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A Message from the State Regent

Dear Kansas Daughters,

As I write this letter for our December issue of the *CyberSunflower*, it is the day before Thanksgiving. While my heart is full of gratitude year-round, this is a fitting time to express a few of the things for which I am grateful. Nearly 15 years ago, I joined DAR. I joined so I could formally document our family lineage for my niece and nephew. Little did I know how much this organization would shape my life. As the theme of this administration reflects, DAR is my home. It is through this great organization that I have built life-long friendships, developed my own personal skills and capacity, and found the opportunity to serve a purposeful mission. How grateful I am for everything DAR has brought to my life.

DAR is nothing but history if not for its amazing members. Each of you bring DAR to life through the fellowship you share at chapter meetings and the service you deliver to your local communities. Every one of the 100,000 plus service hours that Kansas Daughters provide each year make a meaningful impact to our chapters and communities. Thank you for all that you do for DAR!

This week I had the opportunity to express my appreciation to this wonderful organization by contributing to the #morethanaseat campaign. By sponsoring a seat, I supported the President General's project, DAR Constitution Hall: The Next Act. Be sure to check out the NSDAR members' website to see updates on this third phase of restoration of our historic building.

I could fill this *CyberSunflower* with things for which I am thankful! Please know how much your membership means to me, KSDAR, and our National Society.

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger



Welcome Home Grants

Kimberly Lees

I am very excited to share that the Metzger Administration will be awarding “Welcome Home” Grants in 2020. Chapters may apply for grant funds that support projects that Welcome Home our Nation's veterans and current service members – whether a physical home or the home that is created through healing and purpose. Additionally, chapters may sponsor an organization applying for grant funds that directly support veterans and current service members.

These grants to benefit veterans and current service members are only available because of the generous support of Kansas daughters to the State Regent Project. The Grant application deadline is March 15, 2020. Chapters and chapters sponsoring organizations receiving grants for projects will be notified by April 15, 2020. Grants in amounts between \$500 and \$2500 will be awarded. Chapter Regents, please check your email in the next week for the Grant Application and the Grant Application Instruction Sheet. Questions regarding KSDAR “Welcome Home” Grants may be directed to Kimberly Lees at mlees1@kc.rr.com.

Historic Preservation Grants

Amanda Tindell



The DAR Historic Preservation Grants provide financial support for local community projects that preserve historic resources, sites and other history-related projects. Examples include restoration of historic buildings; digitization/preservation of records/documents; preservation of artifacts; erection of new or rededication/relocation of historical markers; cemetery headstone conservation, etc. Additional consideration is provided to projects related to the Colonial – Federal periods, though projects from all eras are welcome to apply.

The required application form and instructions are available on the DAR Members' website. Each application must be accompanied by a DAR chapter or state organization sponsorship letter. The maximum grant amount is \$10,000.

This is a wonderful way to fulfill our National Society's fundamental mission to promote historic preservation and demonstrate what DAR is about. Up to \$250,000 will be awarded annually and is funded by members' generous support of the General Fund.

The Holidays are Coming!

Gift your favorite Daughter DAR merchandise while supporting the State Regent's Project! Go to

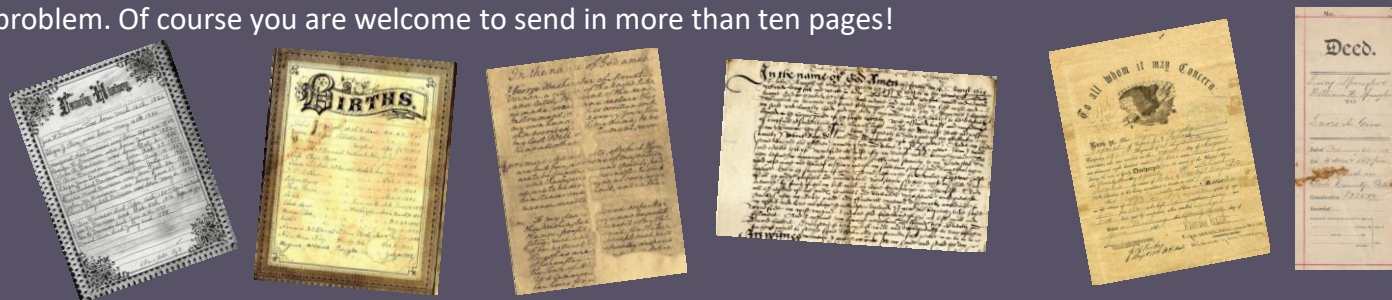
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Genealogical Records Ten Pages Chapter Challenge

Patti Unruh

Chapters can **Rise** to the Challenge **and Shine** a light on undiscovered historical documents! Are you up for a challenge? The Ten Pages Chapter Challenge encourages each chapter to find and copy **Ten Pages** of documents for submission to this Chair. Search out and copy those Family Bibles, deeds, wills and cemetery records that have not yet been submitted to the DAR Library or that are not already online. Ten Pages ... just Ten Pages. Those Ten Pages might include the source documentation needed to help a prospective member solve her research problem. Of course you are welcome to send in more than ten pages!



2020 KSDAR State Conference

Wichita Marriott

The 2020 State Conference is just around the corner, so you will want to make your reservations to attend. The conference will be held at the Wichita Marriott April 30th – May 2nd. President General Denise Doring VanBuren will be our guest of honor, and we will be having a reception at the Wichita Advanced Learning Library to celebrate the inclusion of the KSDAR Library into their holdings. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 316-651-0333 and telling them you are with the Kansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution or by going to <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1569966681431&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

More information on the schedule and events will be available as the conference gets nearer.

Preliminary Schedule

Thursday, April 30, 2020

- Finance Committee Meeting 10:00a (Finance Committee members only)
- Executive Committee Meeting 12:30a (State Officers only)
- Registration Open *all members must register 2:00p – 4:45p
- Sales Room Set up 3:30p – 5:00p, 8:00p – 10:00p
- All Member Dinner 5:00p – 6:30p
- State Officer Club Dinner w/guests 5:00p – 6:30p
- Wichita Advanced Learning Library Reception 7:30p
- Page Meeting & Rehearsal After Reception

Friday, May 1, 2020

- Breakfast on own
- Heritage Club Breakfast 7:30a – 8:30a (tentative, by invitation only)
- Registration Open *all members must register 7:45a – 5:00p
- Sales Room open when not in session
- Board of Management Meeting 8:30a – 9:30a
- Memorial Service 9:45a – 11:00a
- Club Meetings (Cameo, Junior Membership, etc.) 11:00a to 12:00p
- Lunch 12:00p – 1:30p
- State Conference Opening Session 1:45p – 4:00p
- Heritage Club Reception 4:15p – 5:15p (tentative, by invitation only)
- Photographs 5:15p – 6:30p
- State Regent's Banquet 7:00p (President General's Presentation)

Saturday, May 2, 2020

- Breakfast on own
- Registration Open *all members must register 7:30a – 2:00p
- State Conference Second and Final Session 8:30a – 10:45a
- Chapter Regents Luncheon 11:30a – 2:00p
- Youth Awards Celebration 2:30p – 4p
- Junior Membership Banquet - 6:15pm – 9:00p (Page at Any Age)



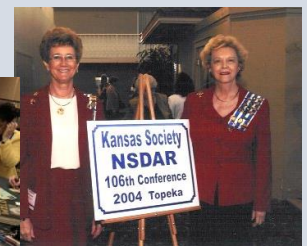
**The President General Will Be There,
Will You?**



Wichita Marriott



Wichita Advanced Learning Library



Literacy Promotion Committee and Contest

Julie McLain Heng



According to the most recent National Assessment of Adult Literacy, conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, as many as 1 in 7 adults in the United States cannot read at levels necessary to succeed in today's society. Across the country, Daughters are meeting the challenge and helping those with significant literacy needs to learn to read, to gain self-respect and confidence, and to reach life goals that otherwise would not be obtainable. Here are just a few ways your chapter and individual chapter members can get involved in promoting literacy:

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

The purpose of the Literacy Promotion Committee national contest is to recognize outstanding service by DAR members, chapters, and states in the promotion of literacy. Contest winners will demonstrate outstanding activity in at least one of the three areas of emphasis: Honor our Spirit of Partnership, Focus on Future Readers, or Celebrate the DAR's Commitment to Literacy Promotion.

Outstanding Service of a DAR Member (submit one of your chapter members!) - The DAR member must promote literacy outside of their employment or normal duties – entries are due to me by January 5, 2020.

Outstanding Service of a Chapter (submit your chapter!) Chapter members may work individually or together in the promotion of literacy – entries are due to me by January 5, 2020.

Outstanding Service of a State Contest - Outstanding State Service in Literacy Promotion is accomplished through the overall effort of the members within the chapters to provide service to promote literacy. Chapters may work individually or together as a state to promote literacy – entries are due to the Literacy Promotion Division Vice Chair, Janelle DeFrees, by February 15, 2020. Want more information? You can also read more about the Literacy Promotion Committee at www.dar.org/members. Select "Committees," then choose "Literacy Promotion."

Northeast District Gift Wrap

The Northeast District has for the second year organized a group gift wrap booth at Oak Park Mall. Fifteen chapters are participating, and a special guest joined in the wrapping – State Regent Susan Metzger!



Shawnee Mission Chapter Celebrates 70 Years



The Shawnee Mission Chapter celebrated their anniversary exactly 70 years from their founding. Special guest, State Regent Susan Metzger was in attendance and received a beautiful bouquet in a crystal vase that was etched with her administration's logo from Regent Laura Kaiser. A brief history of the chapter was presented by past

Chapter Regent and KSDAR State Treasurer Janet Lake. Those gathered for the occasion enjoyed visiting and reviewing the chapter's history through their scrapbooks.

News from the American Indians Committee

Marty Wellington

On November 1, 2019, I attended the signing of the Governor's Proclamation for American Indian Heritage Month. Also present were four tribal leaders. Those tribes represented were: the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska; the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas; the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation; and the Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. Also present was Chris Howell, who is the Executive Director of the native American Affairs Office within the Office of the Governor. It was a special day, and I was honored to be able to participate.

Thanks to so many of our Kansas daughters who showed continued support toward Haskell this year once again! Your generosity resulted in a pickup load and three carloads of supplies being delivered after the state meeting in September. Then the Northeast District and the Polly Ogden Chapter made their trek to Lawrence in early October with ten more carloads of needed items for the Haskell students. It was quite a caravan. Manny King and the students were very appreciative of our visit and all of the wonderful items that were donated. In response to a special request for much needed feminine products, daughters in the Northeast District responded to the challenge with an abundance of donations.

Subsequent to the October delivery, I heard from several ladies who expressed an interest in donating feminine products again at the beginning of Haskell's second semester which starts January 13, 2020. This year there are about 400 young women enrolled at Haskell so this need is great.

If you individually or your chapter would like to support this effort, I will be collecting Wal-Mart gift cards, checks or cash, so I can do the shopping for you. Thank you for considering helping make a difference in the lives of these deserving girls. **Please send your donations to me at 7705 Lakeside Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, by December 31, 2019**, so I will have time to purchase these supplies prior to the start of classes on January 13. I will then make a trip in early January to Haskell to deliver our donations. If you have any questions, you can contact me at 785-565-1542 or prairielilacs327@gmail.com.



AR&Ps for Purchase

Peggi Barrett

Copies of the 2018 – 2019 Annual Report & Proceedings (AR&P) are available to members for \$13.75, which includes mailing. Send your check made out to KSDAR State Treasurer to Janet Lake, 22603 W. 72nd St., Shawnee, KS 66227. If you are taking the Members or New Horizons classes, this is a wonderful tool to assist you through your modules. Get yours before they run out!

Chapter Websites

Becky Spaulding

As State VIS Chair, one of the areas that I am responsible for is the review of chapter websites. One of this administration's goals is to perform an audit of all KSDAR chapter websites for adherence to NSDAR rules, so please review the requirements for chapter websites.

Any chapter wishing to update their website or create a new site must send an email to me that your chapter is beginning the process. Once the design has been finalized and before taking the website live, send it to me for review and approval. Once approved, it will then be sent to the State Regent. Upon her approval, she will then forward to NSDAR for the final approval. Changes of email addresses, names or photos of officers and calendar updates should be reported to the State VIS Chair but do not require national approval. All other changes must go through the approval process.

When starting the design process, you will want to go to the DAR members page, VIS Committee, to see what NSDAR requires on all chapter websites. Also review the DAR Style Guide. This will save you time and revisions by knowing this information. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Please Welcome Home These New Kansas Daughters

Betty Washington

Michelle Mayer

Courtney Spalding

Tamera Walker

Esther Lowery

Debra Carr

Eunice Sterling

Jean Hedstron

Isabella Weldin

Julie Martinez

Mary Draper

Diedre White

Mary Wade Strother

Linda Latham

Prairie Rose

Debra Bearden

Nora Harris

Wichita

Constance Kendall

You're
One in
a
Million!

A Note from the Chaplain

Retha Blecha

*Be thankful for friends, for connection and laughter,
For comfort and strength, for encouragement and unity,
For forgiveness and grace, for celebration and joy.
There are so many things to be thankful for,
A rich tapestry of blessings, woven through our lives.*

Daughters, at this time of year, let us be thankful for the blessings of friends and good health. Let us not forget to send Sunshine Cards for those members of our Chapters who could use a kind word, or be lifted up in prayer. Let us remember to reach out to those in need, especially those who are experiencing the loss of a loved one.

Remember to report the sad passing of a Chapter member via e-membership and then send me, your State Chaplain, the next of kin report that can be found on the KSDAR members only website. Completing this form ensures that your deceased Chapter member's loved ones will receive a note of sympathy from KSDAR.

Please don't forget to send me your Chapter 90+ Birthday list so that your members will receive a greeting from your State Officers!! What a joy our older members are to all of us!!