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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,

The past few weeks I have enjoyed seeing photos of friend's children and grandkids posing with their "First Day of School" signs and moving into college dorms for the first time. These back to school posts are also reminders that now is the time for chapters to begin engaging with your local schools to share information about Constitution Week, the American History essay contests, DAR Good Citizens award, and the many scholarship opportunities offered through DAR. This issue of the *CyberSunflower* highlights a few of our education-related committees. Be sure to check out our member's website (<http://members.kansasdar.org/sip>) for more opportunities to bring the DAR educational resources into your local classrooms.

This week I also returned to the classroom. For those who do not know, I am in my second year of the Leadership Communications doctoral program at Kansas State University. I am often asked if I am pursuing the degree to foster my own leadership skills. While I anticipate that may be an outcome, my primary interest in the program is understanding leadership, not as an individual leading a group of followers, but as a collective leading change. I view leadership as a practice or activity, not as a person. Each of us, as members of DAR, have the opportunity to practice leadership in our communities by promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. I look forward to hearing how your chapters are practicing leadership in your own communities.

Welcome Home,
Susan Metzger



Protocol 101

Mary Frisch

- ★ It is the custom to have nothing in the left hand when placing the right hand over the heart to salute the Flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America (if wearing gloves, the glove on the right hand should be removed).
- ★ Address only the chair. There is one presiding officer – address that person only. Do say: Madam State Regent or Madam Chair, whoever is presiding. Do not say: Madam State Regent, honored guests, Mr. Mayor or Daughters, etc.
- ★ A Presiding Officer does not applaud.

Please contact me if you have any questions about protocol: 913.341.2326, mizfrisch@gmail.com.

Notes for Chapter Regents And Committee Chairs

Rebecca Kline, State Vice Regent

Chapter Regents: A big thank you to all the chapters for sending your yearbooks and for sending the Chairs of National Committees form. Please continue to send them electronically and I will distribute them to the officers, district directors and designated chairs. Send them before the September Meeting since we are meeting at the same time as the due date – still missing 43 yearbooks! The Chairs of National Committees form was due by August 31st which may be downloaded from the KSDAR website. All the chapter chair's names will be copied to each coordinating state chair to establish connection. Please review the webinar for chapter regents presented in July by our State Regent Susan Metzger - still missing 41. The district directors are commended for their assistance in directing the chapters to send these documents to the state vice regent.

State Chairs: I encourage all state chairs to review the webinar presented by our State Regent. It has an abundance of information to guide you throughout the year. Each of the state chairs should be thinking about writing a short article regarding their committee which may contain due dates and vital information to pass to the membership. Follow the guidelines for articles from the State Reporter Kim Patrick. There should be at least two to three state chairs for each *CyberSunflower*. Please inform this officer if you would like to submit an article. Send dates for contests including application due dates to the state webmaster to post in the State Calendar. webmaster@kansasdor.org

Let's make our HOME an inviting place to learn, and to be engaging for optimum success in accomplishing the goals ahead.

Time to Have 2020 Vision – The 129th Continental Congress!

Denise Bullock, State Organizing Secretary

Continental Congress is five days of the year that will increase your knowledge, boost your enthusiasm, bolster your commitment and change your life as a DAR. It's time to see it clearly with....2020 vision!! Test your vision on Friday night of the State September Meeting. In only half an hour we will take a LOOK at a September-May plan for being prepared on everything from hotel reservations to a month-by-month savings plan.



WATCH FOR THE FLASHY, BLINKY 2020 GLASSES and start your examination at the Vision 2020 Workshop!!



Chapter Development & Revitalization

Dee Sadler

Our 2019 Fall Conference is going to be one of the most exciting yet! Why? Because no matter how long our chapters have been in existence, we can all use a refresher on the basics of how to get and keep our members engaged.

The Committee Fair will be Friday night from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm offering booths for the various chapter committees and you will want to look for the “building blocks”. This will be the hub of activity where you will find the Construction Team and they have the tools you need to build your chapter stronger than ever – recruiting, genealogy workshops, Lineage Research, Volunteer Genealogists, Membership, Member training, and New Horizon training.

President General VanBuren has asked that we grow our chapters by 10% each year during her administration and now your chapter can be equipped to do just that. So, put on your KSDAR hardhat and let's show President General VanBuren what Kansas can do!

DAR Pathway of the Patriots

Kathryn West

The Reverend John Mitchell, patriot ancestor of Sarah Elizabeth Mitchell Guernsey, has been selected by the Office of the Historian General as the patriot to represent the DAR Pathway of the Patriots tree donated by the Kansas Society.

The Reverend Mitchell was born in May 1763 in Lancashire, England. During the Revolutionary War he served as a Private under Colonel Harrison and Captain James Pendleton in the Continental Line. His residence was Romney, Hampshire County, Virginia. He was twice married, the first to Margaret Catherine Teter, from whom Mrs. Guernsey descends, and then Susan Washburn. He died in April 1840 in Lewis County, Virginia. His pension number was S5761.

Sarah Mitchell Guernsey, who preferred to be called Lillie, was the daughter of Reverend Daniel Mitchell and his wife Ann Eliza Baker, and the great granddaughter of Rev. John & Mrs. Mitchell. The family moved from Ohio to Leavenworth, Kansas, when her father became the pastor of a church in Leavenworth. Lillie married George Thatcher Guernsey of Independence, Kansas. She would become Kansas State Regent from 1909 to 1917 and again from 1921-1923. In between those years, she would serve the National Society as our Tenth President General from 1917-1920.

As a highlight of exciting preparations for the upcoming 250th, a multi-use trail in Southeastern Pennsylvania that connects Bartram's Garden, the nation's oldest botanical garden in Philadelphia, with Valley Forge National Historical Park is being created.

As an extension of the 76 trees planted at Independence National Historical Park during the Dillon Administration, this project affords the privilege of planting 250 trees along the trail and adopting them in memory of Revolutionary War Patriots. These 250 Patriots will be featured in a companion online resource in order to raise awareness of those who achieved American Independence. All 250 trees have been adopted.

VIS Minute: Password Security

Becky Spaulding, VIS Chair

Did you know that increasing your password from nine to twelve characters increases the hack time from five minutes to 12 years?

Make your passphrase a sentence: A strong passphrase is a sentence that is at least 12 characters long. Focus on positive sentences or phrases that you like to think about and are easy to remember (For example, “I love country music”). On many sites, you can even use spaces!



Genealogy Team Workshops

Lee Cox, KSDAR Registrar

Our Goal is to WELCOME HOME more Kansas Daughters with workshops designed to specifically meet the needs of our chapters. We want you to understand the three types of workshops we can provide:

- 1. GRS and Build an App Workshop:** For chapter registrars and members to learn to navigate the NSDAR database. This is ideal for members to gain confidence with the database, submit supplementals, or help Prospective Members (PMs). This is a perfect workshop for those wanting to work on supplementals. All participants must have a computer that they can bring to the workshop.
- 2. Image Access Workshop:** This class begins with GRS and Build an App, but goes deeper into the supporting documents through Image Access. The workshop is limited to chapter registrars and members with image access. We would like to schedule these for several chapter registrars or a district to attend together.



In most cases, the workshops listed above can be easily scheduled with the Genealogy Team. There are more details, but all participants need a laptop, and workshop location with internet to support the number of participants. Ideally, a chapter registrar and/or a chapter would participate in the GRS and Build an App Workshop before New Members Workshop.

- 3. New Members Workshop:** This is to increase chapter membership. Dee Saddler, Bunnie Bowen, Linda Jensen and I have had great success and some lackluster experiences. We know you can get far more traction when the “heavy lifting” is completed well before the day of the Workshop. This includes:
 - Schedule the Workshop at least 2-3 months in advance, and begin the publicity.
 - PM completes a Contact Sheet, Lineage Chart, and receives a page with Fees and Annual Dues clearly spelled out. Those three completed documents determine the count for your workshop. A cut-off date is established to receive the documents so that they will have time to research, prepare documents and be ready for the Workshop.
 - Chapter members should be participants and ready to “Welcome Home” new members.
 - The team has done all of the prep work so that on workshop day they can focus on interviewing the PM to flesh out details, make revisions, and prepare the application.
 - At the end of the workshop, additional research may be necessary but we will work with the appropriate groups to complete the paperwork. Chapters will be left with the feeling of success knowing that new members will be joining them!

Linda K. Jensen – Lineage Research
Bunnie Bowen – Volunteer Genealogists

Marla Ainsworth – State Application Team
Dee Saddler – Chapter Development & Revitalization



Fundraising Ideas

Looking for new ideas to bring in funds? Here are a few possibilities:

- Wreaths Across America – Chapters will receive back \$5 for every wreath sold.
www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org
- Gift Wrapping – Even if you are in a small town, ask a retailer if you can set up a table to gift wrap for donations
- Garage Sales – Our junk may be treasures to others! Or try a “Trunk Show” at a chapter meeting – members bring items they want to sell, and members travel the different car trunks shopping!
- Brag Box – pass a box at meetings and people put in money so that they can brag about exciting news

For more ideas, there is a webinar on the DAR Leadership Training, Webinar Library page called "Increasing Chapter Fundraising Success - Beyond the Bake Sale."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oMxQSa0w8vk&feature=youtu.be>

DAR Scholarships

Anne Seitz

Did you know that last year, the DAR Scholarship Committee awarded 91 scholarships totaling more than \$277,000. At the state level, KSDAR also annually awards several thousand dollars in scholarships. You can help spread the word about these opportunities.

DAR is pleased to announce that all students applying for scholarships offered by NSDAR will submit their applications using an online application process. At the state level, KSDAR plans to award one KSDAR Scholarship, one Judd Smith Brooks Scholarship, and two DAR Good Citizens awards (one male and one female student). Be sure to check out the requirements for these scholarships on the KSDAR members website.

Maybe a member of your family or a friend is a perfect fit for one of these scholarships. All scholarship applications, at both the National and State level, are due no later than midnight on February 1, 2020.

Scholarships made my education possible, as well as, my husband's, sons', and grandson's. I encourage you to explore all of the scholarships available through DAR. If you have questions, please contact Anne Seitz at anneseitz@sbcglobal.net.

Remember: "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." Happy hunting.

Always Recruiting

If you know our State Registrar Lee Cox well, you know she's always recruiting. The colonial dress looks pretty, but it's the little purse full of KSDAR business cards that is the secret to the outfit. Lee attended the American Revolutionary War Memorial dedication in Wichita on the 4th of July. When ladies approached her about the dress or showed interest in DAR, she was quick to encourage them to join. She gave them a card to contact her, so she could connect them with a chapter. By the way, the little purse was made from the embroidery from an old pillowcase. The \$38 eBay dress is cotton, no-iron, shawl and mop cap come with it, all sizes and lots of colors, and is perfect for Constitution Day events and visits to schools, parades, Veteran's Day, Colonial Teas.



Lee Cox in 1954 and 2019!

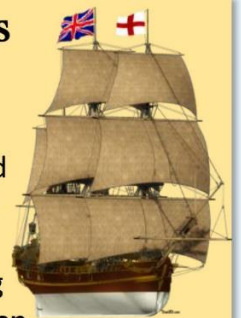
American History Contests

Laurie Barnes

In 2020, our nation will recognize the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower and founding of the Plymouth Colony. Let's get our students in grades 5-8 excited about American history by encouraging them to participate in our **DAR American History Essay Contest**. Now is the time to reach out to local schools (public, private, parochial and homeschools) to encourage students to imagine what the trip on the Mayflower would have been like. Older students in grades 9-12 have the opportunity to write an essay for the **Christopher Columbus Essay Contest**. Essays for both contests need to be submitted to this state chair by December 21 for eligibility at the state level.

For more information, contact Laurie Barnes at laurie.lowe.barnes@gmail.com or check out the American History Committee webpage on the NSDAR Website:

<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/American-history>



Haskell Reminder

Don't forget to bring your Haskell School Supplies and personal care items to the State September Meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, send you donations with someone else from your chapter. Northeast District Chapters won't bring theirs to the SSM but will deliver their donations October 6th. Suggested items include:

Notebooks	3 Ring Binders	3 Hole Paper	Index Cards
Pens	Jump Drives	Highlighters	Copy Paper
Post It Notes	Presentation Boards	Staplers and Staples	Flashlights
Storage Bins	Laundry Supplies	Sewing Kits	First Aid Kits
Shower Supplies	Toothbrushes	Tooth Paste	Deodorant
Pads/Tampons	Tissues	Towels	Pillows
Blankets	Twin Sheet Sets	Toilet Paper	Marker Boards

KSDAR Library Update

Susan Newman, KSDAR State Librarian

KSDAR is offering on a first-come basis to members the following duplicate books from the Library holdings from Dodge City. Please contact State Librarian, Susan Newman if interested - snewman1781@gmail.com. They will be available at the State September Meeting in Lawrence.

Biographical History Central KS Vol 1 & 2

South Carolina Genealogical Research – George Schweitzer

Kansas State Historical Society- History of KS Newspapers 1854-1916

Early Connecticut Probate Records 1635-1709; 1700-1729; 1729-1750

Founders and Patriots of Early American Families

Colonial Soldiers of the South 1732-1774

Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town of Vital Records- 8 books in set-White

Kansas Pioneers Vol 1

Decatur County -Kansas

Douglas County

New York

Revolutionary War

KSDAR History 1944-1986

Kansas Historical Quarterly

Historical Building of NSDAR

Hartford District Probate Records

Mariners of Early American Revolution

Pedigrees of the Colonial Clergy 1976 Supplemental

Colonial Families of the Southern States of America- Hardy

Civil War Genealogy- George Schweitzer

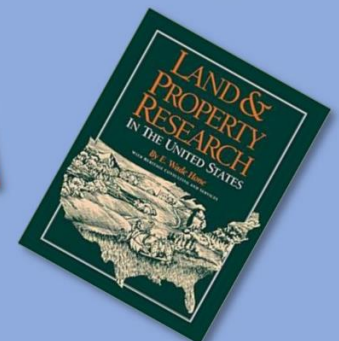
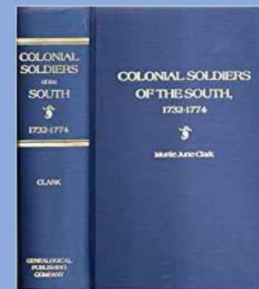
Marking of the Santa Fe Trail

1001 Kansas Names Places – McCoy & Hults

Census of Pensioner

Kingman Co. Marriage Records 1875-1913; 1917-1920

Land and Property Research of the United States- E. Wade Hone



September Meeting Raffles

The Southeast District as hostesses for the 2019 State September Meeting and 2020 State Conference, have put together some wonderful raffles and door prizes for the meetings. If you can't make the meetings, you can send your money with someone going!



State Regent's Project
Kansas Tornado Quilt
\$5 ea or 3 for \$10



Page Patron Fund Christmas
and a Present - \$2 ea or 3 for \$5



Education Awards Fund
Americana and Chocolate
\$2 ea or 3 for \$5



Sunflower Singers' Fund
Sunflower Wall Hanging
\$2 ea or 3 for \$5



Historical Marker Fund
Madonna Travel Experience
Worth \$350 - \$5 ea or 3 for \$10



Door Prize



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