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119TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CDA

Saturday, May 2 - Monday, May 4, 2009

Leigh Harman, Acting Recording Secretary, reports:

The 119th Annual Meeting of the Colonial Dames of America began on Saturday, May 2, 2009. 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 3, 2008, meeting was formally waived. Following the roll call, chapter reports were read. Delegates from twelve chapters were represented.

CHAPTER II, Philadelphia, PA	
Lynn Klein	President
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CHAPTER XXXII, Central MO	
Nancy W. Davis	Delegate

On Saturday evening, the President's Award for Excellence Dinner at the "21" Club was highlighted by toasts to the winner of the twelfth annual award, Chapter XVII Palm Beach, FL for their project restoring Sea Gull Cottage. Special Citations were given to Chapter IV Paris for the Gardens at Blerancourt and Chapter VIII Houston, TX for the Museum of Southern History.

On Sunday afternoon, May 3, President General Audrey Svensson welcomed guests to the Museum's beautiful garden. The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum and its period rooms, as well as its Orientation Center which includes the model of the original carriage house, were open for viewing.

The 119th Annual Meeting of The Colonial Dames of America was called to order at 12:15p.m., Monday, May 4, 2009, at The Abigail Adams Smith Auditorium. President General Audrey Svensson presided over 88 members in attendance, including 24 members from chapters throughout the United States and abroad. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the In Memoriam list for 2008-2009 was read. A motion was made and approved to waive the reading of the minutes of the Monday, May 5, 2008, Annual Meeting. A motion was made to ratify the actions of the Board for the year.

Julia Ryan, chairman of the Book Award Committee, introduced the winners of the 2008 Book Award. Mrs. Ryan presented our Young Readers Award to *Who Was First*, by Russell Freedman, published by Clarion Books. A special citation was awarded to Virnell A. Bruce for her book, *Shells- A Cameo of Anne Morrow Lindbergh*. *Ladies of Liberty*, by Cokie Roberts, published by Harper Collins, won the 2008 Book Award.

The result of the election was approved. Audrey Svensson thanked Patricia Jones, chairman of the Nominating Committee. Inspectors of Election Barbara Carpenter and Mary Caroline Trent, announced that 568 proxy votes were counted, and approved the slate as presented by Mrs. Jones.

Elizabeth Bramwell 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 Mugeridge presented the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden report.

President General Audrey Svensson gave an informative report to the members.

A fond fairwell and appreciative applause was offered to outgoing President General, Audrey Allerton Svensson. The gavel was then passed to Nancy Shackelford. Jones and she was installed as the 37th President General of the Colonial Dames of America.

The 119th Annual Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2009.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT GENERAL

Monday, May 4, 2009

Audrey A. Svensson, President General, reports:

Past Presidents General, Members of the CDA and Guests

I am pleased to stand before you at the One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Meeting of The Colonial Dames of America.

One of the most important changes since we last met is the renovations of our Abigail Adams Smith Auditorium. You can see that everything is restored and new, starting from when you walked into the foyer, with its new flooring, paint and chandelier. As you continue on to our main hall, you can enjoy our seven large Palladian-faux (mirrored) windows, and updated lighting and sound system. Walk back into the kitchen and be sure to admire the state-of-the-art commercial dishwasher. It washes and dries in less than three minutes—a caterer's dream. Take the elevator up and see the new "wood" flooring throughout Headquarters. Then walk over to the Museum, climb the stairs to the third floor offices and see the new paint, a new wiring system (or rather you will not see the wires anymore) and the new floors. This is now a clean space for Director Rosalind Mugeridge and her wonderful Museum staff. We can thank Elizabeth Bramwell, Financial Chair, who found us Janko Rasic our architect, and oversaw every detail of the renovations. Janko is here today. Liz and Janko please stand and be recognized. Liz has also donated our new signs at the front of the building, designed by Lenor Robinson. Lenor, will you please stand.

We had a wonderful experience with Williams, the contractor, the electrician and even the plumber. It is not often one completes a project praising every technician involved. And we came in on time and within budget.

Phase two of our renovations will continue this summer. The Museum interior proper will be painted, as well as the complete front exposure of Headquarters.

This is our first major party for the Dames in the auditorium. Kathy Springhorn and the Hospitality Committee have chosen the linens, the china, the silver and the crystal, used today for the first time, but which will grace our tables for years to come. At times the purchases involved trips to New Jersey to shop at the last Fortunoff's left standing—at a great savings to the Dames. Kathy has also chosen our décor and our caterer for today.

In November, after 15 months of dust, noise, cranes and tumult, Weill-Cornell Medical School finished their new building wall to wall on the west side of Headquarters. It is beautiful, and they are good neighbors. Weill-Cornell continues to “buy-up” buildings in the area as the hospital continues to expand. This, along with the nearby luxury apartments being built, Bed, Bath, and Beyond's Flagship Store across the street, and even a Starbucks –is indicative of the area's upscale trend. All of this bodes well for the Dames and our Museum. It makes the area beautiful, and we see ever increasing numbers attending our Museum programs.

On April 16th, we had a retirement party for Deidre Bay. Over forty of Deidre's Dame friends (including three former PG's, the Present PG, and the PG Elect) and other past and present Museum Employees joined in celebrating the twenty-seven and one half years Deidre has been associated with the Colonial Dames. Deidre began working with the Dames in September 1981. Starting with Charlotte Miller, she has served eleven different Presidents' General. I feel privileged to have been included in this number.

A very exciting event this year is the completion of our Cookbook. Jane Stuart collected many of the recipes, and it was expanded, completed and edited by Kathy Springhorn. Much more than an ordinary cookbook, our cookbook contains a short history of our organization, details about our committees, and an original painting of our Museum created especially for us by Christine Rother. Christine, artist and good friend of the Dames, has donated all of this art to us in memory of her aunt, CDA Past President Elsie Trask. Chris is our guest today. Chris, please stand. On the cover of the Cookbook is a replica of the scarf designed by Marisol Deluna. We are indebted to Kathy for her dedication and expertise. Be sure to pick up your copies before you leave today.

We had many events on Parent Chapter's calendar this year. On June 2008, we held our Third Annual Midsummer Eve Party in the Museum Garden. Sponsored by the Dames and six other Heritage Societies, we enjoyed the “*Magic of Midsummer*” in a perfect evening. Again, proceeds went to support a graduate student at APVA Preservation Virginia, sent through our Education Committee, Shirley Dixon Miller, chair.

On September 18th we held “*Cocktails in the Garden*,” a fundraiser to benefit the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum and Garden. Rosalind Muggeridge, Amanda Wheeler, Deborah O'Neill, Lisa Delmonico, and many others of the Museum staff worked with the Hospitality Committee to make the evening a success even in this down economy. We had a record number of people for a fall fundraiser.

Our hard working and enthusiastic Caroline McLain, Membership Chair, held two Member Events this year. The first was on October 16th, and the second on March 19th. It is encouraging to see the enthusiasm among our potential members. I am happy to welcome several of you as new members today.

Beverley Sherrid, our Long Range Planning Chair, hosted the Annual Luncheon for Past and Present Board Members on November 3rd. Beverley led a lively program, which resulted in several good ideas for our future. Wearing another of her many hats as Chair of the Claims Committee, Beverley and her committee have researched and broadened our approved ancestor base.

On Sunday November 9th, 2008, we participated in the Annual Flag Day at St. Thomas Cathedral. Several of our Dames marched carrying the flags of our sister organizations. This is always a stirring service. Afterward we were invited to a reception in the church hall for those organizations that had contributed to the restoration of the World War II Memorial. Then we joined all of the participating Heritage societies at the G&B building. There I was presented with the 2008 Volunteer of the Year Award given by the New York Conference of Patriotic and Historical Societies. I was delighted and humbled by the honor.

December 8th was the date of our Christmas Party held in the Museum. Once again Hospitality Chair Kathy Springhorn and her committee put on a splendid Holiday Party.

I had the privilege of attending the Museum staff and volunteer party as a guest on December 18th. As well as being dedicated workers, they must be gourmet cooks. They certainly set a delicious holiday table.

Our Junior Committee, Abby Vietor, Chair, together with the Junior Committees of the Colonial Dames of the State of New York, and the Society of Colonial Wars, hosted an “*All That Jazz*” evening on April 3rd, dancing to the music of Ted Hefko’s New Orleans Jazz Band.

I have mentioned many times that one of the nicest perks of serving as President General is visiting our many Chapters. I visited Chapter XXXI South Carolina on January 22nd at the Capers Motte Smith House in Charleston. President Dyane Kellogg made us very welcome.

On January 29th, Chapter XXX and President Mary Ellen Lowe had a special luncheon in Sarasota. By now, we are old friends, as I had the privilege in 1999 of representing then PG Helen Evans, when Chapter XXX was first organized. It is wonderful to see how this chapter has grown and thrived.

The Ball in Palm Beach on February 6th, given by the Florida Colonial Warriors and our CDA Chapter XVII, was as elegant and magical as ever. It was even warm enough to open the ceiling to see the stars. President Cynthia Gibbons was a wonderful hostess. During the receiving line she introduced me several times as “Grand Marshall Svensson”—which I felt was as good a title as any. Then she realized what she was saying and said “Oh—have I been introducing you as “Grand Marshall? I am so excited because my husband Michael has just been asked to be the Grand Marshall of the Saint Patrick’s Day Parade in New York City, and it is on my mind.” Well, then I was very excited, and I made sure that a picture was taken of Grand Marshall Gibbons and me. You can see this picture on the Scrapbook page of our website.

The Scrapbook was started in March of this year, and you can see pictures in full living color of all of our CDA events from September 2008 through the Farewell Party for Deidre. Click on any picture to enlarge. Look soon for this weekend’s events to be posted. There is a special link to the Scrapbook, or you can find it on the Members’ Page of the website. Be sure to check in on our constantly updated main website, which was created last year by our talented Board Member and author Cathy Brawer. This is a major source for CDA information and public relations, and we are indebted to Cathy.

To continue with the Chapter XVII visit, their Winter Meeting was held the next day. Clare Flemming, our Museum Curator, flew down from New York and was the speaker. A lovely tea followed the meeting. That night President Cynthia and Grand Marshall Michael Gibbons entertained the Chapter and guests at a Cocktail Party on the roof of their building with a panoramic view of Palm Beach.

My thanks to Betty Thompson who was kind enough to be my representative at the Annual Meeting of Chapter III, Washington, DC, on April 9th, and to President Louisa Peters, who read my greeting at the Chapter I, Baltimore, Annual Meeting on April 24th.

Which brings us to our Annual Weekend.

Round table discussions were back again as the first half of the Saturday Executive Council. Randi Cannata, Curriculum Coordinator at the Museum, talked about the Museum's Education program using the same props and handouts as she would use for School Groups. Beverley Sherrid led a discussion on Long Range Planning, and Kathy Springhorn brought Cookbooks to show and guide us through. Kathy also talked about the potential of using the Cookbooks for Chapter Fundraisers.

At the Executive Council Proper, Leigh Harman read the roll call, and the Chapter Presidents and delegates gave their reports. Special thanks again to the many Chapters contributing to our Museum and Scholarship programs throughout the year.

Saturday evening we were back at one of New York's signature elegant restaurants, the "21" Club, to present the 2009 Colonial Dames of America Award for Excellence. We had six beautifully presented projects contending for our 12th Annual Award. Your Parent Chapter Board enjoyed reading each entry and each project had a champion. The winner (which received \$1,000) was Chapter XVII for their project in supporting the restoration of Sea Gull Cottage. Runners up, which received Citations (of \$200 each), were Chapter IV, Paris, for the Gardens at Blerancourt, and Chapter VIII, Houston Texas, for the Museum of Southern History.

In closing today, I want to thank Beverley Sherrid's meticulous dedication as our Register General, and Sharon Vaino's many, many hours sharing her expertise as Counselor to the Board. Thanks to Jane Told for our hard copy summer newsletter, and also thanks to Kathy Springhorn for designing many of our email invitations.

I want to thank my dedicated Board, the past Presidents General, and each and every Committee Member. 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 new Executive Director Allison Coliskey and new staff person, Heather Rose Welty.

Also thanks to Rosalind Muggeridge and her Museum staff for help at every turn, to Terry Comer for her hours of dedicated work, and to Deidre Bay for her help and institutional memory.

All of you have made my three years of service so much easier.

And now it is time to pass on the Baton to Nancy Shackelford Jones.

Nancy, as I give you the ribbon of office with our diamond-encrusted medal, I am mindful of the many women-thirty-six-to be exact-including me, who have worn it. It can be heavy at times, but always a privilege. We look forward to your leadership as number thirty-seven.

TREASURER'S AND FINANCE CHAIR'S REPORT

Monday, May 4, 2009

Elizabeth R. Bramwell, Finance Chair

Monica Unger, Treasurer, reports:

The Board of Managers approved a balanced operating Budget for fiscal year ending March 31, 2010 of \$830,731-flat with last year. The budget reflects a conscientious effort to control costs and reduce expenses in the face of economic and business challenges.

The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum budget is \$491,894, slightly more than last year, and the CDA budget for fiscal year 2010 is \$338,837, slightly less than last year. We have assumed a 4.5% draw or \$368,991, from our endowment of which approximately 65% is allocated to our Museum and 35% to other CDA activities.

The Board of Managers also approved a capital budget for the March 2010 fiscal year totaling approximately \$100,000 for the Museum and Headquarters buildings combined. Major items include

painting the interior of our Museum, painting the exterior woodwork of our Headquarters building, and various foundation repairs.

This last year, our capital expenditures totaled \$289,620 and included renovating our auditorium, renovating floors and painting walls in the Museum office and renovating floors in the headquarters office.

Our endowment stood at \$5,644,983 at the end of March 2009, of which 53% was in U.S. Treasuries or money market funds and 47% was in equities. A year earlier, the endowment stood at \$8,161,770. In the past year, the endowment funded both a draw of \$376,059 and capital expenditures of \$289,620. Excluding these amounts, the endowment declined 23% in the general market decline. I am happy to report that the endowment has appreciated back to some \$5,757,409 through the end of April.

We would like to express thanks to Allison Coliskey and Eleanor Popolizio for their dedication and valuable assistance.

MOUNT VERNON HOTEL MUSEUM REPORT

Monday, May 4, 2009

Rosalind Muggeridge, Museum Director, reports:

This year the Museum thrived. Despite the current economic downturn, attendance and earned income remain strong. By maintaining a diverse pool of revenue from grants, public program fees, membership dues and site rentals, the Museum achieved all of its fiscal year 09 income goals.

Development/Fundraising/Planning

Grant revenue was strong this year thanks to Director of Development Lisa Delmonico who helped secure \$100,459 in government, state, city and foundation funding. Grant income was awarded through a variety of organizations including \$12,700 through the New York State Council on the Arts for general operating support and \$40,600 through the Department of Cultural Affairs to be put towards education and public programs.

The New York Council for the Humanities also awarded the Museum \$1992 to cover all expenses including marketing, for the November 18th lecture entitled "America's Sweet Tooth."

Occupying much of the staff's time has been the implementation of the \$45,000 two year Expanding Access: Welcoming New Audiences initiative funded through the Institute of Museum and Library services. We now offer special programming and tours for the visually impaired, the hearing impaired and developmentally disabled children and adults.

The "Cocktails in the Garden" fundraiser was very successful. In total, there were 102 tickets purchased and 120 guests in attendance at the party. Gross revenue came in at \$13,790, which includes \$9,110 in ticket revenue, \$3,590 in contributions and \$1,090 from the sale of the bulbs and the reproductions of Christine Rother's watercolors. Expenses were \$4,100 making net revenue \$9,690.

Last month, a successful retreat involving the Museum's stakeholders including community residents and board members, was the first step towards the creation of a new strategic plan which will ensure that the Museum is actively engaged with its growing community and moves in the right direction in

the years to come. This year, we also embark on the important task of the renewal of our accreditation through the American Association of Museums.

Education

Thanks to the dedication of our education staff headed by Director of Education Deborah O'Neill and Assistant Educator, Amanda Wheeler, school tours are at an all-time high with over 4500 students attending one of our eight curriculum-based programs in the past school year.

Our school program bookings are at capacity. The number of classes visiting the Museum rose from 153 last year to 181 this year, an increase of about eighteen percent. In an effort to accommodate the high demand, the education department has developed a more efficient use of the building's available space and has worked to increase the number of school group volunteers. As a result, we are now able to welcome a greater number of schools, which in turn generates more revenue for the Museum.

As in past years, the students visiting the Museum represent a broad geographical area including Cambria Heights in Queens, Chinatown in Lower Manhattan, East Tremont in the Bronx, and Bedford Stuyvesant in Brooklyn. The local community schools are also targeted including P.S. 183 from East 66th Street, P. S. 158 from Yorkville and P.S. 199 from the West Side.

To broaden our outreach even further, the education department has recently implemented a three-part program with PS 79 in East Harlem. This school serves severely handicapped students. Entitled "Through the Eyes of Flora," this multi-session program, which was funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, involves outreach visits to the classroom combined with a tour of the Museum. Flora is the name given to the African-American woman who was a member of the 1830 Mount Vernon Hotel household. As the students tour the Museum, they are encouraged to see things through Flora's perspective. The students are also given ample opportunity to handle the reproduction objects that a hotel employee would have used to serve guests at the Mount Vernon Hotel. A multi-session program of this type is ideal for a special needs student population with cognitive difficulties.

All school programs are aligned with NY State Standards and complement individual school curriculum. In order to implement specific programs, staff and school group docents are trained to lead tours for special needs students who are developmentally disabled and require different methods of teaching. To accommodate those students in wheelchairs, the Museum staff has developed a tour in which sections of the auditorium are set up to replicate the Museum's period rooms.

This year the Museum also received a grant from Creative Curricula to produce "Jim Lowe Taps Manhattan" in collaboration with the Ramaz School on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. In this program, students learn about African-American life and culture in early 1800s New York, including the origins of tap dancing in New York City.

Curatorial

The Conservation Assessment Program site visit took place this past March 2009. The program was funded through a grant from Heritage Preservation (HP) and enabled the Museum to hire expert assessors to conduct a thorough study of our holdings. The program provides a general conservation assessment of the Museum's collection, environmental conditions, and site. Conservation priorities are then identified by professional conservators who spend two days on-site and three days writing a report. The report will help the Museum develop strategies for improved collections care and will provide a tool for long-range planning and fundraising. In addition to the collections, the assessors studied the Museum's vital documents including floor plans, disaster preparedness plans and collections policies.

The exhibition on New York City's deaf and hard-of-hearing communities during the early 19th century is now on display in the Orientation Center. The exhibition is part of the implementation of the Expanding Access grant funded by the Institute of Museum & Library Services. The intent of this exhibition is to reach diverse audiences who may not traditionally have been aware of the Museum.

We are pleased to note a direct historical link between the Mount Vernon Hotel and New York City's deaf institute: a contemporaneous advertisement placed by the Hotel's proprietor James Woodhull announces that his "Stages [have] commenced running" and are now, "receiving passenger's at Mount Vernon Hotel, Hilton's, Cato's and the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb," among others.

Information about the approximately 1,100 items in the Museum's collection is carefully maintained in an Access Database from the 1997 operating system. We are researching options currently employed by museums similar to ours in scale. These include open-source software and proprietary packages; a comparison of advantages and disadvantages will be presented to the board in the upcoming months.

We have hired a paper conservator to work on-site to restore the torn fragments on a number of archival documents. The conservator, Paula Schyremakers, has worked on projects for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History, The Explorers Club, and the New York Botanical Garden, among others. We will document and photograph her work to feature in an upcoming newsletter. We continue to delve into the records and collections of the Museum, with enthusiasm and care, and great privilege. As we become more familiar with the nature and scope of the holdings, we will be inviting graduate-student interns and trusted volunteers to aid in projects of housekeeping, arranging, describing, monitoring and similar curatorial activities.

Conclusion

I would like to thank Audrey Svensson for her commitment to the Museum throughout her tenure. She will be greatly missed. The staff and I are all very excited to begin working with Nancy Jones whose experience and skills will lend themselves so well to her new position.

Without the continued support and generosity of The Colonial Dames of America none of what we do at the Museum would be possible. Due to the organization's efforts, the building has not only survived, but stands today as an exceptional model of historic interpretation.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE SOCIETY

Book Award Committee

Julia Ryan, Chair, reports:

For the 2009 Book Award, the committee read books on such varying topics as the history of the F.B.I., Mercy Otis Warren, Mark Twain, and the Gettysburg battle. However, with enthusiastic reviews from the committee and Chapter VIII, "*Ladies of Liberty*" by Cokie Roberts was chosen to receive the 2009 Book Award.

The Young Readers Book Award went to Russell Freedman for "*Who Came First?*" an interesting account of pre-Mayflower explorers and settlers.

Finally, the committee is awarding a special citation to Virnell Bruce for her play, "*Shells*", which is a cameo of Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

The committee had several interesting meetings and continues to explore new ways to share reviews and communicate with chapters.

By-Laws Committee

Sharon W. Vaino, Chairman, reports:

During the past year, the By-Laws Committee discussed term limits for principal officers of the Colonial Dames, Parent Chapter. These limits have been a matter of controversy in recent years. In light of the proximity of the Annual Meeting and the upcoming election of a new President General, the Committee did not attempt to pursue a By-Laws amendment that would clarify or change the treatment of term limits. Such an initiative, if thought desirable, will be left to the incoming President General and newly constituted committee.

The Committee also reviewed and commented on a proposed by-law revision submitted by a local chapter.

Many thanks to our President General, other officers and committee members, and staff.

Claims Committee

Beverly W. Sherrid, Registrar General, reports:

I am happy to tell you that the society has seventy-two new members this year, giving us a total membership across all chapters of 1991, including eighty-nine *Members Emerita*. There are six new Daughter Dames. Twenty-three members established supplemental claims, and thirty-six documented new ancestors.

This year the Claims Committee added fourteen new categories of approved public service to our published "Eligibility List," also known as the Blue Book. Some of these offices apply to all colonies, while some relate only to a few. The new offices range from political, such as Delegate to the Albany Congress of 1754; to clerical, such as Commissary of the Bishop of London; to educational, such as President of a colonial college. We still require service to be at the colonial level and to have been rendered between the founding of Jamestown on 13 May 1607, and the battle of Lexington, 19 April 1775. It must be possible to document service through official records. The committee plans to continue this project in the coming year in the hope that we will make it easier for prospective candidates to find acceptable lines for membership.

My thanks to Terry Comer, whose efficiency keeps our claims process organized and moving, and whose welcoming presence helps everyone navigate those murky waters. It is also a pleasure to work with Pat Bereday, our superb Verifying Genealogist.

Education and Scholarship Committee

Shirley Dixon Miller, Chair, reports:

The Scholarship Committee has agreed to give a \$5,000.00 Fellowship in Historical Editing to the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture. This has been given to the Omohundro Institute for the past several years. Omohundro is the history division of The College of William and Mary. They publish the "William and Mary Quarterly" as well as "Uncommon Sense".

The Committee has voted to give a \$10,000.00 fellowship award to CUNY Graduate Center. This Fellowship is awarded to students interested in our early history. Students that receive this fellowship are determined by a special committee of early American historians including Professor

and author Carol Berkin and Joshua B. Freeman, Executive Officer in the Ph.D. Program of History at CUNY Graduate Center.

We are also happy to continue a \$2,000.00 award to APVA Preservation.

We hope you will continue to support our scholarships and educational projects.

Garden and Grounds Committees

Allison White Vadhan, Chair, reports:

The Garden and Grounds committee meets regularly to discuss the upkeep and historical authenticity of the Museum Garden. As always, many thanks to honorary chair Faily Tuttle who has been the heart and soul of this committee for so many years. Of course, the committee couldn't flourish without landscape architect Gina Ingoglia Weiner and Peter Wyer who graciously offer their expertise and assistance whenever needed.

This past year several projects were completed. Full reimbursement was collected for the damage incurred by air emissions from the vents belonging to the storage building behind the Museum. Using these funds, garden designer Peter Wyer completed repair on the espalier ivy diamond on the north side of the garden. The committee has also secured capital funding to begin repair on the sloping brickwork on the east side of the Museum. This area is becoming dangerous and needs to be restored as soon as possible.

Upcoming plans include making the garden a more integral part of the Museum tour by researching, installing and labeling historically accurate plantings. Gina Weiner who has authored and illustrated over eighty children's books has generously offered to create a garden map that will be handed out to visitors in order to enhance their experience of the garden.

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

Library and Archives Committee

Beverley W. Sherrid, Chair, reports:

It's been a quiet year on the Library and Archives Committee. We were fortunate to receive a gift enabling us to make a digital copy of all our Annual Reports. The copy has been placed in secure, off-site storage.

We've placed a short-term hold on our long-term project of archiving papers from the society's founding. I hope we can soon return to this fascinating record of the Dames.

I am saddened by two retirements. Dey Gosse, my co-chair for many years, has resigned from the committee, while the legendary Deidre Bay has retired as Administrator of the CDA. I will miss both of them.

I will also miss Audrey Svensson, who is coming to the end of her term as President General. She has been a warm and gracious leader, and I thank her for her dedication to our society.

Personnel Committee

Sharon W. Vaino, Chair, reports:

During the past year, Personnel Committee members reviewed salary information, performance evaluations, attendance records, and accrued compensatory time for full-time and salaried part-time employees. The Committee expressed its desire to compensate personnel more generously, but

recognized that the Finance Committee's compensation decisions are constrained in the current economic environment.

Employee work schedules were discussed. The Board of Managers approved the Committee's proposed revisions to the Employee Handbook. These revisions included clarifying changes addressing daily work schedules and credited service for vacation purposes, as well as summer hours.

The Committee notes that in light of Deidre Bay's full retirement effective March 31, 2009, Allison Coliskey became the new Executive Director. Terry Comer continued to work part-time, and Heather Welty commenced part-time work.

Many thanks to our President General, other officers and committee members, and staff.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE PARENT CHAPTER

Colour Guard and Patriotic Activities Committee

Ripley G. Hathaway, Chair, reports:

I would like to begin by thanking Audrey Svensson for her service to the Dames and the Colour Guard Committee in particular.

The Committee participates in two standing activities each year. On November 9th Audrey trooped our flag on Remembrance Sunday at St. Thomas Church on Fifth Avenue. This annual service is in honor of those who have given their lives and those who have served in the Armed Forces. Assisting Audrey at the service were Shirley Dixon Miller, Joan Aalde and our incoming President General, Nancy Shackleford Jones.

The other event in which we participate is the Flag Day parade sponsored by the Sons of the Revolution that commemorates the adoption of our flag in 1777. The parade originates at City Hall and ends at the historic Fraunces Tavern. This past year we were represented by Beverley Sherrid. Please come and join me this year for this great event. It will be held midday on Friday June 12th as Flag Day falls on a Sunday this year.

Events, Calendar and Hospitality Committee

Kathleen Springhorn, Chair reports:

The CDA hospitality Committee hosted or assisted with nine events in the 2008-2009 year. Since they will be discussed in the President General's report, we will highlight two significant accomplishments of this past year. What more could a Hospitality Committee hope for than the renovation of our Abigail Adams Smith Auditorium, and the publication of our long awaited Cookbook? We are very excited about the coming year.

The ribbon cutting today makes our One-Hundred and Nineteenth Annual Meeting the official christening of our "new" auditorium and we are delighted that you are here to be part of it. We expect rentals of our beautiful facility to increase and contribute important revenue to support our mission. We also want to emphasize that this is our Dames' "home away from home." Dames who wish to entertain here will be accommodated with special "family" discounts on our rental rates – plus – Dames will have the option of using our "trousseau" of the lovely new china, glasses, flatware and linens which set our table today, a significant savings vs. renting. We are grateful to Bed, Bath & Beyond, across the street, for the important discounts on items we purchased from them. A rental brochure is only awaiting photos of the set-up for our luncheon today, which will show off the transformation of our auditorium into a venue with ice lemon walls, fresh white woodwork and

mirrored Palladian-style windows, perfect still for lectures, but now also for banquets, receptions and entertaining of the most elegant nature. A brochure will be sent to event planners, as well as to each of you, and posted on our web site. You are welcome to call the office if you would like brochures to organizations you know that hold events, or to friends who entertain.

Hospitality is about entertaining. Our new cookbook is a collection of over 400 favorite and Colonial recipes that we prepare to entertain our families today. It is “entertaining” and informative in its own right, including over 30 pages about CDA history, Scholarships, Book Awards, President’s Awards for Excellence, the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden and its programs, lyrics & mini histories of our patriotic anthems and Flag Day, U.S. Flag Protocol, and the signers of the Declaration of Independence, with quotes from Founding Fathers sprinkled throughout the book. Our “family” cookbook is also a tool to raise visibility for the CDA and promote the important projects we support. Volume discounts are available to Chapters who wish to use the cookbook as a “fund raiser” for their projects and the “Pre-Publication Discounts” will remain in effect through the end of this month, so you may purchase copies for Mother’s Day, brides, graduates...Now that you can see how wonderful it is, please think ahead about your gift giving.

To Jane Stuart, who started our cookbook, to over 225 Dames who shared recipe(s), to Marisol DeLuna and Christine Rother for their wonderful artwork, to everyone who bought copies – and most of all, to our incredible CDA President General, Audrey Allerton Chapin Svensson, who gave encouragement, enthusiasm and support from start to finish, and with whom every project gets finished – and is fun! I say thank you.

Bon Appetit! and God Bless America

Junior Committee

Abigail Vietor, Chair reports:

The Junior Committee together with the Junior Committees of the National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of New York and the Society of Colonial Wars in New York, hosted an “*All That Jazz*” evening on April 3rd. Wearing authentic costumes attendees danced the night away to the music of Ted Hefko’s New Orleans Jazz Band.

The party was a great success and the Junior Committee is looking forward to another combined event in the fall.

Membership Committee

Caroline McLain, Chair reports:

As of May 4th, 2009, we have three hundred and six active members in the Parent Chapter and seven Emerita, two deaths, three resignations, and one Daughter Dame. We also have 15 Courtesy members.

If any of the following 9 new members are present please stand when your name is read.

Mary Raye Casper
(ancestor: Thomas Cox)

Katherine Zeller Gage
(ancestor: Joseph Purdy)

Dona Fagg Gibbs
(ancestor: George Maris)

Nancy Stratford Jones
(ancestor: Thomas Osborne)

Sally Boardman Lee
(ancestor: William Randolph)

MP Curran Naud
(ancestor: John Cheater)

MaryAnn Binda Rad
(ancestor: John Woodbury)

Elizabeth Ruhland
(ancestor: William Sanders)

Allison White Vadhan
(ancestor: William Brewster)

We held two membership events in the Museum's tavern room in October and March and were joined by our wonderful museum staff to welcome prospective members.

I welcome any member to contact me regarding anyone who might be interested in membership in the CDA.

REPORTS OF THE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Chapter I - Baltimore, Maryland

Chartered in 1892

OFFICERS 2008-2009

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

Chapter I was again pleased to be able to fund its two scholarships for students interested in early American and Maryland history: the \$5,000 merit based scholarship established at the Washington College C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience, and the \$1,500 summer internship at St. Mary's College of Maryland's Summer Historical Archaeology Field School.

Chapter I continues its support of the Parlour at Hampton, the eighteenth century home of the Ridgely family. Chapter I donated \$5,000 toward the purchase of period appropriate reproduction wallpaper as well as \$5,000 for reproduction fabric for the room. The reinterpretation of the Parlour is to be completed this fall.

The Board continues its efforts to attract appropriate new members to Chapter I. The Board's engaging a professional to assist prospective members has proven to be a great success. Membership currently stands at seventy-one active, thirty-six life, six courtesy, eight junior, and two emerita, for a total of 123. There are twenty-eight candidates in various stages of completing their papers.

Members of Chapter I enjoyed several social activities this year, beginning with the annual Oyster Party to benefit the two scholarship funds. This year's party, held at the home of Chapter I's President, was particularly well attended by many prospective members and candidates. In December, a festive Christmas Tea was held at the home of Mrs. William Ford Peck. Daughters, granddaughters, nieces and grandnieces were invited to participate, as well as prospective members and candidates. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2009. Dr. Timothy B. Riordan, Chief Archaeologist for the Historic St. Mary's City Commission, will speak to us about the summer internship program.

Chapter II - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Chartered in 1895

OFFICERS 2008-2009

PresidentLynn S. Klein
First Vice-President..... Eleanor T. Penniman
Second Vice-PresidentSarah C. Lange
Treasurer..... Jane M. Eppley
Recording SecretaryAnna K. Iredale
Corresponding SecretaryMarthe T. McKinnon
Registrar.....Lynn S. Klein

In this past year it has been challenging to operate a historic house museum considering the financial difficulties in the city of Philadelphia. Fairmount Park budget has been cut and there might be further cuts. This affects services such as trash pickup and lawn mowing. Impending cuts might

affect the city's contribution to our House director's salary. Fortunately, the grant money from the Philadelphia Cultural Fund was not cut and this year we received an increase in grant money to \$9,000.

Our Collections Committee has done an outstanding job in recovering the fainting sofas and chairs for our upstairs oval room. They selected a beautiful yellow and blue toile. The furniture was set up to reflect the way the room was used in the 1800's.

For our holiday tours this year we decorated with a shell theme representing the Philadelphia Caribbean trade. Diana Bittel Antiques brought in shell valentines which the sailors would purchase to bring back to their sweethearts. Mr. Ed Leaf, a noted replica shipbuilder whose work is displayed in the Seaport Museum, agreed to build a replica of a ship built in Philadelphia in 1806 for the China trade.

He has placed the ship on permanent loan with us. This enhances our school tour program.

We have an outing scheduled for June to visit the Peter Wentz Farmstead, which was built in 1758 and reflects the family's German heritage.

Chapter III - Washington, DC
Chartered in 1898

OFFICERS 2008-2009

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

Chapter III has eighty-four Members, eleven Courtesy Members, two Emerita Members, two Life Members, and one Honorary Member.

Our fall meetings were held at our Abner Cloud House. Each meeting consisted of an afternoon tea and program. The first was on the history and construction of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, George Washington's vision and an engineering marvel of its time. The second was a fascinating account of the politics behind the voyages of discovery to America. In December, as is our custom, we ushered in the holiday season with a fun and very festive Holiday Party at the Abner Cloud House. In January, we boarded a bus for an all-day tour of Montpelier, James Madison's estate.

Chapter III continued its significant contributions in the area of historic preservation. We supported the Society of American Archivists with funds for a student to participate in an intensive two-week course in Washington. In addition, we awarded a scholarship to a graduate student of Architectural History at the University of Virginia.

On the first Sundays of most months, our Abner Cloud House, an 1801 miller's home along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal which serves as our headquarters, is opened to the public. Our Dames welcomed several hundred visitors and shared the history of the home and the Abner Cloud family with curious neighbors.

CHAPTER IV - Paris, France
Chartered in 1901

OFFICERS 2008-2009

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

Chapter IV, Paris, has won the 2009 Merit Prize for their continued support of the beautiful gardens of Blerancourt

The Chapter has had several meetings to prepare for a buffet luncheon on December 3rd to raise funds for the Hermione. This project was a prize winner in 2005 under President Sabette de Lyrot.

Chapter V - San Francisco, California,

Chartered in 1902

OFFICERS 2008-2009

PresidentRebecca 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, of the larger San Francisco Bay area, has had for one of its goals to increase membership. The Chapter is proud to report thirty-one active, one courtesy, and two emeritae members, for a total membership of thirty-four. Since the 2008 report, we have welcomed two new members through application: Mrs. Janet Boddington and Mrs. Nancy McClellan, and we are awaiting final approval on one set of papers.

Chapter V was honored to be represented by delegate Mrs. Rebecca Slaughter, daughter of Mrs. Rebecca Viebrock, Chapter V President, at the 2008 Annual May meeting in New York City, where she gave her mother's report.

Vice President, Mrs. Kay Martinelli, arranged for outstanding programs. The October meeting, presented by Linda Garrett, on "*Headstone Art and Symbolism,*"

utilized visual illustrations showing tombstone details. Our December Christmas Luncheon celebrated the holiday spirit through seasonal poetry, stories, and song, by Rebecca Viebrock. In February, Kenneth G. Winans, CMT, MBA, and a member of SAR, presented a most informative Power Point program entitled, "*Investing in Colonial Times.*" For the April, 2009 meeting, Mrs. Lana Patterson, Book Chairman, gave a delightfully detailed review of the book [America's Hidden History](#) by Kenneth C. Davis.

Chapter V's Scholarship Fund annually contributes \$1500 to a scholar recipient, and contributions were made to the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden and Jamestown Historic Preservation.

This President, having been re-elected to another term of three years, looks forward to more successful years in this wonderful organization of women.

Chapter VI - Shreveport, Louisiana

Chartered in 1910

OFFICERS 2008-2009

PresidentMartha 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

Chapter VI has twenty-one members and holds regular meetings twice a year.

Chapter VII - Nashville, Tennessee

Chartered in 1926

OFFICERS 2008-2009

PresidentElizabeth A. Campbell
First Vice-President..... Danya K. Downey
Second Vice-President Katheryn S. Dixon
Third Vice-PresidentNancy d. Hansard
Treasurer..... Joan L. Cherry
Recording SecretarySusan B. Ritter
Corresponding Secretary Betty B. Ferrelli
Registrar..... Ruth M. Holman

Chapter VII held our fall meeting September 26, 2008 at the Centennial Club. Nicole Crockett, our \$2,000 scholarship recipient at the University of Tennessee, spoke about some of the early American woman’s writings she is researching for her doctoral dissertation.

By April 1, 2008, two of our members will have spent 154 hours at Metro-Nashville Archives transcribing the 1837-1838 Nashville court records to computer so they are easily accessible to everyone and as a way of helping to preserve the original record from over-handling. This computer program will make an instant computer search for any name possible, a gift to family researchers and lineage groups. A \$4,300 donation has been made to Friends of Metro-Nashville Archives for future acquisitions.

In May, the Chapter will host a wine tasting and hold its Annual Meeting at Bell Meade Plantation.

Chapter VIII – Houston, Texas

Chartered in 1928

OFFICERS 2008-2009

PresidentJoLee P. Haddock
First Vice-President..... Iris C. Eaton
Second Vice-PresidentElizabeth S.Arp
Treasurer.....Jane P. Price
Recording Secretary Thais c. Gibbons
Corresponding SecretaryDorothy D. Hughes
Registrar..... Jane C. Gordon

It gives me great pleasure to report that Chapter VIII has had a marvelous year. Chapter VIII's major project, to assist worthy young women with colonial heritage achieve a college education or graduate school through our Abbie Frank Smith Scholarship Fund, continues. This year, the 30th anniversary of the scholarship, four young women received scholarships. During the past thirty years, Chapter VIII has aided fifty-six young women and endowed approximately \$100,000 on scholarships. We are proud to note that our new Registrar, Marje Harris, past Director of Clayton Genealogical Library, received Chapter VIII's first scholarship, which assisted her with graduate school.

Chapter VIII's "*Support the Troops*" project, initiated by Past President Page Steele during her administration also continues. At each conference, Chairman Ann Ford brings cards on which chapter members send messages to young men fighting in foreign lands. After the Winter Conference, candy was sent as well, and "hoodies" were sent to Walter Reed Army Hospital.

With members' generous donations and Chapter funds, Chapter VIII continues to gift the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum and Garden. This year \$1,800 was given. We also continue to contribute \$200 to the CDA Genealogical Record Fund. Locally, Chapter VIII contributes funds to the Museum of Southern History, and Chapter members will be serving as hostesses at up-coming exhibit openings there. This is being presented as Chapter VIII's new project for the year.

In Chapter VIII it is certainly not all work and no play. Comradeship abounds, and we have had forty-five plus members in attendance at each of our three conferences. At our Spring Conference, we celebrated the 80th birthday of our charter with a luncheon at the Junior League Tearoom and enjoyed a noted speaker who recounted the dynamics of Houston at the time of our chartering. At our Fall Conference at the Houston Racquet Club, Thomas Jefferson was the topic of guest speaker Dr. John Boles, the William P. Hobby Professor of History at Rice University. Chapter members decorated the luncheon tables with tablescapes depicting the Jefferson age. They were immensely creative.

In Chapter VIII, we continue to preserve our heritage through membership. At each conference this year, the Board has presented names of prospective members. During 2008, four members were added and one former member was reinstated. Currently Chapter VIII membership is 989. In addition, there are three members emerita, nineteen prospectives, and two work sheets in New York. Two charts have been approved. Last, but certainly not least, there are three Daughter Dames.

I attribute the success of Chapter VIII to my very capable, conscientious officers and committee chairmen and to our enthusiastic members who encourage and enable us all.

Chapter IX – Lexington, Kentucky

Chartered in 1929

OFFICERS 2008-2009

President Sharon L. Clouse
First Vice-President..... Dorotha 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 in Lexington.

Members met on June 12, 2008 at historic Spindletop Hall, the Faculty Club of the University of Kentucky. Following the luncheon and business meeting, Deidre Scaggs, Archivist for University of

Kentucky's Margaret I. King Library Rare Books Department, and graduate assistant Janice Childers, presented a program on their work in preserving materials in the University Archives at special Collections and Digital Programs. Deidre expressed her strong belief in the power of "collective memory" to preserve history, and shared a handout listing seventy-two collections currently being processed, including letters, manuscripts, ledgers, scrapbooks, memorabilia, diaries, and other primary documents. Janice shared the McVey Papers collection in Power Point format; the total project cost of \$41,563.52. Francis Jewell McVey was born in 1889 in Harrison County, KY, English Professor at UK, Dean of women 1921-1923, married UK President Frank McVey in 1923, died 1945. Francis, a writer, was active in community groups and had many hospitality duties, hence the collection contains numerous recipes. Members were delighted to each receive a copy of the "Green Tomato Catsup" recipe from the McVey Papers collection during this fascinating glimpse into the history of the University and Lexington. Chapter IX makes an annual donation to the King Library which is used for a graduate student to identify and catalogue holdings in the valuable "hidden" library collections, with the goal of preserving, cataloguing, and digitizing primary sources of Kentucky history.

The October 3, 2008 meeting featured a Power Point program by Lia Ramirez, Special Exhibition Tours Coordinator of the Speed Art Museum in Louisville, "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness: American Art from the Yale University Art Gallery". Members also had the opportunity to purchase tickets at a special group rate to tour the special museum exhibit in Louisville on the day of their choice through January.

Membership (growth, activity, and retention) continues to be a priority of this administration. The Board is currently developing a written "Chapter IX Guide to Proposing New Members," and a "Prospective Member Guideline" insert was developed for inclusion with invitations to Membership cards. Our Board continues to develop strategies to actively involve both members who can and those who cannot attend chapter meetings. New this year is a Chapter IX Newsletter, with announcements, chapter news, and web-site information. Two issues of the newsletter were mailed, a May 2008 issue and a September 2008 issue.

In Kentucky Chapter IX continued its established support of two important educational and historic preservation projects with generous grants (1) \$1,000 contribution to the McDowell House National Historic Landmark, Danville, Kentucky, www.mcdowellhouse.com and (2) \$1,000 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.

Chapter X - Rome, Italy

Chartered in 1930

OFFICERS 2008-2009

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

Chapter X, Roma is pleased to report that our membership has grown during the last year. We have two confirmed new members, one of whom has become our chapter Registrar, as well as three approved Prospective members. In addition, we have several other potential Dames identified in Italy, whom we hope to get to know better during the next year.

Our Chapter project, which is the writing and production of a guidebook to the more than 1,000 Americans buried in the historic Non-Catholic Cemetery in Rome, continues to progress.

We held four Chapter meetings during the year, all of which were combined with workdays on our project. We hope to receive assistance in writing entries from the Friends of the Non-Catholic

Cemetery and would also welcome help from any Dame interested in researching a person of interest or family member buried in the cemetery. The research combines gathering information from the Internet, local libraries, family histories, and public sources, much of which can be accomplished away from Rome if necessary. Our editor, Rome chapter Prospective, Christina Heumer, coordinates the information from various sources. Chris is the founder of the Friends of the Non-Catholic Cemetery and the former librarian of the American Academy in Rome.

We are most fortunate that due to the efforts of a fellow Dame in New York, Elbrun Kimmelman, we have developed a relationship with two organizations, the Olana Partnership (home of painter Frederic Church) and Cedar Grove (home of painter Thomas Cole). These men were among a group of American artists in Rome in the 19th century now referred to as the Hudson River School of painting. Among his many works, Thomas Cole painted a landscape depicting what was then called the Protestant Burying Ground and which hangs today at Olana in New York State. Elbrun saw the painting while visiting Olana and instigated a four-organization partnership with the idea of raising funds for projects relating to the painters and the cemetery. We plan a very special tour of Rome and Umbria in late 2009 or spring 2010 to follow the trail of the Hudson River School painters in central Italy. We will visit private collections and homes, as well as join art historians on walking tours of the artists' studios and favorite places to paint. Information is available for anyone who might be interested in joining the trip. Please email Chapter President Sharri Whiting DeMasi at sharriwhiting@yahoo.com.

Chapter XI - London, England

Chartered in 1930

OFFICERS 2008-2009

President.....Ellen M. Davidson
First Vice-PresidentNancy D. Gough
Treasurer Barbara S. Carse
Recording Secretary Anne K. Brewster
Corresponding Secretary Anne K. Brewster
Registrar.....Nancy D. Gough

Chapter XI meets twice a year and our Annual Meeting was on October 20, 2008. We have eighteen members, four emeritus, and four courtesy members.

We are sad to report the death of member Susan Hibbert on February 2, 2009 and member Ethne Fitzgerald Rudd.

Chapter XII - St. Louis, Missouri

Chartered in 1938

OFFICERS 2008-2009

President Mary Jo Mordhorst
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 has thirty-eight members and meets twice a year. The meetings are held as close to May 15th and October 15th as possible

Chapter XIII – Kansas City, Missouri

Chartered in 1949

OFFICERS 2008-2009

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

The first meeting of the Chapter for the year was on July 17th at Tatsu’s French Restaurant for social time.

An official meeting was held on October 15th at Indian Hills Country Club, arranged by long-time member and Past President Jody Kleweno. The program was presented by C.J. Sullivan, of the Johnson County Library System, who spoke about “Martha Washington.”

We next met on December 17th at the Indian Hills Country Club for a Christmas Party. This was simply a social time, when White Elephant gifts were exchanged following another special luncheon arranged by Jody Kleweno.

Our final meeting of the year was on March 18th at the Bishop Spencer Retirement Center, in the Westport Room. It was our annual meeting with reports by the Officers and Chairmen and election of officers for the term 2009 to March 2012.

The members gave a standing ovation to retiring President Rose Lee Leistman and said an emotional “goodbye” and best wishes in her upcoming move to Houston, Texas. She will be missed.

With good sentiments all around, the meeting was adjourned with remembrances of Rose Lee’s very successful six years as President.

Chapter XIV - Chicago, Illinois

Chartered in 1952

OFFICERS 2008-2009

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 June we had our Annual Benefit Salad Luncheon at the home of Secretary, Sandy Polito, sixteen members and guests were present. We played a get-acquainted game sharing information about our lives.

In September, we met at the Glen Oak Country Club. Prior to our luncheon, we had a Board meeting where we revised our By-Laws. They were approved. New member, Sally Gregory, gave a book report about Abigail Adams, from the Cokie Roberts book, *“Founding Mothers, The Women who Raised Our Nation.”*

In December, eleven of us were at the Drake Hotel for their infamous Christmas Tea.

February found us at the Winnetka Community House Luncheon, where we heard a first-person presentation of Daniel Burnham, *“Who Made No small Plans for Chicago.”* His was the family who decades earlier owned the Schmidt-Burnham House, that chapter XIV helped get moved along and established at a new location in Winnetka.

We have one resignation, three new members and three more working on their papers.

Chapter XV - Jackson, Mississippi
 Chartered in 1954

OFFICERS 2008-2009

President Mary Kay P. Hudson
 First Vice-President Eliza A. Simmons
 Treasurer Francis B. Craft
 Recording Secretary Betty S. Bradley
 Corresponding Secretary Betty S. Bradley
 Registrar Ann R. King

Chapter XV meets twice yearly, on the third Thursday of April and October, at River Hills Club in Jackson, Mississippi. Making annual donations to the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden and the American Museum in Britain, through the Halcyon Foundation.

There are forty-eight members and seven members emerita. We sadly report the deaths of Mrs. McEachern and Mrs. Mountjoy.

Our Mayflowers Hendrix Nursing Scholarship Fund is based at Mississippi College in Clinton.

Our fall meeting speaker was author, April Miller, of Chatham, Virginia, who gave a delightful talk on *“Living in the South and Writing About It.”*

Our Annual meeting will be held on April 16th 2009 with Durr Walker, a registered speaker with the Mississippi Humanities Council, and frequent traveler to the United Kingdom, speaking on *“The Brit Within Us!”*

Our Chapter XV project has been the Historical Marking of the Municipal Art Gallery Building of 1860, in Jackson. With the final approval for landmark status by the City of Jackson, CDA Headquarters in New York, and Historic Preservation Division of Mississippi Department of Archives and History, the Chapter XV Marking Ceremony will be held on April 16, 2009.

Chapter XVI - Des Moines, Iowa

Chartered in 1955

OFFICERS 2008-2009

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

The Iowa Chapter XVI meets in Des Moines, Iowa. The meetings are held twice a year, May in the spring and October in the fall.

We have twenty-one members and two Daughter Dames in the chapter.

At the May meeting the members reported on the ancestor used for membership. Officers were elected and installed at the October meeting.

Raygena Garringer, Registrar, continues work on papers of prospective members.

CHAPTER XVII - Palm Beach, Florida

Chartered in 1964

OFFICERS 2008-2009

PresidentCynthia H. Gibbons
First Vice-President.....Bradley T. Van Hoek
Second Vice-President Rachel L. Lorentzen
Treasurer..... Cynthia D. Hoyt
Recording Secretary Laura A. Johnston
Corresponding Secretary Christine M. Orthwein
Registrar..... Rachel L. Lorentzen

Our fall meeting was held at the Palm Beach Preservation Society. We were privileged to have the Director, John Ripley address us. His talk centered on a topic of much concern to Palm Beach, the Poinciana Play House. Drawings by architects in the area showing what the playhouse could look

like were shown and explained. After the meeting we felt we could go forth into the community armed with important facts.

The dinner dance with the Society of Colonial Wars was held on February 6th. Many people from out of town attended. It is a very special party, held at the Everglades Club in Palm Beach.

Our winter meeting and tea were the following Sunday. Our speaker was Claire Flemming, Curator of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden collection. Her speech was bright and moving and filled with information about the collection.

In February a group went out to a very poor area of Florida, Belle Glade. We support nursery school children learning English. Their parents are also learning to speak English and are all studying for their citizenship exam.

We also had a bridge luncheon in February. The money raised from this goes to our community outreach programs.

Our annual meeting was held on April 1st at the home of our national Board member, Jane Told. Mr. Matthew Stockpole, from the Mystic Seaport, was our speaker. Our book awards committee had read a book on whaling and the talk tied in beautifully with what we had read.

At the annual meeting of our Board of Managers our donations were approved. We are delighted with our new, young members and thanked many of them who acted as hostesses for our teas.

All in all it was a bright, successful year. We enjoyed each other and the collective efforts of delving into our past.

Chapter XVIII - Springfield, Ohio

Chartered in 1980

OFFICERS 2008-2009

President	Mary S. Miller
First Vice-President	Anne C. Wagner
Second Vice-President	Nancy S. Wright
Treasurer	Sara G. Winwood
Recording Secretary	Betty M. Harold
Corresponding Secretary	Cynthia H. Valente
Registrar	Mary S. Miller

Chapter XVIII met at the Springfield Country Club in May, September, and December of 2008 and in March of 2009.

Our Chapter was saddened by the death of one of our charter members, Mrs. Bitner Browne. Our membership now numbers twenty-nine with the addition of three new members.

Chapter XVIII continues the tradition of giving to local projects with a donation to the Hertzler House, the Covenant Presbyterian Church Outreach Program for their “*Kids and Community*” project for 3rd graders and the Pennsylvania House. The chapter also contributed to the Parent Chapter.

Our programs for the year were varied. Cynthia Valente, a member, gave a talk on “*Kids and Community*” and her role as a docent. Captain. John Smith and reviews of three new publications of local interest were additional programs during the year.

Chapter XIX – Florida Everglades

Chartered in 1982

OFFICERS 2008-2009

- PresidentMarsha L. Love
- First Vice-President..... Virginia B. Fletcher
- Second Vice-President Joanne S. Moore
- Treasurer.....Janie B. Brown
- Recording Secretary Fleeta W. Peacock
- Corresponding Secretary Lydia G. Giacotti
- Registrar..... Imogene H. Lane

The members of Chapter XIX have enjoyed a pleasant and profitable year. In November Dames gathered at the famed Addison Mizner designed, Boca Raton Resort and Club, where, seated at tables topped with potted orchids, they were treated to a presentation by historian, Donald Curl. Dr. Curl gave a detailed account of the fabled Boca Raton Club’s history and later sold copies of his most recent work, *Mizner’s Inn*.

In February members met at the 1903 River House, a restaurant set in one of Ft. Lauderdale’s oldest houses. Among tables set with antique toys, Dames and their guests dined overlooking the New River while listening to Susan Gillis, Curator of the Boca Raton Historical Society, who outlined the history of Ft. Lauderdale and gave a detailed description of the family who had once lived in the house where the meeting was held.

May will find Chapter XIX enjoying luncheon at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club on Florida’s west coast. The chapter’s newest project will be spotlighted with a talk by Elaine Reed, Director of Palm Cottage, the oldest house in Naples and a museum, which the chapter has adopted. Florida Everglades has given nearly \$1,000 to Palm Cottage to fund its Children’s Education Program as one of the chapter’s projects for the year. In addition Chapter XIX continues to support “*Women in Distress*,” a women’s shelter in Ft. Lauderdale, with both financial and other material assistance. Consequently, Florida Everglades maintains projects on both the east and west coasts of the state. In addition Chapter XIX now provides a scholarship on both coasts. Besides the scholarship given to a student at Edison Community College in Ft Myers, a scholarship is now also awarded to a student at Broward College in Ft. Lauderdale.

All in all Chapter XIX is in excellent health and looks forward to continued prosperity in the future.

Chapter XX - Los Angeles, California

Chartered in 1982

OFFICERS 2008-2009

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Chapter XX held four meetings this year. The programs have been interesting and most enjoyable. Reports on the Book Awards have been outstanding. Some members come from great distances to attend meetings, some travel as far as two hours by car or by train.

Our present membership is forty-four, we lost two members by death and one by resignation. Several prospective members are working on papers. The members look forward with enthusiasm to the luncheons and to seeing one another at the meetings.

We have contributed to the Scholarship Fund, the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden, and the Garden and Grounds Fund, in memory of deceased members. As we turn the reigns over to a new administration we can say with pride that Chapter XX is proud of its past and looks forward to a bright and fulfilling future. The members are all so helpful and contribute so much to the chapter meetings that it has made serving the chapter a delightful experience.

Chapter XXI - Dallas, Texas
 Chartered in 1982

OFFICERS 2008-2009

President Linda C. Hooper
 First Vice-President..... Nancy B. Morian
 Treasurer.....Patricia T. Jones
 Recording Secretary Karen M. McClendon
 Registrar..... Hallie P. Garner

Chapter XXI holds three meetings per year. In May, we met at the beautiful home of our founder, Martha Thomas Williams, where we enjoyed a catered luncheon. Our Speaker was the nationally known genealogist and head of the Genealogy Department at the Dallas Public Library, Lloyd Dewitt Bockstruck. Mr. Bockstruck presented the usual stories surrounding Lord Cornbury, known in the colonies as Edward Hyde, Governor of New Jersey and New York. Governor Hyde had a propensity for dressing in elegant women's clothing. Supposedly, he even attended his wife's funeral dressed in queenly attire. With his trademark humor, Mr. Bockstruck reported that Governor Hyde believed that since he was representing his cousin Queen Anne in the colonies, he should dress as she would. A purported portrait of Lord Cornbury, dressed as a woman, can be found at the New York Historical Society.

Our October meeting was held at Royal Oaks Country Club. The program included a presentation by one of the most sought after speakers in the North Texas area, Rose Mary Rumbley. She gave an educational as well as delightful talk on the Presidents, from George Washington to George W. Bush, giving interesting tidbits about each of them.

In February, which is our annual business meeting, we met at the Park City Club. After the luncheon, our speaker, the Honorable Nathan White, a retired judge and former SAR President General, presented the history of the SAR and its relationship with the DAR. After the talk, members, who had read the books selected for the CDA Book Award, gave their critiques of the books. Chapter XXI, at this meeting, voted to send a contribution to the CDA Scholarship and Museum Funds.

The Chapter XXI project this year is to provide aid to our service men and women and their families who will reside at the Fisher House near the Veterans' Hospital in Dallas. Many service men and women are returning from the war zones and some will require medical treatment at the hospital. They will need their families close by to give them support and the Fisher House provides this service. We are making contributions to the needs of the Fisher House, either with requested items, such as linens, toiletries, CD's, children's books, etc., or monetarily.

Chapter XXI has sixty-three active members, three Junior Members, one Daughter Dame and four Members emeritae. We have papers pending for two in New York and two have been approved as prospective members.

It is a pleasure and honor to serve as president of this exceptional group of women.

Chapter XXII – Michigan

Chartered in 1984

OFFICERS 2008-2009

President Catherine M. Pouls
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Second Vice-President Caroline 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 Pontiac. County Commissioner, Sue Ann Douglas, who spoke on "What They Don't Tell You about Gardisel," gave our program.

Our October meeting was held in Frankenmuth. The program was given by our own Carolyn Stubbs, who spoke about her Worden Family.

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 at auction.

Our membership stands at fifty-three with one new member this past year.

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

Chapter XXIII - Virginia

Chartered in 1986

OFFICERS 2008-2009

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 Third Vice-PresidentElizabeth W. Williams
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 Recording SecretaryAnn H. Austin
 Corresponding SecretaryBlair W. Lawrence
 Registrar.....Walta M. Warren

Chapter XXIII held its annual meeting in May, 2008, at the Greencroft Country Club in Charlottesville, Virginia. Our past President General, Charlotte Miller reported on the Annual Meeting in New York and the continued support of our project, the Model of the Fort Site at Jamestowne.

A trip was planned for the end of July to Abingdon, Virginia to visit Barter Theater. It proved to be delightful with great mountain scenery, great weather, and most entertaining theater. In October, our Chapter met at Poplar Forest, the retreat home of Thomas Jefferson near Lynchburg, Virginia. We had a wonderful tour of the property and inspected the renovations being done to restore the house and gardens as they were in Jefferson's time.

In January the Board met to plan our schedule for 2009. We were privileged to once again meet at the APVA Headquarters in Richmond. We will join members of APVA and the Governor of Virginia, Timothy Kaine and other dignitaries on May 7, 2009, at Jamestowne for the dedication of our project, the Model of the Fort Site at Jamestowne, which has been completed and to which so many of the Dames generously contributed. We hope that our newly elected President General and our past President General will be able to join us for this very special ceremony.

Chapter XXIII will continue to support Jamestowne archeology, Poplar Forest archeology, and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources for Werowocomoco archeology. We are planning two other outings for our members in September and October and continue our travels to historical sites.

Chapter XXIV - Atlanta, Georgia

Chartered in 1986

OFFICERS 2008-2009

President Rose E. Bell
 First Vice-President.....Ida B. Mixon
 Second Vice-President Marion S. Bunker
 Treasurer.....Marion G. Atkins
 Recording Secretary Lucy F. White
 Corresponding SecretaryShelby A. Whitson
 Registrar.....Lauren L. Hughes

Chapter XXIV is pleased to again report another productive year. Receiving the prestigious President's Award of Excellence at the May 2008 Annual Meeting in New York for the chapter's accomplishments at Historic Oakland Cemetery was the highlight of the year. Atlanta is a relatively young city, having been settled in the 1830's as a railroad hub. It is the largest transportation center in the southeast. Preserving Historic Oakland Cemetery helps keep alive the treasured history of pioneer and other influential families of this important international city, which continues to welcome new residents who come *"for not only the economic potential but also for a quality of life that will invigorate the soul, enlighten the mind, and provide places to not only exercise the heart*

but to make it good as well.” Chapter XXIV has again selected Oakland Cemetery as this administration’s local project.

As customary, the Chapter also supported financially, the Society’s Scholarship Fund and the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden.

The programs for the three meetings included: “From Fear to Freedom,” telling of a young girl’s experiences in emigrating from Communist controlled Rumania to the United States, “William Few, A Founding Father,” one of the two signers of the U.S. Constitution from Georgia, and “New Adventures in Genealogy.” In addition, the members and their guests enjoyed a delightful Christmas Social.

The Chapter continues to selectively seek prospects for membership.

Chapter XXV - Phoenix, Arizona

Chartered in 1990

OFFICERS 2008-2009

President Dorothy B. Holsclaw
First Vice-President..... Crystal C. Rimsza
Treasurer..... Mary E. Little
Recording Secretary Frances B. Rakestraw
Corresponding Secretary Frances B. Rakestraw
Registrar..... Carol C. Wold

Our chapter has been celebrating our personal family histories and getting better acquainted with interesting short stories about 17th century ancestor. It has been rewarding, and has allowed us to identify the commonalities of our ancestors as a group. For instance, two different families original ancestor arrived in America aboard the “Ann,” that sailed in 1623.

Since we are a small group, with many members having moved away, we are attempting to expand our membership, as carefully as we can, with hopes of new and exciting enthusiasm for the Colonial Dames of America in Phoenix, Arizona.

CHAPTER XXVI – Austin, Texas

Chartered in 1992

OFFICERS 2008-2009

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

Our chapter is gaining new members. We meet twice a year for a program and luncheon.

The April meeting this year featured a professor from the Episcopal Seminary, speaking about the religions of the American Colonies.

This year we are planning a brand new scrapbook for our chapter. We have been fortunate in finding good programs for our luncheons.

CHAPTER XXVII - San Antonio, Texas

Chartered in 1993
OFFICERS 2008-2009

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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

Chapter XVII has 20 members and meets regularly. We continue to have interesting programs and look forward to the New Year.

CHAPTER XXVIII – Melbourne, Florida

Chartered in 1994
OFFICERS 2008-2009

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It has been a very good year and we have added two new members, making our total forty-two with one courtesy member. We also have three prospective members. The sad news is we lost Winifred Agar our oldest and dearest member.

We have had a busy three years and it is time to turn the reins over to our new officers. This year we added Library and Archives to our donation list which includes Museum, Scholarship, and Genealogical Research.

Our meetings were held at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club and our annual meeting at the Vero Beach Country Club in Vero.

In May we will install our new officers' for Chapter XXVIII. Mary "Readie" Cooper (Mrs. Dave) will make an excellent President and I will look forward to working with her.

Looking back with pride and looking forward with enthusiasm to the next three years.

CHAPTER XXIX – North Carolina

Chartered in 1999
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 Registrar..... Elizabeth H. Hobbs

Chapter XXIX holds semi-annual luncheon meetings the last Saturday in April and September at Hope Valley Country Club in Durham, North Carolina. In 2008 membership was forty-seven with one emeritus. Two new members were approved and in process were three ladies and four Daughter Dames.

Our April 26th Dr. and Mrs. Alan Whanger of Durham, NC, 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, Jesus’ burial cloth.

At our September 27th meeting our founding President, Mrs. Gloria Hendry, and her husband, Robert N. Hendry, entertained us with their fascinating study of “*The Mystery of What Happened to the Two Princes in the Tower of London.*”

Contributions to North Carolina charities included State Library of North Carolina, Genealogy Services; Leonidas LaFayette Polk House, Raleigh; and William R. Davie House; Halifax; in addition to the CDA Gardens and Grounds Committee, New York.

CHAPTER XXX - Venice, Florida

Chartered in 1999

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 Treasurer..... Ann T. Dodderidge
 Recording Secretary Doris T. Johnson
 Corresponding Secretary..... Rosemary T. Vauzanges
 Registrar..... Frances C. Brock

The Chapter XXX fall meeting was held November 30, 2008. The Venice Historical Society President, Sue Chapman was our speaker. Her topic was “*The Lord-Higel House,*” which is one of the oldest remaining homes in the area. The Friends of the Lord-Higel House hope to restore it and use it as a museum depicting the life of early settlers.

Our membership tea was held at the Venice Art Center on January 20,2009. Refreshments were catered by the in-house café. Eight candidates were introduced.

On January 22nd, members met with President General Audrey Svensson at Barnacle Bill’s Restaurant, in Sarasota, Florida.

On February 26th officer elections were held and then our members were given a quiz about historic houses from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

March 26th was our annual meeting and installation of new officers. Our speaker was James Hagler, Director of Historical Resources at the Venice Archives

CHAPTER XXXI – South Carolina

Chartered in 2006

OFFICERS 2008-2009

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Second Vice-President	Margaret B. Wolfe
Treasurer	Laurie C. Aldinger
Recording Secretary	Marilyn D. Altman
Corresponding Secretary	Sabra M. Moseley
Registrar.....	Robin R. Towns

Chapter XXI won the 2008 President General’s Award for Excellence for their proposal to restore the original brick steps of historic Hopsewee Plantation, *circa 1740*, birthplace of Thomas Lynch, Jr., signer of the Declaration of Independence. The steps had been replaced by wooden steps in 1992. The April 2009 meeting was a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the restored steps, which were done with antique bricks from ancient buildings on the plantation. Hopsewee is one of Chapter XXI’s two projects, the other is the CDA Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden, *circa 1799*, in New York City. Honoree of the day was Ellen Kiser, Lady of the Capers Motte Smith House, *circa 1745*, Charleston. Frederick Fuller Kellogg, Jr. was named “Colonial Dames of America Man,” for his faithful help to Chapter XXXI. Chapter Membership is now fifty.

At the September meeting at the Forest Lake Club in Columbia, the South Carolina state capital, Honoree of the Day, Camille Baxter, First Vice-President, speaker, gave a talk on “The Colonial Dames of America, The Oldest Patriotic and Hereditary Women’s Society in America.”

President General, Audrey Allerton Chapin Svensson, was the January 2009 meeting’s Honoree of the Day. Chapter XXXI was delighted to welcome her and her husband, Sten, and to thank Audrey again for the “2008 President General’s Award for Excellence”. The meeting was held at the historic Capers Motte Smith House, *circa 1745*, in Charleston, South Carolina, home of new CDA member Ellen and Dan Kiser. The program was given by the Associate Director of Museums for Historic Charleston who spoke on “*Charleston Women: Shaping Women in Charleston From 1670-1730.*”

CHAPTER XXXII-Central Missouri

Chartered in 2007

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Corresponding Secretary	Laurel C. Fuemmeler
Registrar.....	Patricia L. Horton

Chapter XXXII of Central Missouri was approved for organization in March 2007. In March 2008 we were chartered with thirty-three members. As of April 2009 we have forty-three approved members, three courtesy members and five papers pending in New York.

We met in May and November in Columbia, Missouri, which seems to be a central meeting place. We have a Book Award report at each meeting.

In November, an outstanding program, given by Mrs. Leslie Canannavan, was about the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Delegates for the May Meeting are Nancy Davis and Sally Buenou.

It has been an honor to be the organizing President of Chapter XXXII.

THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

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