

News from the Chapters...

Hudson River Patriots

Hudson River Patriots held a wonderful celebration in April at their annual luncheon. It was the start of the chapter's 15th year and the chapter held the induction ceremony for ten new chapter members!

David Neilsen, Actor and Storyteller, entertained with the Story of British spy Major John Andre. After receiving papers from Benedict Arnold which Andre hid in his boot, Major John Andre was captured in Tarrytown by militiamen John Paulding, Isaac Van Wart and David Williams.

In early April, Hudson River Patriots member Elizabeth "Liz" Harper was awarded the 2016 Liberty's Leadership Legacy Congress Grant. This was another reason for the celebration at the luncheon!



Actor/Storyteller David Neilsen as Major John Andre with Liz Harper



(l. to r.) Chaplain Suzanne Koch inducting Liz Harper, Jeanne Apicella, Loreen Thorne, Christine Bonardi, Carol O'Leary, Leslie Masson, Kathy Schreiber, Ellen Cosgrove, Elizabeth Rella, Barbara Hynes

Ticonderoga

Members of the Ticonderoga Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution congratulated Rebecca Blaise on her 25th Anniversary in the Society. Regent Deanne Dresser presented Mrs. Blaise with a 25th Anniversary Certificate from The National Society.

(l. to r.) Rebecca Blaise, Ticonderoga Chapter Regent Deanne Dresser



Catherine Schuyler

Catherine Schuyler Chapter has had a busy, exciting start to their chapter year. Early in 2016, the chapter website, created by Chapter VIS Chair Kimberly Marie Conroy, was approved and authorized by National. Please be sure to take a look here: www.catherineschuylerdar.com.

On March 12, Good Citizens representing ten high schools in Allegany County were recognized at a reception in their honor in the Lenox dining room at Houghton College. Chapter winner was Katriel DeGolyer, a senior at Houghton Academy. Vietnam Veterans were honored with a ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the Court House lawn in Belmont on March 28. Chairman of the Allegany County Legislature, Curtis Crandall, read a proclamation and wreaths were placed on each side of the memorial monument, in recognition of the service and sacrifice of the veterans of the Vietnam War, and commemorating Vietnam Veterans Day. Chapter members presented each veteran of the conflict with a commemorative pin.



Catherine Schuyler Chapter Regent Meredith Chilson presenting Cadet Eric T. Gemmel with gold ROTC medal

On April 2, the chapter presented Cadet Eric T. Gemmel with the gold ROTC medal at the Seneca Battalion Spring Awards Ceremony at St. Bonaventure University.

And, perhaps most exciting of all, chapter members Ronna Jordan and Karen Jordan Sinkovitz were notified that their entry in the New York State American Heritage Fiber Arts contest had won first place in "Hand Quilted: Quilt."

New York City

On May 5, in recognition of Honorary Regent Jane Fulton's 46 Years of faithful and transformative service to the NSDAR, the New York City Chapter held its Annual Spring Benefit at The National Society of the Colonial Dames in New York's elegant Museum Headquarters on 71st Street in Manhattan. Proceeds from the benefit are to go to the Mrs. Donald McLean Scholarship at Barnard College. Named in honor of the NYC Chapter's fourth regent, this award annually honors a promising female student of American History.

The chapter is most grateful to Treasurer Lisa O'Brien and the New York State Organization for providing the necessary insurance rider required at Museum HQ!



(l. to r.) New York City Chapter Media Chairman Lois Lazzarino, Honorary Regent Jane Fulton, New York City Chapter ex-regent Gigi Pugh Sundstrom

Ontario



Alice Teal

her to become the editor of the *Empire State News* for over 30 years. Alice was also a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and held offices in that organization. She was the editor of the *Mayflower Quarterly* from 1993-2015. (**Editor's Note:** as stated above, Alice was editor of the *Empire State News* for 30 years and an incredibly difficult act to follow. I will always be grateful for all the patient guidance she gave me when I first became editor.)

Chancellor Livingston

Members of the Chancellor Livingston Chapter, keepers of the The General Richard Montgomery and Janet Livingston House, participated in the Hudson Valley Heritage Fair Sunday, May 1, at the Locust Grove Estate in Poughkeepsie. The chapter recently restored and preserved the walls and floors in two of the original rooms of the house. An addition put on in approximately 1928, which houses the kitchen, also was updated and the wide-board floors repaired.

The walls still whisper the history of General Richard Montgomery and his bride Janet Livingston Montgomery. The chapter displays one of Janet's wedding shoes from their 1773 wedding in the museum side of the house. The modest structure was given to them as a wedding gift to live in while they built their estate, Grasmere, in Rhinebeck. Unfortunately, General Montgomery didn't live to see Grasmere completed. A former British army career officer, he was chosen by General George Washington to lead the northern Continental forces during the Revolutionary War. In 1775, he lost his life in the battle to take the walled city of Quebec. Janet Livingston Montgomery finished building the estate, while residing in the house now known as the General Richard Montgomery and Janet Livingston House.

This summer's visitation schedule of the historic 1750's house will soon be released. For more information about the Chancellor Livingston Chapter, visit the website www.NorthernDutchessDAR.org.

Alice Carnrite Teal, 88, passed away on March 4, 2016, in Ocean City, NJ. She was born on June 14, 1927, in Sandy Creek, NY. Alice moved to her husband's family land in New Jersey in 1975. She joined the Rhadament Chapter in May 1946. She held several offices in that chapter. The Rhadament Chapter combined with the Ontario Chapter in the early 2000's. Alice kept her membership with her hometown chapter and was an associate member of Cape May Patriots and General Lafayette Chapters in New Jersey. She was very proud to have been a member of the New York State Officers Club. Alice worked with her father at the Holstein Friesian World magazine in Sandy Creek. That training led



(l. to r.) Chancellor Livingston member Dottie Fricke, Chancellor Livingston First Vice Regent Lida Traver-Landy



Chapter House

Fayetteville-Owahgena

Members of the Fayetteville-Owahgena Chapter recently attended the Syracuse University Chancellor's Review and Awards Ceremony at the Carrier Dome to recognize the distinguished performance of cadets in the Army and Air Force ROTC programs.



(l. to r.) Martha Ives Williams, Fayetteville-Owahgena Regent
Amy Andrzejek, Cadet Victoria Hutzley, Betty Thoreck

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps is a college elective that develops Leadership Skills in students as they prepare for Military Service. Hamilton resident Cadet Victoria A. Hutzley, AS400 (Aerospace Studies), is this year's Air Force recipient of the DAR award. She was in the top 25 percent of her class and has demonstrated qualities of dependability, good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership ability, and fundamental and patriotic understanding of the importance of ROTC training. Cadet Hutzley is the daughter of Margaret Buckingham and Brian Hutzley of Hamilton.

Jerusalem

At their March general meeting, Jerusalem Chapter made a donation for renovation activities to the Wantagh Preservation Society (WPS). The Jerusalem Chapter has made donations over the past several years towards the restoration of Wantagh's old Post Office.



(l. to r.) Sally Boggan, Past Director Districts X and XI, Mary Wagner, Jerusalem Chapter Treasurer, Ellen Cook, Vice Regent Jerusalem Chapter and Bob Meagher, WPS First Vice President

Fort Stanwix

On March 29, 2016, in recognition of National Viet Nam Veterans Day, Fort Stanwix Chapter partnered with the Donald J. Mitchell VA Clinic in Rome to hold a "Welcome Home" event with the clinic's Viet Nam Veterans as honored guests. Thanks to generous donations from local veterans' groups, individuals, and businesses there was enough food and beverages to feed the Army! The VFW New York State District 4 Commander, as well as the President of the Viet Nam Veterans of America Chapter #944 addressed the veterans and Fort Stanwix Daughters were proud to present over 80 Viet Nam Veteran guests the 50th Anniversary lapel pin.

Several chapter Daughters traveled to Saratoga Springs on Thursday, May 5, to attend the dedication and re-dedication of two monuments to the life of Ellen Hardin Walworth, NSDAR Founder, remarkable 19th Century woman and an "adopted daughter" of Saratoga. Organizing Secretary General, and Honorary New York State Regent, Denise Doring Van Buren; Honorary President General and Honorary New York State Regent, Merry Ann T. Wright; and New York State Regent, Martha Crapser were honored guests. What an inspiring occasion it was!



Fort Stanwix Daughters pay tribute to Ellen Hardin Walworth, Saratoga Springs

Beaverkill

The Beaverkill Chapter recently inducted two new members, Mariann Cheney and her mother, 93 year old, Mary Izzo. Their patriot is John Cooper who fought in New Jersey during the Revolutionary War.



(l. to r.) Fran Fuller, Beaverkill chaplain; Carol Norris, regent; Joann Madden, registrar; new chapter member Mariann Cheney and (seated) her mother, new member Mary Izzo

Wiltwyck Chapter

The regent and members of Wiltwyck Chapter, accompanied by Steven J. Masee, Director of Ulster County Veteran's Services Agency who offered a short dedication, raised the Vietnam War Commemoration flag over the Ulster County Office Building in Kingston, NY. As the Chapter is a 50th Anniversary Commemorative Partner, it was arranged to have the flag flown for the day in recognition of the last day in which U.S. troops were on the ground in Vietnam.



(l. to r.) Wiltwyck Chapter Regent Margaret Hoffmann, Chaplain Sally Hrbek, Kaaren Davis, co-chair of event Linda Combs Akins, Director of Ulster County Veteran's Services Agency Steven Masee, Patricia Hinkleys

In Kingston on April 17, 2016, Wiltwyck Chapter commemorated the anniversary of the death of George Clinton, an American soldier (serving as a Colonel in the French and Indian War and a Brigadier General in the Revolutionary War) and Statesman, considered one of the Founding Fathers of the United States.

He was the first Governor of New York from 1777 to 1795, and elected again from 1801 to 1804, then served as the fourth Vice President of the United States from 1805 to 1812, under Presidents Thomas Jefferson and James Madison.

Clinton was born July 26, 1739, in Little Britain, Province of New York and died April 20, 1812, (aged 72) in Washington, D.C. while serving as Vice President. He was re-interred at the Old Dutch Churchyard in Kingston, NY in 1908.

The wreath laying at the grave site was followed by a Benediction offered by Reverend Renee House, Pastor of Old Dutch Church.

Kanestio Valley

March was Women's History Month. On March 19, the Kanestio Valley Chapter honored Hannah Simpson Spencer who was born in Jasper, NY, in 1838. Christine Holley, Historian for the Charles Dibrell Chapter in Albuquerque, NM, was presented with the Women's American History award for her great aunt, Hannah S. Spencer. The luncheon was held at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Bath, NY.



(l. to r.) Brenda Criss, Eleanor Silliman, Christine Holley, Nella Williams, Minnie Brennan

Christine Holley told of her aunt graduating from Alfred University in 1864; and of her going to NYC for a two year medical course and special courses at an eye and ear infirmary. She was entitled to a license for the practice of medicine. Instead she married A. J. Spencer and raised a family of six children. After the children were grown, Hannah opened a sanatorium at her home. She was successful in the use of electricity, baths and rests. She was always interested in forward moral and religious movements. During her later years of life she was the head of the Women's Missionary society of the Canistota River Baptist Association. For twenty years she was the president of the Jasper Women's Christian Temperance Union. Hannah died in 1929.

It was a privilege for the Kanestio Valley Chapter to assist Christine Holley in honoring her great aunt, Hannah Simpson Spencer. Christine, who resides in NM, was unable to submit the nomination to NSDAR for her aunt who had lived in New York State.

Schenectada

On March 29, the Schenectada Chapter held a commemoration service at Vale Cemetery to honor the men who served in Viet Nam. Several members went to the cemetery and had the Viet Nam Commemorative Flag raised on the Flag Pole in the Veterans Plot. Chapter members read some information about each branch of the military and its involvement in the War, and then placed a wreath at the flagpole. The chapter is grateful to Vale for their help in this.



At the April 7 Meeting at the Edison Club on Riverview Road we welcomed and installed new member Veronica Reed. The Speaker at this meeting was Mr. John Gearing who discussed the Revolutionary War in Schenectady. He is an author, and lawyer, and historian.

Peter Minuit

On Monday, May 9, Peter Minuit Chapter hosted Heather W. Green, Executive Director of the Kate Duncan Smith DAR School as the keynote speaker for their Annual Meeting, and presented Ms. Green with a check for \$500 for the school. Members from the Knickerbocker, Brooklyn and Fort Greene Chapters were also in attendance.

The Peter Minuit Chapter also presented the NSDAR Medal of Conservation to Peter Minuit Chapter member Catherine J. Tinker to honor her lifelong career in environmental education and international environmental advocacy. Congratulations, Catherine!



(l. to r.) NSDAR Medal of Conservation Award recipient Catherine Tinker, Peter Minuit Regent Megan Von Behren



(l. to r.) Jane Sullivan, Peter Minuit Regent Megan Von Behren, Beth Oliva, Heather Green of the KDS DAR School, Sarah Schrift, Kathy Anderson

Abigail Fillmore

Abigail Fillmore Chapter Regent, Margaret Haney with Viet Nam Chairman, Doreen Cesari and Chapter member, Sharon Wesoloski were honored to present a Certificate of Appreciation for Valor, Service and Sacrifice during the Viet Nam War to US Navy Veteran Wayne Sorrentino of Buffalo, NY. The Abigail Fillmore Chapter Committee has presented 435 Certificates to Viet Nam Veterans and continue their efforts to acknowledge all Veterans.



(l. to r.) Abigail Fillmore Regent Sharon Wesoloski, Margaret Haney, Veteran Wayne Sorrentino, Doreen Cesari

Tawasentha

Two Academy of the Holy Names Middle School students and one Voorheesville Elementary School student were awarded prizes from the Tawasentha Chapter for their essays entitled, "What the Flag of the United States Means to Me." Isabel Vogel of Holy Names won first prize at the chapter level, and went on to win third prize at the Statewide level in the contest. Atarah Bryant, also of Holy Names, won second prize at the chapter level. Laurel Sciandra, a fifth grader at Voorheesville Elementary school won third prize at the chapter level. Special thanks to chapter chair Constance McCarthy, who received and read 41 essays!



(l. to r.) Isabel Vogel, Atarah Bryant, Laurel Sciandra

Colonel Marinus Willett-Mohawk Valley

The Colonel Marinus Willett-Mohawk Valley Chapter of Frankfort, hosted a reception at the April 29, 2016, Naturalization Ceremony held at the Oneida County Office Building, Legislative Chambers in Utica. Chapter Past Regent and Americanism Chairman, Barbara Yates of New York Mills, was assisted by Ramon Kane of Frankford. Suzanne Bowley of Oneida Chapter lent a helping hand.

In addition to providing refreshments, they gave a U.S. Flag pin to each new American Citizen. Miss Yates has distributed 300 pins at the eight naturalization ceremonies and receptions she attended in the past year.

Sara French, District V Director pro tem, served as the Immigration Service Representative. She presented the 30 Candidates to the State of New State Supreme Court Justice The Hon. Samuel D. Hester. Later Sara presented a certificate to each new citizen.

This is always a moving ceremony and members are encouraged to attend and help welcome the new citizens. This time there was one now living in Frankfort who came from Russia.

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

Irondequoit

In October 2015 three young ladies from the Ensign Robert Wilson Society, C.A.R. joined with the Irondequoit Chapter in a day of service to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the founding of the DAR. The service project for the day was making blankets for children's comfort bags. These blankets will be one component of a bag given to children in crisis at a new shelter for woman and children. Bridget Lasky, Leah Lasky and Ava Leighton entered the JAC group contest for community service. They received the following awards: First Place New York State, First Place Northeastern Division, First Place National.

In April, Melanie Jones, New York State Chairman JAC, presented these young ladies with three certificates a medal and a delightful bag of goodies at the Irondequoit Chapter meeting. Congratulations to these wonderful young ladies, ERW C.A.R and their families!



(l. to r.) Melaine Jones, New York State Chairman JAC, Leah Lasky, Bridget Lasky, Julie Leighton (mother of Ava), Ava Leighton

Tuscarora

"Handmade and Homemade" was the name of Tuscarora Chapter's April program. Inspired by the American Heritage Committee, members brought in crafts, fiber arts, books, photo albums, paintings, handmade dolls and so much more. They also brought in heirlooms that had been handed down through the generations. Each Daughter told the story behind her piece. So many beautiful items were shown! Everyone enjoyed gaining new insight into the variety of talents and life experiences of chapter members.

Saratoga

The Saratoga Chapter Regent Corinne Scirocco presented MeiLi Hoffman-Smith, Lake Avenue Elementary School (grade 5) and Jarrod Bonaro, Shenendehowa High School East (grade 12) the American History Essay Certificate, pin and check at a meeting at the Canfield Casino in Saratoga Springs. Both students read their whole essays to the members attending the meeting. Please find below excerpts from their essays:

MeiLi Hoffman-Smith

"In 1765, when Britain taxed the colonists for every single piece of paper they used, this was called The Stamp Act. Colonists thought that the British government had no right to tax them because there were no representatives of the colonies in the British Parliament. The Stamp Act was viewed as an attempt raise money without the Legislators' permission. They called this "taxation without representation."



Jarrold Alexander Bonaro

"In some ways, the voyage of Christopher Columbus, and the flight of Charles Lindbergh are very similar. Both men became known as pioneers in their respective fields due to their actions. Prior to the voyage of Christopher Columbus, nobody had sailed to and discovered North America for the rest of the world. Prior to Charles Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic, nobody had successfully flown across the Atlantic Ocean. Both men also undertook their respective actions, knowing full well that they might not survive the journey."



Members of the Saratoga Chapter and the New York State Organization recently recalled the service of Ellen Hardin Walworth, one of the four founders of the DAR, in honor of the Society's 125th anniversary. The chapter recently unveiled a new historic marker at the site of her home and then the State Organization rededicated the marker in Mrs. Walworth's memory in historic Congress Park. The latter was the NSDAR Centennial and State Regent's Project of Honorary President General Merry Ann Wright 25 years ago. Huzzah!



Saratoga Chapter and NYSO remember Ellen Hardin Walworth

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