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**118TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CDA  
Saturday, May 3 - Monday, May 5, 2008**

*Leigh Harman, Recording Secretary, reports:*

The 118th Annual Meeting of the Colonial Dames of America began on Saturday, May 3, 2008. The Executive Council meeting was called to order in the upper hall of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum. President General Audrey A. Svensson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Svensson welcomed the chapter presidents, delegates, and members of the Board of Managers and Committee Chairmen. The reading of the minutes of the Saturday, May 5, 2007, meeting was formally waived. Following the roll call, chapter reports were read. Delegates from seventeen chapters were represented.

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On Saturday evening, the President's Award for Excellence dinner at the "21" Club was highlighted by toasts to the two winners of the eleventh annual award, Chapter XXIV, Atlanta, GA, and Chapter XXXI, South Carolina.

On Sunday afternoon, May 4, President General Audrey Svensson welcomed guests to the beautiful garden of the Museum. The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum and its period rooms, including the model of the original carriage house, were open for viewing.

The 118th Annual Meeting of The Colonial Dames of America was called to order at 12:15 p.m., Monday, May 5, 2008, at The University Club. President General Audrey Svensson presided with 96 members in attendance, including 35 members from chapters throughout the United States and abroad. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the In Memoriam list for 2007-2008 was read. A motion was made and approved to waive the reading of the minutes of the Monday, May 8, 2007, Annual Meeting. A motion was made to ratify the actions of the Board for the year.

We were privileged to have Dr. William Kelso, director of archaeology, APVA Preservation Virginia, as our guest speaker. Dr. Kelso gave an interesting slide presentation documenting the Jamestowne Rediscovery project.

President General Audrey Svensson presented the charter to Dorothy Baumgartner, President of new Chapter XXXII, Central Missouri.

The result of the election was approved. Audrey Svensson thanked Charlotte Armstrong, chairman of the Nominating Committee. Inspectors of Election Gloria Harper and Frederica Neff announced that 545 proxy votes were counted, and approved the slate as presented by Mrs. Armstrong.

Monica Unger read the treasurer's report. The reports of the Regular Committees of the Society and the Standing Committees of the Parent Chapter were presented. Museum Director Rosalind Muggeridge presented the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden report.

President General Audrey Svensson gave an informative report to the members. The 118th Annual Meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2008.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT GENERAL**

Monday, May 5, 2008

*Audrey A. Svensson, President General, reports:*

I am pleased to stand before you reporting at the one hundred and eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Colonial Dames of America.

This has been a year of much change at the Colonial Dames of America.

Rosalind Muggeridge was appointed director of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden in September. Following in the footsteps of Minna Schneider, Rosalind is doing a terrific job. She and her staff are always ready to help in any of our Parent Chapter programs, as well as directing a full schedule at the Museum. Our thanks to Helen Evans and her search committee for recommending Rosalind.

The parking garage immediately to the west of Headquarters was sold last summer to Weill-Cornell Medical College. They are well under way in construction of what will be classrooms, offices and medical labs. The scaffolding, trucks, cranes, dust and noise have been our constant companions since October. Weill-Cornell intends to be open for classes by October 1, and we are happy to welcome them as good neighbors.

After interviewing several architects to oversee the much-needed restoration of our auditorium, Janko Rasic of Janko Rasic Architects was chosen. They will begin work shortly, and by the fall we hope to have new flooring in the entry foyer; new wall coverings and faucets in our washrooms; a refinished floor, repaired radiator fronts, repaired lighting and controls in the auditorium; a new dishwasher in the kitchen; and fresh paint throughout. Mr. Rasic has renovated two office complexes for Elizabeth Bramwell, our finance chair. He came in on time and within budget for those projects, so we feel confident that we are in good hands.

This year, after almost 27 years, Deidre Bay has expressed the desire to begin winding down her career as our executive director. It is hard to imagine the Dames without Deidre in the office, but it is understandable that she would like to spend more time with her family, and especially those eight grandchildren. She started flex/half time on March 31. The Search Committee and I, with the help of the Personnel Committee, interviewed several strong candidates to train to eventually take Deidre's place. Allison Coliskey was chosen, and she began working full time on April 14. Allison has worked one day a week for the past six years as a assistant curator at the Museum, and we are very happy to welcome her into our Headquarters' office. If you have not already done so, please introduce yourself to Allison, and welcome her to our family.

As your President General, I was invited to participate in the 400th Anniversary celebration of the 1607 Founding of Jamestown. As you know, this has special meaning to us Dames, as membership in our society stipulates that we must be descended from an ancestor of worthy life who, within the period beginning with the settlement of Jamestown, VA, May 13, 1607, and extending to, but not including the Battle of Lexington, on April 19, 1775, served one or more of the thirteen original Colonies. As well as attending many commemorative ceremonies, (where I was often seated first as the representative of the oldest women's organization in the USA) we visited the Gates given to Jamestown by the CDA in 1907, and the gift of the CDA for 2007 — the outdoor interpretive model of the 1607 Jamestown Fort Model. This project was organized by Past President General Charlotte Miller and Chapter XXIII, Virginia. It is cast in bronze, and stands on the riverbank at the Jamestown site.

On May 15, 2007, the Book Award Committee under the leadership of Book Award Chair Anne Farley hosted a book event in conjunction with publisher Simon & Schuster. Author David O. Stewart talked about his newly published book *The Summer of 1787*. This successful event was free and open to the public.

And on June 21, we held our second annual Midsummer Eve party in the Museum Garden, commemorating the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of Jamestown. Sponsored by the Dames and six other heritage societies, the magic of the longest night of the year was not spoiled by the occasional shower. Proceeds went to support a graduate student at APVA Preservation Virginia.

The Junior Committee's party theme was "Olde New York," focusing on the time period of our Museum's interpretation. Dancers, musicians and even the bartenders were dressed in authentic period costumes. The sold-out party was held in the Museum Garden on September 19, in conjunction with two other heritage

junior societies. It was such a success that they plan to repeat the theme for their annual event again this year.

“Raise the Roof,” the theme for our major fundraiser, was held at the Museum on October 2. This fun event raised money for a new Museum sound system. With the hard work of hospitality co-chairs Kathy Springhorn and Lynette Jaffe, and Museum Director Rosalind Muggeridge and her staff (who did all the graphics and designed the invitation, we raised over seventeen thousand dollars. We now have music for our events throughout the Museum and Garden.

November brought us the Third Annual Former Board Member luncheon held in the Museum’s Tavern Room. It is always fun for past and present Board Members to get together, and this luncheon was no exception. A long-range-planning meeting, chaired by Past President General Patty Jones, followed. To be repeated again this year by incoming long-range-planning chair, Beverley Sherrid.

Instead of a membership tea, we had a Membership White Wine party on November 15, hosted by co-chairs Holly Hunt and Alex Rose. Kathy Springhorn prepared an information kit for each prospective member--tied with CDA blue ribbon.

And on Sunday, November 11, Shirley Dixon Miller and Mary Barnes carried our CDA Flag at the Annual Flag Service at St. Thomas Cathedral. Seeing so many flags, carried by members of our sister and brother heritage societies in this holy setting is always moving.

How many of you have logged on to our website? Designed by Cathy Brawer, it is nothing short of fabulous. It was ready in time to order gifts online for the holidays. Almost any question anyone can ask about The Colonial Dames of America can be answered by logging on to [www.colonialdamesofamerica.org](http://www.colonialdamesofamerica.org). We are constantly adding new information as new events and situations occur.

Our Christmas party was held Dec. 3 in the Museum. The staff had decorated each room in traditional Christmas finery. Kathy Springhorn arranged for the delicious refreshments, and Elbrun Kimmelman scheduled our loyal husbands to tend bar.

One of the nicest perks for a President General is visiting our chapters. Due to illness, I missed the luncheon and tour of the Hopsewee Plantation in Georgetown, South Carolina, given by Chapter XXXI and President Dyane Kellogg. I have asked for a rain check for next year. On January 31, my husband and I attended a beautiful candlelight dinner at the Riverside Hotel in Fort Lauderdale given by President Marsha Love and the members of Chapter XIX, Florida Everglades. The following day I attended the February Luncheon Meeting of Chapter XIX at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. The members had gone all out with a jungle theme. There were life-size statues of giraffes in the room, and large golden elephants on each table.

I went directly from the meeting to Dee and Jack Hopkins’ Boca home to change into formal clothes for the Colonial Wars-Colonial Dames Chapter XVII, Palm Beach Annual Ball at the Everglades Club in Palm Beach. My husband had spent the day golfing as Jack’s guest. After I showered, Sten stepped into the guest bath, and there was no water. Workers had shut off the water to the entire street to make emergency repairs. Dee found enough Evian for Sten to take a sponge bath, and we made it to the Everglades Club in time for the receiving line, where we were the guests of President Brantley Knowles and Chapter XVII at this very elegant ball.

The next afternoon, at the winter meeting for Chapter XVII, Brantley and I presented a program where Brantley talked about the differences between the settlement of Jamestowne, and the Pilgrim experience in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and I showed slides and talked about the festivities of Jamestowne 400. Again I was able to use the digital projector, which was a gift to our Parent Chapter from Chapter XVII. That night, Brantley and her husband Peter held a buffet dinner in their stately new Palm Beach home.

Over on the west coast of Florida, I attended a luncheon held by Chapter XXX, Venice, Florida. President Mary Ellen Lowe and almost all of Chapter XXX attended. By now, we are old friends, as I had the privilege of representing Helen Evans, then President General, when Chapter XXX was first organized in 1999.

Betty Thompson was kind enough to be my representative at the Annual Meeting of Chapter III, Washington, DC, on April 10, and Patty Jones stood in for me on May 1 at Chapter I, Baltimore. On April 29, I attended the Chapter II, Philadelphia Annual Meeting at beautiful Lemon Hill.

Baroness Berhard d'Anglejan-Chatillon, Didi, newly elected president of Chapter IV, Paris, France, was in town on April 18, and we met to discuss their ongoing involvement with the Franco-American museum, Chateau de Blerancourt. The gardens of Blerancourt are known for their beauty, and the arboretum on the south side of the chateau is the gift of the Colonial Dames of America, Chapter IV. It presents a collection of exclusively American species.

We had a very different program for our members and guests on March 27. At the suggestion of Cathy Brawer, and with the help of Museum Director Rosalind Muggeridge, we were entertained by Thomas Garbutt. Mr. Garbutt discussed the process of creating faux food from the initial research to the final product. He has created display food props for movies, theatres and museums—including the faux food in our own museum. A delightful and delicious reception prepared by Kathy Springhorn followed the program---with real food.

This brings me to our Annual Meeting Weekend 2008. Round-table discussions were back this year. Kathy Springhorn discussed her plans for the publication of our much-anticipated Cookbook. Cathy Brawer showed ways for a chapter to develop its own website, and Beverley Sherrid explained our long-awaited, finally-finished online CDA membership applications.

At the Executive Council we heard wonderful reports from our chapter presidents and delegates. Special thanks again to the many chapters contributing to our Museum and Scholarship programs throughout the year.

We had seven beautifully presented chapter projects contending for our 11th President's Award for Excellence. You will be happy to know that your Parent Chapter Board of Managers read and carefully considered each application. The Award were presented on Saturday at the "21" Club. This year, we split the award between two wonderful projects: Chapter XXIV, Atlanta, GA, to continue their work at historic Oakland Cemetery, where they have selected a plot to restore the monuments marking the graves of a little girl and her mother; and Chapter XXXI, South Carolina, to restore the original brick steps of the Hopsewee Plantation House, built circa 1740, the birthplace of Thomas Lynch, Jr., who at the age of 26 signed the Declaration of Independence. So impressed was your Parent Chapter Board, that we wish to expand our Award for next year, perhaps recognizing different categories, and also to present certificates of Honorable Mention.

Looking ahead:

Do come to our first event of the year on June 19 –Midsummer’s Garden Party – A Cocktail Party in our Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden, given for the third year together with six other heritage societies, the proceeds going to support the scholarship program for APVA Preservation Virginia.

When our auditorium restorations are complete, we plan to have a party to show off our “new look” to the Dames, other organizations, caterers, party planners, and the neighborhood.

In closing, I want to thank my Board, the past presidents general, and the committee chairs. I want to thank the chapters for all of their support to our organization in general, and me in particular. I want to thank our museum director and her staff for their help, Terry Comer for her dedicated work, and I want to thank Deidre Bay for her day-to day, help and institutional memory, which makes my job so much easier.

I hope to see all of you here again next year. Have a safe trip home, and STAY IN TOUCH.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Monday, May 5, 2008

*Monica S. Unger, Treasurer, reports:*

The Board of Managers approved a balanced operating budget for fiscal year March 31, 2009 of \$824,155 compared to \$724,512 for the prior fiscal year, an increase of \$99,643. Most of the increase reflects higher projected revenue from grants to the museum.

The CDA budget for fiscal 2009 is \$336,834, virtually unchanged from \$336,900 for fiscal 2008. The fiscal budget for the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum is \$487,321, an increase of \$99,709 over the \$387,612 budgeted for fiscal 2008. We have assumed a 4.5% draw from the endowment, or \$376,000 of which 65% has been allocated to the museum and 35% to the Dames’ other activities.

Also approved was the capital budget for the fiscal March 2009 year totaling \$200,000 combined for the museum and CDA. The largest budgeted expenditure is an estimated \$150,000 for the refurbishment of the Abigail Adams Smith Auditorium with the bulk of the balance allocated for functional and cosmetic upgrades to the Museum, including office space.

At this time, I would like to thank two member of the staff, Deidre Bay and Eleanor Popolizio, for their invaluable help and advice. The CDA has been fortunate to have their professional input.

### **MOUNT VERNON HOTEL MUSEUM REPORT**

Monday, May 5, 2008

*Rosalind Muggeridge, Museum Director, reports:*

This year the Museum flourished. School buses pulled up outside the building every weekday morning, transporting students who were participating in one of eight curriculum-based tours. Despite the challenges brought on by increased testing and strained school budgets, the education department continued to attract over 5500 students; many from Title One schools in low-income neighborhoods.

Earned income was also increased by major grants, including \$42,000 from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs to support educational programs, and \$45,983 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to fund a new initiative aimed at increasing accessibility programming for visitors with special needs.

Other good news in development included an increase in New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) funding by 5% to \$12,700. There was also an increase in funding from The Rosenthal Foundation to \$4,500, to bring innovative school programs to New York City School 11, The Bilingual School's elementary grades and to develop neighborhood history packets.

In February, the Museum was approved for a "Get Ready" grant through NYSCA. This grant enables the Museum to begin the strategic planning process. Jacqueline Day will be the consultant working with key staff and board members as we embark on this exciting project. This is also an opportune time to begin strategic planning as the American Association of Museum's reaccreditation of the Museum starts in December 2008.

This year also saw revenue increases from other sources of earned income. The addition of gourmet boxed lunches and costumed interpreters increased the popularity of the group tours, bringing the annual revenue from that program up to \$10,000. Site rentals also remained strong, netting \$12,000. Targeted marketing efforts attracted new rental clients and existing relationships with PBS and the History channel were strengthened.

October's successful fundraiser "Raise the Roof" brought in funds to purchase much-needed interior and exterior sound systems for the Museum: 88 people were in attendance and the party grossed \$17,075. Also, despite a sudden snowstorm, 142 tickets were sold for the annual Children's Valentines Party fundraiser and gross revenue for the event was \$9,640.

The education department has had a very busy year. Deborah O'Neill and Amanda Wheeler should be commended for their fine work creating, implementing and fine-tuning the Museum's educational programs. New programs including neighborhood walking tours have marked the expansion of the Neighborhood History Partnership with CS211, The Bilingual School, which is located in the East Tremont section of the Bronx. In addition to this successful partnership, made possible with funds from the Rosenthal Foundation, the education department is seeking other sources of public funding which would also bring "Jim Lowe Taps Manhattan", a living history program focusing on the historical character of a 19th-century jig-and-reel dancer, to students at CS211.

New school programs launched this year include the architectural-themed "From the Ground Up." Through hands-on exploration of the Museum's interior and exterior architecture, students learn basic architectural concepts to gain an understanding of building design and function. The program focuses on the building's structure as it transitioned from a carriage house to a country hotel and finally to a museum.

This past November also marked the beginning of the Teen Docent Program, now in its second year. As part of this innovative program, high school students are trained as tour guides and work as volunteers at the Museum's various public events such as Candlelight Tours and Washington's Birthday Ball. Part of an important outreach to high school students, this program provides not only an academic component but also gives teens valuable public speaking experience and

exposes them to the professional, behind-the-scene, workings of a functioning historic house museum.

The Museum's popular educational musical "Fare For All at the Mount Vernon Hotel" held in March, sold out for all 14 performances. Fifty-five classes totaling 1,340 students attended the show bringing in a gross revenue of \$8,872. Developed in 1995 with New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) funding, "Fare For All" features a score composed by Mark Hollmann, 2002 Tony Award winner for the Broadway musical "Urinetown." Created specifically for children in grades 2-6, the musical was created in response to discussions and experiences with teachers who believed students learn most effectively through personal experience, interaction and sensory exploration. With funding obtained by the staff, the Museum was able to expand its outreach this year to include members of New York City's deaf population, who previously had not been able to participate in this unique educational experience.

The number of attendees and revenue from public programs continues to rise. Combined revenue from all public programs was \$13,698. A total of 4,100 people attended from both the Museum's local community as well as throughout the five boroughs and New Jersey. This year the Museum held its popular annual events including the Summer Garden Evening Concert series; Halloween event, An Evening with Poe; the Holiday Candlelight Tours, and the much-loved Washington's Birthday Ball. Successful new programs included the lecture "No Irish Need Apply: The Irish Immigrant Experience in 19th-century New York City" which attracted over 120 guests and brought in \$916 in revenue. "Silhouettes and Tea" a mini-fundraiser held in the spring was also a success, grossing \$1,160 and welcoming 50 guests who were invited to have a silhouette cut by one of the leading silhouette artists in the country.

The Museum is now back up to a full staff including the increasingly important positions of Public Relations and Marketing personnel. This summer, we will be pleased to welcome a new curator, Clare Flemming, to the staff. Clare's many years of experience lend themselves well to the Museum's mission and goals. She will start work on two major projects: the transfer of the Museum Collections database to new software and the administration of the RECAP (Conservation Assessment Program) grant to review and assess the Museum's conservation practices.

I want to thank our incredibly dedicated and conscientious team: Director of Education Deborah O'Neill, Education Assistant, Amanda Wheeler, and our new Director of Development, Lisa Delmonico. The professional excellence the Museum maintains is due to their hard work and skills.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of the Colonial Dames of America. Thanks to their generosity and dedication the Museum has not only survived, but stands today as an exceptional model of historic preservation.

## REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE SOCIETY

### **Book Award Committee**

*Julia Ryan, Chair, reports:*

The Book Award Committee had a busy year reading books whose subjects ranged from Andrew Jackson to the Cold War. Although many books were enjoyed and received good reviews from committee members and dedicated readers from the chapters, no clear winner stood out. Since the annual meeting will feature Dr. William Kelso's presentation on his work at Jamestown, the committee voted not to present an award this year. Going forward, the committee is exploring ways to communicate more effectively, such as using an online forum to facilitate the transfer of information such as book lists, deadlines, and reviews between the Book Award Committee members and chapter Book Award Chairmen. An online forum (or blog as they are commonly known) would be available through the Parent Chapter website: users would login securely and be able to view the booklist, post new reviews or comments, and comment on other posts or reviews.

The committee revisited the idea of sponsoring book readings and it was decided that rather than pursue well-known, published authors, the Committee will try to organize smaller, more intimate gatherings. These gatherings which would take place in the Museum, rather than the auditorium, would promote the work of CDA members, their relatives, or local authors who write about history.

The committee would like to thank all chapter members who read books and we hope that your enthusiasm for exploring the history of this country will continue.

### **By-Laws Committee**

*Sharon Vaino, Chair, reports:*

During the past fiscal year, attorney Alice Stuart chaired the By-Laws Committee. Under her leadership, proposed chapter regulations for Chapter XXXI, South Carolina, and Chapter XXXII, Central Missouri, were reviewed and submitted to the Board of Managers of the Parent Chapter for approval. The Board approved both sets of regulations in February of 2008.

In addition, the By-Laws Committee was available to answer questions from the officers, the Board of Managers, and the chapters, concerning the proper interpretation of the By-Laws.

Many thanks to Ms. Stuart and her committee members for their services on the organization's behalf.

### **Claims Committee**

*Beverly Sherrid, Registrar General, reports:*

I am happy to tell you that the Colonial Dames has 115 new members this year, an impressive increase from last year's 67. We have 6 new Daughter Dames. 6 members established supplemental claims, and 21 documented new ancestors. As of this weekend, the Society has exactly 2,000 members, including 91 Emerita.

I realize that I've stood here five or six times and announced a new computer-based chart. I'm here to tell you that we have another one. This one is available through our website, and it works very well. Last week, I completed an entire chart

in one hour. Those of you who have soldiered along with our old, typed charts, or with our various computerized versions, will appreciate this milestone.

My thanks to Terry Comer, who makes the wheels go round and offers friendship and advice to all. Thanks also to Pat Bereday, our superb verifying genealogist.

### **Education and Scholarship Committee**

*Shirley Dixon Miller, Chair, reports:*

The committee voted to give \$7,500 to The City University of New York Graduate Center. Professor Carol Berkin, deputy chair of the department of history at the Graduate Center, encourages the scholarship recipients to be involved in activities with the CDA.

Once more the Committee voted to give a \$5,000 Fellowship in Historical Editing to the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture. The Institute is sponsored jointly by the College of William and Mary and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. In an article about the 2006-2007 fellowship recipient in its publication "Uncommon Sense," the Institute graciously acknowledged the CDA's commitment to preservation and the encouragement of study in the field of American history.

As a result of funds raised from the CDA hosting a spring party co-sponsored by other hereditary societies, we also donated \$1,100 to APVA Preservation Virginia. We thank the Chapter XIX, Florida Everglades for its \$100 contribution toward this gift.

### **Finance Committee**

*Elizabeth Bramwell, Chair, reports:*

The Colonial Dames' endowment at the end of our fiscal year, March 31, 2008, stood at \$8,161,769, virtually unchanged from \$8,175,900 a year earlier. During this period, the S&P 500 declined 5.1%.

The investment mix at the end of March 2008 was 43% invested in U.S. Treasuries and 57% in no-load equity mutual funds. This compares to 32% U.S. Treasury/68% stock mutual fund mix a year earlier. Our current equity mutual funds include Brandywine Blue, T. Rowe Price New Era, Vanguard S&P 500 and William Blair International Equity Fund. Given economic and market uncertainty, the Finance Committee has adopted a broad range of equity exposure of 40-70%.

The committee would also like to thank Deidre Bay and Eleanor Popolizio for exceptional help and support during the past year.

### **Garden and Grounds Committees**

*Margaret Shields, Chair, reports:*

The Garden and Grounds Committee meets regularly to discuss the upkeep and historical authenticity of the Museum Garden. Many thanks to Faity Tuttle, landscape architect Gina Weiner, Anne Hurley; and Peter Wyer for their expertise and assistance. This past year various projects were completed. The Gazebo was wired with a lovely period-appropriate light fixture chosen by Faity Tuttle. Landscape designer Peter Wyer also began repairing the espalier ivy diamond on the north side of the garden. This area was damaged by air emissions from the vents belonging to the storage building behind the Museum.

Future plans include making the garden a more integral part of the museum tour by researching, installing and labeling historically accurate plantings. The creation of a kitchen garden which would have been in existence during the hotel period is also a possibility. The committee also plans on acquiring capital funding to repair the sloping brickwork on the east side of the Museum. This area is becoming dangerous and needs to be repaired as soon as possible.

Lastly, we would like to encourage CDA members present to become a part of this important committee. The Garden is a unique historical space and more people are needed to enable us to move forward with these exciting projects.

#### **Library and Archives Committee**

*Beverley Sherrid, Chair, reports:*

Our Library and Archives are best known for the fact that no one knows where to find them. They *should* be known as a fascinating collection of papers documenting the founding and history of our society, and a rare collection of books and pamphlets revealing the tastes and interests of 19th century New York's educated elite.

This year, our archivist Martha Foley processed our papers regarding the early years of Chapter V, San Francisco. She also completed her Finding Aid to all processed files.

Next year, we will begin microfilming our Annual Reports. A copy will be placed in a secure off-site location.

My thanks to Dey Gosse, the visionary co-chair of this committee, and to Deidre Bay for her insights and sound advice.

Oh, and you can find the library by climbing down a spiral staircase in the Claims Office.

#### **Personnel Committee**

Sharon Vaino, Chair, reports:

The Personnel Committee addressed the CDA's needs in light of Deidre Bay's and Terry Comer's intended reductions in work schedule from full-time to part-time.

We are pleased that Allison Coliskey, having served as assistant curator at the Museum since 2002, has commenced full-time work with the CDA. Her familiarity with the organization and its facilities should help smooth the transition as our very experienced staff members reduce their service.

During the past fiscal year, Rosalind Muggeridge was named Museum Director after serving as acting Museum Director. Eleanor Popolizio, CPA, began to provide independent accounting services for the organization.

Our committee reviewed salary information, performance evaluations, attendance records, and accrued compensatory time for all full-time employees. The committee believes current personnel have the skills the organization needs. Many thanks to our President General, other officers, other committee members, and our excellent staff.

**REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES  
OF THE PARENT CHAPTER**

**Colour Guard and Patriotic Activities Committee**

*Ripley Hathaway, Chair, reports:*

Another year rolls around quickly. It was a quiet year for our committee. The committee representatives marched in the Flag Day parade last June. In November, at the Patriotic Service held at St. Thomas Church, Shirley Dixon Miller and Mary Barnes trooped our colors. Thank you.

If you are interested in participating in the committee, please contact me or Deidre Bay. A special thanks to Deidre for all of her support and help.

**Communications Committee**

*Elbrun Kimmelman, Chair, reports:*

The Communications Committee has been undergoing many changes over the last year. We have been separated from the Events, Calendar and Hospitality Committee and have begun to build an infrastructure that will help to make communications easier, more involving, less expensive and more effective within our organization. In these efforts, I am joined by Catherine Brawer, Christine Emery, Mitzi Perdue, Julia Ryan and Jane Told.

The CDA newsletter, which is a responsibility of the Communications Committee, continues to be enthusiastically received, so say our many members and we thank them for their very kind comments. Since 2002, Jane Told and I have been co-editors. This year, both Julia Ryan and Christine Emery have joined us to help liaison with members and gather news. We are sure that you will enjoy our spring issue with photos of our new officers and Annual Weekend attendees.

Tremendous progress has been made, with the help of Deidre Bay, in developing our e-mail lists. Virtually every chapter has responded, and we now have e-mail addresses by chapter of all of the members who use e-mail. All of the chapter officers and the majority of our members use e-mail to communicate with CDA headquarters.

Our newly designed website [www.colonialdamesofamerica.org](http://www.colonialdamesofamerica.org) was developed under the direction of Catherine Brawer, who deserves every bit of praise she has received for her fantastic job. Members of the Communications Committee join me in thanking you for your enthusiasm. We are indeed an organization of the 21st Century.

**Events, Calendar and Hospitality Committee**

*Kathleen Springhorn and Lynette Jaffe, Co-Chairs, report:*

The 2007-2008 Hospitality Committee events are incorporated in the report of the President General. Rather than duplicate reports, my co-chair, Lynette Jaffe, and I wish to thank the exceptional women who comprise the team behind our successful events: Deidre Bay, Terry Comer, Rosalind Muggeridge, and the entire staff, who generously and pleasantly contribute the efficiency, enthusiasm and energy that always make the preparations go so smoothly. We also thank our wonderful members who make every CDA and MVHM event so much fun. It is our pleasure to serve on this committee.

Through our Colonial Dames of America Cookbook, we will collectively share the “hospitality” of our members and our ancestors. It is a delight to be working on this project. We are indebted to Jane Stuart for managing the daunting phase of collecting our recipes, and to every member who has shared special recipes with us for our consolidated “family recipe book.”

#### **Junior Committee**

*Rosemary S. Vietor, Junior Liaison, reports:*

The Junior Committee of the Colonial Dames of America continues to build on its success of the last few years. This year, the younger members partnered again with their counterparts at the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America and the Colonial Wars to hold a festive fall event at the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden. The theme was “Tavern Night,” with appropriate refreshments and entertainment. Attendance surpassed that of prior years and the party was considered a great success.

#### **Membership Committee**

*Holly Hunt and Alexandra Lind Rose, Co- Chairs, report:*

As of May 5, 2008, we have 306 active members in the Parent Chapter and 6 Emerita. 8 deaths, 2 resignations, 1 Daughter Dame. We also have 14 Courtesy members.

If any of the following 5 new members are present please stand when your name is read.

Mary Reiner Barnes  
(ancestor: William Wells)

Cheryl Young Deknatel  
(ancestor: Henry Hayes)

Karen Springhorn Gage  
(ancestor: Joseph Purdy)

Mary Henderson Perdue  
(ancestor: William Thompson)

Patricia Padgett Pugh  
(ancestor: Pieter Claesen Wyckoff)

#### **Museum Liaison**

*Rosemary Vietor, Chair, reports:*

The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden has made a smooth transition after the departure of its former director. Rosalind Muggeridge and her able team of associates have continued to build on the success of the Museum, adding new programs and improving old ones. Attendance has been strong as new visitors discover this small gem among house museums in New York. Rosalind found clever and innovative ways to enhance the image of the Museum and attract new visitors. We expect that she will continue to build on this record in the year ahead.

**REPORTS OF THE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS**

**Chapter I - Baltimore, Maryland**

Chartered in 1892

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President .....	Louisa P. Peters
First Vice-President .....	Susan S. Hawes
Treasurer.....	Marguerite I. Jones
Recording Secretary .....	Mary P. Schaeren
Corresponding Secretary .....	Hyatt H. Young
Registrar .....	Helen S. Riley

Chapter I was pleased this year to fund its two newly established scholarships for students interested in early American history. We are proud that the \$5,000 merit-based scholarship established at the Washington College C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience served as the seed money for a much larger scholarship endeavor funded by, among others, the National Endowment for the Humanities. This scholarship is available to students studying early American history, archaeology, and other related fields. Our \$1,500 scholarship recipient at St. Mary's College of Maryland's Summer Historical Archaeology field school worked this past summer with faculty members on the ongoing archaeological investigation of historic St. Mary's City, Maryland's first settlement.

Chapter I continues its support of the Parlour at Hampton, the eighteenth-century home of the Ridgely family. The house re-opened this fall after undergoing a major HVAC installation. The paint analysis which Chapter I funded last year indicated that the Parlour should now be wallpapered. Consequently, Chapter I has pledged \$5,000 toward the purchase of period-appropriate reproduction wallpaper. In addition, we have an outstanding pledge for reproduction fabric for the room. We hope to be able to initiate an annual party at Hampton next spring to remind all our members of Chapter I's continuing support of the property over the many years.

The Board continues to endeavor to attract appropriate new members to Chapter I. The professional genealogist engaged by the Board to assist prospective members has proven to be a great success. Membership currently stands at 76 active, 37 life, 7 courtesy, 8 junior, and 2 emerita, for a total of 130. There are 24 candidates in various stages of completing their papers.

Members of Chapter I enjoyed many social activities this year, beginning with a very successful formal dinner dance in September with the Maryland chapters of the Society of Colonial Wars, the Society of the Cincinnati, and the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. In November, Chapter I held its annual Oyster Party to benefit the two scholarship funds. This year's party was particularly well attended by many prospective members and candidates. Also in November, Chapter I was given a preview tour of Hampton before the official re-opening. Ms. Gregory Weidman, furnishings project coordinator, guided our tour.

Another festive Christmas Tea was held at the home of Mrs. Clara Capehart Baker. Daughters, granddaughters, nieces and grandnieces were invited to participate. Our Annual Meeting was on May 1, 2008. Professor Adam Goodheart, Director of the C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College, spoke to us about our exciting new scholarship.

**Chapter II - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Chartered in 1895

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President .....Lynne S. Klein  
First Vice-President .....Eleanor T. Penniman  
Second Vice-President..... Sarah C. Lang  
Treasurer..... Jane M. Eppley  
Recording Secretary ..... Anna K. Iredale  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Anne B. Pratt  
Registrar .....Lynne S. Klein

We have embarked on exciting collaborations to make Lemon Hill more accessible to the community. We have partnered with Laurel Hill, Mt. Pleasant, Strawberry, and Woodford on a “Passport to History” tour giving free admission to the five houses. We want to encourage parents to bring their children to each house and thereby come to appreciate the history each has to offer. These “passports” were given out at the Community Fun Day at Mander Playground set up by the East Fairmount Park Alliance. The five houses had a table at which the children could make a whirligig which to take home and a paper quilt square. The squares were put together and then displayed in the recreation building. The East Fairmount Park Alliance is made up of many organizations which operate in and around East Park. The goal of the alliance is to make the community aware of the treasures they have around them and to take full advantage of what they have to offer. The health statistics for the area are amongst the poorest in the city. It is the hope that by getting the residents to use the park trails and other recreational facilities their health will improve. The alliance runs environmental programs, and also has groups who run a cycle and equestrian program. Further, the Colonial Dames will provide a bus to the after school program for the children to come for a tour.

Because of these outreach efforts, combined with our school tours, we have been awarded a \$7,000 grant from the Philadelphia Cultural Fund. This will help us to continue to support these endeavors.

The upstairs oval room has now been reinstalled as a women’s and children’s room. This is more in keeping with how the room would have been used. The Philadelphia Museum of Art took out several pieces they considered to be inferior. The fainting sofas were moved from the main floor oval to make way for our new Philadelphia fancy-back chairs and placed in the upstairs oval where the ladies would have reclined on them. We are now in the process of recovering the

fainting sofas in a luxurious gold fabric. The collection committee with Joan Hopkins, as chairperson, has worked tirelessly to accomplish these changes. Joan has also been working hard on writing the “collections history.”

The Friends of Lemon Hill are having larger wrought-iron pedestrian gates installed. This will create a more inviting appearance, welcoming our visitors in. They are also having areas on the porch repaired as well as applying a new product to protect the porch flooring. An extensive project they will be undertaking is resolving the drainage issue. The house shutters were repaired, repainted, and rehung with age-appropriate brackets. Further, our caretakers have repainted the porch railings. All this work has greatly enhanced the appearance of Lemon Hill.

In the fall, we were honored, out of the countless venues from which they had to choose, by a visit from the Friends of Fairfax House from Castlegate, York, England. We enjoyed a lovely lunch out on the veranda overlooking the Schuylkill River through the autumn foliage. The guests were extremely interesting to speak with because we share common dilemmas of keeping up a historic house. Amongst our guests was a sculptor to Prince Charles, who told us stories of the Prince popping in to have a spot of tea with him.

Two other guest speakers came to visit us. Robert Amadeus Johnson traveled from St. Croix to present a lecture on Philadelphia and the island trading routes. Sandy Lloyd presented a lecture on “making history come alive” by linking collection objects to the time period and place of the occupants, that doing this we present a more complete picture.

### **Chapter III - Washington, DC**

Chartered in 1898

#### **OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President ..... Barbara H. Carpenter  
First Vice-President ..... Mareen D. Hughes  
Second Vice-President..... Mary W. Pfeifer  
Treasurer..... Kathleen P. Titus  
Recording Secretary ..... Suzanne T. Richards  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Jane C. McSwain  
Registrar ..... Robin W. Dougherty

With Chapter III has 95 members, 14 courtesy members, 2 members emerita, 2 life members, and 1 honorary member.

Chapter III has had a wonderfully productive year. In addition to interesting tours of Marjorie Merriweather Post’s Hillwood Museum and Gardens and the Department of State Diplomatic Reception Rooms, our highly successful benefit, and our most fun annual Holiday Party, Chapter III made significant contributions in the area of historic preservation.

Our Society of American Archivist scholarship awardee took part in the intensive two-week course here in Washington this winter, and funds are already in place for the next student this June. Based on handsome interest income from our scholarship account, we increased the amount of our scholarship award to a student of Architectural History at the University of Virginia, an amount now equivalent to 20% of the annual tuition. That award will be given in the fall semester.

Also in the area of historic preservation, we gave generously to two projects. We contributed funds toward a bust of Meriwether Lewis, commissioned by the Locust Hill Graveyard Association, to be placed in the old hall of the House of Delegates in the Capitol building in Richmond, Virginia. We also contributed to James Madison’s Montpelier’s newly established Center of the Constitution.

Our Abner Cloud House along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, our own bicentennial historic preservation project, has also been a focus of attention this year. The biennial benefit was wildly successful, raising enough funds to supplement the interest income from our investment accounts to cover operating expenses for two full years. In addition our docent program has started again, so we are sharing our little gem and its history with curious visitors. The program had been on hiatus while the house was repainted during Christine Emery’s term and while the Park Service interpretive displays were installed. Since we have started giving tours, several hundred visitors have enjoyed the house on first Sundays of the month.

**CHAPTER IV - Paris, France**

Chartered in 1901

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

- President .....Mary L. d’Angelejan-Chatillon
- First Vice-President ..... Evelyne S. Cheuvreux
- Second Vice-President.....Stephanie P. de La Rochefoucauld
- Third Vice-President.....Mary P. de Cvetkovacz
- Treasurer.....Susan F. Train
- Recording Secretary .....Susan F. Train
- Corresponding Secretary .....Susan F. Train
- Registrar .....Evelyne S. Cheuvreux

Chapter IV-Paris continues to support the Franco-American museum, Chateau de Blerancourt. The gardens of Blerancourt are known for their beauty, and the arboretum on the south side of the chateau is the gift of the Colonial Dames of America, Chapter IV.

**Chapter V - San Francisco, California,**

Chartered in 1902

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President .....Rebecca S. Viebrock  
First Vice-President .....Kathleen M. Martinelli  
Treasurer.....Carol W. Kleyensteuber  
Recording Secretary ..... Barbara C. McNew  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Barbara C. McNew  
Registrar .....Jo H. Marcus

Chapter V, with members from the greater San Francisco Bay area, held luncheon meetings at the Oakland Bellevue Club the first Fridays of October, December, February, and April, as well as a field trip mid-June.

Programs included a tour back in time to the beginning of California's American history, held at the Los Altos Historical Museum; a power point presentation of research available in and through the California Genealogical Society; a Christmas vocal program by this president of familiar and sometimes humorous holiday songs; an informative explanation of our scholarship program by the chairman and chapter treasurer; and stories of on colonial life as revealed through use of womens' hand-held fans, displayed by the collector, including some valuable antique fans.

Chapter V's Scholarship Fund contributed \$1,500 to a scholar recipient, currently a senior at the University of Southern California; and financially contributed to the support of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden and Historic Jamestown Preservation.

A priority of Chapter V has been, and continues to be, to increase membership from 29 active, 1 courtesy and 2 emeritae, for a total of 32. We gained 1 new member, have final papers for 2 in New York, and have approved 4 prospectives. The chapter had 1 resignation, and two deaths in September 2007, one member being 103 years old.

It continues to be a pleasure and honor to serve as president of this wonderful group of women.

**Chapter VI - Shreveport, Louisiana**

Chartered in 1910

OFFICERS 2007-2008

President..... Evelyn C. Taylor  
First Vice-President..... Josephine G. Carmody  
Treasurer..... Georgia F. Hodgson  
Recording Secretary..... Norma M. Hardy  
Corresponding Secretary..... Norma M. Hardy  
Registrar..... Martha H. Thompson

The first meeting of Chapter VI for the 2007 – 2008 season was held at the Cambridge Club in Shreveport. After a delicious Dutch treat luncheon, the members enjoyed a program by Mrs. Georgia Hodgson on the Liberty Bell. The new Liberty Forever Stamp was given as a favor. A short business meeting followed. In December, the chapter members were guests of past president Martha Johnson, for a lovely luncheon celebrating the Christmas season and our friendship.

Our next meeting will be a spring luncheon at the Cambridge Club. We will elect new officers at that time. All financial obligations have been met. Our chapter will present an award for the outstanding American History student at Centenary College in May.

Our members felt a deep loss in November, 2007, with the passing of beloved and valuable member, Jessica Harris Goodwin.

**Chapter VII - Nashville, Tennessee**

Chartered in 1926

OFFICERS 2007-2008

President..... Elizabeth A. Campbell  
First Vice-President..... Danya K. Downey  
Second Vice-President..... Nancy D. Hansard  
Third Vice-President..... Nancy S. Davis  
Treasurer..... Joan L. Cherry  
Recording Secretary..... Susan B. Ritter  
Corresponding Secretary..... Betty B. Ferrelli  
Registrar..... Ruth M. Holman

The Chapter VII held the fall meeting September 21 at the Centennial Club. Virginia Watson, president of the Middle Tennessee Genealogical Society, spoke on seldom used genealogy resources.

Chapter work on the Acklen family papers at Belmont Mansion continues with the arrival of the last group of family papers, comprised mostly of letters. We have

donated \$250 for an additional storage cabinet. These papers cover from 1890 to 1960. Jeanette Acklen was a founding member of Chapter VII.

On March 6 our East Tennessee vice president hosted a luncheon for area members, chapter officers, and five prospective members. Nicole Crockett, our \$2000 scholarship recipient, spoke about some early American women's writings she is researching for her dissertation.

Our May meeting will be at Carnton Plantation. Following lunch, Robert Hicks, best-selling author of "Widow of the South," will conduct a tour of the home and grounds for members and guests.

### **Chapter VIII – Houston, Texas**

Chartered in 1928

#### **OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President .....	Page T. Steele
First Vice-President .....	Jo Lee P. Haddock
Second Vice-President.....	Dorothy P. Graham
Treasurer.....	Mary Ann S. Ford
Recording Secretary .....	Margaret H. Hudson
Corresponding Secretary .....	Dianne S. Anderson
Registrar .....	Jane C. Gordon

Colonial Dames of America Chapter VIII holds three annual luncheon conferences; the Spring Conference, Fall Conference and Annual Conference. In addition to our business meetings we are entertained by an interesting speaker at each conference.

My second term as president of Chapter VIII began with 40 ladies attending our Spring Conference. We met at The Briar Club, where I conducted an exceptionally full business meeting.

Nominees for incoming 2nd vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary and registrar were announced, voted on and approved by voice vote. They will be installed at our Fall Conference.

I was happy to report that we received word that the many cards and 30 small stuffed animals our chapter sent to our servicemen had been received and were greatly appreciated. With proceeds from our raffles we are more than amply supporting our Chapter Project.

Scholarship Chairman Ann Ford announced that Chapter VIII awarded six scholarships to deserving recipients to help support their college education.

A report was given on the Colonial Dames Ceremony held May 12, 2007 in Jamestowne, Virginia, by Victoria Loeb and Iris Eaton. Gina Bouchard, CDA member and governor of First Texas Company, Jamestowne Society, gave a report

on the 400th Anniversary Celebration at Jamestowne. Many members of CDA Chapter VIII attended and were thrilled to be part of such a grand occasion.

After the Jamestowne celebration, chapter chaplain Nedaye Potts and I traveled to Northern Virginia to visit my relatives and I gave the chapter members a quick glance at our extended trip. The State of Virginia is very special to all of us who made the trip as it took us back in time in the beautiful “land of our forefathers.”

Our Registrar Iris Eaton announced that the final charts of 5 perspective members have been approved, and we were equally thrilled to welcome 2 lovely transfers into Chapter VIII.

At this time we have 13 candidates working on blue slips, 7 working on worksheets and 2 working on final charts. Chapter VIII is growing by leaps and bounds.

After a delicious lunch, Beverly Hammett entertained us with a wonderful presentation on “George Washington, America’s First Superstar.” Beverly is Chairman of the Speaker’s Bureau for Bayou Bend and is a much sought-after speaker. We enjoy her immensely.

After several announcements, another successful raffle was held and the meeting was adjourned.

Our Fall Conference was held at The Houston Racquet Club. In keeping with the season, fall greenery and a multitude of pumpkins decorated the tables for the occasion. We were once again entertained by Beverly Hammett with her interesting talk on “Temperate Hilarity and Sober Joy.”

After lunch we began our Business Meeting, opening with a request from our Scholarship Chairman, encouraging us to write letters of recommendation for worthy students to receive the scholarships we will present for the fall semester of 2008.

The Board-approved Nominating Committee, chosen to present a slate of officers for membership approval and election at the Annual Conference on February 1, 2008, was announced. Their slate will replace the chapter president, first vice president, treasurer, chaplain, historian, chapter advisor and parliamentarian.

**Chapter IX – Lexington, Kentucky**

Chartered in 1929

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President ..... Sharon L. Clouse  
First Vice-President .....Dorothea C. Thompson  
Second Vice-President.....Dorothy S. Reeves  
Treasurer.....Jean E. Ayulo  
Recording Secretary ..... Nancy H. Lutz

Corresponding Secretary ..... Willie Jean R. Moore  
Registrar ..... Alberta B. Baker

Meetings of Chapter IX, Lexington, Kentucky, are held the second Thursday of June and October at historic Spindletop Hall, the Faculty Club of the University of Kentucky.

Members elected new officers for the 2007-2010 administration at the June 14, 2007, meeting. Following the business meeting and installation of new officers, Lisa Carter, archivist for University of Kentucky's Margaret I. King Library Rare Book department, presented a program on UK's Archives, Oral History, Digital, and Special Collections Library projects. She reported specifically on the use of the money donated by Chapter IX, which is being spent for a graduate student to identify and catalogue holdings in the valuable "hidden" library collections, with the goal of digitizing and making this available via the Internet. In this manner, the library is both preserving and exposing important Kentucky history, making it widely available.

The October 11, 2007, meeting featured speaker Mr. Warren Greer, program coordinator of the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. This was an exciting opportunity for Chapter IX members to learn in advance the details of the many Lincoln Bicentennial events planned for Kentucky, birthplace of Abraham Lincoln.

Chapter IX continued its established support of two important educational and historic preservation projects in Kentucky with two generous grants: (1) \$1,000 contribution to the McDowell House National Historic Landmark, Danville, Kentucky, [www.mcdowellhouse.com](http://www.mcdowellhouse.com), and (2) \$1000 contribution to the Margaret I. King Library Rare Book department, University of Kentucky, Lexington, for a graduate student to assist in archival restoration of records.

Membership growth, activity, and retention was identified by the Chapter Board as a priority of the new administration. The Board is currently developing a written "Chapter IX Guide to Proposing New Members," and constructing strategies to actively involve both members who can and those who cannot attend meetings in the chapter.

Chapter IX has 56 active members, 1 life member, and 1 courtesymember, with applications pending.

### **Chapter X - Rome, Italy**

Chartered in 1930

OFFICERS 2007-2008

President ..... Sharrilyn Whiting DeMasi  
First Vice-President ..... Flavia O. Accolti-Gil  
Second Vice-President..... Sheila C. Danielli

Registrar .....Sharrilyn Whiting DeMasi

Since receiving the shared President's Award For Excellence in 2007 for our project to memorialize the Americans buried in the Non-Protestant Cemetery in Rome, the Rome chapter has moved forward in a slightly different manner than originally envisioned. We have discovered that there are about 1,000 Americans buried in the cemetery, which has turned our modest brochure into a much bigger project. It is our good fortune to have Chris Huemer, recently retired Drue Heinz librarian at the American Academy in Rome and a board member of the cemetery, working with us to collaborate on what we hope will turn into a real book. We are delighted that Chris may also be a prospective member of CDA, as she is descended from an early Dutch family in New York.

We have spent the last year refining our approach to the project and developing a structured way to organize the information. The funds from the President's Award will be used towards the compilation of a database and we will be seeking grants from additional sources to assist us in the costs of publication. We are also thinking of accepting donations for sponsorship of individual book pages. I am attaching information about several of those buried in the cemetery.

Rome, Chapter X, is pleased to have added several prospective members to our chapter, along with one new member. Our new members are excited about our project and are exceptionally well qualified to bring it to fruition.

### **Chapter XI - London, England**

Chartered in 1930

OFFICERS 2007-2008

President.....Ellen M. Davidson  
First Vice-President .....Nancy D. Gough  
Treasurer ..... Barbara S. Carse  
Recording Secretary.....Margaret B. Hallam  
Corresponding Secretary..... Margaret B. Hallam  
Registrar .....Nancy D. Gough

Chapter XI meets twice a year and the Annual Meeting was held on October 24, 2007 at Caraffini, an Italian restaurant on Lower Sloane Street, London. Elections were held and we were delighted to meet some young enthusiastic prospective members. Two charming ladies joined our chapter last year and we hope to build on that success this year. Four of our current or former members attended the Annual meeting in New York in 2007 and three of the ladies will be attending the annual meeting this year. The spring meeting will be held at the end of May at Wild Honey in Mayfair. Chapter XI has 19 members, 4 emeritus and 4 courtesy and 5 prospective members.

**Chapter XII - St. Louis, Missouri**

Chartered in 1938

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President ..... Betty Lou W. McAtee  
First Vice-President ..... Mary E. Boyd  
Treasurer..... Iola N. Smith  
Recording Secretary ..... Janice R. Stevens  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Florence C. Pickard  
Registrar ..... Margaret L. Carr

Chapter XII, Saint Louis, meets twice a year on or near May 15 and October 15. We continue to meet near the site of the 1904 World's Fair. It is a tradition that punch is served prior to our luncheon, which is prepared by a genuine (not faux) French Chef on the staff.

Membership stands at 40 active members and 3 emerita. We had one death: Helen Suda Lohman (Mrs. John Frederich) on July 27, 2007. Her chapter number was 233. Three members transferred: Dell Cunningham, Betty McAtee, and Jane Smith.

**Chapter XIII – Kansas City, Missouri**

Chartered in 1949

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President ..... Rose H. Liestman  
First Vice-President ..... Mary G. Downey  
Treasurer..... Mary S. Mize  
Recording Secretary ..... Marjorie B. Willsey  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Nina G. Kanaga  
Registrar ..... Jeanne B. Bunn

Chapter XIII has 45 members, 3 of these are Emeritae. We enjoyed two marvelous programs this past year. The first was by Mrs. Elizabeth Ergovich, curator of the Harris- Kearney House, in the historic Westport area of Kansas City, who is very knowledgeable about Civil War battles fought in our area. She told interesting details of some of the battles and the men's lives, which I had never heard before—even though I am a native Kansas City, Missourian. Next, we thoroughly enjoyed our ever-so-popular Christmas Party where each guest chooses a package from the "White Elephant" gift table. All gifts are elegantly wrapped and disguised, of course. No one ever wants to miss this fun-filled event! One member even came back from Hawaii –just to attend.

We continue to meet at Indian Hills Country Club through the generosity of Mrs. Jody Kleweno who plans our wonderful menus for us; we appreciate her many kindnesses. As president, and since it was Christmas time, I had the prerogative to ask my friend and member, Iris Mendell Miller, to do a second presentation to me of the beautiful heavy necklace which her husband, Melvin Peter Miller, had

presented to me at their German Dance Club's "Fasching" in November, 2007. I wanted everyone to hear the interesting history of the event held in the huge ballroom in Kansas City, the presentation, and the genealogical significance of the beautiful medal, personally designed by this very special couple. They were crowned at the Ball as "Prince Melvin Peter I and Princess Iris Mendell I." They reign supreme until November 2008! Iris Mendell Miller presented me with a medal that honors the ancestry of her and her husband's roots from many countries. Iris is a "Mayflower" and "Fortune" descendant. The medal hangs from a red ribbon edged in gold and symbolizes their families' immigration westward, even extending to include their grandchildren with gold stars. Iris presented this special medal to me for helping in a small way with preparation of some of her genealogical papers. I'll always be grateful to her for her enduring friendship and I wear it proudly! After all—most of us Dames share some good German blood.

In March we were privileged to hear MSG. (Ret) Robyn K. Fees, U. S. Army, who had returned just last summer from her tour of duty in Afghanistan, where she was in constant danger from bombing and barrage by enemy forces. We were honored to meet her and hear of her valiant efforts in teaching the impoverished Afghans. She is a true heroine of our time. Robyn had worked closely with the native Afghans teaching sanitation and especially the importance of drinking water only upstream from waste. She also taught more healthy living conditions in the sod huts-- in addition to her military duties. She lost her best friend there, another young woman with whom she had trained, who was killed by a roadside bomb. At the end of MSG Fees' tour of duty, the tribal elders, all men, of course, walked miles down through the mountains to thank her for her efforts on their behalf, for her help, and her suggestions to improve their living conditions. They also asked for a group picture taken with her—a highly unusual honor for a mere woman!

In July, we plan to have another purely social gathering of our members at Tatsu's Restaurant in Overland Park, Kansas. We have one prospective member who may be invited to join us. Next March, a new slate of officers will be installed. After serving for six years as president, this officer will be most happy to turn the reigns over to a new presiding officer, but-- It has been a rewarding experience and an honor to serve these delightful ladies.

**Chapter XIV - Chicago, Illinois**

Chartered in 1952

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President.....Clara G. Hoepfner  
 First Vice-President ..... June C. Chapek  
 Second Vice-President..... Patricia C. Stahler  
 Treasurer .....Elaine B. Harwood  
 Recording Secretary.....Sandra O. Polito  
 Corresponding Secretary.....Mary V. Gustafson  
 Registrar.....Jayne H. Cates

In May, we had our Annual Benefit Salad Luncheon at the home of our new president, Maurine Hoepfner. Program Chairman June Chapek told us about her ancestors that helped settle Jamestown.

September 19, we had a tour of the Mansion at Naper Settlement in Naperville followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

December 10 found us at the Chicago Botanical Gardens in Glencoe where we viewed a miniature village, all done to scale, of downtown Chicago. It was all made out of natural materials and decorated for Christmas.

March 12 found us at the Union League Club in Chicago, which is one of our favorite destinations. We enjoyed a talk on past First Ladies.

June 18 we will be having our annual meeting at a member's home. We have 2 new members and 4 prospective members working on their papers.

### **Chapter XV - Jackson, Mississippi**

Chartered in 1954

#### **OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President.....Roberta A. Fortenberry  
First Vice-President ..... Mary Kay P. Hudson  
Treasurer .....Betty A. Brown  
Recording Secretary.....Betty S. Bradley  
Corresponding Secretary.....Eliza A. Simmons  
Registrar ..... Rebecca M. Brannan

Chapter XV meets twice yearly, the third Thursday of April and October, with 48 regular members , 8 members emerita and 2 resignations. We contribute to the American Museum in Britain through the Halcyon Foundation and to the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Gardens.

The October meeting was at Jackson's River Hills Country Club. Clinton Bagley, registered speaker with the Mississippi Humanities Council, gave the program, "Talking Tours Along the Mississippi."

Two proposals were passed:

- \$1,500 from Mary Flowers Hendrix Nursing Scholarship Fund to be donated to Mississippi College School of Nursing, and
- Pursue landmark status for the Municipal Art Gallery, one of the few buildings in Jackson not burned during the Civil War, in order to secure an 80/20 grant. Member Mary Belk Douglas contributed \$1,200 in our name toward the Gallery.

In April, Henry Hudson, husband of Kay, incoming President, will speak on Colonial portal history.

New officers will be installed as terms have been reduced to two years. The "new" River Hills will be the site of the ceremony.

**Chapter XVI - Des Moines, Iowa**

Chartered in 1955

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

- President..... Roberta S. Parks
- First Vice-President ..... Myrtle L. Van Dyke
- Second Vice-President..... Avo T. Davidson
- Treasurer ..... Nancy H. Ragsdale
- Recording Secretary..... Beverly B. Lindsey
- Corresponding Secretary..... Beverly B. Lindsey
- Registrar ..... Raygena K. Garringer

Iowa Chapter XVI meets in Des Moines, Iowa. We meet two times a year, in the Spring in May and our Annual Meeting in October. We have 21 members in our chapter, and 2 daughter dames. I am sorry to report that we lost one of our members, Maurine Coe (Mrs. Floyd).

One of our programs was given by member Myrtle Van Dyke on the Great Migration Books. She brought the eight volumes of the series and gave us all a chance to check them for our ancestors. The program was very interesting.

Our Registrar Raygena Garringer has worked hard on prospective members' application papers. We have several prospective members' application papers in various stages of completion. We are proud of her hard work.

The Book Committee passes on reports from the Parent Chapter Book Award Committee. The names of the books and reports are passed on to members and discussed.

We continue to keep working on our increasing membership.

**CHAPTER XVII - Palm Beach, Florida**

Chartered in 1964

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

- President..... Brantley B. Knowles
- First Vice-President ..... Mary P. Yarnall
- Second Vice-President..... Phyllis H. Dennis
- Treasurer ..... Cynthia D. Hoyt
- Recording Secretary..... Laura A. Johnston
- Corresponding Secretary..... Bradley T. Van Hoek
- Registrar ..... Phyllis H. Dennis

CDA Chapter XVII has had a busy and successful year. Three meetings were held, with the following speakers:

- Peter Knollenberg – “Exploration of 18th-Century Shipwrecks”
- Audrey Svensson and Brantley Knowles – “Jamestown and Plymouth: Historic Parallels”
- Jethro Hurt – “Religion in Colonial America”

The following special events were held:

- The Annual Gala at the Everglades Club was held by CDA Chapter XVII and the Florida Society of Colonial Wars. President General Svensson and many Parent Chapter officers and members attended.
- The Annual Bridge Scholarship/Education Luncheon was held in march at the home of chapter member Mrs. William G. Pannill. Many chapter members underwrote the cost of the luncheon, which generates funds for chapter outreach.

The Education Committee sponsored a field trip to visit a school in a disadvantaged area of Florida. Books and supplies were confirmed by chapter members.

**Chapter XVIII - Springfield, Ohio**

Chartered in 1980

OFFICERS 2007-2008

President .....Jeanne H. Lampe-Ray  
 First Vice-President ..... Mary S. Miller  
 Second Vice-President.....Anne C. Wagner  
 Treasurer..... Sara G. Winwood  
 Recording Secretary ..... Mary S. Miller  
 Corresponding Secretary .....Cynthia H. Valente  
 Registrar ..... Mary S. Miller

Chapter XVIII met at the Springfield Country Club in May, September, and December of 2007 and March of 2008.

We number 28 members with 2 prospective members awaiting final approval and notification from the Registrar General in New York

A contribution was made to the Parent Chapter in the amount of \$350 and \$50 was donated to the One Room School House, as well as \$250 to the Hertzler House.

During the year, a program was presented on the history of lighthouses in America. At the other meetings, we spent time getting to know each other again.

**Chapter XIX – Florida Everglades**

Chartered in 1982

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President .....	Marsha L. Love
First Vice-President .....	Diane H. Hopkins
Second Vice-President.....	Joanne S. Moore
Treasurer.....	Janie B. Brown
Recording Secretary .....	Fleeta W. Peacock
Corresponding Secretary .....	Marilyn J. Giancola
Registrar .....	Imogene H. Lane

Chapter XIX has had a productive and satisfying year. In November, members met at the Island Country Club on Marco Island where, seated around a flower-bedecked table, they listened to local historian Betsy Perdichizzi regale them with stories of early days on Marco.

February found the chapter entertaining President General Audrey Svensson at both a dinner in her honor and at a luncheon meeting the next day. The formal dinner was held at the Riverside Hotel on famed Las Olas Boulevard, where members and their husbands dined at a table featuring eggplant candles and avocado place cards. The luncheon meeting took place at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. Tables double-skirted in black and khaki featured large gold wooden elephants, while seven-foot giraffes greeted guests on either side of the main entryway. In addition to enjoying President Svensson's update on the CDA organization, members also listened to a fascinating discussion by the CEO of Women in Distress, a shelter for abused women, which is Chapter XIX's East Coast project.

May will bring the annual meeting of the chapter, which will be at the very English Chesterfield Hotel, an historic landmark in Palm Beach. Dr. Michael Ridgdill, president and founder of American Friends of British Art, will speak in the Library Room, where members will sit at tables skirted in beige and hunter green adorned with antiquarian books and bookend centerpieces.

Chapter XIX currently supports two projects – Women in Distress on the East Coast and the donation of genealogical books to area libraries in the Panhandle. Several choices are now under consideration to be selected as the new West Coast project. In addition, the chapter gives a scholarship to an Edison Community College student each year and also makes donations to the Mt. Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden and the CDA Scholarship Fund in New York.

Two new members have been added to the roll this year, and three others are working on their papers. The future for Chapter XIX continues to be full of promise for many exciting ventures.

**Chapter XX - Los Angeles, California**

Chartered in 1982

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President .....	Dorothy F. Peterson
First Vice-President .....	Constance R. Fisher
Treasurer.....	Diana C. Robertson
Recording Secretary .....	Lucille T. Hobart
Corresponding Secretary .....	Radine Hoag
Registrar .....	Judith L. Cardinal

Chapter XX held four luncheon meetings on the first Friday of October, December, February, and May at the Women's City Club in Pasadena, CA. Members come by car and train from as far as San Diego and Santa Barbara. Our present membership is 47, 2 prospective members and 1 member emerita. We lost two members by death this year. One of the members passed away three days after having been approved for membership. Memorial contributions to the Scholarship Fund have been made for these members.

Mrs. Connie Fisher, program chairman, has arranged interesting and outstanding programs for us. The members especially enjoyed the December meeting held in the dining room adjacent to the Club's living room, complete with a fire in the fireplace and a beautiful Christmas tree in the living room. A delicious lunch was served by the club and the speaker was outstanding. It was a perfect beginning to the holiday season.

The Book Award Chairman reports on the recommended reading at each meeting. Chapter XX contributed to the Scholarship Fund and the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum. We look forward to another successful and interesting year.

**Chapter XXI - Dallas, Texas**

Chartered in 1982

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President .....	Barbara R. Baylis
First Vice-President .....	Nancy B. Morian
Treasurer.....	Laurie G. Wharton
Recording Secretary .....	Karen M. McClendon
Registrar .....	Barbara H. Stacy

On May 16, 2007, our Chapter celebrated our 25th anniversary with high tea at the Degolyer Estate, located on the grounds of the Dallas Arboretum. Spring flowers in abundance framing White Rock Lake, with the skyline of the city of Dallas in the distance, made a perfect setting for our special day. Helen Brooks, a past president, prepared wonderful commemorative booklets for each member. Sally Hewell, an organizing member, graciously donated the printing of the booklets. Chili Sanders, Shirley Hawn, and Helen Brooks spent many hours working on the history of our chapter. Chili Sanders presented this history as our program. Reliving the past twenty-five years was an enjoyment for everyone.

The Governor of Texas proclaimed our chapter founder and first president Martha Williams to be an "Outstanding Woman of Texas" by sending a special certificate in her honor. It was presented at our meeting. Two dozen yellow roses were given to Martha from the chapter for her years of loyal service and friendship. Each member found lovely favors prepared by Martha at their tables. Everyone received semi-precious stones in lovely alabaster boxes. Martha called them "jewels for her jewels."

Some of the active members holding longest tenure of membership in our chapter served on the 25th Anniversary Committee. Martha Williams served as chairman, along with Reggie Austin, Helen Brooks, Suzanne Deppe, Ruth Hoff, Chili Sanders, and Sally Hewell. All these ladies worked very hard on the celebration. Their efforts were appreciated. From start to finish, it was a great way to celebrate our first twenty-five years!

Two additional meetings followed. In October, the program covered "Arcanum," the search for a secret process to make gold. This eventually led to making fine porcelain, including Meissen and Dresden china. In February, Lt. Colonel Eric Holmes, West Point graduate and author of "IRAQ: Providing Hope," shared his experience of the positive progress achieved by our forces in Iraq.

As our project, we sponsored Dr. William Covington, an educator and reenactor at an inner-city school assembly. The program was given in costume and covered Colonial military life. It was well received by students and faculty. The principal said it was one of the most outstanding presentations brought to the school during his years of service. We are pleased to spend our energy, time, and money on the education of the next generation. We think this project also follows the objectives of our National Society By-Laws in Article 1-5, "To diffuse scholarly information and create popular interest in American History."

Chapter contributions were made to both the Scholarship Fund and the Museum Fund of our Parent Chapter. Donations were made to our local genealogical section of the Dallas Public Library. This section is one of the top eight genealogical collections in the country. The director, Lloyd Bockstruck, has been very cooperative in helping chapter members with papers. He is also a popular national speaker and always willing to present a program to our chapter. Individual members contributed to Jamestown on the 400th Anniversary. A sea of the beautiful CDA scarves can always be seen across the room at our meetings.

At present, we have a membership of seventy. We began a quarterly newsletter for the chapter two years ago. Many nice comments continue to be received on the newsletter as a great communication tool. We find it also helps members who cannot attend meetings as it gives them a tool to keep up on the latest news of the chapter.

As we look back with pride on the many wonderful accomplishments of Chapter XXI during the past twenty-five years, we also look forward to the future. We know there will be members to carry our chapter forward to many more outstanding accomplishments.

**Chapter XXII – Michigan**

Chartered in 1984

OFFICERS 2007-2008

- President..... Catherine M. Pouls
- First Vice-President ..... Elnora B. Mayfield
- Second Vice-President..... Carolyn S. Stubbs
- Treasurer..... Mary E. Baker
- Recording Secretary ..... Mary Ellen L. Vangoff
- Corresponding Secretary ..... Carolee O. Chrisman
- Registrar ..... Barbara B. Greene

Chapter XXII – Michigan met three times this past year for business meetings with officer and committee chairmen reports, followed by a program and luncheon. The July meeting was held in Farmington Hills. Our program was given by Cathy Cwick, nicknamed the Colonial Queen, of Greenfield Village. Cathy and her associate, Susan McDonald, spoke about “Domestic Activities in Family Homes in the 17th & 18th Centuries.”

Our October meeting was held in Frankenmuth. The program was given by Erick Perkins of the Michigan Historical Museum who spoke on “The Legion: Michigan’s First American Soldiers.”

The Annual Meeting, in March, was held in Auburn Hills. Our program was a silent auction run by chapter members, where members donated used genealogy books to be sold in the auction.

Our membership stands at 59 with 2 new members this past year.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Chapter XXII as president for the past year.

**Chapter XXIII - Virginia**

Chartered in 1986

OFFICERS 2007-2008

- President..... Lacey S. Hudgins
- First Vice-President ..... Nancy B. Reuter
- Second Vice-President..... Mary S. Plaster
- Treasurer ..... Elizabeth T. Courts
- Recording Secretary..... Ann H. Austin
- Corresponding Secretary..... Blair W. Lawrence
- Registrar ..... Walta M. Warren

Chapter XXIII was recognized at the 400th Anniversary weekend at Jamestown, May 11-13, 2007, for our involvement in the APVA Jamestowne Rediscovery

Project and the contribution to the Jamestowne Fort Site Model. This project will be completed soon and many of our members look forward to seeing this wonderful model. Again, we thank all CDA chapters and the Parent Chapter for their support in this endeavor.

Chapter XXIII will continue to support an archaeology graduate student who will work with Dr. William Kelso at the Jamestowne site during the summer. There is still much work to be done. It is hoped that all CDA members present at the 118th Annual Meeting will enjoy Dr. Kelso's talk.

The Annual Meeting for Chapter XXIII was held in June at Stratford. New officers were elected. In September, the members and guests met at the Hill School in Middleburg, Virginia, for a reception, talk, and slide show by Dr. William Kelso. It was most interesting to see slides of the latest findings at the Jamestown Fort. In November, the members were treated to a guided tour of the Library of Congress in Washington, DC.

On April 1, 2008, the members will go to Mount Vernon for a private tour of George Washington's home and gardens. Husbands and guests are invited to join the members on our trips, making for a delightful social and cultural outing.

**Chapter XXIV - Atlanta, Georgia**

Chartered in 1986

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President .....Ruth O. Reddick  
First Vice-President .....E. Lynn Brackey  
Second Vice-President.....Edith G. Miller  
Treasurer.....Marion S. Bunker  
Recording Secretary .....Marion S. Murray  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Velma D. Williams  
Registrar ..... Bonnie B. Dubberly

Chapter XXIV held three meetings during the past year, with informative programs which included Colonial Music, George Washington's Will, and a slide presentation by Mr. David Moore, director of Historic Oakland Cemetery. Mr. Moore's program was of particular interest, as participation in the restoration and historic preservation at Historic Oakland is an ongoing chapter project. A plot was selected, and the chapter donated \$3640 for the restoration of two monuments marking the graves of a young woman and her two-year-old daughter. A large statue was replaced on the monument base, and the head of a little angel was attached. The work, including repointing, repairs and cleaning, was done by a noted conservator, Gordon Ponsford, who has extensive experience in statuary conservation.

On March 14, 2008, the cemetery suffered extensive damage from a destructive tornado which struck Atlanta. The two restored statues remain intact, but another grave marker in the plot was damaged. The chapter donated \$600 for repairs and

will continue to contribute monetary donations and volunteer time to assist in returning this devastated site to its former state as a beautiful historic landmark.

**Chapter XXV - Phoenix, Arizona**

Chartered in 1990

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President .....Margaret H. Boyd  
First Vice-President ..... Dorothy B. Holsclaw  
Treasurer..... Laura I. Gladney-Boyd  
Recording Secretary .....Carol C. Wold  
Corresponding Secretary .....Carol C. Wold  
Registrar ..... Joan P. Roney

On December 1, 2007, the Christmas luncheon was held at the Valley Ho Hotel and Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. Following the luncheon and business meeting, the art of glass blowing was presented by a local young artist, Chris Kline. Chris showed a video and the tools he used to make the lovely holiday ornaments which were the centerpieces. The members were able to purchase handmade items and left with appreciation what goes into making decorative glass.

On March 29, 2008, the annual meeting, a Royal Tea, was held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona. Tea was served by Jeffrey, the master tea steward. Following a delicious array of foods, a short business meeting was held.

The new officers were elected and the outgoing president was presented with a corsage of spring flowers and an antique cookbook to add to her collection.

**CHAPTER XXVI – Austin, Texas**

Chartered in 1992

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President ..... Laura B. Wilson  
First Vice-President ..... Lorraine V. Donnell  
Treasurer.....Sue K. Porter  
Recording Secretary ..... Barbara B. Barrera  
Registrar ..... Janet S. Kres

Chapter XXVI now has two meetings a year, one in April and a Christmas meeting in December. In the last two years we have had three new members. Our April meeting this year focused on Jamestown in light of the 400 year anniversary. We continue to read the recommended books and enjoy discussing them at our meetings. Although our numbers are small our members do enjoy meetings. We also have regular mail-outs keeping members up to date on the happenings of the national organization. We continue to think of ways of increasing our membership.

**CHAPTER XXVII - San Antonio, Texas**

Chartered in 1993

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President .....Mary W. White  
First Vice-President .....Sharon C. Harrison  
Second Vice-President.....Sarah M. Jordan  
Treasurer.....Sarah M. Jordan  
Recording Secretary .....Rosemary D. Sanders  
Corresponding Secretary .....Alice E. Johnson  
Registrar .....Jennifer J. Mery

What a wonderful year! We are now meeting every two months, but for the summer, at the Bright Shawl (the Junior League Tea Room). We lost one of our dear long time members (who had seven ancestors in CDA); however, we are going to gain her relatives for members. Our Christmas party was beautiful and special this year as it was held in one of our member's homes and we had some new potential members. We continue to have interesting programs and look forward to the New Year.

**CHAPTER XXVIII – Melbourne, Florida**

Chartered in 1994

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President .....Glendolyn P. Walton  
First Vice-President .....Mary K. Cooper  
Second Vice-President..... Anne S. Schwanda  
Treasurer.....Nelle H. Mussler  
Recording Secretary .....Barbara A. Waggaman  
Corresponding Secretary .....Avagail P. Flowers  
Registrar .....Jo Brown Compton

This has been a good year for Chapter XXVIII. We have welcomed new members and we have had great programs.

We have three meetings a year, two at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club in Melbourne and because some of our members live south of us, we have one at the Vero Beach Country Club where our speaker was Mrs. Ada Coats Williams, Emerita who spoke about the AIS Indians. Another good program was by Governor Readie Cooper who presented pictures and told us about the anniversary of Jamestowne. We have had a speaker who told us about quilts, a most informative program.

It has been a warm, satisfying year and all of us are looking enthusiastically to our new year and the help that we can give our veterans.

**CHAPTER XXIX – North Carolina**

Chartered in 1999

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President .....	Sara M. Jones
First Vice-President .....	Marie Y. Thiele
Second Vice-President.....	Gloria R. Hendry
Treasurer.....	Jaqueline D. Johnson
Recording Secretary .....	Lee T. Shugrue
Corresponding Secretary .....	Lee T. Shugrue
Registrar .....	Elizabeth H. Hobbs

In North Carolina, Chapter XXIX holds semi-annual luncheon meetings on the last Saturday in April and September at Hope Valley Country Club in Durham. Chapter XXIX currently has 47 members, of whom 3 are daughter dames.

Our speaker at the September 2007 meeting was Mr. Tom Magnuson of Hillsborough, North Carolina, founder and CEO of The Trading Path Association (TPA), a non-profit organization committed to finding the old trade routes of England's first frontier, the "backcountry" of the southeast. In the early days of our nation, people lived mere feet away from the paths, trails, and roads so as to keep informed by passing traffic. Efforts now are being made by TPA to trace these routes and preserve them when possible as a part of our Colonial heritage.

Guests for our 26 April 2008 meeting were Dr. & Mrs. Alan Whanger of Durham, North Carolina, two of the world's top researchers on the Shroud of Turin. Mrs. Mary Whanger spoke on "The Historical Impact of the Shroud of Turin," emphasizing the art and coins produced through the centuries which are precisely based on the face depicted on the Shroud.

Chapter XXIX has contributed to North Carolina charities which include the State Library of North Carolina, Genealogy Services, the Leonideas LaFayette Polk House in Raleigh, and the Historic Halifax Restoration Association for the William R. Davie House in Halifax, in addition to the CDA Gardens and Grounds Committee in New York.

**CHAPTER XXX - Venice, Florida**

Chartered in 1999

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President ..... Mary Ellen Y. Lowe  
First Vice-President ..... Ann T. Dodderidge  
Second Vice-President..... Lauralee H. Clayton  
Treasurer.....Lois M. Hein  
Recording Secretary ..... Doris T. Johnson  
Corresponding Secretary .....Carolyn J. Van Helden  
Registrar .....Gioia C. Brock

The fall meeting of Chapter XXX was held October 25, 2007. Our registrar reported that we had one new member and two candidate's papers were being completed. Speaker for the day was SAR member Phillip Tarpley who was dressed in full Revolutionary regalia.

On February 7, 2008 President General , Audrey Svensson spoke to us about the workings of the Parent Chapter. She defined the term "legitimately descended" and stressed the need for new members.

Our final meeting was held March 27, 2008, with a presentation by author Dale Ludwig on the history of Useppa Island, Florida.

Our chapter continues to support the Venice Area Historical Society, with docents at the Historical Venice Train Depot and with circus coloring books. We recently donated seven books about the circus to the Venice Library children's section. Our past president, Virginia Chase, is continuing to format our educational CD about the circus in Venice.

**CHAPTER XXXI – South Carolina**

Chartered in 2006

**OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President .....Dyane D. Kellogg  
First Vice-President ..... Anna S. McCurry  
Second Vice-President..... Margaret B. Wolfe  
Treasurer..... Laurie C. Aldinger  
Recording Secretary ..... Barbara H. Holland  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Bonnie M. O'Lena  
Registrar .....Robin R. Towns

Chapter XXXI – South Carolina, was voted in as a new chapter by the Board of Managers of the Parent Chapter on October 20, 2005, chartered May 8, 2006, was

dedicated January 25, 2007, by the President General, Audrey Allerton Chapin Svensson, at historic Hopsewee Plantation, built circa 1740, birthplace of Thomas Lynch, Jr., signer of the Declaration of Independence. The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum, and the main building at Hopsewee, which was originally a rice plantation near Georgetown, SC, two important historic buildings, are the chapter's projects.

At the fall meeting held at the home of Sylvia Reddick in Conway, South Carolina, Sylvia introduced speaker Dr. Roy Talbert, Professor at Coastal Carolina University, whose subject was "Peter Horry, Revolutionary War Hero." Chapter XXXI first began in Horry County, named for General Peter Horry, and Conway, Sylvia's home, is the Horry County seat. Honorees of the Day were members Belle Miller Hood and Cookie Stogner, collateral descendants of Peter Horry.

The January 2008 luncheon was again held at historic Hopsewee Plantation. Honoree of the Day was Robin Towns, our hard-working registrar. Raejean Beattie, "The Lady of Hopsewee Plantation," conducted a tour of the 268-year-old plantation house, the birthplace of Thomas Lunch, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Raejean and her husband now live there.

At the spring meeting at the Forest Lake Club in Columbia, the South Carolina state capital, Honoree of the Day was Margaret Wolfe, Volunteer Extraordinaire. Frances Reeve Jeffcoat spoke on "Ann Pamela Cunningham," South Carolina Daughter, Member of the SC Hall of Fame.

#### **CHAPTER XXXII – Central Missouri**

Chartered in 2007

##### **OFFICERS 2007-2008**

President ..... Dorothy Baumgartner  
First Vice-President ..... Laurel C. Fuemmeler  
Second Vice-President..... Karen A. Miller  
Treasurer..... Sally N. Bueno  
Recording Secretary ..... Carrie S. Neville  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Alva S. Cunningham  
Registrar ..... Patricia L. Horton

In January of 07 this group asked for permission to start a chapter in Central Missouri. After the January Board Meeting we were asked to send a petition and in March the Board approved a petition with sixteen signatures, only one being a Colonial Dames member.

Our Organizational Meeting was held in The Club at Old Hawthorne in Columbia, Missouri. The social hour was at eleven, then lunch & our program was Ms. Jennifer Cole, who sang many old favorites.

On Nov 8 we had our meeting at Old Hawthorne, and were excited when Mr. Patrick Henry (aka Clint Winn) stopped by and gave his famous speech. When he

called out, "Give me Liberty or give me Death," a gasp went out through the audience!

Our by-laws have been approved; we gave a donation for the restoration of the Bronze visitor model of Jamestown.

As of March 15, 2008, we have 30 approved members, 3 courtesy members, and 3 papers pending in New York.

Our delegates for the 2008 Annual Meeting in New York are Dorothy Baumgartner, Karen Avery Miller, Nelta Cherry, Sally Bueno. Alternates are Dallie Howerton, Glenda Allen.

It has been a pleasure to be the organizing president of Chapter XXXII, Central Missouri.

**THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA**  
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2003-2006 Mrs. Gerald K. Geddes

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**2008-2009**

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Treasurer..... Kathleen P. Titus  
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President ..... Mary L. d'Anglejan-Chatillon  
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President ..... Rebecca S. Viebrock  
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 Treasurer..... Carol W. Kleyensteuber  
 Recording Secretary ..... Barbara C. McNew  
 Registrar ..... Jo M. Marcus

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President ..... Martha W. Johnson  
 First Vice-President ..... Josephine G. Carmody  
 Treasurer..... Georgia F. Hodgson  
 Recording Secretary ..... Mary H. Richard  
 Corresponding Secretary ..... Mary H. Richard  
 Registrar ..... Martha H. Thompson

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 Second Vice-President..... Kathryn S. Dixon  
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 Treasurer..... Joan L. Cherry  
 Recording Secretary ..... Susan B. Ritter  
 Corresponding Secretary ..... Betty B. Ferrelli  
 Registrar ..... Ruth M. Holman

**Chapter VIII - Houston, Texas**

President ..... JoLee P. Haddock  
 First Vice-President ..... Iris C. Eaton  
 Second Vice-President..... Elizabeth S. Arp  
 Treasurer..... Janie P. Price  
 Recording Secretary ..... Thais C. Gibbons  
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President ..... Sharon L. Clouse  
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 Second Vice-President..... Dorothy S. Reeves  
 Treasurer..... Jean E. Ayulo  
 Recording Secretary ..... Nancy H. Lutz  
 Corresponding Secretary ..... Willie Jean R. Moore  
 Registrar ..... Alberta B. Baker

**Chapter X – Rome, Italy**

President ..... Sharrilyn Whiting DeMasi  
 First Vice President..... Flavia O. Accolti-Gil

Second Vice-President..... Sheila C. Danielli  
Registrar .....Sharrilyn Whiting DeMasi

**Chapter XI - London, England**

President ..... Ellen M. Davidson  
First Vice-President.....Nancy D. Gough  
Treasurer.....Barbara S. Carse  
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