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122nd Annual Meeting
The Colonial Dames of America
 Saturday, May 5 - Monday, May 7, 2012

Sharon W. Vaino, Recording Secretary, reports:

The 122nd Annual Meeting of the Colonial Dames of America began on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Members gathered in the Abigail Adams Smith Auditorium and were delighted by a special reading of “*She Rode on a Wheel*,” led by Parent Chapter member Esther Lemming “*Faity*” Tuttle. This exciting introduction to CDA history featured the letters and records of our founding Dames. Also featured in the cast were members, Christine Jones, Sally Lee, Beverley Sherrid and her husband Mark.

The Executive Council meeting was called to order in the upper hall of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum at 3 p.m. President General, Nancy Shackelford Jones opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord’s Prayer. Mrs. Jones welcomed the Chapter Presidents, Delegates, and Members of the Board of Managers and Committee Chairmen. The reading of the minutes of the Saturday, April 30, 2011 meeting was formally waived. Following the roll call, chapter reports were read. Twelve Chapters were represented:

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Camille Redfern Baxter.....	President
CHAPTER XXXIII, Georgia Piedmont	
Robin Towns.....	President

On Saturday evening, the President's Award for Excellence Dinner at the "21" Club was highlighted by toasts to the shared winners of the fifteenth annual award, Chapter XXIV Atlanta, Georgia to help support a grant for continuing education and staff development for The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation and Chapter XXXIII Georgia Piedmont for the replacement of signage for the historic William Harris Homestead.

Sunday morning, May 6th, members enjoyed a private tour, "*Byzantium & Islam; Age of Transition*," at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. This very special tour was conducted by CDA Past President General and Curator for this new exhibition, Helen Evans. Invitations for two very special shopping events were extended to CDA members for early Sunday afternoon. Board of Managers member, Sandra Pearl, welcomed members to Erwin Pearl for an afternoon of cocktails and shopping in support of the Colonial Dames of America. A special Donna Karan shopping event, in support of The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden, followed by brunch at Bistro Chat Noir, was graciously arranged by Parent Chapter Member Randle Doss. Later that afternoon President General Nancy S. Jones welcomed guests to the Museum's beautiful garden. The Sunday afternoon Garden Party, at the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden, was well attended with more than 100 members, delegates and guests. The 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 122nd Annual Meeting of The Colonial Dames of America was called to order at 12:15 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2012, at The University Club. President General Nancy Shackelford Jones welcomed four Past President's General to the luncheon meeting, Ellie Penniman (1991-1994), Helen Evans (1997-2000), Charlotte Armstrong (2000- 2003), and Audrey Svensson (2006-2009).

In attendance were members representing chapters throughout the United States and abroad. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed for those members included on the In Memoriam list for 2011-2012. A motion was made and approved to waive the reading of the minutes of the Monday, May 2, 2011, 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 2012 Book Award. The 2012 Book Award winner is "*The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris*" by David McCullough, published by Simon & Schuster. The Young Readers Award went to "*For the Birds: The Life of Roger Tory Peterson*", written by Peggy Thomas, illustrated by Laura Jacques and published by Calkins Creek /an imprint of Boyds Mill Press. A citation was awarded to "*Nothing Daunted: The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West*", by Dorothy Wickenden and published by Scribner/ an imprint of Simon & Schuster. Ms. Wickenden was the keynote speaker.

The result of the election was approved. Nancy Shackelford Jones thanked Helen Evans, chairman of the Nominating Committee and Inspectors of Election, Mitzi Perdue and Sally Lee. Mitzi Perdue announced that 505 proxy votes were counted, and the slate was approved as presented by Mrs. Evans.

Julia Ryan 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 Mary Anne Caton presented the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden report.

President General, Nancy Shackelford Jones then gave the following informative report to the members.

The 122nd Annual Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2012.

Report of the President General

Monday, May 7, 2012

Nancy S. Jones, President General, reports:

This 122nd Annual Meeting marks the end of my term as President General of The Colonial Dames of America. These three years have been educational, rewarding and at times complex. This position involves traveling, making friends in our chapters, promoting camaraderie with the Board of Managers, committee chairmen and staff. Yes, even the challenges and problems give great insight into this organization and the traditions we carry on.

During my term, I have enjoyed twenty-eight chapter visits. I am always touched by the warm welcome I receive. These trips are important for knowing each other, and making our Society stronger and more united. Last July 20, I visited Chapter XIII-Kansas City, Missouri where I photographed the shades the chapter installed in the Harris-Kerney House Restoration Project. That project won the President General's Award for Excellence last year. In November, I walked the Naples, Florida beach with President Gail Michaelsen discussing the operations of Chapter XIX. Then in February, Jeff and I attended the annual dinner dance held by our Palm Beach-Chapter XVII and The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Florida. That festive weekend has always been a favorite among our President Generals. While not always possible, it is rewarding to visit chapters a second time as I did this year with Washington, D.C. Chapter II. There I spoke to old friends and familiar faces.

My last visit was Chapter XV-Jackson, Mississippi. President Ann Simmons and Vice President Carolyne Howard saw to my every need and wish in true Southern hospitality spirit.

While membership is the lifeblood of our Society, it also behooves us to support and associate with the other Patriotic Societies. In that light, I represented the Colonial Dames at the Saint Nicholas Society Ball, the National Society Colonial Dames of America's Christmas Tea and at their Dumbarton House in Washington, D.C. Also in Washington, I attended The National Society United States Daughters of 1812 as the guest of President Nona Quinn; the One Hundred Living Descendants of Royal Blood, as the guest of Mrs. Peter Knowles; and I brought greetings to The Hereditary Society Community of the United States of America. These events promote goodwill and friendship among our like societies.

When I became President General, the best gift I received was an excellent, cohesive Board of Managers and Officers. These women have supported me and the mission of our Society. This year Leigh Harman will rotate off our Board. Thank you Leigh and each Board Member for all the hard work.

My job is made easier because I am blessed with a dedicated staff here at headquarters. In addition to running the day to day operation of the Society, Executive Director Allison Coliskey has brought in \$80,000 through rentals from our Abigail Adams Smith Auditorium this year alone. Heather Welty arrives early and is ever ready to carry business forward as well as to help the Book Award Committee. Theresa Comer keeps membership applications coming as the Assistant to the Registrar General. Eleanor Popolizio keeps our finances in good order. Thank you ladies very much.

You have heard from our Museum Director Mary Anne Caton that the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden has been prospering, particularly in executing the Museum's highly regarded educational programs. Thank you very much Mary

Anne and your staff. While our application for reaccreditation by the American Association of Museums has been tabled, the AAM report commended our staff, our Museum interpretation, the educational programs and the collections management. Going forward, the AAM wants to know how the Colonial Dames plans to ensure necessary financial support for the Museum both in maintenance of the historical house site and staffing. We should be able to provide satisfactory answers to the AAM's questions and achieve reaccreditation in the near future. While our endowment is in good shape, the Dames will need to mount a capital campaign to increase our financial strength for the future. In the 1990's, more than \$1,500,000 was raised in a successful capital campaign. Your next President General stands ready to move forward on this front and many others. But she will need the help and full support of all our thirty-three chapters.

The task of a Patriotic Society in this fast-changing world leaves us much to do in order to live up to the goals of our organization. I thank you Colonial Dames, for the privilege of serving as your President General.

Treasurer's and Finance Chair's Report

Monday, May 7, 2012

Elizabeth R. Bramwell, CFA, Finance Chair

Julia M. Ryan, Treasurer

During the March 2012 fiscal year, revenues rose from \$370,156 to \$409,893 as grant revenue to the Museum partially recovered from \$37,861 to \$53,106, but was still substantially under the \$73,386 received in fiscal 2010, and auditorium rentals rose 44% from \$59,857 to \$85,783. The renovation of our auditorium in 2008 has had a high return on investment helped by the outstanding efforts of Allison Coliskey, the CDA Executive Director. The draw from the endowment was \$339,726 or 45% of the total operating expenses.

The Board of Managers has approved a balanced operating budget for the March 2013 fiscal year of \$761,995 including a draw from the endowment of \$345,860, close to the \$339,726 this last year, with 64% allocated to the museum and 36% to the CDA. The draw was 5.35%, based on a three-year rolling average value of the endowment.

The Board of Managers also approved a capital budget of \$25,000 for fiscal 2013, of which the major item is an upgrade to the fire alarm system for the Museum. During this past year, capital expenditures initiated by the Dames totaled \$36,097 which included installing a new telephone system, refinishing the auditorium floor, repairing gutters at the Museum, and replacing the back door of the Museum. The Dames also repaired the two pillars at the front of the Museum and repaired lighting on the second floor of the Museum; these last two items were expensed.

The endowment stood at \$6,119,623 at the end of our March 2012 fiscal year of which 55% was invested in equity mutual funds and 45% invested in 6-month Treasury bills and money market funds. A year ago, the endowment stood at \$6,776,625 before the draw of \$339,726 for operating expenses and \$36,097 for capital expenditures. The S&P 500 was strong during the year but natural resources and international markets were weak until the March quarter when they rebounded sharply.

Mount Vernon Hotel Museum Report

Monday, May 7, 2012

Mary Anne Caton, Museum Director, reports:

The Museum enjoyed a year of continued educational success amidst the changing economy. Our educational programs, aligned with NYS Learning Standards, and our diverse programs aimed at many audiences, build our community presence in New York and beyond.

Our small staff of 2 full-time, 5 part-time, and about 40 active volunteers has worked diligently this past year on many projects. Charlotte Trautman joined staff in September as Curator of Collections. Charlotte, a graduate of the Bard Graduate Center's master's program in Decorative Arts, Design history and material culture and an A.B. in classical and near eastern archaeology from Bryn Mawr has worked diligently on collections care. She is working with two private collectors for new changing exhibitions.

MANY Award for Education

The Museum Association of NY presented the museum with a Certificate of Commendation at their recent annual meeting for our work serving Title One (or low-income) students. One reviewer wrote "more museums should follow this lead and bring much-needed focus to at-risk or underserved school age populations."

Public Programs

The over 35 public programs generated over \$9,000 in revenue. Our mix of workshops, Curator's Tours, Halloween murder mystery, summer garden concerts, and story time aims to reach history-lovers, garden enthusiasts, and neighbors and families as possible. A new partnership with the Culinary Historians of NYC has brought new audiences to the museum for lectures and tasty period food. This year's speakers included Barnard College professor Gergely Baics on marketing in NYC before 1840 and a peak into Royal Georgian kitchens by Marc Meltonville, Food Historian at the Historic Royal Palaces, England. The new monthly series of Lunchtime Lectures attracts neighbors for a short talk about NYC history (1820-1030s) over lunch in the Tavern Room, followed by a museum tour. Our new joint membership with the Society of Illustrators includes fosters neighborly collaboration.

Development

The Museum's fall fundraiser, Autumn Splendor, generated \$30,000 in gross revenue. [\$23,717 gross.] 133 tickets were purchased by guests who enjoyed live music, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and the chance to celebrate with our honoree, former P.G. Charlotte Armstrong. Funds raised supported the Museum's education programs. Thanks are due not only to co-chairs Sharon Vaino and Beverley Sherrid, but also to auction chair Beverley Young and to the many CDA members whose donations and support helped honor Charlotte's work and contributions.

Grants and foundation awards totaled \$56,250.00 in the past year. As part of diversifying the museum's funding base, we attracted \$10,000 of new programming support from a new funder, the Lily Auchincloss Foundation. The Museum received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities Small Museums Program to conduct a detailed study of temperatures and rH conditions in the building. This important project is the first phase of a three-phase plan for environmental monitoring and eventual systems upgrade.

Education

The Education Department continued to see a nearly fully-booked school group calendar of nearly 40 schools from Brooklyn, the Bronx, Manhattan and Queens. Hearst Fellows researched important projects for the museum's interpretation. Rebekah Turnmire, an undergraduate from William & Mary explained the Evolution of Christmas customs & invention of Santa Claus in New York. Ruth Osborne, a graduate student at Bard Graduate Center, wrote *The Garden before the Grid*, a detailed study of plants available in 1820 & 1830s New York City, the nursery business, and the state of public and private gardens.

AAM Reaccreditation

A major undertaking this year was the work towards the two-day October site visit by the American Association of Museums (AAM) Visiting Committee as part of the Museum's reaccreditation process. Accredited since 1983, the Museum has worked toward achieving the goals identified in the 2010 Strategic Long-Range Plan. The Museum has made progress towards meeting the goals set last year by the AAM Accreditation Committee. This year, the Commissioners tabled the MVHM application in order to give the Museum, the MVHM Ad-Hoc Re-Accreditation Committee, and the CDA Board of Managers time to address their questions and comments. The commitment to the museum's progress shown by the Board of Managers, President General Nancy Jones, and the Ad-Hoc Re-Accreditation Committee towards this important goal is greatly appreciated.

Conclusion

During a busy year, the museum staff rose to the challenge of serving our many constituents. Thank you to the many generous Colonial Dames of America chapters, CDA members, and our Board of Managers for their assistance preserving and interpreting this important NYC landmark.

Reports of the Committees of the Society Book Award Committee

Julia M. Ryan, Chair, reports:

This year the Book Award Committee and participating chapters considered over forty-five books for the Book Award and Citation as well as over twenty-five books for the Young Readers Award. These books covered such diverse subjects as financing the American Revolution, the missionary movement in Hawaii, analyses of Civil War battles, and the adventures of eastern Society girls in the West. The book award acknowledges significant contribution to the main cannon of American history. This year the Book Award went to David McCullough for *The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris*.

This year's Book Award Citation went to Dorothy Wickenden for *Nothing Daunted: The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West*. By piecing together the life of her grandmother Mr. Wickenden reveals impressive insights into the lives of early twentieth century women and realities of life in rural Colorado at that time.

The committee enlisted the help of our children and grandchildren in choosing the Young Readers Award, delighting us with their personal insights. *For the Birds: The Life of Roger Tory Peterson* by Peggy Thomas and illustrated by Laura Jacques

was chosen for the award because of the compelling biography and beautiful illustrations.

Many thanks to our members, in all of our chapters, who read books and submitted reviews. Very special thanks to Heather Rose Welty who has been instrumental in obtaining such a wonderful selection of titles, providing reviews, and for maintaining the lines of communication between the Book Award Committee and the chapters.

By-Laws Committee

Sharon W. Vaino, Chair, reports:

During the past year, proposed Chapter Regulations for Chapter XXXIII, Georgia Piedmont, were approved by the CDA Board of Managers after review on behalf of the By-Laws Committee. The CDA's Master Chapter Regulations were edited, and copies were provided to chapters that were in formation or wished to readdress their documentation. The CDA's own By-Laws were interpreted when requested by CDA leadership.

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

Claims Committee

Beverley W. Sherrid, Registrar General, reports:

This past year, the Colonial Dames approved 109 new members, giving us a total membership of 2040, including 104 *Members Emeritae*. We have no new Daughter Dames. There are 22 members who established supplemental lines, and 14 documented new ancestor claims.

We added eighteen offices to our Eligibility List this year. The entire list is found on the Colonial Dames website's "Membership" page, every registrar's first stop when evaluating the claims of prospective candidates. No password is necessary.

The Claims Committee, comprised of both professional genealogists and enlightened amateurs, includes both Dames and outside members. In addition, there are three people in our Claims Office. Terry Comer fields your questions, reassures the anxious, and ushers your papers through our mysterious process. Pat Bereday, our Verifying Genealogist, reviews each candidate's worksheet and documentation to ensure that they meet rigorous standards of historical accuracy. The third, the Registrar General, gives final approval to your papers.

Education and Scholarship Committee

Shirley Dixon-Miller, Chair, reports:

The Education and Scholarship Committee determines the recipients of scholarship funds budgeted by the CDA Board of Managers. For 2011/2012, \$17,200 was allocated for scholarships and fellowships and awarded to the following institutions:

- \$5,000 to the Graduate Center of the City of New York to support one graduate student in the department of history. The student was recommended to us by the faculty of the Graduate Center and is

researching aspects of print culture from the American Revolution through the Age of Jefferson, including the ways that political publishing mediums interacted with developing democratic philosophies.

- \$5,000 to New York University to support one graduate student in the field of Atlantic history. The student was recommended to us by Professor Karen Kupperman and is researching the mechanisms and purposes of gathering scientific information, including American species of plants used for food and medicine, in the later seventeenth century.
- \$5,000 to the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture at the College of William and Mary to fund a Fellowship in Historical Editing. The Institute publishes scholarly books and a quarterly journal.
- \$2,200 to Preservation Virginia to support a graduate student at the Jamestowne Island archaeological site under the direction of Dr. Kelso.

Garden and Grounds Committees

Allison White, Chair, reports:

The Garden and Grounds Committee completed Phase one of the garden plan in preparation for the 75th Anniversary in 2014.

We planted our kitchen garden in the northwest corner, complete with a subterranean automatic watering system and plant signage.

We are especially thankful for two private contributions this year: a fully mature yellow rose bush donated by new CDA member Charlotte Squarcy, and a substantial check for another rose bush donated by Christine Rother of Philadelphia.

The next stage involves researching and planting more period appropriate roses in the front of the Museum, again utilizing the same subterranean automatic watering system.

I am especially grateful that our tulips blossomed on time to greet all of you.

Personnel Committee

Sharon W. Vaino, Chair, reports:

During the past year, Personnel Committee members reviewed performance evaluations, compensation, attendance records, and accrued compensatory time for certain full-time and salaried part-time employees. The Committee discussed evaluated employees and made recommendations that were passed on within the CDA.

CDA Headquarters staffing over this period has remained stable, with a full-time Executive Director and Assistant to the Executive Director, as well as a part-time Assistant to the Registrar. Museum staffing has been reduced. Not filled were open positions resulting from the resignation of the full-time Museum Program Manager and from the assumption of full-time Curator of Education duties by her former part-time assistant. Independent contractors and, in the case of the Museum, volunteers, also have had significant roles.

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

Reports of the Standing Committees of The Parent Chapter

Colour Guard and Patriotic Activities Committee

Ripley G. Hathaway, Chair, reports:

The Colonial Dame's Color Guard represents our society at two annual events: The Flag Day Parade on June 14th, hosted by the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York and The Massing of the Colors, a patriotic evensong service in November at St. Thomas Episcopal Church that honors our military veterans, hosted by The New York Conference of Patriotic and Historical Societies.

Board Member Mary Barnes, who represented CDA at the Flag Day Parade, marched with her mother, proposed candidate Marilee Reiner, and her two children.

At the Massing of the Colors, Board Member Elizabeth Bramwell carried the flag and was accompanied by President General Nancy Shackelford Jones and myself. Other members, including Robin Lynch and Shirley Dixon-Miller, were in attendance at St. Thomas. This is a lovely and moving service and we urge you to attend this year if you have not done so in the past.

Events, Calendar and Hospitality Committee

Kathleen E. Springhorn, Chair reports:

On behalf of the *Hospitality, Calendar & Events Committee*, I am happy to welcome and thank each of you for being here today for our 2012 Annual Meeting, and thank all who arranged and took part in the special events arranged for our 2012 Annual Meeting weekend:

We particularly thank our Parent Chapter members, Beverley Sherrid, Sally Quinn, and Esther "Faity" Tuttle, for their reading roles in "SHE RODE ON A WHEEL" *Our Founding Dames in their Own Words: Early Letters from the CDA Archives*, a delightful and exciting introduction to CDA History, filled with perfectly proper protocol, and extremely cordial intrigue! Beverley was script-editor, casting agent, director, producer, and narrator, and even contributed her husband, Mark, to read the gentlemen's parts. Bravo, Beverley!

A special thank you is also extended to: PPG Helen Evans, METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART Curator of Byzantine Art, for personally guiding us through her wonderful exhibition at THE MET, *Byzantium and Islam*, and explaining the recent discoveries that are exciting her fellow scholars, and also to PG Nancy Jones, for sharing her special insights from her 15 years of dedicated volunteer service as a Docent at THE MET.

Also, to Parent Chapter Members Sandra Pearl, who serves on our Board of Managers, and to Randall Doss, for graciously inviting us for sparkling shopping and hospitality at their ERWIN PEARL and DONNA KARAN Madison Avenue boutiques, including discounts for members, and a percentage of sales as donations to CDA, and to Randall, again, for arranging the special brunch at *Le Chat Noir*; for those who needed to stop and rest!

Our traditional events this year included our *Past Presidents General & Board of Managers Annual Fall Luncheon*, and our *Annual Holiday Tea Dance*:

Our *Past Presidents General & Board of Managers Annual Fall Luncheon* was again held in the Tavern Room at the museum, led by PG Nancy Jones. It was a lovely event, further graced by the attendance of *Past Presidents General* Audrey Svennson, Helen Evans, and Charlotte Armstrong, who was honored at the very successful 2011 Museum Fall Benefit.

Our *Annual Holiday Tea Dance* was held in our beautiful *Abigail Adams Smith Ballroom*, which was transformed into a festive setting with pine garlands, wreaths, a Christmas tree, and more. An array of Nutcrackers welcomed guests to an evening of live music, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, beautiful desserts, and a full spectrum of spirits, which of course included CDA Eggnog served from our crystal punch bowl (the recipe is in our Cookbook!) and proper tea, served from our silver tea service. The *Holiday Tea Dance* glistens more brightly each year, and you are warmly invited to join us this coming December.

We sincerely thank Allison, Heather, and Terry, for orchestrating our events so carefully, and assuring that everything always goes smoothly.

Please remember to consider planning a birthday or anniversary party, a bridge party, or other events at our beautiful auditorium/ballroom. The Hospitality Committee also reminds you to turn to our wonderful CDA Cookbook for your own entertaining, for hostess gifts, or as a Chapter fundraiser. *Bon Appetit! And God Bless America!*

Thank you!

Membership Committee

Caroline McLain, Chair reports:

As of May 7, 2012, we have 300 active members in the Parent Chapter, 8 Emerita, and 11 Courtesy members. There were 2 deaths and 3 resignations.

We have seven new members.

Carol Marie-Laure Degener, (*ancestor: John Briggs*)

Nancy Wright Gaffney, (*ancestor: Peter Montague, Sr.*)

Dabney Winston Mercer, (*ancestor: William Lovelace*)

Victoria Pearson Miller, (*ancestor: Petrus Stuyvesant*)

Tinsley Randolph Mercer Mortimer, (*ancestor: William Barne*)

Jacqueline Pugh Sackler, (*ancestor: Pieter Claesen Wyckoff*)

Charlotte Van Horn Squarcy, (*ancestor: Pieter Claesen Wyckoff*)

REPORTS OF THE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Chapter I - Baltimore, Maryland

Chartered in 1892

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Susan S. Hawes
First Vice-President.....	Marguerite I. Jones
Treasurer	Martha C. Peter
Recording Secretary.....	Nina B. Neal
Corresponding Secretary.....	Beverley W. Young
Registrar.....	Jean S. Kouwenhoven

The 119th Annual Meeting of Chapter I was held on April 21, 2011 at the Mount Vernon Club in Baltimore. The Membership Chair welcomed seven new members. Formal Certificates of Membership were presented to the new members present. Professor Adam Goodheart, Director of the C.V. Star Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College, spoke about the “Sultana” and the historic schooner’s role in the education of the Chapter I scholars. Dr. Goodheart and six of his history students joined the membership for a delicious luncheon.

On April 14, 2011, Flag Day, the President joined several delightful members from Chapter XXIII for a tour of historic Annapolis. In addition to visiting the William Paca House and the Hammond Harwood House, the ladies also enjoyed a private tour of the historic rooms in the Maryland State House. The Dames enjoyed a lovely dinner overlooking the Annapolis harbor.

On September 24, 2011 Chapter I joined the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maryland, the Society of the Ark and Dove and the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, in hosting an elegant dinner and dance at the Maryland Club. Chapter I was honored to have our President General, Nancy Jones, with us for this festive evening. The Board of Chapter Managers, led by our fabulous Program Chair, organized tables and created all the beautiful centerpieces.

This year marked sixty-two years of Chapter I’s continuous support of the preservation of Hampton, the 1783 home of Captain Charles Ridgley. Chapter I has on loan for display at Hampton over 70 items. Currently, Chapter I supports the Colonial Dames Parlour on the first floor which is now furnished in Federal American Style (1790 to 1810). In 2007, Chapter I sold at auction a non-functioning, piano which had been in the parlour prior to the re-installation. The Board placed the proceeds in a fund to be used to purchase a federal style piano for the Parlour. After consulting with the early instrument expert from Williamsburg and reviewing the Ridgley family records which described the instruments the family owned, the Curator at Hampton finally located a piano made in London by John Jacob Astor in 1800 that mirrors the original piano at Hampton. Chapter I has contracted with David Winston, (whose company has a royal warrant for piano restoration from her Majesty the Queen,) for the sale, restoration and delivery of this fabulous instrument.

On December 18, 2011 the Board of Managers hosted the annual Christmas Party at Hampton, in the beautiful Orangery. Members, prospective members, daughters,

granddaughters, nieces and grandnieces gathered for wassail and Yuletide tours of the festively decorated mansion.

On March 9, 2012 members of Chapter I and their guests were treated to a private tour of the George Peabody Library. Founded in 1857 as a free public library and conservatory of music for the citizens of Baltimore, the library is renowned for its rare book room and a stack room with five tiers of ornamental cast iron balconies. After our tour with Dr. Earl Havens, Curator of Rare Books and Manuscripts at Johns Hopkins University, Chapter I adjourned to the Mt. Vernon Club for a delicious lunch.

The twelve Board of Chapter Managers held meetings in May, September, October, November of 2011 and January, February and March of 2012 to approve the budget and carry out the business of Chapter I. Under the diligent stewardship of our Treasurer and Finance Committee, Chapter I continues to operate on a sound financial footing. With the generous scholarship donations from our members and a contribution from our investment account, Chapter I was able to increase its scholarship commitments. Chapter I donated \$6000 to fund four student internships at the St. Mary's College Historical Archeology Field School. In addition, Chapter I gave \$10,000 to fund two "Quill and Compass" scholarships at Washington College. This year our Membership Chair and Registrar worked diligently together to successfully sheppard several new members through the rigors of the CDA membership application process. Many of our candidates have been working with a terrific new genealogist. Currently, Chapter I has 135 members (82 active, 16 junior, 32 life, 3 courtesy and 2 emeriti.) We have 23 ladies who have received or completed their "blue slip" preliminary application forms and are working on their charts.

Our 120th Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2012 at the Elkridge Club.

Chapter II - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Chartered in 1895

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Lynn S. Klein
First Vice-President.....	Eleanor T. Penniman
Second Vice-President	Sarah C. Lange
Treasurer	Jane M. Eppley
Recording Secretary.....	Anna K. Iredale
Corresponding Secretary.....	Anna K. Iredale
Registrar.....	Sharon D. Holt

Chapter II has 90 members and meets regularly. We continue to have interesting programs and look forward to the New Year.

Chapter III - Washington, DC

Chartered in 1898

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Kay P. Titus
First Vice-President.....	Ann T. Schaeffer
Second Vice-President	Jane C. McSwain
Treasurer	Harriet H. Stroup
Recording Secretary.....	Robin W. Dougherty
Corresponding Secretary.....	Florence D. Hughes
Registrar.....	Barbara H. Carpenter

Chapter III currently has 84 members, 1 Emeritus member, 2 Life members, 1 Honorary member and 7 Courtesy members, one of which is an Honorary member. We have gained seen new members and lost one to death. There are four candidates working on preliminary applications and five candidates working on final papers.

In June our chapter visited Paradise Springs Winery, home of Dames Jane Wiles and Mary Kincheloe. We enjoyed a tour of the winery and the grounds, which date back to the original property, granted by King James I of England to the Kincheloe family. This was a most enjoyable day.

Our summer was spent preparing for the Benefit, which is held biannually to raise funds for the support of our headquarters, the Abner Cloud House. All of the efforts paid off with a most successful event that raised almost enough for two years of maintenance.

In November our Dames toured Oatlands Plantation, home of George Carter. We enjoyed a lovely tea and good times together.

December is the time for holiday parties and the Dames do it right. Everyone enjoyed the warm camaraderie, fabulous food, and drink and, of course, Christmas Carols so ably led by the husband of one of our Dames, Gen. Max Noah.

President Lincoln's Birthday was celebrated at the Abner Cloud House with an old time radio show hosted by Col. Edgar Russell. Col. Russell led us through the time of Mr. Lincoln's life and presidency via voices of radio actors of the past. Forty members and guests enjoyed a cozy Sunday afternoon with the program and delicious refreshments.

We have had our challenges with our wonderful and demanding house this year, but thankfully all is well, and we have started our Open House Tours for the public. The house is open 8 times a year to the public and our Dames act as docents. Signage for the Abner Cloud Mill Site is in the works, thanks to the President's Award of Excellence so kindly awarded to our chapter. The National Park Service is in the process of furthering the planning for the stabilization of the site and its interpretation.

Our chapter has been given two books to add to our library collection this year. They are:

"Historic Grave Sites of Maryland and the District of Columbia" by Helen Ridley

and “The Potomac Canal” George Washington and the Waterway West by Robert J. Kapsch. These are both very valuable to us as references for genealogy and the understanding of the times of the Abner Cloud House.

Again this year, we are very proud to be able to donate a \$5000.00 scholarship to a graduate student of Architectural Historic Preservation at the University of Virginia.

Our annual meeting in April was the highlight of the year; our speaker, Ranger Scott Sheads, Senior Historian of Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland, presented a very informative program on “The Star Spangled Banner”. He was an entertaining and knowledgeable speaker, giving us a better understanding of the War of 1812 and the beloved flag of our country.

We look forward to the coming year and the continued efforts of our Dames to carry out our mission of preservation and education

CHAPTER IV - Paris, France

Chartered in 1901

Officers 2011-2012

President.....Mary L. d’Anglejan-Chatillon
First Vice-President.....Evelyn S. Cheuvreux
Treasurer Susan F. Train
Recording Secretary..... Susan F. Train
Corresponding Secretary..... Susan F. Train
Registrar.....Evelyn S. Cheuvreux

Chapter IV Paris has 12 members and meets regularly. We continue to have interesting programs. The Chapter will be traveling to Rochefort, France to watch the ship *I’Hermione* be put to sea on July 6th. The Paris Chapter is supporting a lifeboat or small tender that will be on board when the ship sails. We look forward to the New Year.

Chapter V - San Francisco, California,

Chartered in 1902

Officers 2011-2012

President.....Rebecca S. Viebrock
First Vice-President..... Elaine D. Oldham
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 historic Women’s Oakland Bellevue Club, the first Wednesday’s of October, December, February, and April.

Programs included speaker Jim Solar, a docent on the USS Hornet and at the Chabot Space Science Center, whose topic was “*Colonial Skies, What Did the Colonists know About the Sky and How Did They Learn From It*”; a talk by Gary Widman, current President of the San Francisco Presidio Historical Association; December, a program of “*Selected Christmas Carols and Their History*”; and Part II of “*Ancestors Across America 1640-Present*”, was given by prospective member Mary Mitchell.

Chapter V’s Scholarship Fund contributed \$1500 to a recipient attending her second year at Scripps College, and donated to the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden operating fund.

Chapter V had an increase in membership. Carol Vercillino and Susan Trau Johnson were installed as new members; two are working on papers; and courtesy member Carolyn Young transferred to full membership; for a total of 34 active and 2 Emeritae members.

It is a pleasure for this officer to serve yet another three-year term as president of Chapter V and for her daughter, and Chapter V delegate, Rebecca Slaughter, to give this report.

Chapter VI - Shreveport, Louisiana

Chartered in 1910

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Martha W. Johnson
First Vice-President.....	Evelyne C. Taylor
Treasurer	Georgia F. Hodgson
Recording Secretary.....	Mary H. Richard
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mary H. Richard
Registrar.....	Martha H. Thompson

Chapter 6 Members met October 28, 2011 for their fall business and lunch meeting at Ristorante Giuseppe and on December 7, 2011, Evelyne Taylor hosted a Christmas Luncheon for the membership.

On April 19, 2012 we attended the Centenary College Convocations and presented our Scholarship Award to Miss Hope Vollm, chosen as outstanding Student of American History by the faculty.

Our April 25, 2011 meeting was again a luncheon at Ristorante Giuseppe with a special treat, our member Rev. Jan Goff from Biloxi. With her was her sister, Mrs. Marcie Baird whose papers are in New York. Additionally we had 4 prospective members present. Our program for this meeting was the Story of Miss Edith Corse Evans, CDA Member who perished on the Titanic on April 15, 1912. This very interesting story was in remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic.

We meet twice a year, on the 4th Wednesday in October and in April with a Christmas gathering.

Chapter VII - Nashville, Tennessee

Chartered in 1926

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Judith H. Pulliam
First Vice-President.....	Danya K. Downey
Second Vice-President	Julia W. Springer
Third Vice-President	Kathryn S. Dixon
Treasurer	Joan L. Cherry
Recording Secretary.....	Susan B. Ritter
Corresponding Secretary.....	Betty B. Ferrelli
Registrar.....	Gail M. Holman

Chapter VII held its fall meeting September, 23 2011 at Hillwood Country Club. Doris Franklin Matthews, specialist in small British Antiques was our featured speaker. Her talk *"The King's Gifts"* included a power point presentation showcasing silver flatware and serving pieces given to British Royalty.

The Board voted to continue our support of Metro-Nashville Archives. Our Middle Tennessee Vice President, Danya Downey, has been elected as the Metro-Nashville Archives Association's new President. The Archives is considering the purchase of Fold3. This computer program provides access to US military records. What a great tool for genealogy research!

The spring business meeting and luncheon will be held April 27, 2012 at Hillwood Country Club featuring our outstanding scholarship student, Rebecca Robinson, who will speak about her thesis *"Rediscovering the voice of Ann Cochran Dixon"*.

Chapter VIII – Houston, Texas

Chartered in 1928

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Iris C. Eaton
First Vice-President.....	Margaret K. Ivancevich
Second Vice-President	Judith-Ann S. Rosenthal
Treasurer	Sybil L. Stephens
Recording Secretary.....	Rosemary B. Long
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mary T. Ford
Registrar.....	Mollie G. London

Houston's Chapter VIII currently has 118 members and 28 prospective members. We hold three Conferences per year with each meeting averaging 80 in attendance.

Our Spring Conference speaker was Jonathan Sandys, great grandson of Sir Winston Churchill who spoke about his Churchill's British Foundation. He and his Houstonian bride Sarah Sandys reside in Houston and had recently attended the Wedding for Prince William in London.

Our Fall Conference was held at "*The Taste of Texas*" and the owners Ed and Nina Hindie showed us their wonderful Texana Collection.

The Annual Meeting took place on February 22, President George Washington's birthday. Our member Barbara Petrov, a great granddaughter of Martha Washington gave a salute and toast to President Washington. Since Washington's whisky distillery has recently been restored and reopened, we presented her with the new book "*Founding Spirits*", which discusses Washington's lucrative and thriving bourbon business. We toasted the President with his brew, which is a blend of 60% rye whiskey, 35% corn whiskey and 5% malt barley. The final business for our annual Meeting was the installation of new officers. We are pleased that President Beth Leney and First Vice President, Evelyn Aucoin, will be representing us at our 122nd Annual Meeting this May in NYC.

The project of "*Preserving Our Heritage Through Art*" was completed at the Texas Medical Center with much acclaim for our Colonial Dames organization with recognition on each work of art from member and artist, Judith Saks Rosenthal.

The chapter also contributed \$500 to support our facilities and gardens at Headquarters. Finally we will present the annual gift of 6 college scholarships at the Spring Conference for daughters, granddaughters and nieces of our members. Our scholarships have been beneficial in returning to us many talented members, including our new First VP Evelyn Aucoin. These scholarships established in 1979 have amounted to over \$138,000.

Chapter IX – Lexington, Kentucky

Chartered in 1929

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Sharon L. Clouse
First Vice-President.....	Mildred T. Lawrence
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, Kentucky.

The June 9, 2011 business meeting and luncheon was held at the Lexington Country Club. Joel Meador, Interim Executive Director and Site Manager of the historic Jack Jouett House in Woodford County, Kentucky presented a program on the house and Jack Jouett, a famous "*midnight rider*" during the American Revolution and an early settler in Kentucky.

The October 13, 2011 business meeting and luncheon was held at Lexington Country Club. The program, "*A Walk Across Kentucky: Native Trees*," was presented

by Todd Rounsaville, Native Plant Curator from The Arboretum State Botanical Garden of Kentucky.

New member Julia Marshall was admitted and welcomed to Chapter IX. Other applications are pending.

One issue of the Chapter IX newsletter was printed and mailed in Sept 2011.

Book Award Chairman Jeanette Wortham reviewed and recommended the book, “*Grant’s Final Victory: Ulysses S. Grant’s Heroic Last Year*”, by Charles Bracelen Flood, Da Capo Press, for the CDA Annual Book Award. Her report was sent to National Headquarters for consideration.

Chapter IX continued its established support of two important educational and historic preservation projects in Kentucky with generous grants: (1) \$1,000.00 contribution to the McDowell House National Historic Landmark, Danville, Kentucky, www.mcdowellhouse.com, and (2) \$1,000.00 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. An additional memorial donation of \$195.00 was given to McDowell House by Chapter IX members in memory of deceased member and past president Dorothea Thompson.

Chapter X - Rome, Italy

Chartered in 1930

OFFICERS 2011-2012

President.....	Sharrilyn Whiting De Masi
First Vice-President.....	Flavia O. Accolti-Gil
Treasurer	Sharrilyn Whiting DeMasi
Recording Secretary.....	Sheila C. Danielli
Corresponding Secretary.....	Sheila C. Danielli
Registrar.....	Suzanne T. Festa

Chapter X currently has eight members and one prospective.

We began the chapter year with the annual meeting and lunch at the Scacchi Club, hosted by Flavia Accolti-Gil. In October we met for lunch at Babette, hosted by visiting Dame Mary Ann Rad and attended by Marta Thayer, chapter member from Santo Domingo, and Alice Bahrenberg of the New York Chapter. We held an informal lunch in December.

Activities during 2011 included working with CDA-NY to design and produce a hand-painted Italian ceramic bowl for presentation to former PG Charlotte Armstrong. We provided an internship for a student from Loyola University-Rome, which focused upon research on Americans buried in the Non-Catholic Cemetery in Rome. We welcomed a new prospective, Helen Ruffy.

The 2012 annual meeting and lunch was held at the home of Flavia Accolti-Gil. During that meeting, we set the plans for 2012, including exploration of digital methods to use the data we have developed for the Non-Catholic Cemetery in Rome.

Chapter XI - London, England

Chartered in 1930

Officers 2011-2012

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

Chapter XI met formally twice in 2011, although the Dames have frequent contact with one another throughout the year.

Following our business meeting in June 2011, we enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Royal Garden Hotel, overlooking Kensington Palace in London. We had our second business meeting in October 2011, again followed by a lovely lunch at the Babylon Restaurant, which is on the iconic BIBA shop site in Kensington. The restaurant still maintains the beautiful roof garden, which has been on the top of the building for many years and has exotic plants and pink flamingos amongst a variety of ducks.

As President, I represented the Chapter at the American Ambassadors 4th of July lunch at his residence in Regents Park. The event was very well attended and it was so nice to get a flavour of US hospitality here in England.

Although we are a small group, our Chapter is attracting a number of prospective members, which we welcome, and hopefully in the near future we will have more full members, but we will always be a small chapter because of our overseas location.

I am pleased to say that our Chapter was represented by Ellen Davidson, former Chapter XI president, at the 121st Annual Meeting in New York City in May 2011. This year I am again pleased to say we have two Dames attending the 122nd Annual Meeting, in New York City in May 2012. They are Nancy Gough, First Vice President of the Chapter, and Ellen Davidson

Chapter XII - St. Louis, Missouri

Chartered in 1938

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Jennifer S. Jeffrey
First Vice-President.....	Patricia C. Schoen
Treasurer	Mary Jo P. Mordhorst
Recording Secretary.....	Betty H. Ford
Corresponding Secretary.....	Demetra C. Kelly
Registrar.....	Margaret L. Carr

Chapter XII has 30 members and meets regularly. We continue to have interesting programs and look forward to the New Year.

Chapter XIII – Kansas City, Missouri

Chartered in 1949

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Frances T. Pattarini
First Vice-President.....	Mary B. Frisch
Treasurer	Mary S. Mize
Recording Secretary.....	Georgette S. Page
Corresponding Secretary.....	Nina G. Kanaga
Registrar.....	Mary B. Frisch

Highlight of this year was the Official Visit by President General Nancy Shackelford Jones for 24 hours over the span of July 19-20. We were able to show her a bit of the area and many members were able to meet her at The Carriage House Luncheon.

Other luncheon meetings have been held at beautiful Indian Hills Country Club where in October Alana Smith, President of the Westport Historical Society told of some of the plans in place for the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War, handing out great literature showing our area as “*Freedom’s Frontier.*”

The December Christmas Party centered on a gift exchange and in March our Speaker was member Francie Stoner, recently retired VP of Cerner Corp. who used her considerable talents to do a power point presentation of the CDA web site.

Chapter XIV - Chicago, Illinois

Chartered in 1952

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Mary V. Gustafson
First Vice-President.....	June C. Chapek
Second Vice-President	Clara G. Hoepfner
Treasurer	Anne E. Burket
Recording Secretary.....	Sandra O. Polito
Corresponding Secretary.....	Patricia C. Stahler
Registrar.....	Jane Y. Lahey

Chapter XIV held the Annual Benefit Salad Luncheon on April 27, 2011 at the home of Vice President, June Chapek. Twelve members and one prospective member were present. Following the luncheon and meeting, the members participated in an “*Antique Road Show.*”

In August the members met at Graceland Cemetery in Chicago. A walking tour of this historic cemetery was led by a docent, who is also a member of Chapter XIV. Following a most interesting tour the members met for lunch and a meeting.

The December meeting was held at the “95th Restaurant” in the John Hancock building in Chicago. At this meeting it was announced that Chapter XIV will donate \$500.00 to our National Museum. This donation was sent in February 2012.

We are working on membership. We had one member approved in 2011 and five prospective members at various stages in the process of being approved.

Chapter XV - Jackson, Mississippi

Chartered in 1954

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Ann A. Simmons
First Vice-President.....	Carolyn N. Howard
Treasurer	Francis B. Craft
Recording Secretary.....	Betty S. Bradley
Corresponding Secretary.....	Betty S. Bradley
Registrar.....	Ann R. King

The members of Chapter XV meet twice a year at the River Hills Club in Jackson, Mississippi, with 45 members and 6 prospective members. Our first program was presented by Todd Sanders of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, “*Mississippi Architecture from the Colonial Period.*” Other programs during this President’s term included “*Mississippi History Now: History at your Fingertips*”, presented by Peggy Jeans, former Managing Editor of Harper and Row Publishers in New York, who is now director of our on line history program.

Our October meeting was held at the Municipal Arts Gallery in Jackson, which the chapter marked, last year as a Mississippi Landmark, and through the continued efforts of Mary Bell Douglas, has seen a complete restoration. It has now been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. A lovely luncheon was hosted after the meeting. Mrs. Douglas also made a donation to the Mississippi Museum of Art, consisting of two family portraits by Thomas Sully, “*The Friedman’s of Windsor*”. Our program was a review of the restoration of the Old Capitol in Jackson, built in 1839, which had been heavily damaged in Hurricane Katrina, given by Clay Williams, its director.

This office term was highlighted by a visit from our President General, Nancy Shackelford Jones on April 19, at the River Hills Club. Our group was energized and inspired with her poignant remarks concerning our society and its importance in helping sustain the historical integrity of our country. Our officers were graciously installed by President General Jones, who was honored at a dinner at the Jackson County Club that evening hosted by Vice President, Carolyn Nause Howard, who also hosted the President General and President Ann Simmons in her lovely home.

While in Jackson, President Jones was also given tours of the Mississippi Museum of Art, where the two Sully portraits hang, the Old Capitol Museum, and the Eudora Welty Home.

Our Mary Flowers Hendrix Nursing Scholarship continues to grow with a cash loan value of \$23, 257.21 and a loan amount of \$9, 096.44.

Chapter XV was pleased to present a check for \$500 to our President General to be used where most needed in our Society.

I surrender my most enjoyable term as President of Chapter XV, into the capable hands of Carolyn Nause Howard, and shall continue to work on increased membership for the Society.

Chapter XVI - Des Moines, Iowa

Chartered in 1955

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Maralee M. Kruse
First Vice-President.....	Roberta S. Parks
Second Vice-President	Avo T. Davidson
Treasurer	Myrtle L. Van Dyke
Recording Secretary.....	Raychael M. Garringer
Corresponding Secretary.....	Raychael M. Garringer
Registrar.....	Raygena K. Garringer

The Iowa Chapter XVI, Colonial Dames of America meet at the Scottish Rite Park in Des Moines, IA. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday in May and October at 10:30 AM. The business meeting is before lunch and the program follows lunch.

We have 25 members, 1 is a Life member and 1 is a Daughter Dame. We a prospective member currently working on her papers to join.

Our members have given programs on their ancestors that have been both entertaining and informative. Roberta Parks, our 1st Vice President, has given the last two programs on her ancestors. Roberta has done considerable research on her heritage and attends national conferences in Washington, D.C. for a number of lineage organizations.

Myrtle Van Dyke, our treasurer, has done massive research on her ancestors also, including trips to Salt Lake City for additional information. She works with the Iowa Genealogical Society in Des Moines helping others find their ancestors.

Raygena Garringer, our Registrar, has been instrumental in our chapter gaining new members and spends much time confirming applicant's papers and following the guidelines prepared by our National CDA for new members.

Ann Davidson, our Chaplain, has worked diligently to keep our chapter viable. She has now made her own home available to us for our chapter meetings. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated members in our chapter.

CHAPTER XVII - Palm Beach, Florida

Chartered in 1964

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Bradley T. Van Hoek
First Vice-President.....	Rachel L. Lorentzen
Second Vice-President	Corinne C. Schoeller
Treasurer	Lucy H. Bauer
Recording Secretary.....	Marion H. Straton
Corresponding Secretary.....	Diane A. Oelsner
Registrar.....	Corinne C. Schoeller

This year Chapter XVII, in Palm Beach, met three times for tea as a group, in December, February and April. In December, we had five of our members give a brief biography of their individual ancestors. We are compiling a chapter scrapbook of these biographies, along with those shared at previous meetings. In February, the afternoon following our annual ball, Gay Gaines, the Regent from George Washington's Mount Vernon estate gave us a most impressive lecture. Finally, in April, Deborah Pollack shared her fascinating slide presentation on noted 19th century Florida artist, Laura Woodward, excerpted from her book on the subject.

The Colonial Dames and Sons of the Colonial Wars Ball was held in February at the Everglades Club with the Alex Donner Band. It was a great success with over 240 guests in attendance, many from other chapters. The Dames were responsible for the floral arrangements, and monies were donated to cover this expense.

We also hosted our popular Bridge luncheon with over 84 attendees, who had a lovely lunch followed by an afternoon of bridge. Prizes were the centerpieces.

This year we welcomed two new members, Kathryn Evans Dew Amling and Kelly Matthews Hopkins, who are now submitting their blue sheets. Christine Gibbons Berman has had her papers approved and ten others are working on their papers.

The Book Award Committee was unable to recommend a book for the award, but we did recommend one for the Citation, called, "Nothing Daunted". The Committee continues to encourage the Parent Chapter to provide the list of eligible books earlier in the year, in order that members have time to read the selections and participate more fully.

All members of our chapter received a small pamphlet with a brief history of our chapter along with our chapter bylaws.

We donated seven American flags to the classrooms at Opportunity, Inc., and we distributed our collection of important American political writing, including such historical documents at the Declaration of Independence, to all Middle and High Schools in Palm Beach County. We also have this collection for sale.

We raised approximately \$7500.00 this year and after expenses, were able to support the following charities: The Parent Chapter, The Four Arts, who buy our books for us, The Palm Beach Historical Society, who store our archives, Standown House, who aid homeless vets, the Glades Charter School and Opportunity, Inc., both of whom offer early education to those in need.

Finally, we elected a new Board at our April meeting. President, Rachel Lorentzen, Vice-President Laura Johnston, 2nd Vice-President and Registrar, Lucy Bauer, Treasurer, Tina Berman, Recording Secretary, Marty Straton, Corresponding Secretary, Boo Oelsner, and Members at Large, Anne Hurley and Ethel Kinsella.

Chapter XVIII - Springfield, Ohio

Chartered in 1980

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Mary S. Miller
First Vice-President.....	Cynthia H. Valente
Treasurer	Jeanne H. Lampe-Ray
Recording Secretary.....	Nancy S. Wright
Corresponding Secretary.....	Cynthia H. Valente
Registrar.....	Mary S. Miller

Chapter XVIII met at the Springfield Country Club in May, September and December of 2010 and March of 2011. Our programs for these meetings included a biography of our newest member's ancestor, a short quiz on Paul Revere's ride upon which the members agreed they needed a refresher course, a talk on Bilston Battersea enamels produced in England and their subsequent revival and the new director of the Springfield Museum of Art who spoke of her internship at the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden and an overview of the local museum and its "about to be announced" affiliation with the Smithsonian.

We still continue our tradition of donating to the Parent Chapter in memory of deceased members. We also made donations to local projects within the community.

Chapter XVIII continues to hold its membership at 24 members.

Chapter XIX – Florida Everglades

Chartered in 1982

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Gail B. Michaelsen
First Vice-President.....	Virginia B. Fletcher
Second Vice-President	Millicent E. Duvall
Treasurer	Barbara E. Messere
Recording Secretary.....	Janie B. Brown
Corresponding Secretary.....	Lydia M. Giancotti
Registrar.....	Imogene H. Lane

The members of Everglades Chapter XIX have once again enjoyed a good year. We are a South Florida bicoastal chapter with meetings in Naples, on the Gulf Coast and in the Fort Lauderdale area on the East Coast.

On November 4, 2011 our chapter was honored to be visited in Naples by Mrs. Nancy Shackelford Jones, our President General. Our Board Members hosted a dinner with Mrs. Jones that evening at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. The following day Mrs. Jones attended our Board and General Meetings. We heard from the Director of Palm Cottage, one of historical projects and from guest speaker Nancy Slade who spoke on Barron Collier, an early Florida settler. Our chapter presented Mrs. Jones with a print of Palm cottage in appreciation of her visit.

February 3, 2012 we met at the Lauderdale Yacht Club, in Fort Lauderdale. Our Past President Janie Brown presided. Members and guests enjoyed a lovely lunch and program with speaker Mr. Michael Kennedy, from the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society. Mr. Kennedy spoke about Florida's 19th Governor, Napoleon Bonaparte Broward.

On April 13, 2012 we will meet at the Lauderdale Yacht Club to conduct our Annual Meeting and elect new officers, along with commemorating our Thirtieth Anniversary as Colonial Dames of America, Everglades Chapter XIX. Our membership consists of 76 active members, 5 Emerita members, 2 Junior members and 2 awaiting approval. Our Registrar, Imogene Lane, will be retiring her office in April. Mrs. Lane has served our chapter as Registrar for many years. She is also a former President. Mrs. Lane is held in high regard and with great respect by our members. Our Book chairwoman will report on some historical books she recently read and give a few good summer reading recommendations. We will close our meeting by honoring two deceased members with a memorial.

Our charitable commitments continue. We annually support two college scholarships. We assist Palm Cottage, a historical landmark and museum registered in the National Register of Historic Places. We also support women in Distress, a facility that provides victims of domestic violence with safe shelter, crisis intervention and resources to educate themselves. It is always a pleasure to support the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden.

Chapter XX - Los Angeles, California

Chartered in 1982

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Elizabeth B. Breithaupt
First Vice-President.....	Constance R. Fisher
Treasurer	Frances T. Boothe
Recording Secretary.....	Lucille T. Hobart
Corresponding Secretary.....	Diana C. Robertson
Registrar.....	Cheryl M. Bucknam

Members of Chapter XX enjoyed four luncheon meetings at the Pasadena Women's City Club which is renowned for their popovers. Our present membership is forty-six. We have four prospective members working on their applications. This year we lost three members; one transferred to Chapter V, one resigned and there was one death of a thirty six year member.

We have contributed to the Scholarship Fund, the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden, and the Garden & Grounds Fund. Our programs were very enlightening. Member Jan Gordon spoke on Jennie Jerome, Churchill's mother. We were all fascinated by this dynamic woman. Our Christmas program was given by Registrar, Cher Bucknam. We enjoyed remembering the Toys in the Attic. Izalla Dickey, a favorite speaker, spoke on the fate of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. We are looking forward to our final meeting of the year when the speaker in costume will tell us what women did in years past.

With this report I conclude my term of office. We have a dynamic slate of officers being installed in May. I have enjoyed the past three years but am looking forward to turning the gavel to Margaret Wilson, our new President.

Chapter XXI - Dallas, Texas

Chartered in 1982

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Nancy B. Morian
First Vice-President.....	Linda L. Haynes
Treasurer	Hallie P. Garner
Recording Secretary.....	Shirley C. Smith
Corresponding Secretary.....	Shirley C. Smith
Registrar.....	Linda T. Juba

The Chapter had a year of growth, interesting programs and participation in projects. Members have read suggested books and made their recommendations. Monetary contributions were made to the Society benefiting the Scholarship Fund and the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden.

Meetings with programs are held three times a year at Park City Club, Dallas. Our fall meeting featured "*The Loyalists*", by Lloyd Bockstruck, former supervisor of the Dallas Library, Genealogical Department. His quick wit and informative talk fascinated all in attendance.

Celia Thaxton, a most talented New England poet and essayist from the nineteenth century, was the topic presented by knowledgeable speaker, Jo Guittard. We heard readings from the talented author's writings and learned biography facts.

Our chapter project will support "*Salute to the Troops Care Packages*", sponsored by the group Military Moms.

The success of chapter XXI can be attributed to very devoted officers and committee chairmen.

Chapter XXII – Michigan

Chartered in 1984

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Barbara Hofmann
First Vice-President.....	Nancy W. Reed
Second Vice-President	Catherine Jo N. Dixon
Treasurer	Catherine C. Pouls
Recording Secretary.....	Mary Ellen L. Vangoff
Corresponding Secretary.....	Virginia Lee W. Bennett
Registrar.....	Barbara B. Greene

We held three meetings in the past year. The first meeting in March of 2011 was held jointly by the outgoing President and the incoming President. My portion involved discussion of fundraisers including making and marketing CDA bracelets and further silent auctions. We also entertained suggestions for our fund-raising efforts.

During our second meeting, we heard a presentation from the Director of a local preservation effort, “*Preservation Bloomfield*”. We are considering supporting this historic preservation endeavor.

Our final meeting of the year was held at a Michigan icon. Zehnder’s Restaurant represents the German-American presence in Michigan. We thoroughly enjoyed a presentation by our Second Vice President’s husband who focused on restoration and preservation of old photographs.

Given our president General’s concern expressed in the 2010-2011 Annual Report, “*Over the past 30 years, our total membership has decreased to 1900 members in the entire organization*”, our goal throughout the year has been to increase membership. To that end, we are proud to have welcomed eight new members and have two applications awaiting verification.

Chapter XXIII - Virginia

Chartered in 1986

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Lora H. Jenkins
First Vice-President.....	Patricia W. Roach
Second Vice-President	Elizabeth T. Courts
Treasurer	Celeste A. Wheelwright
Recording Secretary.....	Ann B. Darst
Corresponding Secretary.....	Blair W. Lawrence
Registrar.....	Walta M. Warren

The Virginia Chapter celebrated 2011 with our 25th anniversary. Honoring the anniversary, Mary Catherine Plaster designed a Virginia-shaped ornament which features the Colonial Dames seal and states visited on historical tours.

Continued support went to scholarships for the education of Virginia women. Funding went to the following archaeological sites Poplar Forest, Thomas Jefferson's retreat, and the Werowocomoco Settlement.

With spring came our Annual Meeting in April at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond, which coincided with a visit to the Picasso exhibit. As summer approached, we journeyed to Annapolis, Maryland where we visited historic houses, the state capital and enjoyed the hospitality of Chapter I's President, Susan Hawes. September's destination was the James River plantations including a tour of Westover, Berkeley and Carter Hall. Our final trip was a Caisson tour at Ft. Myer, Virginia that included a visit with the Caisson horses.

Chapter XXIV - Atlanta, Georgia

Chartered in 1986

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Judith L. Hughes
First Vice-President.....	Marion S. Murray
Second Vice-President	Mary S. Clarke
Treasurer	Diane N. Quintana
Recording Secretary.....	Georgia B. Stitt
Corresponding Secretary.....	Shelby A. Whitson
Registrar.....	Bonnie B. Dubberly

Chapter XXIV has fifty active members, one courtesy member and two Emerita Members. There are three candidates in various stages of completing their papers.

The highlight of our year was the Chapter's 25th Anniversary Celebration on October 14, 2011 with a festive luncheon meeting at Cherokee Town Club in Atlanta. White orchids in silver containers adorned each table and a favor wrapped in silver paper and white tulle was presented to each attendee as a memento from the President. Edith Wright, a Petitioner to organize the chapter, October 15, 1986, spoke as well as three charter members giving early remembrances of the chapter. A Power Point presentation showed important chapter projects since 1989. The President presented a certificate of appreciation from President General, Nancy Shackelford Jones to Mrs. Wright and the charter members.

Our chapter meets three times a year and in the fall we enjoy a lovely cocktail party with our husbands. At each meeting we have a colonial minute and a program presented by one of the many fine metro Atlanta speakers.

The chapter project this year was a grant to The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, headquartered in Atlanta. The grant was established to provide continuing education to two staff members each year of this administration towards the requisition and preservation of trust properties. The grant has been well received and appreciated by The Georgia Trust.

Our Charter Member, Rose Elyea Bell has had nineteen supplementals approved in New York since May 2011. Prior to that she had six approved for a total of twenty five.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Chapter XXIV as President.

Chapter XXV - Phoenix, Arizona

Chartered in 1990

Officers 2011-2012

President.....Susan G. Kreckler
First Vice-President.....Elizabeth H. Degnan
Treasurer Joan P. Roney
Recording Secretary..... Sarah W. Hlavay
Corresponding Secretary..... Sarah W. Hlavay
Registrar.....Carol Lee C. Wold

Chapter XXV meets twice each year in December and March. The Holiday Luncheon in December, 2011, was held at the Wrigley Mansion Club in Phoenix. Following lunch and the meeting members were given a tour of the historic home. The Annual Meeting and Tea will be held at the Arizona Biltmore Resort on March 31.

The Chapter's project has been the purchase of a wood bench to be placed near the front entrance of CDA's National Headquarters. The bench will bear a brass plaque saying that the bench was given by Chapter XXV in honor of Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor of Arizona.

We are now a thriving chapter of 22 and we look forward to installing qualified women during the coming year. We work together to follow the objectives of CDA and to uphold the values set forward by our forefathers.

CHAPTER XXVI – Austin, Texas

Chartered in 1992

Officers 2011-2012

President.....Laura B. Wilson
First Vice-President..... Nancy S. Yahn
Treasurer Sue K. Porter
Recording Secretary..... Barbara B. Barrera
Corresponding Secretary..... Barbara B. Barrera
Registrar.....Janet S. Kres

Chapter XXVI has 22 members and meets regularly. We continue to have interesting programs and look forward to the New Year.

CHAPTER XXVII - San Antonio, Texas

Chartered in 1993

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Sharon Lynn C. Harrison
First Vice-President.....	Julia B. Scheibe
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 XXVII has 16 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 2011-2012

President.....	Mary K. Cooper
First Vice-President.....	Anne S. Schwanda
Second Vice-President	Billie F. Tadich
Treasurer	Nelle H. Mussler
Recording Secretary.....	Joan L. Russ
Corresponding Secretary.....	Ann Waggaman
Registrar.....	Glenda P. Walton

Members of Chapter 28, Melbourne, Florida, enjoyed three luncheon meetings this year, meeting in May, October, and February. February was our annual meeting.

Our programs were outstanding and well received by the membership.

We were saddened by the death of four members. Memorial Services were held for Margaret Boyer, a charter member; Marion Daly; Billie Ann Tadich, 2nd Vice President; and Margaret Wickel, Treasurer.

Chapter 28 continues to contribute to our national projects for Education and Scholarship, Garden and Grounds, and Museum.

We welcomed two new members, bringing our total membership to 47 members and one courtesy member.

Our chapter looks forward to being served by our new officers for the next term.

CHAPTER XXIX – North Carolina

Chartered in 1999

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Elizabeth H. Sparrow
First Vice-President.....	Marie Y. Thiele
Second Vice-President	Gloria R. Hendry
Treasurer	Emily D. Shugrue
Recording Secretary.....	Laura M. Jeffries
Corresponding Secretary.....	Laura M. Jeffries
Registrar.....	Elizabeth H. Hobbs

North Carolina Chapter XXIX holds semiannual luncheon meetings on the last Saturday in March and September at Hope Valley Country Club in Durham. Our chapter has fifty-three active members, two members Emerita, and seven Daughter Dames. Papers for two new members are in the process of being approved by the verifying Genealogist, and invitations to join have been extended to three prospective members.

For the first time ever, our Chapter XXIX members hosted a joint meeting with the members of the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of North Carolina. We met on September 24, 2011, holding our separate board meetings mid-morning and then coming together at 11:30 for a wine reception and luncheon at noon. Our speaker was Dr. Larry E. Tise, Wilbur & Orville Wright Visiting Distinguished Professor of History at East Carolina University, whose topic was *“The Tuscarora War in North Carolina: The Most Important Colonial War of Them All”*. Everyone agreed that the joint meeting was most successful.

Our spring luncheon meeting was held on March 31, 2012, with Dr. Carole W. Troxler, Professor Emerita of History at Elon University, as our speaker. Her topic was *“The ‘Nutbush Address’ as a Precursor to the Regulator Movement in Colonial North Carolina”*. Her presentation was based on her most recent book, published by the NC Department of Cultural Resources, *“Farming Dissenters: The Regulator Movement in Piedmont North Carolina”*.

Chapter XXIX will be contributing again this year to the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum and Garden in New York City. In North Carolina we will be providing financial support to the Genealogical Services branch of the State Library of North Carolina and to the Historic Halifax Restoration Association for the William R. Davie house in Halifax.

CHAPTER XXX - Venice, Florida

Chartered in 1999

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Carol W. Cornell
First Vice-President.....	Mary Elizabeth W. Crocker
Second Vice-President	Lauralee H. Clayton
Treasurer	Barbara L. DeRiemacker
Recording Secretary.....	Alice T. Hornback
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mary Ellen Y. Lowe
Registrar	Barbara B. Schulz

Chapter XXX holds their luncheons on the second Saturday of November, January and February at the Venice Yacht Club and a membership tea in March to welcome our newest members. During this administration, we accomplished our goal of increasing our membership with a 26% gain. We are thrilled to have qualified and energetic new members to join our ranks.

In November, a program was given by Reverend Kevin McKinney on the Safe Children’s Coalition. In January our program was given by Mrs. Dennis W. Withers of Kentucky on Colonial Medicine. Our program in February was “*The Voices of the Oregon Trail*” presented by Sue Snow. The annual membership tea was held at the Jacaranda West Country Club, hosted by Mrs. William Crocker and Mrs. William Lowe, Past Chapter President. We welcomed four new members and introduced two ladies who are currently in the process of becoming new members.

A memorial service was given by Mrs. Arden Bartz in memory of our charter member Eleanor Craig. Our new officers were installed. Incoming President, Mrs. Crocker, was presented the gavel by outgoing President, Mrs. Duane F. Cornell.

Chapter XXX continues the worthwhile project of supporting the Lord Hihal House restoration. The 1896 Queen Anne vernacular structure is the oldest home in Venice and was deemed worthy of being salvaged. In 2005 it was deeded to the city. The ongoing project is total restoration, complete with a formal garden. Members of Chapter XXX are committed to assist the project in the area of financial donations.

It has been this officer’s high honor to serve this Chapter and this wonderful Society during these three years.

CHAPTER XXXI – South Carolina

Chartered in 2006

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Margaret B. Wolfe
First Vice-President.....	Theresa H. Johnson
Second Vice-President	Marilyn D. Altman
Treasurer	Mary M. Duvall
Recording Secretary.....	Carolyn C. Gliden
Corresponding Secretary.....	Katherine C. Wolfe
Registrar.....	Robin R. Towns

Chapter XXXI celebrates its 6th Anniversary and continues to grow, providing a venue for our ladies to network and share while promoting scholarship and colonial history. Currently chapter membership is 55 members, 7 courtesy members, and 1 Daughter Dame. Five ladies have been invited and are working on application papers.

President Margaret Wolfe, Registrar Robin Towns and Historian/Past Chapter President Camille Baxter attended the 2011 Annual Meeting. We enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the Parent Chapter, headquarters and museum staff. Our Fall Meeting, on October 27 in Charleston, South Carolina, was held in the second floor ballroom of chapter member Ellen Kiser. The Capers-Motte House, circa 1745, was a meeting place of the early South Carolina Legislature. Our Spring Meeting, April 5, was held at Forest Lake Country Club, Columbia, South Carolina. We are currently making plans to honor the Samuel Jeffcoat House, a “transition house” near Swansea, South Carolina as our President General’s Award for Excellence Project for 2013.

CHAPTER XXXII-Central Missouri

Chartered in 2007

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Dorothy S. Baumgartner
First Vice-President.....	Joan T. Sorrels
Treasurer	Sally N. Bueno
Recording Secretary.....	Iola N. Smith
Corresponding Secretary.....	Iola N. Smith
Registrar.....	Florence C. Pickard

Chapter XXXII has 33 members and meets regularly. We continue to have interesting programs and look forward to the New Year.

CHAPTER XXXIII-Georgia Piedmont

Chartered in 2011

Officers 2011-2012

President.....	Robin R. Towns
First Vice-President.....	Lynn E. Brackey
Treasurer	Rachel B. Tribble
Recording Secretary.....	Dr. Susan C. Power
Corresponding Secretary.....	Bonnell W. Lashley
Registrar.....	Diane M. Redkevitch

Georgia Piedmont Chapter XXXIII of The Colonial Dames of America was approved to charter on April 21, 2011. Chapter XXXIII has made membership its first goal and forty five ladies have joined by application or transfer.

The Summer Charter meeting was held on June 18, 2011 at the Monroe Golf and Country Club in Monroe, Georgia. A special welcome message from President General, Nancy Shackelford Jones was read. Dotty Zazworsky, managing director and trustee, presented a "*Sneak Peek of The William Harris Homestead.*" Chapter Regulations and appointed Officers were confirmed by the membership, and the Officers were installed, followed by a luncheon.

The Fall meeting was held on October 19, 2011 at The William Harris Homestead in Walton County, Georgia, circa 1825, an award-winning Georgia landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Members enjoyed a wonderful program and tour presented by Harris descendants Dotty Zazworsky, Donna Hulsey and Judy Hardigree, in period costume, highlighting the history of the log house and outbuildings, and the mission of The William Harris Foundation, Inc., followed by a luncheon.

The Winter meeting was held on January 18, 2012 at Monroe Golf and Country Club and featured a fun and successful silent auction fund raiser and luncheon. The membership enthusiastically voted to use the funds to support The William Harris Homestead as a chapter project, by placing an historical marker, and donating \$500 to educational programs.

The Spring meeting was held on March 21, 2012 at the Yesterday Café in Rutledge, Georgia. Lois Foerster presented the program on "*Ladies Fashion and Fancy,*" followed by a delightful luncheon.

Officers and members of Chapter XXXIII have strived with enthusiasm and enjoyment to fulfill the goals of developing membership, and of supporting The Colonial Dames of America's objectives of historic preservation and American history education. We have supported the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden with a monetary donation. It is a distinct honor to be granted the privilege of chartering Georgia Piedmont Chapter XXXIII, the newest chapter of The Colonial Dames of America.

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I bequeath to The Colonial Dames of America, incorporated April 13, 1891, under the laws of the State of New York, the sum of _____ dollars, for its general purposes.

Education and Scholarship Fund

I bequeath to The Colonial Dames of America, incorporated April 13, 1891, under the laws of the State of New York, the sum of _____ dollars, for the purposes of the Education and Scholarship Fund.

Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden

I bequeath to the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden, New York, the sum of _____ dollars, for its general purposes.

Remembrance Fund

Contributions may be made to The Colonial Dames of America in memory of deceased members and their families. These gifts, tax deductible, can be designated for various activities in which the member would have been particularly interested: Education and Scholarship, Genealogical Research, Garden and Grounds, Library and Archives, Museum, or the General Endowment Fund.

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Chapter XXXIII	Georgia Piedmont

The Colonial Dames of America

421 East 61st Street
New York, New York 10021

Organized May 23, 1890
Incorporated April 13, 1891

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
AND BY-LAWS

As amended through May 3, 1995

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

As amended April 29, 1992

State of New York

City and County of New York

We, Elizabeth Duer King, Elizabeth Coralie Gardiner, Emily N. Trevor, May King Van Rensselaer, Eleanor Van Rensselaer Fairfax, Mary Van Wyck Church, Martha J. Lamb, Cornelia A. Beekman, Annie T. Lawrence, Sarah Alden Derby, and Sarah Goodhue King, being severally persons of full age, citizens of the United States and a majority citizens of the State of New York, and being desirous of forming ourselves into a society and corporation for patriotic, historical, literary and social purposes, pursuant to the act of the Legislature of the State of New York entitled "An act for the incorporation of societies or clubs for certain lawful purposes," passed May 12, 1875, being Chapter 267 of Laws of the State of New York of that year and the several amendments thereto, do hereby according to the provisions of the said act certify and state as follows:

First: The name or title by which the Society shall be known in law is:

THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

Second: The particular business and object of the Society is to maintain its properties for educational purposes, to award scholarships in all fields of learning, to collect manuscripts, traditions, relics and mementoes of bygone days for preservation, to commemorate the history of the thirteen original Colonies which became the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, to diffuse healthful and intelligent information in regard to American history and tending to create popular interest therein, to inspire patriotism and love of country, to promote social intercourse and fellowship, and to inculcate among the young the obligations of patriotism and reverence for the founders of American Constitutional liberty.

Third: The society shall have power to acquire by grant, gift, purchase, devise or bequest, to hold, and to dispose of, property of every nature, real, personal and mixed, to such an extent as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society, to establish and maintain headquarters, to borrow

money and create obligations, to issue bonds, notes and/or other evidences of indebtedness, and to secure any or all of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of all or any of its property or otherwise.

Fourth: The number of directors or managers of the Society shall be not less than eleven (11) nor more than fifteen (15).

Fifth: The principal office and place of business of the Society is to be in the City and County of New York.

Sixth: Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the incorporators above named, have hereunto and to a duplicate hereof subscribed our names this thirteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one. Elizabeth Duer King, Elizabeth Coralie Gardiner, Emily N. Trevor, May K. Van Rensselaer, Eleanor Van Rensselaer Fairfax, Mary V. W. Church, Martha J. Lamb, Cornelia A. Beekman, Annie Townsend Lawrence, Sarah Alden Derby, Sarah Goodhue King.

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On this thirteenth day of April, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, before me personally came Elizabeth Duer King, Elizabeth Coralie Gardiner, Emily N. Trevor, May King Van Rensselaer, Eleanor Van Rensselaer Fairfax, Mary Van Wyck Church, Martha J. Lamb, Cornelia A. Beekman, Annie T. Lawrence, Sarah Alden Derby, and Sarah Goodhue King, to me known and known to me to be the same persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

CHAS. FLYNN

[NOTARIAL SEAL] Notary Public, N.Y. Co.

BY-LAWS OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

(A corporation organized by Special Act of the New York Legislature on April 13, 1891, and reincorporated as a “Type B” New York Not-for-Profit Corporation on November 2, 1972)

Adopted on January 21, 1982

Last amended on May 3, 1995

ARTICLE I

Objects

The objects of The Colonial Dames of America (the “Society”) shall be:

1. To maintain its headquarters as a museum, and to maintain other restorations, for educational purposes;
2. To provide educational opportunities and scholarships;
3. To collect for preservation manuscripts, traditions, relics, and mementoes of American history;
4. To commemorate the great historical events of the thirteen original Colonies; and
5. To diffuse scholarly information and create popular interest in American history.

ARTICLE II

Membership

1. The membership of the Society shall consist of the present members of the Society and such persons as may be elected as hereinafter provided.
2. The members of the Society shall be women legitimately descended from an ancestor of worthy life who within the period beginning with the settlement of Jamestown, Virginia, May 13, 1607, and extending to but not including the Battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775, served one or more of the thirteen original Colonies by:
 - (a) Holding public office,
 - (b) Holding a commission in the armed forces, or
 - (c) Serving in any capacity specified in the Eligibility List of the Society.

3. There shall be three categories of membership: Active, Junior and Life. Each Active, Junior and Life member shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Society and to one vote at any meeting of the Society, as long as she remains current in the payment of all dues and assessments and is otherwise in good standing.
 - (a) An Active member is a member who is at least thirty-five years of age.
 - (b) A Junior member is a member who is between eighteen and thirty-five years of age.
 - (c) A Life member is an Active or member who has been such for at least fifteen years and who, upon payment of the applicable fee then in effect for Life membership, has become a Life member. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Life membership acquired through one chapter may not be transferred to another chapter.
4. The Board of Managers may, upon application duly made, change the designation of a member of the Society admitted through the Parent Chapter from Active to Emerita, and any other chapter may do the same in regard to an Active member admitted through that chapter. An Emerita member shall remain on the rolls of the Society, without liability for the payment of future dues or fees, but she shall not be eligible to vote or to receive mailings.
5. A chapter may accept by transfer a member of the Society admitted through another chapter upon receipt of two letters of endorsement from members of the Society admitted through the chapter to which she seeks to transfer. A member received by transfer shall not be required to pay an initiation fee to the chapter receiving her, but shall be liable for the payment of dues to such chapter, as provided in Article V below. For all purposes of the Society, a member received by transfer shall be deemed to have become a member of the Society through the chapter receiving her.
6. In accordance with its established procedures, a chapter may accept as a Courtesy member a member of the Society admitted through another chapter. A Courtesy member shall not be required to pay an initiation fee to the chapter accepting her, but shall be liable for the payment to such chapter of an amount annually in lieu of dues (but not

exceeding the chapter's current-year dues rate). A Courtesy member shall continue to be liable for the payment of dues to the chapter through which she is admitted to the Society, and she shall continue to be regarded as a member admitted through such chapter for all purposes of the Society. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Courtesy member may vote at meetings of the chapter accepting her if the chapter determines as a matter of general policy to allow Courtesy members to do so. Also, she shall be eligible for election to office in such chapter and, if elected a member of that chapter's board of managers, shall be entitled to vote at meetings of such board.

7. There shall be a category of prospective members known as Daughters of Dames ("Daughters"). A Daughter is a prospective member within the degree of consanguinity hereinafter described, who is under twenty-five years of age and who has not completed the requirements for Junior membership. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article IV hereof, the membership committee of any chapter, in its discretion, may waive the requirements of Article IV in the case of a candidate for Daughter upon proof, satisfactory to the Claims Committee of the Society, (i) that the candidate is the legitimate daughter, niece, granddaughter, grandniece or other similar descendant of a living current or former member or of a deceased member of the Society, and (ii) that any such ancestor would meet the Society's current genealogical standards for membership. A Daughter shall cease to be such at age twenty-five or, if earlier, upon becoming a Junior member. She shall become a Junior member only upon satisfaction of the requirements of Article IV hereof; provided, however, that the membership committee may waive the requirements of Sections 1 and 2 of Article IV on her behalf.

ARTICLE III

Chapters

1. The original chapter of the Society is known as the Parent Chapter.
2. Chapters of the Society may be formed within the United States of America and its territories or in foreign

- countries, as authorized by the Society and subject to the general rules and regulations of the Society.
3. Formation of a chapter shall be pursuant to a written application to the Society signed by at least five women duly qualified to be members of the Society who reside in the geographical area in which the chapter is to be formed. The President General shall then appoint two or more members of the Board of Managers to consider and report to the Board on the eligibility of the signers and the desirability of establishing the chapter. If the Board acts favorably on the application, the new chapter shall come into existence upon issuance of its charter. A vote in favor of the application by two-thirds of the members of the Board of Managers present at the meeting at which the application is acted on shall be required for granting of the charter. Upon the formation of a new chapter, the Recording Secretary shall notify existing chapters to that effect.
 4. Each chapter shall be part of the Society, a New York corporation, and shall not exist as a separate entity except to the extent provided by these By-Laws. The Board of Managers may delegate to each chapter such authority as it deems appropriate regarding the governance of chapter affairs and the raising and disbursing of funds for the daily operations of the chapter, but the incurring of significant expenses or making of capital expenditures by any chapter shall be under the control of the Board.
 5. Each chapter shall make a full written annual report of its activities to the Society in April of each year prior to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Election of Members

1. A candidate for admission to the Society shall be proposed and seconded by letters addressed to the chairman of the membership committee of the chapter through which her admission is proposed. Neither the proposer nor the seconder may be related to the candidate, and both must be members of the Society admitted through that chapter.
2. The proposer shall secure for her candidate one letter of endorsement from a member of the Society addressed to

the chairman of the membership committee. The membership committee may waive this requirement in the case of a candidate who is a sister, daughter or granddaughter of a member.

3. The membership committee shall consider the personal qualifications of a candidate and forward to the board of managers of the chapter (or the Board of Managers of the Society in the case of a candidate for admission through the Parent Chapter) the name of any candidate whom it recommends for election. Upon its approval of a candidate, the board of managers (or the Board of Managers in the case of the Parent Chapter) shall refer her Ancestral Claim to the Claims Committee of the Society and she shall become liable to the Society for a claims fee, in the amount determined by the Board of Managers from time to time. Upon approval of the candidate's Ancestral Claim by the Claims Committee, the candidate shall complete the requisite documentation. A candidate shall become a member when her fully documented charts are verified by an Official Genealogist of the Society.

ARTICLE V

Initiation Fee and Dues

1. Members of the Society admitted through the Parent Chapter shall pay an initiation fee and dues to the Society in the respective amounts determined by the Board of Managers from time to time.
2. Members of the Society admitted through any other chapter shall pay an initiation fee and dues to such chapter in the respective amounts determined by the chapter from time to time.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings of the Membership

1. The Annual Meeting of the membership of the Society shall be held during April or May each year, the date to be determined by the Board of Managers; provided, however, that whenever feasible, the Annual Meeting shall be held on or near April 30, the anniversary of the inauguration of the first President of the United States.

2. The Board of Managers may at any time, and upon written request of three members of the Board or of twenty-five members of the Society then entitled to vote shall, call a special meeting of the membership. Such request and the notice of any special meeting so called shall state the object for which the meeting is called. At a special meeting, no subject not so stated in the notice shall be considered.
3. Notice of each meeting of the membership shall be given in accordance with these By-Laws or as otherwise required by law.
4. One hundred members of the Society entitled to vote and present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the membership. The Board of Managers shall have the power to fix a record date for the determination of members entitled to receive notice of and to vote at any such meeting. Such record date shall be not more than fifty nor less than ten days prior to such meeting.
5. Meetings of each chapter shall be pursuant to regulations adopted by the chapter with the approval of the Board of Managers and not inconsistent with these By-Laws

ARTICLE VII

Board of Managers

1. The Board of Managers shall consist of fifteen members who shall be elected by the members of the Society. At all times a majority of the members of the Board shall be members of the Society admitted through the Parent Chapter.
2. The Board shall be divided into three classes of five each, so that the term of office of the Managers of one class shall expire each year and their successors shall be elected to serve for three years (except in the event of death or earlier resignation) and until their successors have been elected and have qualified. The election of Managers to replace the outgoing class and to fill any vacancies that may have occurred in any other class shall take place at the Annual Meeting, and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. No member of the outgoing class who has served two successive three-year terms shall be eligible for reelection until one year has elapsed.

3. The Board shall have general charge, management and control of the affairs, funds and property of the Society, and shall authorize and control all expenditures. It shall have full power, and the duty, to carry out the purposes of the Society according to law and as provided in the Certificate of Incorporation and these By-Laws.
4. The powers of the Board of Managers shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
 - (a) To adopt and from time to time amend or suspend rules for the Society in regard to matters that affect the entire membership;
 - (b) To approve regulations proposed for adoption by any chapter;
 - (c) To levy initiation fees, dues and assessments in respect of members of the Society admitted through the Parent Chapter, and to fix the fee that the other chapters shall pay annually to the Society in respect of each of their members, all in such amounts and proportions as the Board shall determine;
 - (d) To fill, by a majority vote of the remaining Managers, any vacancy occurring in the Board of Managers and among the principal officers of the Society, for any cause other than the expiration of a term of office, any person so appointed to hold office until the next Annual Meeting or until the earlier appointment of her successor in accordance with this provision;
 - (e) To appoint such other officers as the Board shall determine, to define their duties and to fix their terms of office;
 - (f) To appoint the members of committees of the Board of Managers and of the Nominating Committee and to appoint the chairman of regular committees and of ad hoc committees.
5. The Board of Managers shall meet regularly at such time and place as it shall determine. Special meetings of the Board may be called by order of the President General and shall be called upon the written request of three Managers, upon no less than three business days' notice to each Manager. A notice of special meeting of the Board of Managers need not specify the purpose of the meeting and need not be given to any Manager who waives such notice, either before or after the meeting, or who attends the

meeting without protesting the lack of notice. Eight members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting. Unless otherwise provided in these By-Laws and to the extent permitted by law, the vote of a majority of the Managers present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be necessary for the transaction of any business, and the act of a majority of those present, if a quorum is present, shall be the act of such Board. Any member of the Board of Managers who shall be absent for three successive meetings without an explanation satisfactory to the remaining Managers shall be deemed to have resigned from the Board.

6. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Managers may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. The resolution and the written consents thereto by the members of the Board shall be filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board. Members of the Board or of any committee designated by the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board or of such committee through conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time, and such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.
7. The Board of Managers shall present at the Annual Meeting a report, verified by the President General and Treasurer or by a majority of the Managers, setting forth such information as shall be required by law. The Board shall also cause an annual report of the Society to be printed and sent to members as soon as conveniently possible after the end of the fiscal year.
8. The Board of Managers may, at its first meeting after any Annual Meeting, appoint one or more individuals who are not members of the Society to serve as advisors. Advisors shall hold office for one year (except in the event of death or earlier resignation) or until their successors have qualified. It shall be their duty to confer with the Board of Managers on matters of business pertaining to the Society when asked to do so.

ARTICLE VIII

Principal Officers

1. The principal officers of the Society shall be a President General, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer.
2. Each principal officer shall be elected at an Annual Meeting by and from the members of the Society in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 3(b)(ii) below and shall be either a member of the Board of Managers or a candidate for election to the Board in the same election. Each principal officer shall serve for three years (except in the event of her earlier death or resignation) and until her successor has been elected and has qualified. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each principal officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Managers and may be removed by the Board, with or without cause, before the expiration of her term of office. Any vacancy among the principal officers for any cause other than expiration of a term of office shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 4(d) above. No principal officer who has served two consecutive three-year terms in the same office shall be eligible for reelection to that office until one year has elapsed.
3. The President General shall be the chief executive officer of the Society and shall direct and supervise the business and affairs of the Society subject to the provisions of these By-Laws. She shall preside at all business meetings of the Society and at all meetings of the Board of Managers, except that in her absence the First Vice President shall preside, and in the absence of both the President and the First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall preside.
4. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Society, of the Board of Managers and of the Executive Committee in accordance with these By-Laws or as otherwise required by law, and shall keep minutes of all such meetings. She shall keep the records of the Society and shall have custody of the seal of the Society. She shall issue such reports to the Board of Managers and to the membership of the Society as the Board shall prescribe.

5. The Corresponding Secretary shall maintain the list of the members of the Society and shall furnish to the Treasurer the names of all persons elected to membership. She shall notify new members of the Society admitted through the Parent Chapter of their election to membership. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, under the direction of the President General, and perform such additional duties as the Board of Managers may prescribe.
6. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys payable to the headquarters of the Society and shall pay all debts of the Society incurred by the Board of Managers or by its authority. She shall deposit the funds of the Society subject to her direction in such banks or trust companies as may be designated by the Board. She shall keep the accounts of the headquarters of the Society, subject to her directions and audits as the Board shall prescribe, and shall report thereon at each regular meeting of the Board. She shall administer any funds of the Society subject to such provisions of these By-Laws and to such directions as the Board shall prescribe.

ARTICLE IX

Committees

1. There shall be the following classes of committees: committees of the Board of Managers and committees of the Society. Except as hereinafter specifically provided,
 - (a) Each committee shall establish such procedures as it shall deem advisable governing the time and place of its meetings, notice thereof, if any, and the conduct of its proceedings.
 - (b) Each committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings and shall report all actions taken by it to the Board of Managers at the meeting of the Board next succeeding any such action.
 - (c) A majority of the members of each committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of those present, if a quorum is present, shall be the act of such committee.
2. Committees of the Board of Managers
 - (a) Executive Committee. The six principal officers of the Society shall constitute an Executive Committee,

which, when the Board of Managers is not in session, shall have all the authority of the Board to the extent permitted by law.

- (b) Standing Committees. The Board of Managers may, by resolution adopted by a majority of all of its members, designate from among its members one or more standing committees, as the Board shall deem advisable. Each such committee shall consist of at least three Managers and shall have, when the Board is not in session, all of the authority of the Board to the extent provided in such resolution and permitted by law.
- (c) Special Committees. The Board of Managers may designate from among its members one or more special committees, as the Board shall deem advisable, the members of each such committee to be appointed by the President General with the consent of the Board. Each such special committee shall have only the powers delegated to it by the Board and in no case shall have powers which are not authorized for standing committees.

3. Committees of the Society

(a) Regular Committees

(i) Regular committees shall include:

The Claims Committee (Registrar General) and such other committees as the Board of Managers shall from time to time establish.

(ii) The President General shall be a member ex officio of all regular committees. The Board of Managers shall annually appoint the chairman of each of the regular committees, and each chairman shall appoint the members of her committee with the approval of the President General. Each member (including the chairman) of a regular committee shall serve for one year (except in the event of her earlier death or resignation) and until her successor has qualified.

(b) Nominating Committee

(i) The Board of Managers shall appoint, by January 31 of each year, a Nominating Committee of five members of the Society who shall hold office for one year (except in the event of earlier death or resignation) and until their successors have

qualified. A majority of the members of the Nominating Committee shall be members of the Society admitted through the Parent Chapter, and none of the members shall be a member of the Board of Managers. The list of members of the Nominating Committee shall be posted forthwith on the Bulletin Board of the Society.

- (ii) Not less than six weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee shall nominate and post on the Bulletin Board the names of candidates for vacancies on the Board of Managers and among the principal officers of the Society. Thereafter a further candidate or candidates for election to any one of such vacancies may be designated in writing addressed to the Recording Secretary, signed by not less than fifteen members of the Society and delivered at the headquarters of the Society not later than five weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. The Recording Secretary shall post forthwith on the Bulletin Board the names of any candidates so designated and shall have the names of all candidates for each such vacancy printed on one list and sent to members of the Society with the notice of the Annual Meeting by first class mail not less than fourteen days before the date of the Annual Meeting. If more than one person is named for each such vacancy, members may vote for only one, and a plurality of all votes cast shall be necessary for election to fill any such vacancy. No person may be elected to any such vacancy unless her name is on such list.

ARTICLE X

Executive Council

There shall be an Executive Council comprised of three delegates appointed by the President General from among the members of the Society admitted through the Parent Chapter and not more than three delegates from each other chapter appointed by the respective chapter. Whenever possible, the President General and chapter presidents should be included in the respective

delegations. The Executive Council shall meet annually, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, to hear reports from the chapters and to discuss matters pertaining to the chapters.

ARTICLE XI

Miscellaneous

1. The fiscal year of the Society shall be the twelve-month period beginning on the first day of April.
2. The corporate seal shall have the name of the Society inscribed thereon and shall be in such form as may be approved from time to time by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE XII

Amendment of By-Laws

1. By-Laws of the Society may be adopted, amended or repealed by the Board of Managers or by the members of the Society at the time entitled to vote. Any By-Law adopted by the Board of Managers may be amended or repealed by the members, and any By-Law adopted by the members may be amended or repealed by the Board, except that the Board shall not have authority to amend or repeal a By-Law adopted by the members that deals with the identity, qualifications or powers of the members.
2. If any By-Law regulating an impending election of managers is adopted, amended or repealed by the Board of Managers, there shall be set forth in the notice of the next meeting of the members for the election of managers the By-Law so adopted, amended or repealed, together with a concise statement of the changes made.

ARTICLE XIII

Indemnification

1. To the extent permitted by law, the Society shall indemnify each Manager and each principal officer against any and all judgments, fines, amounts paid in settling or otherwise disposing of actions, suits or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, and

expenses reasonably incurred in connection therewith by reason of the fact that she is or was a Manager or principal officer.

2. By action of the Board of Managers, the Society may purchase and maintain insurance, in such amounts as the Board deems appropriate, on behalf of any individual who is or was a Manager or principal officer against any liability incurred by her in such capacity.

**THE COLONIAL DAMES
OF AMERICA**

**Financial Statements
for the year ended
March 31, 2012
(with summarized comparative
financial information for 2011)**

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Managers of
The Colonial Dames of America

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of The Colonial Dames of America (the "Society") as of March 31, 2012 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The prior year's summarized financial information has been derived from the Society's fiscal 2011 financial statements and, in our report dated August 17, 2011, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Colonial Dames of America at March 31, 2012 and the results of its activities and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Condon O'Meara McGinty & Donnelly LLP

July 9, 2012

THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

	March 31	
	2012	2011
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 64,855	\$ 66,689
Investments, at fair value	6,119,625	6,776,625
Accounts receivable	11,223	8,144
Inventory, at cost	29,144	30,574
Prepaid expenses	17,791	14,938
Total current assets	6,242,638	6,896,970
Property and equipment, net	2,188,580	2,229,731
Total assets	\$ 8,431,218	\$ 9,126,701

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 12,117	\$ 21,437
Deferred revenue	37,020	41,683
Total current liabilities	49,137	63,120
Net assets		
Unrestricted	6,807,160	7,469,254
Temporarily restricted	697,074	716,480
Permanently restricted	877,847	877,847
Total net assets	8,382,081	9,063,581
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 8,431,218	\$ 9,126,701

See notes to financial statements.

THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

Statement of Activities
For Year Ended March 31, 2012
(with Summarized Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2011)

	2012										2011	
	Unrestricted			Temporarily Restricted			Hearth Family Education Restricted			Total Funds	Total Funds	
	General Fund	F.M. Taylor Endowment Fund	Total Unrestricted Funds	Scholarship Fund	Education Fund	Temporarily Restricted Fund	Permanently Restricted Scholarship Fund	Total Funds				
Support and revenue												
Support												
Grants	\$ 336	\$ -	\$ 33,106	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,106	\$ 37,341
Contributions	21,332	-	1,460	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,940	40,228
Legacies	100	-	150	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	165	230
	21,774	-	82,454	4,742	4,742	4,742	-	-	-	-	87,211	77,839
Revenue												
Membership dues	98,734	14,380	113,114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113,114	107,905
Interest and dividends	32,488	1	32,533	6,844	1,731	1,650	-	-	-	-	35,958	35,957
Site rentals	17,116	6,665	23,781	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,781	23,781
Gifts	15,400	-	15,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,600	14,950
Initiata and other sales	12,476	-	12,476	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,476	14,013
Meeting and functions	19,176	29,400	48,576	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,576	38,825
Education programs	26,983	-	26,983	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,983	31,223
Museum admissions, tours and gift shop sales	-	20,995	20,995	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,995	25,218
Other revenue	18,475	234	18,709	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,709	234
Net assets released from restrictions	276,073	104,186	380,259	6,844	321,103	(16,752)	(18,483)	(5,500)	(21,983)	(20,622)	366,481	370,768
	297,847	164,866	462,713	6,844	469,537	(3,870)	(11,995)	(3,870)	(13,865)	-	453,692	448,607
Expenses												
Program services												
GEDA programs	305,294	-	305,294	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	305,294	315,595
Museum programs and activities	18,483	348,397	366,880	368,397	-	-	-	-	-	-	368,397	414,019
Scholarship programs	-	18,483	18,483	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,483	18,718
Total program services	323,777	366,880	690,657	368,397	-	-	-	-	-	-	696,174	748,332
Supporting services	113,376	-	113,376	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113,376	103,638
General and administrative	8,897	27,716	36,613	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,613	8,896
Functioning	121,473	149,189	270,662	149,189	-	-	-	-	-	-	299,878	349,169
Total supporting services	130,370	176,905	307,275	149,189	-	-	-	-	-	-	299,878	358,063
Total expenses	444,147	393,811	837,958	517,586	-	-	-	-	-	-	837,586	896,426
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses before other additions (deductions)	(147,463)	(231,247)	(378,710)	6,844	(11,995)	(3,870)	(13,865)	(3,870)	(13,865)	-	(387,671)	(410,169)
Other additions (deductions)	96,249	(93)	96,156	(7)	(88)	(76)	(164)	-	-	-	96,020	103,480
Realized gain (loss) on investments	(1,171,834)	1,171,834	-	(6,339)	(1,639)	(1,672)	(3,377)	-	-	-	(938,849)	487,130
Interfund transfer	(380,035)	(93)	(380,128)	(6,346)	(1,786)	(1,755)	(3,541)	-	-	-	(792,620)	259,610
Net unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(1,603,023)	940,431	(662,592)	498	(13,781)	(6,295)	(19,406)	-	-	-	(811,500)	180,441
Total other additions (deductions)	373,191	(340,431)	32,760	4,691,564	7,493,754	309,674	716,880	877,847	-	-	9,163,581	8,863,140
Net assets (deficit), beginning of year	-	-	-	4,691,564	4,697,159	393,025	3,944,049	697,874	877,847	-	8,382,081	9,163,581
Net assets, end of year	\$ 2,116,098	\$ -	\$ 2,116,098	\$ 4,697,159	\$ 393,025	\$ 3,944,049	\$ 697,874	\$ 877,847	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,382,081	\$ 9,163,581

See notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Functional Expenses
For Year Ended March 31, 2012
(with Summarized Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2011)

	2012				2011	
	Program Services		Supporting Services		Total	
	CDA Programs	Museum Programs and Activities	Scholarship Programs	General and Administrative	Fund-Raising	Total
Salaries, payroll taxes and employee benefits	\$ 162,432	\$ 218,212	\$ -	\$ 22,703	\$ 29,906	\$ 433,253
Temporary help	1,450	-	-	-	875	2,325
Professional fees	31,722	40,009	-	21,541	300	93,572
Programs and events	19,199	3,121	-	-	2,620	24,940
Scholarships and fellowships	1,000	5,500	17,300	-	-	23,800
Tours and educational programs	-	1,322	-	-	-	1,322
Insurance	6,479	12,959	-	6,480	-	25,918
Telephone and internet	4,399	5,137	-	536	79	10,151
Travel	3,717	2,275	-	-	8	6,000
Insignias and other	5,216	-	-	-	-	5,216
Office expenses	2,789	5,235	-	4,327	-	12,351
Custodial fees	1,710	192	1,183	2,712	-	5,797
Occupancy	4,993	52,526	-	15,798	-	73,317
Collection	-	1,606	-	-	-	1,606
Merchandise	1,314	3,711	-	456	145	5,626
Advertising and publicity	80	66	-	-	475	621
Printing	11,955	3,230	-	-	965	16,150
Postage	4,091	4,356	-	2,978	440	11,865
Newsletter and website	292	81	-	-	-	373
Depreciation	41,176	8,664	-	35,845	-	85,685
Other	1,280	195	-	-	-	1,475
Total expenses	\$ 305,294	\$ 368,397	\$ 18,483	\$ 113,376	\$ 35,813	\$ 841,363

See notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

	Year Ended	
	March 31	
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ (681,500)	\$ 180,441
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash (used in) operating activities		
Depreciation	85,685	85,995
Net realized (gain) on sales of investments	(96,020)	(103,480)
Net unrealized (gain) loss on investments	389,849	(487,130)
(Increase) decrease in current assets		
Accounts receivable	(3,079)	27,268
Inventory	1,430	5,017
Prepaid expenses	(2,853)	1,408
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(9,320)	(10,788)
Deferred revenue	<u>(4,663)</u>	<u>18,283</u>
Net cash (used in) operating activities	<u>(320,471)</u>	<u>(282,986)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Expenditures for property and equipment	(44,534)	(20,158)
Proceeds from sale of investments	4,318,919	2,686,739
Purchase of investments	<u>(3,955,748)</u>	<u>(2,359,332)</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>318,637</u>	<u>307,249</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(1,834)	24,263
Cash, beginning of year	<u>66,689</u>	<u>42,426</u>
Cash, end of year	\$ 64,855	\$ 66,689

See notes to financial statements.

THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA**Notes to Financial Statements
March 31, 2012****Note 1 – Organization**

This report is for the headquarters of The Colonial Dames of America (the “Society”) located in New York City. There are thirty-two affiliated chapters located in the United States and Europe. These chapters are loosely affiliated local organizations and are not included in the Headquarters report. One of the functions of the Society is to operate the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden (the “Museum”), which is owned and operated by the Society.

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies

The Society maintains three classes of net assets as follows:

- Unrestricted net assets, which consist of funds available for operations and board-designated purposes.
 - General – Funds available for current operations. During the 2012 fiscal year, the Board of Managers approved a transfer of \$1,171,834 to the Mount Vernon Hotel Museums & Garden fund to fund the over expended fund balance.
 - Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden – Designated amounts available for programs and activities conducted by the Museum.
 - E.M. Taylor Endowment – Funds available to be used for educational and charitable purposes as designated by the Board of Managers.
- Temporarily restricted net assets, which consist of contributions to be used for designated purposes or future periods.
 - Scholarship Fund – Amounts restricted for scholarships for students engaged in areas of study relating to colonial history.
 - Hearst Fellowship and Education Restricted Fund – A grant from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation to establish Hearst fellowships for students in the fields of art history and decorative arts.
- Permanently restricted net assets, which consist of contributions, the principal of which is permanently restricted. The Society considers any investment revenue, including realized capital gains, in the permanently restricted net assets category to be unrestricted revenue used for Board determined educational and charitable purposes.

THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)****March 31, 2012****Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)****Revenue recognition**

Unrestricted contributions, bequests and grants are recognized as revenue when the gift or cash is received. Contributions or grants relating to future events or periods are reflected as temporarily restricted until the event occurs or time lapses.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Building improvements and furniture and fixtures are being depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated lives of the assets ranging from three to forty years. Depreciation has not been provided for the Museum or historical museum fixtures since they are considered to be historically important, thereby increasing in value.

Allocation of expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Concentrations of credit risk

The Society's financial instruments that are potentially exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and investments. The Society places its cash with what it believes to be quality financial institutions. The Society invests in money market funds, notes issued by the United States Government and mutual funds. Investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market volatility, liquidity and credit. Due to the level of uncertainty related to changes in interest rates, market volatility, liquidity and credit risks, it is reasonably possible that changes in these risks could materially affect the fair value of the investments reported in the statement of financial position as of March 31, 2012. The Society routinely assesses the financial strength of its holdings in its investment portfolio. As a consequence, the Society believes no significant concentrations of credit risk exist with respect to its cash and investments.

Reclassifications

Certain items in the 2011 financial statement have been reclassified for comparative purposes only.

Investments

The Society reports investments at fair market value in the statement of financial position. The market value of the investments is based on publicly quoted prices. Interest, dividends, realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in the statement of activities.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
March 31, 2012

Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Allowance for doubtful accounts

As of March 31, 2012, the Society has no allowance for any possible uncollectible receivables. Such estimate is based on management's experience, the aging of the receivables, subsequent receipts and current economic conditions.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Comparative financial information

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class or functional classification. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Society's financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2011, from which the summarized information was derived.

Subsequent events

The Society has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through July 9, 2012, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 – Investments

The following is a summary of the investments at March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011:

	<u>2012</u>		<u>2011</u>	
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Money market funds	\$ 1,231,573	\$ 1,231,573	\$ 392,512	\$ 392,512
U.S. Government obligations	1,534,737	1,534,201	1,869,810	1,878,785
Equity mutual funds				
Growth	983,830	973,710	1,220,794	1,204,642
Natural resources	410,610	506,367	816,189	1,279,848
International	611,386	545,557	611,386	575,256
S&P 500 Index	<u>872,411</u>	<u>1,328,217</u>	<u>1,001,007</u>	<u>1,445,582</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,644,547</u>	<u>\$ 6,119,625</u>	<u>\$ 5,911,698</u>	<u>\$ 6,776,625</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

March 31, 2012

Note 3 – Investments (continued)

For assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2012, accounting standards require quantitative disclosures about the fair value measurements separately for each major category of assets. The Society's investments have all been classified in the highest level of hierarchy (Level 1). Its quoted prices are in active markets for identical assets.

Note 4 – Endowments

The Society's endowments consist of various individual funds established for a variety of purposes. Its endowment includes both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Board of Managers. As required by accounting principals generally accepted in the United States of America, net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Society to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Strategies employed for achieving objectives

The Society has adopted an investment policy with fundamental and primary investment objectives of due consideration given to optimum risk and preservation of capital. Under this policy, as approved by the Society, the Society's endowment is invested in a prudent manner with the objective to achieve a real rate of return of 5-7% over inflation for overall portfolio. In order to meet the investment objectives of the endowment, the assets shall be invested in equities and fixed income vehicles. The equity portion should range between 30% and 70% of the aggregate portfolio, with the remainder in fixed income.

For the 2012 fiscal year, the activity in the temporarily restricted funds is reflected on the statement of activities.

Note 5 – Property and equipment

The summary of the property and equipment as of March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011 is as follows:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Building and building improvements	\$2,828,447	\$2,798,384
Museum and historical museum fixtures	817,587	817,587
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	<u>287,397</u>	<u>272,926</u>
Total property and equipment	3,933,431	3,888,897
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>1,744,851</u>	<u>1,659,166</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>\$2,188,580</u>	<u>\$2,229,731</u>

THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)****March 31, 2012****Note 6 – Retirement plans**

The Society maintains a 403(b) Thrift Plan (the “Plan”). Eligible employees may contribute to the plan up to the limitations established by the Internal Revenue Code. The Society matches employees’ contributions to the plan up to 6% of compensation. For the 2012 and 2011 fiscal years, the cost incurred in connection with the plan totaled \$2,712 and \$3,462, respectively.

Note 7 – Net assets released from restrictions

Net assets, in connection with the Scholarship and Fellowship programs, totaling \$23,983 were released from donor restrictions by satisfying the restricted purposes.

Note 8 – Tax status

The Society is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”). In addition, the Society is a Section 509(a)(1) organization as defined in the Code and is, therefore, not a private foundation and qualifies for the maximum charitable deduction for donors. As of March 31, 2012, no amounts have been recognized for uncertain income tax positions. The Society’s tax returns for the fiscal year 2009 and forward are subject to the usual review by the appropriate taxing authorities.

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