter attending to present a check for the State Regent's project. Allow time for a quick photo and make sure you have someone to take the photo of the presentation.

*.The State Regent may have a full time job/career and family obligations. It is critical that you check the State Regent's calendar before extending your formal, written invitation. If possible, include an agenda for the meeting she will be attending. Always schedule the State Regent's program immediately following the ritual. Be courteous and pay attention to the time! The State Regent may have a three hour drive each way to attend this event.