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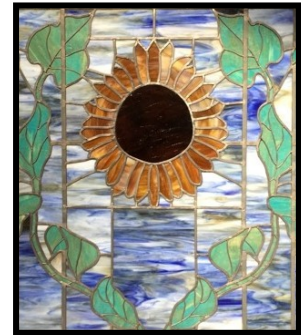
Kansas DAR News



Message from Kathryn Walker West, Kansas State Regent

Dear Kansas Daughters,

The service you provide to your communities, your chapter, the Kansas Society and our beloved National Society is the true expression of who we are as Daughters of the American Revolution. I salute your service and look forward to celebrating your accomplishments at the 121st Annual State Conference. If you routinely attend, I look forward to seeing you again. If you've never been or it has been awhile since you attended, I look forward to greeting you and encouraging you to get caught up in our excitement.



State Conference

Chapters are encouraged to bring their Chapter Banner to be on display again during this State Conference. Each year, the number of chapters bringing these grows and they are a source of pride for chapter members and help frame our event so nicely. If you cannot attend the entire event, come for a portion of it. Mary Tedesco, whose profile you can see on page 4, will provide two workshops for us. One is *Debunking the Myth: I've Searched Everywhere* and the other is *Beyond Vital Records, Additional Sources for Proving Lineage*.

This year we will change up our schedule a bit. Our Friday night event will be a celebration of our hard-working chapter regents. Wear your fancy hats, silly hats, themed hats for your chapter, as we say, "Hats Off to our Chapter Regents." Our Saturday luncheon will be the awards luncheon for our youth contest winners, Outstanding Teacher of American History, Outstanding Junior, and Outstanding Chapter Regent. Saturday night we will celebrate your accomplishments during this past three-year term.

In this all member edition of the Kansas DAR News, you will find the registration form. For more complete meal descriptions see the KSDAR member website. You may register on line or US Mail. Remember – registration deadline is 22 March, and your rooms should be reserved by 25 March. Delegates must be elected by 25 February 2019.

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State Regent Project Update

With your support of the State Regent's Project, we awarded two scholarships for servicemembers to return home to visit family and they have already completed their trips. We are waiting for Fort Riley to finalize our scholarship offer in order to send two more service members home. This phase of the State Regent's Project – Send A Soldier Home – was designed to reward an excellent soldier or airman in the lower ranks, who had a reason to go home, but was challenged financially. We provided airfare and a \$750.00 stipend to allow them to purchase gifts and treat their family to a meal or two. Thank you, Kansas Daughters, for helping to make this happen.

As we begin the process of closing out the project, all remaining funds will be moved into the KSDAR Scholarship Fund. We will likely double the amount in that fund and that is a great start to having a self-sustaining scholarship fund. Expect a full accounting of your funds at State Conference.

This and That

There are a few administrative notes that I want to call to your attention. The DAR Membership Application Form has been updated to provide clearer instructions to make completing the application easier and more efficient. The updated application form can be found in the Members' Section of the DAR Website, in the Genealogy section under [DAR Application Software](http://www.dar.org/apps/software): <http://www.dar.org/apps/software>. Effective April 30, 2019, all applications and supplementals submitted to National Headquarters must use this new version of the application form. The 2016 version of the form will not be accepted after that date.

If you are attending Continental Congress this year, please send a note to our State Vice Regent, Susan Metzger. We will host a Kansas Chapel Open House Wednesday morning. For the past several years, we have been taking a delegation photo on Thursday morning and we would love to include all Kansas Daughters. There is a comprehensive section on Continental Congress on the www.dar.org/members site which will likely answer your questions about attending. If not, please ask Susan or me. We'd love to see you there.

At the last State Conference, Kansas Daughters approved the purchase of a tree for the DAR Pathway of the Patriots project. The Kansas tree has been paid in full. We are now working on the genealogy of the three patriots submitted for naming consideration.

The National Society has implemented a goal of increasing the Sustaining Supporter – Pillars of Patriotism numbers to 5,000 in honor of the fifth-year milestone of this monthly giving program. The Sustaining Supporter program is a monthly contribution to NSDAR to which you can designate what funds you want to support. A member may contribute as little as \$5.00 a month. In 2019, your chapter will earn ten - yes 10, chapter achievement points for every current and new sustaining supporter. For my chapter, since I became a Sustaining Supporter when it was first introduced, they would receive 50 points, or 10 points for each of my five years. Check out the Development Committee page on the members section of dar.org.

Kansas DAR Library Update

Last April, the State Conference voted to move the Kansas DAR Library from Dodge City to the new Wichita Advanced Learning Library (ALL). The Memorandum of Understanding between KSDAR and the ALL was signed in early February. Presently, the ALL staff is looking over the list of our holdings. Once items to be moved are identified, we will contract with a company to make the move of the books and archives. The ALL is located at 711 West 2nd Street N, in Wichita. It is open seven days a week. Hours for Monday through Thursday are 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Hours on Friday and Saturday are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Mrs. Guernsey and the DAR Rooms at the Shawnee Indian Mission

Sandy Wurth, Tomahawk Chapter, was determined to know what happened to the photograph of Sarah Elizabeth Mitchell Guernsey (the only President General from Kansas) that hung in a DAR room at the Shawnee Indian Mission in Overland Park. She located the “missing” photograph at the Kansas Historical Society in Topeka. Mr. Blair Tarr, Archivist for the Kansas Historical Society, brought the framed photograph to the 2017 KSDAR State Conference for us to see. Rebecca Kline, State Historian, has been on a quest since then to have that photograph returned to KSDAR or have a copy made. In her quest, she received information from Mr. Tarr, that when the Shawnee Indian Mission was up for remodeling in 1981, all the DAR items in the Mission (over 300 artifacts) were sent to the Kansas Historical Society. A formal request to the Director of the Kansas Historical Society has been made and we await word on our proposal for the return and or the ability to make a copy of the photograph.

Planning Ahead—Life Membership

Do you want to ensure your membership will not lapse, even if you are incapacitated? Become a life member and prevent the worry about annual dues. Your national dues, President General’s Project contribution, and \$10.00 toward chapter and state dues will always be paid once you reach your 65th birthday. Find out more on the members website under Forms & Publications, then search for Life Member. You will find guidelines and the form.

State Conference Genealogy Workshop Topics

Debunking the Myth: “I’ve Searched Everywhere”

Do you think you’ve searched everywhere? Think again! There are literally billions of genealogical records in the world. It’s time to venture outside the box and explore new avenues with your research. This presentation will help you go beyond the basics and cast a wider net for genealogical sources to break through the myth of “I’ve searched everywhere.”

Beyond Vital Records: Additional Sources for Proving Lineage

Vital records are not always available for each individual listed on a DAR application or supplemental. This presentation will discuss additional sources and strategies to prove lineage and link generations.

Final Thoughts

As the time comes to close out this Salute to Service Administration, I want to say thank you to each and every Daughter for their support and encouragement. Your kind notes, emails and conversations are all appreciated. The State Officers with whom I have worked very closely over these three years have had the best interest of the Kansas Society at the forefront of their minds and I appreciate their candor and debate on issues large and small. Much has been accomplished with their leadership, the guidance of the District Directors, and the hard-working chapter regents and chapter members throughout Kansas. State Chairs and committee members worked creatively and enthusiastically to promote the objects of our Society. I Salute Your Service.

I look forward with anticipation to the next opportunity before me which is to serve as an Executive Officer of the National Society in the VanBuren Administration. I pray for wisdom and strength in order to fulfill the duties of this future calling if elected.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve other, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”
1Peter 4:10

State Conference Guests

Mary Tedesco



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Mary Tedesco is a professional genealogist, speaker, and author. She is a Co-Host / Genealogist on the PBS television series “Genealogy Roadshow” and the Founder of ORIGINS ITALY, a genealogical research company specializing in Italian genealogy and heritage travel to Italy. In addition to her Italian ancestry on her father’s side, she has deep American roots on her mother’s side of the family.

Mary is a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and was recently appointed Organizing Regent of a new DAR Chapter in Boston, Massachusetts. She also serves as a Member of the America 250! Membership Task Force. Mary was honored to be a speaker at DAR Continental Congress in 2016 and 2018. She has also given genealogy presentations at DAR events in eight states. Mary was named Chapter Outstanding Junior in September 2017 and September 2018. She also serves as the Senior State Historian of the Massachusetts Society Children of the American Revolution and as a Councilor of New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Mary holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University's Center for Professional Education and a BA in Mathematics from Boston University. Mary can be contacted at www.originsitaly.com.

Diane Eickhoff



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Kansas was historically a leader in women’s rights, yet the campaign for voting rights in Kansas required more than half a century of determined effort, as women suffered setbacks in three different statewide initiatives. This presentation will explore the courageous individuals who challenged the powerful interests opposed to electoral reform and explore other “firsts” that women achieved on the road to suffrage.

Diane Eickhoff is an independent historian, writer, and editor of education materials. Her most recent historical biography, *Clarina Nichols: Frontier Crusader for Women’s Rights*, is published by Quindaro Press. She will be accompanied by her husband who will help her with her presentation as she is legally blind.

“The Long Road to Women’s Suffrage in Kansas” is part of Humanities Kansas’s *Movement of Ideas* Speakers Bureau, featuring presentations and workshops designed to share stories that inspire, spark conversations that inform, and generate insights that strengthen civic engagement.

Humanities Kansas is an independent nonprofit spearheading a movement of ideas to empower the people of Kansas to strengthen their communities and our democracy. Since 1972, their pioneering programming, grants, and partnerships have documented and shared stories to spark conversations and generate insights. Together with their partners and supporters, they inspire all Kansans to draw on history, literature, ethics, and culture to enrich their lives and serve the communities and state we all proudly call home. Visit humanitieskansas.org.



Dawn Crumly Lemongello

Dawn Crumly Lemongello, State Regent of Florida, joined Seminole Chapter as a Junior in 1993, where she was Regent from 2002-2004 and has held numerous officer positions, chairmanships, and has served on many committees. She currently serves her chapter as Treasurer. She is a candidate for the office of Treasurer General under the VanBuren Administration, 2019-2022. Outside of DAR, she is a Senior Engineer at Belcan Engineering where she works field maintenance on the F-22 engine. She has been married to Dr. Gerard Lemongello for over 25 years and has three children in college, Gerard, Tristan and Jaiden.



State Regent of Florida

Nancy Schirm Wright

Nancy Schirm Wright, Ohio State Regent, is a 46 year member of the DAR, first joining the Webster Groves Chapter in Missouri and then transferring to the Elizabeth Sherman Reese Chapter in 2004 after moving home to Canal Winchester, Ohio. Nancy is the widow of Richard Alan Wright. She received her B.S. in Engineering in Data Technology from Washington University in St. Louis, MO. She was employed as a Supervisory Computer Specialist at USDA. Nancy was the 2002 Missouri Society SAR Woman of the Year and has been presented the SAR Daughters of Liberty, Lydia Darraugh, and Martha Washington medals, as well as the SAR Medal of Appreciation.



State Regent of Ohio

Holly Stone Blair

Holly Stone Blair, State Regent of Massachusetts joined DAR in 1978, and is a native Kentuckian. She is a member of Mercy Warren Chapter, the oldest chapter in Massachusetts. She currently serves as a member of the Hillside School Board of Directors. She attended Arkansas State University. She is retired from a career in banking and finance, is married with two daughters who are DAR members and has two grandsons.



State Regent of Massachusetts

Susan Tillman

Susan Tillman, Texas State Regent, is a 33 year member of DAR, having joined as a Junior. She has held many chapter, state, and national positions. She has been married to Jerry Tillman for forty-three years and has three children and six grandchildren. Susan graduated from Florida Atlantic University Cum Laude with a BA in Education. She is a member of the Mayflower Society, National Society Magna Charta Dames, Colonial Dames XVII Century, NSUSD1812, National Society New England Women, Daughters of the American Colonists, Colonial Dames of America, and Dames of the Court of Honor.



State Regent of Texas

Tentative Agenda
One Hundredth Twenty-first State Conference
Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka, KS
April 25-27, 2019
DRAFT – As Of 25 Jan 2019

ALL Meals and Meetings to be held in the Maner Conference Center.

Thursday, April 25, 2019

- Finance Committee Meeting
- Executive Committee Meeting
- Registration Open *all members must register 2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
- Sales Room Set up 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Cameo Club Meeting – 4:00 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.
- All Member Dinner 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- State Officer Club Dinner w guests 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- Memorial Service 7:00 p.m.
- 15 minutes after Memorial Service, District Directors and Chapter Regents meetings
- Sales Room Set up 8:00 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- Page Meeting & rehearsal – Maner Conference Center

Friday, April 26, 2019

- Breakfast on own.
- Junior Club Meeting
- Registration Open *all members must register 7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sales Room open when not in session
- Board of Management Meeting 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
- Workshop 1 – Mary Tedesco 9:45 a.m. – 11: 15 a.m.- “*Debunking the Myth-‘I’ve Searched Everywhere’*”
- Lunch 11: 45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Diana Eickhoff, author of *Revolutionary Heart: The life of Clarina Nichols and the Pioneering Crusade for Women’s Rights*. Sponsored by Humanities Kansas.
- State Conference Opening Session 1:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
- Cash Bar – 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Chapter Regent Photographs – with District Directors 5:15 p.m.
- State Officer and Chapter Regent Processional 6:00 p.m. – Pages with Flags
- Chapter Regent Banquet – Hats Off to Your Service 6:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.* all are welcome to wear hats – lovely, silly, themed – you make the call.
- Receiving Line – please bring your gloves.

Saturday, April 27, 2019

- Breakfast on own
- Registration Open *all members must register 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Sales Room open when not in session
- State Conference Second and Final Session 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Awards Luncheon 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Youth, Teacher, Outstanding Junior, Outstanding Chapter Regent, Other Awards)
- Workshop 2 – Mary Tedesco 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.-“*Beyond Vital Records, Additional Sources for Proving Lineage*”
- Cash Bar – two hours 5:30 – 7:30
- Pictures – Pages 5:15 pm.
- Pictures – State Committee Chairs 5:45 p.m.
- Pictures – State Officers 6:00 p.m.
- Pictures – Honorary State Regents 6:15 p.m.
- Pictures – Guests 6:25 p.m.
- Processional – 6:45 p.m.
- State Regent’s Banquet 7:00 p.m.

2019 KSDAR State Conference Registration Form

April 25-27, 2019

Hostess District: NE

Please complete one registration form for each attendee and PRINT CLEARLY.

Name (as desired on name tag) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email _____@_____

(registration confirmation will be sent if your email address is provided)

Chapter: _____ District NE NW SE SW

Delegate Alternate Regent State Officer National/Honorary Officer

2019 Page 1st Time 50+ years Guest (HODAR/Non-Kansas/_____)

Special Meal Consideration

Vegan/Vegetarian Gluten-free Other: _____

Registration Fee	\$ 5.00	5.00
<i>Thursday Dinner - Choose One: [] Member or [] State Officer Club</i>		
Herb Roasted Chicken	\$29.00	_____
Tomato Tortellini	\$27.75	_____
<i>Friday Lunch</i>		
Chicken Thai Salad	\$22.50	_____
Vegan Thai Salad	\$22.50	_____
<i>Friday Banquet</i>		
Chicken Parmesan	\$31.50	_____
Eggplant Parmesan	\$31.50	_____
<i>Saturday Lunch</i>		
Deli Buffet	\$23.75	_____
<i>Saturday Banquet</i>		
Beef Tips	\$34.00	_____
Asian Stir Fry with Tofu	\$30.25	_____
Cash bar		
	TOTAL	_____

*With the generosity of Kansas Daughters, the Page Patron Fund will pay for the registration fee of pages and provide their meal for Saturday lunch. Business attire is appropriate for daytime Meetings. Evening Banquets are formal. Checks are to be made out to **KSDAR** and postmarked on or before March 22, 2018. No refunds after that date. Please mail this form and check to: Kathy Hays, State Meetings Treasurer, 701 N. Walker Lane, Olathe, KS 66061-2838 ksdar.meetings@gmail.com telephone: (785) 366-0062*

In case of emergency please contact:

Name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Meeting Location: Capitol Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS
(785) 431-7200 (Group Code: DAR9) by March 25, 2019
<http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1386663&hotelID=13576>

Eventbrite Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ksdar-annual-state-conference-2019-tickets-54568802758>
(additional fees apply)

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From the State Historian

The Historical Markers and Archives Committee, a new State Standing Committee was established at the Board of Management meeting September 2018. Members appointed are Renee Slinkard Southeast District, Dee Saddler Southwest District, Jodi Bachand Northwest District, and Pat Gates Northeast District with the State Historian Rebecca Kline as the Chair.

The purpose of the committee is to establish guidelines for the care of the markers or monuments that have been placed by the State Society, including markers placed by disbanded chapters, and future markers placed by KSDAR. This would include an established schedule to physically check for necessary repairs and maintenance of the markers, then written recommendations would be made to the Executive Committee, or Board of Management, if necessary. In addition, a digital accounting will be maintained to assist in recognition of each marker with an accompanying history.

KSDAR Archives have been contained in a metal cabinet within the KSDAR Library in Dodge City and will be moved to the Wichita Advanced Learning Library to a secure, climate controlled area and housed in archival boxes. The committee will determine what should be held in the state archives with consideration to the KSDAR Standing Rules. Guidelines will mirror the NSDAR Archival Processing Manual and references to the Society of American Archivists.