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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 month's *CyberSunflower* letter the weather forecast is promising bright skies and warmer weather. I hope this issue brightens up your inbox and delivers sunshine outside.

I hope you found the special conference edition of the *CyberSunflower* useful. In this issue, as well as, the April issue, be looking for additional updates and exciting news about our upcoming KSDAR State Conference. In particular, I hope you made note of the call for conference pages. This year we are opening up the opportunity to page for any member under the age of 40. We have more than 335 Kansas Daughters that fall under this category and they are in your chapters! Please help encourage them to consider paging – even if for just one day at our State Conference. Speaking from experience, I know they will not regret it. My first paging experience was at a State Conference shortly after I joined DAR. Kathryn West was Page Chair. I owned little to no white clothes, did not know much about DAR, and was slightly terrified. Through paging, I rapidly learned more about our organization, added whites to my wardrobe, and most importantly gained life-long friends. There are young women in your chapter that deserve this opportunity. Please direct them to Whitney Watts, our KSDAR State Vice Chair for Pages at whit.watts@outlook.com.

Did you join DAR after the age of 35 and covet the opportunity to page? You are in luck! On Saturday evening of the State Conference, we will have our first ever "Page at Any Age" event. Since this is the evening of our Junior Membership Banquet, this mighty and fun team of mature pages can help give our junior members a well-deserved break as we celebrate their accomplishments. Want to learn more? Contact Denise Bullock at organizing@kansasdar.org.

Welcome Home!

Susan Metzger
KSDAR State Regent



State Conference Deadlines

There are a multitude of deadlines that are fast approaching in relation to the KSDAR State Conference. Please make sure you and your chapter knows when your documents are due!

Credentials are due: March 16

Completion of courses are due: April 3

Registration is due : April 5

200 Word reports are due: April 20

Planning for State Conference

If you are planning to attend the 2020 KSDAR State Conference, you have probably started thinking about what to pack, what to wear, what other items should you take. Whether you have been numerous times or are a first-time attendee, preparing takes some thought and preparation.

Attire for the daytime meetings is business which means suits, dresses or nice pants and blouses. For the Memorial Service on Friday, May 1, many members like to wear hats or fascinators. Friday and Saturday banquets are formal or semi-formal wear. Some Daughters choose to wear hats or fascinators for both the day and night events.

Shoes are a girl's best friend, until those same shoes create blisters or hurt your feet. Make sure that the shoes you bring are comfortable.

The hotel does have a restaurant where you can get breakfast or beverages, but you might want to have some snacks in your room such as protein bars or pretzels. You will also want to ensure that you stay hydrated because all the laughter and talk will dry you out!

The last item you need to pack is your sense of humor and thirst for knowledge.

The State Conference is a great time to make new friends and to learn more about the Kansas Society and NSDAR. We hope to see you in Wichita April 1 - May 2.



Congress Update



Continental Congress is just four short months away! If you are planning on going to Congress, please email Rebecca Kline (rggline@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Include your name, cell phone, where you are staying, and who will be your roommate. For those without roommates, let her know you are looking for one. If you haven't made your reservations yet, The Hyatt is completely booked, however, The State Plaza which is just six blocks from DAR Headquarters still has rooms available in the Kansas Block – contact Kimberly Patrick for more information.

Kansas Daughters will be placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery on Monday afternoon, June 22. A Kansas Daughters dinner will follow – more details to follow.



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Rebecca Kline

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery is dedicated to U.S. service members who have died with their remains unidentified. The Unknown Soldiers laid to rest at the Tomb represent all missing and unknown service members who made the ultimate sacrifice – they not only gave their lives, but also their identities to protect these freedoms. The Tomb is the final resting place for Unknowns from World War I, World War II and the Korean War, and it is guarded at all times. The Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier is located in Philadelphia. That memorial honors the thousands of soldiers who died during the American Revolution, many of whom were buried nearby in mass graves. KSDAR will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Monday, June 22, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. at the Arlington National Cemetery before the start of the Continental Congress. Kansas Daughters are encouraged to attend this memorable event.

2020 KSDAR State Conference

Wichita Marriott, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, KS

The 2020 State 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>

122nd State Conference Schedule

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Finance Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Executive Committee Meeting	12:30 p.m.
Registration Open (All members must register)	2:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Kansas "Koutoure" Shoppe - Fine Formal Attire	2:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Sunflower Singers Rehearsal	3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Sales Room Set Up	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
All Member Dinner	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
State Officer Club Dinner with Guests	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Wichita Advanced Learning Library Reception	7:00 p.m.
Sales Room Set Up	8:00 p.m. - 10:00p.m.
Page Meeting & Rehearsal	8:00 p.m.
Sunflower Singers Rehearsal	8:30 p.m.

Executive Board Room
Executive Board Room
Preassembly
TBD
Salon F
Wichita Ballroom
Salon F
Salon E
711 W 2nd St. N, Wichita KS
Wichita Ballroom
Preassembly
Salon F



Friday, May 1, 2020

Sunflower Singers Rehearsal	7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Registration Open (All members must register)	7:45 a.m. - 5:99 p.m.
Sales Room Open When Not in Session	
Board of Management Meeting	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Memorial Service	9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Lunch: Graduation Ceremony	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
State Conference Opening Session	1:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Heritage Club Reception - Invitation Only	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
All Member Activity - Comedy Vets	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Sunflower Singers Rehearsal	4:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Cash Bar	5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
PHOTOS - Chapter Regents/District Directors	5:15 p.m.
PHOTOS - Pages	5:30 p.m.
PHOTOS - Graduates	5:40 p.m.
PHOTOS - State Committee Chairs	5:50 p.m.
PHOTOS - Guests	6:00 p.m.
PHOTOS - Honorary State Regents	6:10 p.m.
PHOTOS - State Officers	6:20 p.m.
Processional	6:45 p.m.
State Regent's Banquet	7:00 p.m.

Salon F
Preassembly
Wichita Ballroom
Salon A - F
Atrium
Salon A - F
Salon A - F
Corporate Hills Ballroom
Atrium
Salon A - F
Preassembly
Atrium
Atrium
Atrium
Atrium
Atrium
Atrium
Atrium
Atrium
Salon A - F



Saturday, May 2, 2020

Cameo Club Generations	7:15 a.m.
Registration Open (All members must register)	7:30 a.m.
Sales Room Open When Not in Session	
State Conference Final Session	8:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Chapter Regents Luncheon	11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Youth Awards Celebration	2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Cash Bar	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
State Officer and Chapter Regent Processional	6:00 p.m.
Junior Membership Banquet	6:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Junior Membership Club	9:15 p.m.

TBD
Preassembly
Wichita Ballroom
Salon A - F
Salon A - F
Corporate Hills Ballroom
Preassembly
Preassembly
Salon A - F
Topeka Room



2020 KSDAR State Conference Registration Form

April 30 – May 2

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

2020 Page 1st Time 50+ years Guest (HODAR/Non-Kansas/ _____)

Special Meal Consideration

Vegan/Vegetarian Gluten-free Other: _____

Thursday Dinner - State Officer Club (Members & Guests Only)

London Broil \$37.75 _____

Salmon \$37.75 _____

Vegetarian Penne Pasta \$37.75 _____

Thursday Dinner - All Members Dinner

Hamburger \$36.75 _____

Chicken Sandwich \$36.75 _____

Pasta Primavera \$36.75 _____

Friday Graduation Lunch

Deli Buffet \$31.25 _____

Friday State Regent's Banquet

Pork Loin \$33.00 _____

White Fish \$38.25 _____

Roasted Eggplant \$33.00 _____

Saturday Chapter Regents Lunch

Soup & Salad \$29.00 _____

Saturday Junior Membership Banquet

Top Sirloin \$37.75 _____

Grilled Chicken \$33.00 _____

Vegetarian Ratatouille \$33.00 _____

Page Patron Fund

\$ _____

State Regent Project Fund

\$ _____

State Conference Registration

\$10.00

Any member (except pages) attending any function of State Conference must pay the registration fee

TOTAL _____

The Page Patron Fund pays for the registration of pages and provide their meal for Saturday dinner. Make checks out to **KSDAR Treasurer**. Registration and check must be postmarked on or before April 5, 2020. No refunds after April 20, 2020, and mailed to: Renee Gruen, State Meetings Treasurer, 10140 W 96th Ter Apt B, Overland Park, KS 66212-5145.

In case of emergency please contact:

Name _____ Phone (____) _____ Relation _____

Meeting Location: Wichita Marriott, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita, KS, (316) 651-0333 by March 30, 2020

Eventbrite Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ksdar-annual-state-conference-2020-tickets-94490661111> (additional fees apply)

Don't Miss the Chance to Win at State Conference

Several raffles will take place at State Conference so don't miss out on getting your voices for these great prizes!



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



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

Shopping Opportunities at State Conference

We all love the opportunity to shop especially when there are bargains to be had! Bring your checkbook, your credit card and your cash to score some of the amazing merchandise that will be available!

State Regent's Project Merchandise

Stop by the State Regent's Project table and pick up a pin, new charm or other items that will be available.



Kansas "Koutoure" Boutique

Bring your gently used formals, tea dresses and fascinators to State Conference to place in the Koutoure Boutique for sale supporting the State Regent's Project – and come prepared to shop for some "new to you" items!



Junior Shoppe and Junior Sales

The Juniors will have a wide variety of DAR and patriotic merchandise available for sale in their Sales shop, and gently used items as well as handcrafted items and baked goods in the Junior Shoppe – don't forget to bring your items to donate!



President General's Merchandise

The President General's Merchandise sales will have a table at the KSDAR State Conference. Shop for the official pin, purse, charm bracelet and many other items!



Presenting the Class of 2020!

GRADUATION!

You may have seen on the April State Conference schedule that there will be a graduation in conjunction with the Friday, May 1st luncheon for recent graduates of the Members, New Horizons and GEP 3 courses. Each graduate will have the opportunity to receive her certificate, honor cords and an individual picture with President General Van Buren and State Regent Metzger. In addition, group photos with the President General of the graduates are scheduled for the same day at 5:40pm, prior to the Friday night banquet. To date there are 44 Members Course, 11 New Horizons Course and 5 GEP 3 course graduates that will be crossing the stage. BUT there is still time to finish and even start and complete these classes. Due to constraints of printing the program and preparing for the graduation, all courses must be finished by end of day, Friday April 3rd. Please contact Members Course coordinator Jeri Kling jeri@bartunekgroup.com, New Horizons Course coordinator Pam Kelley pamkelley2585@att.net or State Chair for Volunteer Genealogy Bunnie Bowen bunniebowen@aol.com to see how you too can be in the Class of 2020!

Calling All Chapter Registrars and Interested Daughters

Jan Wichman, State Application Team, will be presenting a hands-on workshop designed to enhance Chapter Registrars use of NSDAR e-membership and Build-an-App features, to be held Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 1 PM-4 PM at the Hays Public Library, 1205 Main Street, Hays, KS.

Instructions on image access (*a NSDAR website feature that is available only to Chapter Registrars*) and other aspects of the application process will be covered.

Questions or concerns related to the DAR membership application will be welcomed.

Although designed with Chapter Registrars in mind, this workshop is open to all Daughters and would be useful to future Chapter Registrars, Chapter Membership Team members and any Daughter interested in using or assisting others with the application process.

For a hands-on-experience, participants are encouraged to bring their laptops. If you do not have a laptop, the sharing of laptops and the presentation format will allow all to learn more about using these NSDAR on-line application features. ***It is essential that Chapter Registrars bring their NSDAR e-membership password with them to the workshop.*** If you have not used your password in the past several months it is recommended that prior to this workshop, you access e-membership and determine that your password is valid. If you need to apply for a password or have any questions regarding your eligibility for e-membership access or receiving and using a password, please contact Jan or Sherrie.

In order to better meet the needs of attendees, please e-mail Jan Wichman with your questions or areas of concerns prior to the workshop. Although drop-ins are welcomed, if you or members of your chapter are interested in attending RSVPing to Jan Wichman at jbwich@att.net by March 21, 2020 is appreciated!



Don't Forget Your Program Ad!

If your chapter is interested in placing an ad in the State Conference Program, the deadline is March 30, 2020. Full page ads are \$45 and half page ads are \$25. Send a check made out to KSDAR State Treasurer to Janet Lake with a printed copy of the ad and email your ad to State Reporter Kimberly Patrick. Ads should be a jpeg or in Word. Full Page size is 9 ¾" tall x 4" wide and the half page is 4 ¾" tall x 4" wide.

KSDAR State Conference

Rise and Shine Juniors,

Are you 40 or younger? Do you want to show off some awesome white dresses? Do you want to earn a coveted pin?

Then become a PAGE!!!

The KSDAR State Conference is being held in Wichita at the Wichita Marriott, April 30 through May 2.

Join your fellow Juniors to support the Kansas Daughters of the American Revolution. You will meet President General VanBuren and other important guests.

You won't be disappointed!!!

Contact the Kansas Page Chair, Whitney Watts to become one of the ladies in white:
whit.watts@outlook.com

Hope to see you soon!!!

Welcome Home Grants – March 15 Deadline

Kimberly Lees

As a part of the Welcome Home Administration's projects, the Metzger Administration will be awarding "Welcome Home" Grants in 2020. Chapters will be able to 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. Let's Welcome Home our veterans and military personnel!

Squad Locker Merchandise

The State Regent's Project Team has developed an extensive collection of merchandise that will help fund the Welcome Home administration's projects. To place an order, just use the attached link and begin shopping!

<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/ksdar>



Please Welcome Home These New Kansas Daughters!

Betty Washington

Marla Slaughter

Captain Jesse Leavenworth

Katherine Bircher

Meaghan Bircher

Kelly Bradin

Cimarron River Valley

Bristol Lewis

Flores Del Sol

Julia Floyd

General Edward Hand

Connie Deel

Martha Vail

Alivia Lange

Laura Cormack

Mary Wade Strother

Bonnie Anderson

Nathan Edson

LuAnn Callan

Prairie Flint Hills

Linda Wiley

Shawnee Mission

Linda Stevens

Donna Stanton

Three Trails West

Anita Clark

Catherine Schroeder

Denise Holt

Tomahawk

Marjorie Broughton

Catherine Taylor



State Credentials Reminder

Bev Ronnebaum

All Chapter Regents need to be aware of the approaching deadlines for the KSDAR State Conference Credentials. The forms are due by March 16, 2020 and copies must be emailed to the State Registrar, the State Treasurer and the Credentials Chair. In order to vote, the chapter's dues must have been mailed by December 1, 2019. More information and the 2020 Credentials Form can be found on the KSDAR members website. Log in to the website, click on the SIP tab, and scroll down to State Committees, Credentials.

Reminder: to log into the KSDAR members only website, the username is ksdar and the password is sunflower!

Protocol 101

Mary Frisch

Our KSDAR State Conference is April 30 – May 2 and will be the perfect time for Kansas conference attendees to “Rise and Shine” for DAR. The State Regent, state officers and conference team have worked hard to make this state conference an outstanding experience.

Our special guest will be President General Denise Doring VanBuren. Kansas Daughters will put our best foot forward to welcome our President General while shining our light on what our State Regent and Kansas Daughters have accomplished. You will not want to miss this conference. Here are some protocol tips to help you shine!

- Wear your DAR pins with pride! Proper attire when wearing pins include a business suit, dressy pant suit, dress suitable for church, and formal wear
- Be on time for every event
- Silence all cell phones
- Wear your conference badge for all meetings – without the badge you won't be allowed in to meetings or meals
- Stand for the processional; place your ungloved, right hand over your heart when the Flag of the United States of America is in motion
- Applaud when the President General and the State Regent process
- Remain standing and follow the prompts of the Chair for the ritual and posting of the colors

I am very excited to see all of you in Wichita for this very special conference. We have an opportunity to Rise and Shine for DAR. We will have our own Kathryn Walker West, Corresponding Secretary General, in attendance. Kathryn's office is spearheading the DAR Insignia initiative and we want to show our support and pride for Kathryn and the work she is doing as a member of the National Board of Management in the VanBuren administration.