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**120<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**The Colonial Dames of America**  
 Saturday, May 1 - Monday, May 3, 2010

*Sharon W. Vaino, Recording Secretary, reports:*

The 120th Annual Meeting of the Colonial Dames of America began on Saturday, May 1, 2010. The Executive Council meeting was called to order in the upper hall of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum. 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, May 2, 2009, meeting was formally waived. Following the roll call, chapter reports were read. Twelve Chapters were represented:

- CHAPTER I, Baltimore, MD  
Susan Hawes..... President
- CHAPTER II, Philadelphia, PA  
Lynn Klein..... President
- CHAPTER III, Washington, DC  
Kathleen Titus..... President
- CHAPTER V, San Francisco, CA  
Rebecca Slaughter..... Delegate
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- CHAPTER XI, London, ENGLAND  
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- CHAPTER XVII, Palm Beach, FL  
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- CHAPTER XXI, Dallas, TX  
Mary Caroline Trent..... Delegate
- CHAPTER XXIII, VA  
Lora H. Jenkins..... President
- CHAPTER XXV, Phoenix, AZ  
Mary Little..... Delegate
- CHAPTER XXXI, SC  
Camille Redfern Baxter..... President

On Saturday evening, the President’s Award for Excellence Dinner at the “21” Club was highlighted by toasts to the winner of the thirteenth annual award, Chapter XIII, Kansas City, Missouri, for their project to restore the Harris-Kearney House.

On Sunday afternoon, May 2, President General Nancy S. Jones welcomed guests to the Museum’s beautiful garden. The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum and its period

rooms, as well as its Orientation Center which includes the model of the original carriage house, were open for viewing.

The 120th Annual Meeting of The Colonial Dames of America was called to order at 12:15p.m., Monday, May 3, 2010, at The Abigail Adams Smith Auditorium. President General Nancy S. Jones presided over 90 members in attendance, including 25 members from chapters throughout the United States and abroad. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed for Past President General Patricia Bleecker Jones and all those included on the In Memoriam list for 2009-2010. A motion was made and approved to waive the reading of the minutes of the Monday, May 4, 2009, 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 2010 Book Award. Miss Eleanor Ryan, Julia's daughter, presented our Young Readers Award to "*A Picture Book of Dolley and James Madison*", by David A. Adler and Michael S. Adler, illustrated by Ronald Himler, and published by Holiday House. A special citation was awarded to Jonathan Zimmerman for his book, "*Small Wonder: The Little Red Schoolhouse in History and Memory*", published by Yale University Press. The winner of the 2010 Book Award was "*Civil War Wives: The Lives of Angelina Grimke Weld, Varina Howell Davis and Julia Dent Grant*", by Professor Carol Berkin and published by Alfred A. Knopf. Professor Berkin was our key note speaker.

The result of the election was approved. Nancy S. Jones thanked Rebecca Madsen, chairman of the Nominating Committee, 490 proxy votes were counted, and the slate was approved as presented by Mrs. Madsen.

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. Acting Museum Director Deborah O'Neill presented the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden report.

President General Nancy S. Jones gave an informative report to the members.

The 120th Annual Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2010.

### **Report of the President General** Monday, May 3, 2010

*Nancy S. Jones, President General, reports:*

It is an honor and a pleasure to welcome you to this 120th Annual Meeting. For the Colonial Dames, this time denotes the end of a year and the beginning of a new one, a time to review the events of the past year and plan for the year ahead.

The essence of the Colonial Dames of America is its chapters. In that light, I began my administration by focusing on chapter visits. These nine visits enabled our new President General to learn about the heart of the organization. Returning to my Virginia roots, on May 7th, I attended the dedication service of the bronze model of James Fort, given by Chapter XXIII, Virginia. Former P.G. Charlotte Miller and Chapter XXIII President Lucy Hudgins organized the event.

On May 19th, Lemon Hill was the site of Chapter II Philadelphia's Annual Meeting. In July, Chapter XXII, Michigan hosted me at their 25th Anniversary Party. The foreign chapters are difficult to reach; however I lunched with Ellen Davidson from

Chapter XI in London and enjoyed tea with didi d'Angelejan-Chatillan, here in Manhattan.

Chapter I, Baltimore hosted a lovely Christmas Tea and Annual Meeting; I was given a private tour of Historic Hampton Mansion where that chapter has supported a room for sixty years.

Southern hospitality abounded with Houston, Chapter VIII, where docent members gave me a private tour of Bayou Bend, the elegant historic house museum, filled with fine masterpieces of American and European arts.

Also in February and down south, I visited Atlanta, Chapter XXIV. The Treasurer, Marion Atkins invited me into her home. She conducted the meeting.

The festive Annual Ball held with the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Florida has been a favorite visit for Presidents General over the years. Jeff and I attended this Ball in Palm Beach as guests of Mike and Cynthia Gibbons.

It was an honor to attend the Chapter III, Washington Annual Meeting in Chevy Chase, where President Barbara Carpenter turned over the reins to Kay Titus. I was given a private tour of the Abner Cloud House on the CO Canal.

These nine visits were educational and enjoyable for me during my first year. They have given me insights into the Chapters and enabled me to get to know the officers and to meet many members.

During the year, our organization participated in two commemorative events. Representing the earliest woman's genealogical society, I led the Flag Day Parade in New York City last June 12th. Vice President Kathy Springhorn and I carried our flag on November 8, 2009 at New York's St. Thomas Church for the Annual Massing of the Colors service.

As important as these visits are, fiscal responsibility is a major concern in these economic times. As you can see, we are proud of the Abigail Adams Smith Auditorium. Executive Director Allison Coliskey is working on a daily basis to rent this space to provide a strong source of revenue for the Dames. This year the auditorium has generated a total of \$39,000. Thank you, Allison for a job well done.

Headquarters deeply appreciates the many generous contributions sent to us to further the objectives of our society. More than \$36,000 has been donated by individual members and chapters and we are most thankful. Your Society is a worthwhile investment and these monies will support our meaningful activities.

We also completed housekeeping items. Last summer the interior of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum was painted with authentic period colors. A long-standing water leak at the foundation of the headquarters building has been addressed by the removal of a huge tree stump that had grown into the foundation; the damaged area is in the process of being repaired.

On a lighter note, there have been a number of social events held by the Dames. The Mid-Summer's Eve Party was held on June 25th; "Moonlight Over the Museum," a fundraiser for the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum and Garden was held on September 22. Then in November, the Past President General's Luncheon was held here in the auditorium. The Christmas party was transformed into a hugely successful Tea Dance with special guests Alex and Kay Donner. The Alex Donner 4 piece ensemble provided dance music.

Looking toward the future, we will concentrate on three core objectives; membership, fiscal responsibility and increased communication.

In the future, the Society will work to attract bright, talented young women to our membership. Registrar Beverley Sherrid has stream-lined the application process. The preliminary application and worksheet / final chart may be downloaded from our website. Candidates who prefer to type their papers may use one of the printed forms from our supply. Membership chairman Caroline McLain will hold special events in the Museum for potential members in an effort to seek outstanding women to join our ranks.

Under the strong leadership of Finance Chairman Elizabeth Bramwell, the Dames will continue to implement policies that insure fiscal soundness marked by careful spending on building maintenance and worthwhile projects that enhance the goals of historic preservation, education and scholarship. In these challenging economic times, The Colonial Dames of America will remain financially strong.

Plans are underway to update our website in order to increase communication between the Parent Chapter and our membership.

In closing, I want to thank the professional staff of our headquarters and our Museum. Without our Executive Director Allison Coliskey's assistance, no president would be successful. Terry Comer and Pat Bereday look after our genealogical work with great care. Heather Welty provides valuable assistance to the Book Award and cookbook sales along with her other duties. Since I became President General, our Museum staff has been in a state of constant change. I wish to thank acting director Debbie O'Neill for ably assuming the role of Museum Director since last August. While under temporary leadership, our Museum conducted school tours and operated efficiently and smoothly due to the support and cooperation of Program Manager Amanda Wheeler, Education Coordinator Jamie Auriemma, Marketing Coordinator Terri Daly and Director of Development Lisa Delmonico.

At this time, let me thank the Museum Director Search Committee, headed by Past President General, Helen Evans. Helen, Cathy Brawer and Liz Bramwell worked tirelessly through 48 applications before selecting our new Museum Director Mary Anne Caton.

I thank you for the privilege of being President General. I have gained far more than I could ever give. You have my deepest appreciation and affection.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Monday, May 3, 2010

*Elizabeth R. Bramwell, CFA, Finance Chair*

The Colonial Dames' endowment at the end of our fiscal year, March 31, 2010, stood at \$6,513,422, up 15.4% from \$5,644,983 the prior year. The \$6,513,422 is after \$306,188 drawn from the endowment during the year.

The investment mix at the end of March 2010 was 40% invested in U.S. Treasuries and 60% in equity mutual funds. Our current equity mutual funds include Brandywine Blue, T. Rowe Price New Era, Vanguard S&P 500 and William Blair International Equity Fund. The Finance Committee's guideline for equity exposure is a broad range of 40-70% given economic and market uncertainty.

I would like to thank Allison Coliskey and Eleanor Popolizio for their input and support in the past year.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Monday, May 3, 2010

*Julia M. Ryan, Treasurer*

The Board of Managers approved a balanced operating budget for fiscal year ending March, 2011 of \$842,727 compared to budgeted expenditures of \$836,230 for the fiscal year just ended.

The CDA budget for fiscal year ending 2011 is \$343,724 and the Museum budget is \$499,003. We have assumed a 5% draw from the endowment of which 42% is budgeted for the CDA and 58% for the Museum, in line with the breakdown of combined revenues of \$456,465. The endowment supports about 45% of the combined budget.

Also approved was the capital expenditure budget of \$69,000 for the fiscal year ending March 2011 year. This is largely for work on the headquarters building foundation. During the past two years, the Colonial Dames have spent \$521,104 on building improvements in addition to our operating budgets. These include renovation of our auditorium, upgrading floors in both the headquarters and museum offices, restoring garden brickwork, restoring the East wall, and painting the museum office and historical rooms. Capital expenditures should be much less going forward, and we are ready to host future programs in our enhanced facilities.

## **Mount Vernon Hotel Museum Report**

Monday, May 3, 2010

*Deborah O'Neill, Director of Education, reports:*

The past year has witnessed transition, growth and development. With the resignation of Museum Curator Clare Fleming in April 2009, Museum Director Rosalind Muggerridge in October 2009, and most recently Lisa Delmonico, the Museum's Director of Development, the Museum staff has been operating at less than full strength. Despite this limitation, new initiatives have been implemented and the staff has worked tirelessly to ensure that the Museum's programs continue to grow. Despite these tough economic times, there are some bright spots. Attendance has begun to rebound from the declines in recent years brought about by the economic downturn. Income from site rentals doubled from \$3,800.00 to \$7,625.00 while revenue from the Museum's education programs increased by over 28% to \$11,076.00.

### Public Programs and Marketing:

The increase in attendance can be attributed, in part, to both savvy marketing and fresh offerings in our public programming. The Museum's marketing coordinator, Terri Daly and public programs manager, Amanda Wheeler work together to ensure that the public knows about our programs and that they are well-attended. The Museum has now been featured in over forty online listings. Relationships have been forged with the Greater Guides Association of New York and Big Apple Greeters as well as with area merchants such as Johnny Rockets, Haagen Daz and East Side hotel concierges. The Museum now boasts a Facebook page.

Public programs generated a total of \$8,822.00 in revenue. New programming such as the *Teddy Bear Tea*, *Historic Halloween Day* and the now-monthly *Storytime* have drawn families and young adults. These are two audiences that the Museum needs

to attract if it hopes to expand membership and the number of visitors. Lectures on the history of beer and on women artists in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and early 20<sup>th</sup>-Century also proved popular, with the latter funded by a \$2,100.00 grant from the New York State Council for the Humanities.

#### Development

The Museum's fall fundraiser, *Moon over the Museum*, was held in September and generated \$7,945.00 in total gross revenue. Fifty-one tickets were purchased for the event. Bidding was especially lively for the Silent Auction, which featured a copious selection of fine wines. After allowing for expenses, net revenue (raised) equaled \$4,130.00.

Funding from grants and foundations totaled \$72,338.00 in the past fiscal year. In December of 2009, the Museum received its last payment from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for a multi-year grant that funded programs for visitors with special needs. A new proposal has been submitted to IMLS to enhance the Museum's website and to develop online educational programming. In the coming year, the Museum will build upon the strong relationships with its funders, such as the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA). These relationships will be crucial as the Museum seeks a new Director of Development to replace Lisa Delmonico, and will help the Museum maintain its revenue stream in this time of ongoing budget cuts.

#### Education:

This has been a busy year for the Museum's Education Department. Thanks to the efforts of Jamie Auriemma, the Museum's former Education Coordinator, and Randi Cannata, Curriculum Specialist, the Education Department continued to see a nearly fully-booked school group calendar, while adding new programs to its curricular offerings. Two of these, *Learning to Look* for grades three through five and *History through Art* for middle and high school students, were introduced in the fall of 2009 with positive reviews from teachers.

The education staff established a Teacher Advisory Council to ensure that the Museum's educational programming is aligned with New York State Social Studies Standards and supports the public schools' social studies curriculum. The Teacher Advisory Council has met twice this year and from this partnership, the Museum staff has developed two new programs: *My Stay at the Mount Vernon Hotel* for first grade students and *Straight from the Source*, a middle school program which emphasizes primary sources.

Brownie and Girl Scouts programs have been added. These allow troop members to earn a variety of badges by participating in an interactive museum tour that features selected craft activities.

#### Curatorial:

During the past year, the Museum has offered several mini-exhibits keyed to popular holidays and important historic events. In September, in conjunction with the citywide celebrations honoring the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's first sail up New York Bay, the Museum developed *Dutch Culinary Traditions*. This small exhibit in our kitchen focused on objects that highlighted the Dutch origins of popular American foods such as doughnuts and pancakes. Another mini-exhibit, *Tokens of Love*, was organized in the Ladies' Parlor to coincide with Valentine's Day. The display included period fans, handkerchiefs, and printed playful missives

on love and romance. Since the Museum is without a curator, Terri Daly, educator and marketing coordinator, publicized and oversaw both of these exhibits.

In April of 2009, Manhattan Morgan Storage Company alerted the Museum that thirteen of its items that were stored in their Bronx warehouse were missing. These objects had been stored offsite because they were inappropriate for our current mission. Rosalind Muggeridge, then Museum Director, hired Louise Devenish Associates to conduct an evaluation of the missing items for insurance purposes. Ms. Devenish submitted a report that resulted in an insurance settlement of \$124,000.00. The monies were added to the endowment held in trust by the CDA to be used for future collection conservation and/or collection acquisition, as per the standards of American Association of Museums Code of Ethics and the Colonial Dames of America's ethics code.

Since the departure of curator Clare Fleming over a year ago, short-staffing has resulted in delays in the AAM self-study, a necessary component of the Museum's re-accreditation package, as well as in inadequate collections care. As the Museum seeks reaccreditation from the AAM in 2010-11, improved collections care, preservation and site maintenance are key planning and funding issues. To that end, information about the nearly 1200 objects in the Museum's collection has been carefully transferred from an outdated 1997 Access operating system to the most current version of Past Perfect, a collections management system for small and mid-sized museums.

#### Reaccreditation

As part of the Museum's application for reaccreditation with the American Association of Museums, Museum staff formed a committee to create a new strategic plan and mission statement. The committee consisted of Rosalind Muggeridge, Lisa Delmonico, Amanda Wheeler, Terri Daly and myself. Spearheaded by Lisa Delmonico, the strategic planning committee drafted a new mission statement and strategic plan that reflected input from stakeholders who participated in a visionary retreat held in April 2009, with consultant Anne Ackerson. The strategic plan and mission statement are critical parts of the Museum's reaccreditation, reflecting current museum practices that call for greater community engagement.

#### Conclusion

Of course, much of this year's accomplishments would not have been possible without the support of the Colonial Dames of America. Your unwavering commitment serves as an exemplary model of public service. Finally, I know that I speak for the entire Museum staff when I say that we are delighted to welcome Mary Anne Caton as Museum Director. We know her broad experience will help usher in an exciting new chapter in the history of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum.

### **Reports of the Committees of the Society Book Award Committee**

*Julia M. Ryan, Chair, reports:*

This year the Book Award Committee and participating chapters received forty-two books to consider for the award. These books covered such diverse subjects as the journeys of Henry Hudson to the history of outhouses in 18<sup>th</sup> century America. The committee decided that the book Award should reward contribution to the main canon of American history, and the Citation should reward a book that attempts to

expand the scope of American history. After considering reviews from committee members and our chapters, we chose for the Citation: “*Small Wonder: The Little Red Schoolhouse in History and Memory*”. This informative book examines the origins and challenges of the one room schoolhouse in rural America, and its evolution into an icon of public education that is used by all sides of the debate on American values in public education.

Also, the committee enlisted the help of our children and grandchildren in choosing the Young Readers Award, delighting us with their personal insights. *A Picture Book of Dolley and James Madison*, by David A. Adler and Michael S. Adler, illustrated by Ronald Himler and published by Holiday House was chosen for the award.

This year our Book Award goes to Professor Carol Berkin for *Civil War Wives: The Lives of Angelina Grimke Weld, Varina Howell Davis, and Julia Dent Grant*, published by Knopf/Random House. This is the second time Professor Berkin has received the Book Award confirming her ability to capture and impress us.

Going forward, the committee is considering new methods of communication such as blogs and Facebook to engage the chapters in the Book award Committee activities.

### **By-Laws Committee**

*Sharon W. Vaino, Chair, reports:*

During the past year, the By-Laws Committee reviewed and commented on a local chapter’s proposed revision of its chapter regulations. The Committee also interpreted the By-Laws when requested to do so by the CDA Board of Managers or its members. These interpretations related to hiring authority, membership on the Executive Committee and Board of Managers, and rules applicable to committees and committee chairmen.

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

### **Claims Committee**

*Beverley W. Sherrid, Registrar General, reports:*

This past year, the Society approved 84 new members, giving us a total membership of 2,002, including 88 *Members Emerita*, an increase of eleven over last year. We have one new Daughter Dame. Eleven members established supplemental lines, and ten documented new ancestor claims.

We took another step into the information age last summer when we added our Eligibility List of approved public services, also known as the “Blue Book,” to the CDA website, together with a brief history of the Dames’ founding. You can find it under “Membership” on our home page. Now anyone wondering about the requirements for joining this society may look them up online. It does not require a password. Maintaining the list in electronic format will also make it easier for us to amend the list as we add to the list of approved services.

The Claims Office has three members. The first, Terry Comer, is the most familiar to our registrars and prospective members. Terry’s the one who answers your questions and ushers your papers smoothly through the mysterious realm of the

claims process. Pat Bereday, our Verifying Genealogist, reviews each candidate's worksheet and supporting documentation to ensure that they meet our very rigorous standards of historical accuracy. The third member is the Registrar General, who gives final approval to your papers.

## **Education and Scholarship Committee**

*Shirley Dixon Miller, Chair, reports:*

The Education and Scholarship Committee meets annually to determine the recipients of education and scholarship funds budgeted by the CDA Board of Managers. For the past few years, the Committee has made awards to three different organizations, and, in 2010, we determined to continue our support of these same organizations, although we adjusted the relative levels of funding.

For 2009/2010, the CDA Board of Managers allocated \$16,900 for scholarships and fellowships. These funds were distributed as follows:

- \$7,000 was awarded to the Graduate Center of the City of New York to support a graduate student in the department of History. This student was chosen by the faculty with particular input from History Professor Carol Berkin who is well known to CDA members as an excellent author and generous speaker.
- \$7,000 was awarded 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 journals and regularly acknowledges our consistent support in its publications.
- \$2,900 was awarded to the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities to support a graduate student at the Summer Field School at the Jamestowne Island archaeological site. This is a joint program with the University of Virginia, and students work under the direction of Dr. Kelso at the excavation site.

## **Garden and Grounds Committees**

*Allison White, Chair, reports:*

The Garden and Grounds Committee meets four times annually to discuss the upkeep and historical authenticity of the Museum Garden. As always, many thanks to Honorary Chair Faity Tuttle who has been the heart and soul of this committee for so many years. And the committee couldn't flourish without landscape architect Gina Ingoglia and Peter Wyer who graciously offer their expertise and assistance whenever needed. We are also grateful for the vast contributions of Christine Rother of Philadelphia. In case you are not aware, Christine has donated countless watercolor paintings for the museum's gift shop, the cookbook, and numerous fundraisers. She is the niece of Past President General, Mrs. John J. Trask and has introduced the Garden and Grounds Committee to a marvelous historic horticultural nursery, the Landreth Seed Company. Lastly, I could not have survived my first year as Chair of the Garden and Grounds Committee without the never ending enthusiastic guidance of our immediate past P.G., Audrey Svensson.

This past year marks an exciting turning point in planning a multi-phase project to develop an historically accurate 1840 Federalist period garden to strengthen the

interpretation as a whole museum. The first phase of this project was proposed to the Board of Managers this spring. We hope to develop an historically accurate medicinal, culinary and ornamental garden behind the museum in a section between the path to the auditorium and lawn adjacent to the gazebo. Beautiful ornamental shrubs and flowers of the 1840's will adorn the rear grounds, and would eventually continue throughout the surrounding property.

Researching the horticultural history of the museum is underway, using resources and records in the MVHM's library to identify precise heirloom plants which were once present on the grounds. The Landreth Seed Company also serves as a remarkable source for historically accurate plants to consider. Support for these plans will come from fund raising events held during the next year. Landscape Architectural Designs are provided by Gina Ignoglia in coordination with Peter Wyer.

The Museum's period garden will demonstrate the use of kitchen herbs and herbs used for medicinal purposes as an educational tool for school visits. Brochures describing the garden's herbs will be available and visitors will be able to identify the wide array of period plants with signs which will identify each plant.

It is our goal to transform the current grounds into a world class heirloom garden attracting visitors from the horticultural community.

We can certainly use more input from our CDA members and we invite you to join us in this very exciting endeavor.

### **Personnel Committee**

*Sharon W. Vaino, Chair, reports:*

During the past year, Personnel Committee members reviewed performance evaluations, attendance records, and accrued compensatory time for full-time and salaried part-time employees. The Committee provided recommendations regarding staff disability and telecommuting. Employee work schedules were discussed.

The Committee notes that the Executive Committee approved a compliance amendment provided by Mutual of America to the CDA's 403(b) pension plan. Thereafter, the Committee approved revisions to the employee Handbook relating to the CDA's 403(b) pension plan. These handbook revisions were in turn approved by the CDA's Board of Managers.

Following Rosalind Muggerridge's resignation as Director of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden, Mary Anne Caton was hired by the Board of Managers to fill this position.

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

## **Reports of the Standing Committees of The Parent Chapter**

### **Colour Guard and Patriotic Activities Committee**

*Ripley G. Hathaway, Chair, reports:*

What a wonderful year this has been with our new President General Nancy Jones. Thank you, Nancy, for all your wonderful innovations and your respect for tradition.

The Committee participates in two standing activities each year. On November 8<sup>th</sup> Nancy trooped our flag on Remembrance Sunday for the Massing of Colors at St. Thomas Church on Fifth Avenue. This annual service is in honor of those who have given their lives and those who have served in the Armed Forces. Assisting Nancy at the service was Kathleen Springhorn.

The other event in which we participate is the Flag Day Parade, sponsored by the Sons of the Revolution, that commemorates the adoption of our flag in 1777. The parade originates at City Hall and ends at the historic Fraunces Tavern. Nancy again ably represented us this year, as I was unable to make it as my mother, Ripley Golovin, a past Book Award Chairman and board member was terminally ill.

Please come and march with me this year. This great event will be held midday on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. We welcome Dames from any chapter who might be in New York that day. We hope you will spread the word when you return home. The parade lasts for an hour and makes for a great memory as you walk past Wall Street with many onlookers applauding.

### **Events, Calendar and Hospitality Committee**

*Kathleen E. Springhorn, Chair reports:*

The Hospitality & Special Events Committee is happy to report that we had another wonderful year with our traditional events, including our Annual Spring Garden Party, the Midsummer's Eve Garden Party, which we hosted with fellow patriotic societies, our Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden Fall Benefit, and our Annual Fall Luncheon in honor of our CDA Past Presidents General and Board Members.

A festive change was that our Annual Holiday Party became a new tradition, our Holiday Tea Dance. Over 100 guests attended to enjoy wonderful food, spirits, eggnog, and even tea from our elegant silver tea service. We were delighted and grateful that, through Alex Donner's generous assistance, we were able to book his four-piece mini-orchestra. Café tables were arranged around the dance floor, and our beautiful ballroom was fully decorated for the holidays, with a lovely Christmas tree, wreaths, and pine garlands on each of our Palladian windows. Alex Donner personally sang many of our favorite carols, dancing went on until the music stopped, and everyone had a fabulous time! We extend a special thank you to Board member Cathy Braver for her enthusiastic support of this fun, very successful idea, and extend a warm invitation for all of you to join us in December for our second annual Holiday Tea Dance.

Today, as we enjoy the second year of having our Annual Meeting and Luncheon in our beautifully renovated Abigail Adams Smith Ballroom, we remind you that members are offered a discounted site rental fee if you hostess a party or event here, and that you may use our CDA table linens and place settings during your event at no additional charge. (We've added lovely French blue damask tablecloths to the trousseau we acquired last year.) Consider planning a birthday or anniversary party, a bridge party, or other event right here.

For sparkling hospitality, please remember our CDA Cookbook, which has an incredible array of recipes for all occasions, and makes a perfect and very personal hostess gift. A special discount is available to CDA Chapters who would like to use it as a fundraiser to support chapter projects. If you would like help with this great idea, don't hesitate to call me.

*Bon Appetit! And God Bless America!*

### **Membership Committee**

*Caroline McLain, Chair reports:*

As of May 3rd, 2010, we have three hundred and ten active members in the Parent Chapter, six Emerita, and twelve Courtesy members.

There were five deaths, no resignations and no new Daughter Dames.

We welcome the following ten new members.

- Sally Christian..... (ancestor: William Phelps)
- Meredith Darlington..... (ancestor: Nicholas Spencer)
- Hildreth Dunn..... (ancestor: Edward Lloyd)
- Louise Dunn..... (ancestor: Edward Lloyd)
- Dorothy Lee..... (ancestor: William Randolph)
- Alessandra T. Norcross..... (ancestor: Thomas Welles)
- Sandra Norcross..... (ancestor: Henry Crane)
- Sandra Pearl..... (ancestor: John Hoyle)
- Heather Speas..... (ancestor: George Knight)
- Sarah Yoder..... (ancestor: Nicholas Spencer)

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

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

## Scrapbook

*Audrey A. Svensson, editor reports:*

Since its inception in March 2009, there have been six editions of the Scrapbook. The Scrapbook is made up entirely of photos documenting CDA events. Chapter contributions are encouraged and welcome as a way of sharing your activities with the membership.

Please continue to send your photos to the office or directly to me, the Scrapbook editor. Digital photos or j-pegs are preferred, but hard copies are also accepted. New Scrapbook editions are emailed to the membership, and all present and past editions are available to review on our website.

### REPORTS OF THE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

#### Chapter I - Baltimore, Maryland

Chartered in 1892

#### Officers 2009-2010

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

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

Chapter I was also pleased to be able to support with a \$1,000 donation a major conference entitled "*The Early Chesapeake: Reflecting Back, Projecting Forward.*" This conference was a joint endeavor of St. Mary's College of Maryland, Historic St. Mary's City, and the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture.

Chapter I continues its long standing support of the Parlour at Hampton, the eighteenth century home of the Ridgely family. The reinterpretation of the Parlour was completed this fall and opened to the public with much fanfare. Members of Chapter I worked diligently with the Curator to update the written inventory and re-appraise the Chapter's collection of decorative art pieces currently on loan. This Spring Chapter I made a very generous donation to Hampton with a gift of an original clerk's copy of Charles Carnan Ridgely's will and estate inventory.

The Membership Committee continues its efforts to attract appropriate new members to Chapter I. The professional genealogist engaged by the Board to assist prospective members has proven to be a great success. Membership currently stands at 75 active, 36 Life, 6 Courtesy, 9 Junior, and 2 Emerita, for a total of 128. There are 29 candidates in various stages of completing their papers.

Members of Chapter I enjoyed several social and educational activities this year, beginning with a preview tour of the Hampton Parlour before the official re-opening, followed by a lovely luncheon at the Elkridge Club. Ms. Gregory Weidman, Hampton Curator, guided our tour. In November Mr. and Mrs. Dennis L. Peters hosted the annual Oyster Party to benefit the two scholarship funds. This year's party was particularly well attended by many prospective members and candidates. In December, a Christmas Tea was hosted by the Board at "Strontia," the elegant home of Mrs. Perry Johnson Bolton. Daughters, granddaughters, nieces and grandnieces were invited to participate, as well as prospective members and candidates. We were honored that President General Nancy Shackelford Jones was able to join us.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2010. Catherine Rogers Arthur, Director and Curator of Homewood House, the home of Charles Carroll, Jr., will speak to us about recent restoration projects at the house.

## **Chapter II - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Chartered in 1895

### **Officers 2009-2010**

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.....	Marthe T. McKinnon
Registrar.....	Lynn S. Klein

Our liaison with the city was able to secure a \$20,000 grant for the historic houses in Fairmount Park. A consulting firm was hired to develop a marketing strategy. The logo chosen was "Charms of Fairmount Park". The logo is a charm bracelet with each charm a key representing the individual houses.

In December of 2009, Chapter II was issued a subpoena by the Boy Scouts to testify at a Deposition in the case of the Cradle of Liberty Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America vs. City of Philadelphia. The case was brought because the City moved to evict the Cradle of Liberty Council, Inc. from their building in Fairmount Park for alleged discriminatory practices and policies. Chapter II retained Counsel from Montgomery, McCracken, Walker and Rhoads, LLP at a total cost of \$11,269. Ellie Penniman represented Chapter II and appeared for the Deposition and was later called for follow-up testimony in Federal District Court. The eight-person jury decided in favor of the Boy Scouts. We are enormously grateful to the Parent Chapter for their support, including financial, in this matter.

We took a wonderful trip to the Peter Wentz Farmstead. The large stone farmhouse was built in 1758 and combines English Georgian architecture with traditional German features. One of the most interesting aspects of the house is the stenciling which was uncovered on the walls. One design was a checkerboard and another was a Pennsylvania Dutch motif. During the fall of 1777, General George Washington used the house as his headquarters.

### Chapter III - Washington, DC

Chartered in 1898

#### Officers 2009-2010

President.....	Barbara H. Carpenter
First Vice-President.....	Ann T. Schaeffer
Second Vice-President .....	Jane C. McSwain
Treasurer .....	Kathleen P. Titus
Recording Secretary.....	Suzanne T. Richards
Corresponding Secretary.....	Suzanne T. Smith
Registrar.....	Robin W. Dougherty

Chapter III has 80 Members, nine Courtesy Members, one Emerita Member, two Life Members, and one Honorary Member.

Our year began with a tremendously successful benefit for the Abner Cloud House, Chapter III's headquarters. The house is a National Park Service property restored by Chapter III during the Nation's Bicentennial. This 1801 miller's home is tenderly cared for by our Dames, and a benefit is held every other year to raise funds to operate the house. First Sundays of the month we share our house with the curious public. This year our Dames welcomed several hundred visitors and delighted them with the history of the home, its preservation, and the period furnishings.

Also in the area of historic preservation, our Dames selected Gunston Hall, an outstanding example of Georgian architecture and home of George Mason, a fourth generation Virginian and author of the *Virginia Declaration of Rights*, as this year's recipient of a special donation. In November, David Reese, Executive Director of Gunston Hall, joined us to speak on George Mason and Gunston Hall and accept our contribution.

December brought our annual Holiday Party where the Abner Cloud House abounded with camaraderie, holiday cheer, and a little caroling to celebrate the holidays. January found our Dames touring Historic Hampton in Baltimore, home to seven generations of the Ridgelys, a prominent colonial Maryland family.

In April, we closed our year with our Annual Meeting, where we were honored with a visit from our President General.

Scholarship continued to be one of our primary interests, and Daniel Bluestone, Director of Historic Preservation at the University of Virginia School of Architecture, spoke at our annual meeting and was presented with funds for a graduate student of Architectural History. This was the 25<sup>th</sup> year Chapter III provided scholarship funds for a student at the University.

Chapter III looks forward to a Membership Tea in May at our Abner Cloud House and welcomes our new President, Mrs. Donald Coleman Titus.

**CHAPTER IV - Paris, France**

Chartered in 1901

**Officers 2009-2010**

President.....	Mary L. d'Anglejan-Chatillon
First Vice-President.....	Evelyn S. Cheuvreux
Second Vice-President .....	Stephanie P. de La Rochefoucauld
Treasurer .....	Susan F. Train
Recording Secretary.....	Susan F. Train
Corresponding Secretary.....	Susan F. Train
Registrar.....	Evelyn S. Cheuvreux

Chapter IV has twelve members and meets on a regular basis. This Chapter continues its support and donations toward the reconstruction of the Hermione. Our next meeting is scheduled for October when we will discuss the possibility of future events that will help to fund this ongoing project.

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

Chartered in 1902

**Officers 2009-2010**

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, Colonial Dames of America, is located in the San Francisco Bay area, with some members driving four or more hours roundtrip to attend meetings. As is customary, meetings are held the first Friday of October, December, February, and April, with a June summer excursion.

This year, Vice-President Elaine Oldham arranged programs that covered a broad spectrum in order to pique the interest of the chapter members and guests. Ms. Oldham, Chapter V Past President, was responsible in garnering the very first Award for Excellence to be given to a chapter.

In last year's report, this officer stated that one of the goals for Chapter V was to increase membership. We are proud to report the chapter gained two new members, has two working on papers, giving an active membership of 32 members.

Two new members, Ann Rogers and Jan Cummins, were the speakers for our October 2010 meeting. Each gave a detailed and informative history of their

respective colonial ancestor, affording members an opportunity to become better acquainted with each of these ladies.

In addition to this officer entertaining the chapter with Christmas music for the December Holiday luncheon, members enjoyed participating in a “carol” sing, with accompaniment provided by violinist Lana Patterson, and chapter Book Chairman. “*The History of Bees*” (any and everything you’ve ever wanted to know about bees), was the program subject at the February meeting. Simon Boddington, speaker, bee keeper, and husband of member Janet Boddington, fascinated members and guests on the subject, utilizing a visual presentation as well as exhibiting bee artifacts.

For the April 2010 meeting, Jane Lindsey, Past President of the California Genealogical Society, gave a presentation on the latest trends in genealogy research. Some examples discussed included “thumb drives, netbooks, online classes, use of DNA, blogs, internet sites”, and much more.

Chapter V continues to award a scholarship each year to a University of California student.

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

## **Chapter VI - Shreveport, Louisiana**

Chartered in 1910

### **Officers 2009-2010**

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

Chapter VI met on October 21, 2009 at *Ristorante Guiseppe* for their fall meeting and luncheon. The Chapter continues to provide copies of the CDA Annual Book Award choices to schools in Shreveport, giving copies of *Ladies of Liberty* to the Centenary College, LSU and Magnet High School Libraries and copies of *Who was First?* to Southfield, St Marks’s Espiscopal, First Baptist, Loyola and South Highland Schools.

Our Christmas luncheon was held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the University Club, Shreveport, LA.

On April 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter VI sponsored a table at the annual “Author’s Club” Luncheon featuring Julia Reed of New Orleans, contributing editor to *Vogue* and *Newsweek* who spoke on her newest book, *Ham, Biscuits, Hostess Gowns and Other Southern Specialties*. Proceeds from the luncheon benefited the Pioneer Heritage Center located on the LSU Campus.

Another lovely young lady, Linda Bird, was the recipient of our “Outstanding Student of American History” Award and Scholarship presented at the Centenary Collage Award Convocation at Brown Chapel on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are the only Heritage Society that recognizes a student at this special program.

Our Annual luncheon and business meeting was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at *Ristorante Guiseppe*.

## **Chapter VII - Nashville, Tennessee**

Chartered in 1926

### **Officers 2009-2010**

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

Chapter VII held the fall meeting on September 25, 2009 at Hillwood Country Club. Noted jewelry collector, Suzanne Williams, displayed some of her collection of fine antique and estate jewelry. She spoke on the Victorian, Edwardian and Art Deco influences in jewelry design. Members and guests brought personal jewelry for Mrs. Williams to appraise.

Two of our members continue volunteering at Metro-Nashville Archives transcribing the 1837-38 Nashville Court records to computer so they are easily accessible to everyone. This computer program will make an instant computer search for any name possible, a gift to family researchers and lineage groups

The spring meeting and luncheon will be held on April 23, 2010. J. Mark Lowe, Professional Genealogist, will discuss tools used in researching Colonial lines. Mr. Lowe will use the CDA Eligibility List as part of his program.

## Chapter VIII – Houston, Texas

Chartered in 1928

### Officers 2009-2010

President.....	Jo Lee P. Haddock
First Vice-President.....	Iris C. Eaton
Second Vice-President .....	Sarah J. Leney
Treasurer .....	Janie P. Price
Recording Secretary.....	Mary T. Ford
Corresponding Secretary.....	Sylvia S. Butter
Registrar.....	Margaret J. Harris

A visit from our lovely President General Nancy Shackelford Jones, a net gain in membership, an award from the Parent Chapter, three generous scholarships awarded to deserving young women, our continued support of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden, and three well-attended conferences averaging 45 in attendance all contributed to an exciting and memorable year for Chapter VIII.

Long-time members were honored with certificates at our Spring Conference and Luncheon held at The Briar Club on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Membership Chairman, Page Steele was most pleased to announce two 50-year members and to present one of the certificates personally. The Chapter was delighted to have as a guest Mary Barnes, member of the Parent Chapter and Board of Managers. Mary brought greetings from New York. We were all then regaled by our speaker who described colonial makeup. During the business meeting, Scholarship Chairman, Victoria Loeb announced the names of the scholarship recipients and their respective colleges. Chapter VIII regards the scholarship program as our endowment to the future.

The visit of President General Nancy Shackelford Jones on November 7<sup>th</sup> was the highlight of our Fall Conference. Wishing to give her a Texas-sized welcome, we planned two days of events. Invitations were extended to Chapters XXI, XXVI, and XXVII, the other Texas Chapters. The conference luncheon, hosted by Joella Morris, was held at the River Oaks Country Club. Our guest speaker was John Barnes, husband of our new Courtesy Dame, Mary Barnes. During the conference, Nancy Shackelford Jones brought greetings from New York and presented the Chapter with a Citation of Merit from the President's Award for Excellence competition. Nancy also presented Past President Joella Morris with a recognition pin for her significant role in historic preservation and her 50 years of devotion to CDA.

The evening of the Conference, the board sponsored a reception and dinner that included members' spouses, at the Petroleum Club. It was hosted by Ann Ford, who worked closely with the chef so that Nancy would have a "taste of Texas." Ann also decorated the tables with Texas flags and the fabled yellow Texas roses. High atop the Exxon Building, Nancy was greeted with a breathtaking panoramic view of city lights and was truly welcomed to Texas as the band struck up "The Eyes of Texas" when she entered the room.

The following day, guests and members toured Bayou Bend, American decorative arts wing of MFAH. Following, members bid Nancy farewell at a luncheon in a garden room of the Junior League Tearoom.

Chapter elections and a marvelous book review by Book Award Chairman, Diane Page were the order of the day for our Annual Conference, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Diane also announced that the book she reviewed last year for us and suggested to National as the best choice for the award, *Ladies of Liberty*, by Cokie Roberts did receive the 2009 Book Award. Continuing our support of the troops, members signed cards of thanks and encouragement that were then mailed by Chairman Ann Ford.

During these past two years, I have been given the support of 103 members, two wonderful boards, and 13 committee chairmen. It has been both an honor and a pleasure to serve as President of ChapterVIII.

## Chapter IX – Lexington, Kentucky

Chartered in 1929

### Officers 2009-2010

President.....	Sharon L. Clouse
First Vice-President.....	Dorotha C. Thompson
Second Vice-President .....	Dorothy S. Reeves
Treasurer .....	Jean E. Ayulo
Recording Secretary.....	Nancy H. Lutz
Corresponding Secretary.....	Willie Jean R. Moore
Registrar .....	Alberta B. Baker

Meetings of Chapter IX, Lexington, Kentucky are held the second Thursday of June and October in Lexington.

Members met on June 11, 2009 at the Lexington Country Club, with music performed by harpist Meredith Clouse. Following the luncheon and business meeting, Deirdre Scaggs, Archivist for the rare book department of the University of Kentucky’s Margaret I. King Library, presented a program on the preservation work accomplished during the past year with our chapter contribution to the University Archives at Special Collections and Digital Programs. Chapter IX makes an annual donation to the King Library which is used for a graduate student to identify and catalogue holdings in the valuable “hidden” library collections, with the goal of preserving, cataloguing, and digitizing primary sources of Kentucky history.

The October 4, 2009 meeting featured the program, “*Great revivals: Kentucky Decorative Arts Treasures*” presented by Sara Elliot, Curator, Old State Capitol Liaison of the Kentucky Historical Society. This collection, currently on exhibit at the Old State Capital in Frankfort, features significant pieces from the Kentucky Historical Society covering five stylistic periods from 1800 to 1920.

Membership (growth, activity, and retention) continues to be a priority of Chapter IX. Two new members were approved and welcomed this past year. The President and Parliamentarian collaborated on a Chapter IX “*Guide to Proposing New Members*”, which was sent to each member and will be published in the new yearbook. Two copies of the Chapter IX Newsletter were printed and mailed to members, with meeting announcements, chapter news, CDA Book Awards, and web-site information.

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

Chapter IX promoted the newly published CDA cookbook in its newsletter and meetings. Members enthusiastically supported the project by purchasing two cases of cookbooks.

In November 2009, Liberty Hall Museum Curator of Collections, Beth Ann Caffery, contacted the Parent Society and this chapter president regarding a Colonial Dames of America flag. The flag, which had originally belonged to Chapter IX, had been delivered last fall to the Capital City Museum in Frankfort, Kentucky, which in turn sent it to Liberty Hall Museum. The nylon flag is hand-painted on both sides with the CDA seal and says: “The Colonial Dames of America, Founded 1890, *Colere Coloniarum Gloriam.*” It has sustained some water damage along the way, but we are delighted to have it back with our chapter.

## Chapter X - Rome, Italy

Chartered in 1930

OFFICERS 2009-2010

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

Founded in 1930, Chapter X celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010. We plan to have a festive celebration in the fall. This year we have added three new members and one Perspective member. While most of our chapter lives in Italy, we have members in Santo Domingo and Long Island, as well.

Chapter X’s main focus is our project, which is documenting and preserving the stories of the 850 Americans buried in the Protestant Cemetery in Rome. This year we have developed an online database of searchable information, which will be a valuable resource to researchers and genealogists. Being involved in the technical part of this project has been an exciting experience and we are now at the point where we are adding biographical entries, photographs, and other information. Our members, even the technically challenged ones, have learned how to compile and enter the data, so Chapter X is now a high tech group with our own website. Please visit us at <http://home.earthlink.net/~cdarome> to get more information about the project.

We continue to have three regular meetings per year at the Circolo del Ministero Affari Esteri, the club of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome, as well as hold work days for our project.

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

Chartered in 1930

### **Officers 2009-2010**

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

Chapter XI enjoyed a lovely luncheon at the Capital Hotel in Knightsbridge in June in honor of Mary, the Countess of Bessborough, who visited London to present Benjamin Franklin's wallet to the Benjamin Franklin House on Craven Street. The handsome old brown leather wallet has BF Craven Street embossed in gold on the outside flap. It will be displayed in a specially made case with other relics.

President General Nancy S. Jones dropped by on a flying visit in August to listen and learn about Chapter XI. We enjoyed a chat and splendid summer elderflower cordials at the National Portrait Gallery overlooking Trafalgar Square.

The Chapter met again in the autumn at Daphne's Restaurant in Chelsea. The chapter is growing and we have 19 members, 3 Courtesy, 3 Emerita and 2 approved blue slips.

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

Chartered in 1938

### **Officers 2009-2010**

President.....	Mary Jo P. Mordhorst
First Vice-President.....	Mary E. Boyd
Treasurer .....	Iola N. Smith
Recording Secretary.....	Betty H. Ford
Corresponding Secretary.....	Demetra C. Kelly
Registrar.....	Margaret L. Carr

It has indeed been a pleasure to continue to serve the second year of a two-year term as president of Chapter XII, Saint Louis, Colonial Dames of America. The chapter meetings are held on or as close to May 15 and October 15 as possible.

We have been fortunate to have had outstanding programs. Leslie Carnavan gave us a most interesting presentation about Wedgewood china, recognizing the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this beautiful artwork. She had some of her own collection on display in the NSDAR Museum in Washington, D.C. at that time. The colonial George Washington flag was on display.

We have donated contributions to the USO at the local Lambert Airport and the Mount Vernon Museum. Books, magazines, and puzzles have been donated to the Siteman Cancer Center in St. Louis.

We are happy to have one new member, Jeannine Sheldon Kallal, by transfer from Columbia, MO, Chapter XXXII. We anticipate adding to our current membership of thirty-one, plus two Emerita, and two Courtesy members.

This officer has been fortunate to serve with others who excel in diligence and dedication.

### **Chapter XIII – Kansas City, Missouri**

Chartered in 1949

#### **Officers 2009-2010**

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

On July 15<sup>th</sup> a social time was spent enjoying Tatsu's French cuisine with three Prospective members. Two long-time members moved away; but like Dorothy, they clicked the heels of their ruby shoes and said, "There's no place like home" – and that's Kansas.

A luncheon meeting was held on October 21<sup>st</sup> at Bishop Spencer Place. Vice President of Cerner Corporation, using power point, explained the use of Cerner Software Solutions to transform healthcare. The Cerner Vice President and Presenter is member Francie Stoner, youthful daughter, wife, mother and grandmother.

At beautiful Indian Hills Country Club, on December 16<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed a Christmas party with "White Elephant Tricky Gift Exchange." Our Chapter donated \$1,500 to Harris-Kearney House for new window blinds. We listened to Betsey Heimke, who, at age 12, became a POW in the Philippines during WWII. She recalled her experiences and we presented her with a framed Certificate of Appreciation for her bravery, endurance and patriotism.

At our Annual Meeting, on March 18<sup>th</sup> Shawnee Indian Mission Foundation speaker connected the genealogy of Kansas City's founders.

**Chapter XIV - Chicago, Illinois**

Chartered in 1952

**Officers 2009-2010**

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

In June we had our Annual Benefit Salad Luncheon at the home of Recording Secretary, Sandy Polito. Eleven members and guests were present. After our business meeting, program Chair June Chapek gave a program entitled “*Genealogy, Truth or Consequences*”.

In September, thirteen of us met at the Glen Oak Country Club. Our program was given by new member, Jane Lahey, who has a residence at Chautauqua N.Y. Her program was entitled “*Liberty*”. She had a role in hostessing the people from Williamsburg who gave the programs.

December found us at the Russian Tea Room in Chicago for our Annual Holiday Tea.

Our April meeting was at the Union League Club, where we welcomed our new officers for the coming three years.

We have three new members and several others working on their papers.

**Chapter XV - Jackson, Mississippi**

Chartered in 1954

**Officers 2009-2010**

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

Chapter XV meets twice yearly on the third Thursday of April and October at the River Hills Club in Jackson, Mississippi. Our membership of 56 includes 49 active

members and 7 members Emerita. We sadly report the death of our beloved Dame, Mrs. Samuel Fletcher King, Jr. Our membership makes annual donations to the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden, and the Halcyon Foundation, as well as our Mary Flowers Hendrix Nursing Scholarship Fund.

Our fall meeting was held on October 15, 2009 with Capt. Henry Alexander Hudson, Jr., USNR, Ret., as our guest speaker, who gave an interesting talk on “Colonial Officers.”

Our Annual Meeting will be April 15, 2010 with guest speaker, Dr. Bryant Boswell, who portrays Captain Meriwether Lewis: “*On the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Missouri*,” and Governor Meriwether Lewis: “*On the Upper Louisiana Territory!*” [“The Defining of America - One Country, Sea to Shining Sea – Thomas Jefferson, Meriwether Lewis, and William Clark.”]

With the approval of the Historic Preservation Division of Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Chapter XV was so pleased to have been given final approval to place a historical bronze marker at the Municipal Art Gallery (1860) in Jackson, Mississippi! Through pledges of members from the Colonial Dames of America, Chapter XV Mississippi, we were able to have the historical marking on April 16, 2009!

## **Chapter XVI - Des Moines, Iowa**

Chartered in 1955

### **Officers 2009-2010**

President.....	Myrtle L. Van Dyke
First Vice-President.....	Ruth P. Arnold
Second Vice-President .....	Avo T. Davidson
Treasurer .....	Nancy H. Ragsdale
Recording Secretary.....	Maralee M. Kruse
Corresponding Secretary.....	Maralee M. Kruse
Registrar.....	Raygena K. Garringer

The Iowa Chapter XVI met in Des Moines, Iowa, at Teacups & Tiaras in West Des Moines. The meetings were held on the second Tuesday in May and October at 10:30. The business meeting is before lunch and the program follows.

We have 26 members and one Daughter Dame. The registrar is working on Prospective members’ application papers.

The program in May was on Henry Wolcott and Elizabeth Saunders, who came in 1630 on the Mary and John. They settled at Dorchester, MA, and moved to Windsor, CT. Publications of the Search for the Passengers of the Mary and John 1630 cover the Wolcott and Wells families in England.

The program in October was on Rev. William Leverich, who arrived on the James in 1633. The book, “*A Godly Minister*”, by Michael E. Leverich, covered the Leverich, Johnson and Fish families in England. He settled at Dover, N.H., and Sandwich, MA and on Long Island at Newtown and Huntington.

**CHAPTER XVII - Palm Beach, Florida**

Chartered in 1964

**Officers 2009-2010**

President.....	Cynthia H. Gibbons
First Vice-President.....	Bradley T. Van Hoek
Second Vice-President .....	Rachel L. Lorentzen
Treasurer .....	Carol O. Baker
Recording Secretary.....	Susan M. Ballentine
Corresponding Secretary.....	Christine M. Orthwein
Registrar.....	Rachel L. Lorentzen

The season for Palm Beach Chapter XVII has been a significant one. We won the 2009 President’s Award for Excellence for the best chapter project which was the Chapter’s involvement in the restoration of Seagull Cottage. Constructed in 1886, Sea Gull Cottage was purchased by Henry Flagler in 1893 and became Flagler’s first winter residence in Palm Beach. It is one of the oldest residences on the island. The Chapter found an old photograph of the interior, which, through hard work, enabled them to replicate the original decoration and furnishings. The cottage was recently expanded by the Royal Poinciana Chapel and we were able to hold our December meeting there. The architect involved with the recent improvements discussed the cottage and its new additions.

Each year in February we have an Annual Gala with the Colonial Warriors in the Orange Garden at The Everglades Club. This year was another spectacular event. Our winter meeting is always the day following the gala. This year we welcomed the founder of Standown House, a homeless shelter for Veterans suffering from Traumatic Brain Injuries, Disabilities and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Roy Foster, the founder and our speaker won the CNN Hero Award for the work he has done reintegrating these forgotten heroes back into civilian life. Our chapter not only has given financial support, but clothing and bed linen for these men and women who have served their country.

We also continue to support the Historical Society of Palm Beach County which was involved in the restoration of the old courthouse in downtown West Palm Beach. We had our spring meeting in the original courtroom and listened to the President of the Historical Society discuss the restoration and history of the Courthouse building.

Finally, we continue to support the Glades Tri City Family Education center. Our final chapter event was a visit to the Center. This project aims to raise literacy skills of the sugar workers to GED level as well as provide citizenship or naturalization classes.

Our chapter now has a written history from its inception in 1964 until today thanks to Mrs. Eugene Kinsella and our latest project will focus on a brief written history of each our member’s ancestors.

We are now closing our membership to any new prospective members, accepting only legacies of our current chapter members

**Chapter XVIII - Springfield, Ohio**

Chartered in 1980

**Officers 2009-2010**

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

Chapter XVIII met at the Springfield Country Club in May and December of 2009 and March of 2010. In September 2009, the chapter met at the Simon Kenton Inn, a local historic bed and breakfast.

The chapter has lost two longtime members: Mrs. George Harold, Recording Secretary and Mrs. George Winwood, Treasurer. Our membership now numbers 27.

We continue our tradition of donating to the Parent Chapter in memory of our deceased members. Other donations were made to local projects: Warder Literacy Center, Clark County Heritage Center and the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Our programs included a lunch and tour of the Simon Kenton Inn, an historic house, now a bed and breakfast. Members also learned about Victorian Christmas party favors and were tested on their colonial knowledge and local historical trivia!

**Chapter XIX – Florida Everglades**

Chartered in 1982

**Officers 2009-2010**

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

The members of Everglades Chapter XIX have enjoyed a good year. On November 6<sup>th</sup> we held our meeting at the Lauderdale Yacht Club in Ft. Lauderdale. We enjoyed lunch and a very informative talk from Mr. Seth Bramson. Mr. Bramson is a well known authority and historian for the Florida East Coast Railway.

On February 5<sup>th</sup> we met in Naples, Florida at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club for our meeting and luncheon. After lunch we drove to Palm Cottage, our newly adopted historical project. An informative docent provided a guided tour of Palm Cottage and Gardens. Our chapter is committed to help fund the Palm Cottage Educational Program. We continue to support “Women in Distress,” a women’s shelter in Fort Lauderdale. In addition, we are grateful to have a benefactor this year who has matched our scholarships at both Broward College and Edison Community College.

Our April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will find us conducting our annual business meeting at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. Our members have been very generous and supportive in contributing to our Projects and Scholarships.

This has been a productive and rewarding year for us all.

## **Chapter XX - Los Angeles, California**

Chartered in 1982

### **Officers 2009-2010**

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. We have had interesting programs this year. Among them, Treasurer Frances Boothe shared Chapter XX’s history. There are few active members who belonged at its inception, so it was a very meaningful program. In December we learned of the culinary and medical contributions of the Pilgrims and in February we heard a talk on “The Miracles of George Washington.” At our Annual Meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> the Chaplain will hold a memorial service for our departed members in the last year, followed by a humorous and informative talk about High Tea given by Dr. Pat Rasmusson.

Our present membership is forty-five. We have four Prospective members working on their applications and one transferee. Members continue to seek out women who qualify and are interested in membership.

We have contributed to the Scholarship Fund, the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden, and the Garden and Grounds Fund. Members continue to enjoy our meetings and look forward to joining in fellowship and harmony. It is a privilege to serve as President again.

## Chapter XXI - Dallas, Texas

Chartered in 1982

### Officers 2009-2010

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

Chapter XXI holds three meetings a year. This year our meetings have been held at the Park City Club in Dallas.

In May, our Speaker for the day was Civil War historian and author John Waugh. Mr. Waugh's lecture was based on his book, "*Surviving the Confederacy*", which chronicled the lives of Roger and Sarah Pryor. This power couple, members of the Southern aristocracy, counted Lincoln and Lee and other celebrities of the day as their friends. Pryor, one of the "fire-eaters" who supported secession, and who served in the Confederate Army, relocated to New York City after the war and, eventually, became a judge in New York State. His wife, Sarah, also had an interesting life after the Civil War. In addition to her many charitable activities in New York City, she was, also, one of the founders of the DAR and also our CDA.

In October, Dr. Richard McCaslin, head of the History Department at the University Department at the University of North Texas, gave a lecture on his book, "*Lee in the Shadow of Washington*." His book describes the life of Henry Lee, III, known as "Light Horse Harry", and his relationship with George Washington.

In February, for our annual business meeting, we enjoyed a lecture by Kathleen Hickman, head of the Dallas Field Office of the U.S. Secret Service. Mrs. Hickman told of the founding of the Secret Service for the original purpose of investigating counterfeiting and the scope of the agency today.

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

Chapter XXI had 66 active members, 3 Junior members, 1 Daughter Dame and 6 members Emerita.

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

**Chapter XXII – Michigan**

Chartered in 1984

**Officers 2009-2010**

President.....	Catherine M. Pouls
First Vice-President.....	Mary E. Baker
Second Vice-President .....	Nancy W. Reed
Treasurer .....	Barbara Hofmann
Recording Secretary.....	Mary Ellen L. Vangoff
Corresponding Secretary.....	Carolee O. Chrisman
Registrar.....	Barbara B. Greene

Chapter XXII, Michigan, met three times this past year for business meetings with officer and committee chairmen reports followed by a program and luncheon. Our July meeting was our Chapter’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party which was held at The Village Women’s Club. We were honored to have our President General, Nancy S. Jones, join us to celebrate this exciting event. Three Charter Members were presented with certificates at this meeting.

In October we met at the Detroit Institute of Arts where we toured their archives and learned about the old and rare books housed there.

The Annual Meeting in March was at the Holly Hotel. Richard Anderson, Director of Michigan’s new National Cemetery presented the program.

Membership is 55 with 1 new Junior member.

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

**Chapter XXIII - Virginia**

Chartered in 1986

**Officers 2009-2010**

President.....	Lacey S. Hudgins
First Vice-President.....	Mary S. Plaster
Second Vice-President .....	Elizabeth W. Williams
Third Vice-President .....	Julia D. Thieriot
Treasurer .....	Elizabeth T. Courts
Recording Secretary.....	Ann B. Darst
Corresponding Secretary.....	Blair W. Lawrence
Registrar.....	Walta M. Warren

The Annual meeting of Chapter XXIII was held in Jamestowne and Williamsburg on May 7 and 8, 2009. We met on May 7<sup>th</sup> in Jamestowne at the site of our model of

Jamestowne Fort. We were honored to have with us newly elected President General, Mrs. James Jones III. Our members were delighted to see the most impressive model of the Fort which is now completed and being viewed by the public. Representatives of Preservation Virginia, the National Park Service and archaeologists were present to answer any questions and to give a tour of the buildings and grounds. The Annual meeting was held on May 8<sup>th</sup> and we were delighted to have Mrs. Jones as our guest.

In October, our members went to Orange, Virginia to see the restoration of Montpelier, home of James Madison. It is a work in progress with the next phase consisting of researching and returning furnishings to the home.

Our Annual Board meeting was held in January at the Preservation Virginia Headquarters in Richmond. Our chapter will continue to support giving to Werowocomoco archeology, Populer Forest and Jamestowne. We are planning our Annual Meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> and shall visit the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in Winchester, Virginia.

It has been an honor to have represented Virginia these past three years.

## **Chapter XXIV - Atlanta, Georgia**

Chartered in 1986

### **Officers 2009-2010**

President.....	Rose E. Bell
First Vice-President.....	Ida B. Mixon
Second Vice-President .....	Marion S. Bunker
Treasurer .....	Marion G. Atkins
Recording Secretary.....	Martha H. Wright
Corresponding Secretary.....	Shelby A. Whitson
Registrar.....	Judith L. Hughes

Chapter XXIV continues to advance the objects of The Colonial Dames of America by supporting Historic Oakland Cemetery. The October 2009 *National Geographic Traveler* magazine features Atlanta as one of the three U.S. cities included in “50 Places for a Lifetime – The World’s Greatest Destinations, Part II.” Oakland is mentioned twice in the article, opening with “The past lies everywhere in Atlanta, especially in historic Oakland Cemetery, a peaceful place of Confederate graves and mausoleums that date to 1850.” In 2009, Oakland received national recognition by being the recipient of national grants totaling \$245,000.

In addition, Oakland, along with 15 other U.S. locations, was presented the Cultural Landscape Foundation Award, designed to focus attention on culturally significant landscapes at risk for alteration or destruction. In its *Landslide* booklet, the Foundation stated, “In 1850, the City of Atlanta purchased six acres on the edge of its city limit to serve as a public burial ground for a young but fast growing town of 2,500 citizens. Oakland was meant to provide comfort to the bereaved as well as a space for passive enjoyment for local residents.”

In November 2009 on [www.forbes.com](http://www.forbes.com) , Oakland was listed as one of “America’s Best City Parks” listed among New York’s Central Park, San Francisco’s Golden Gate Park and Boston’s Boston Commons. This centrally located Atlanta green space, founded in 1850, is more an historical cemetery than an actual one. Today it functions, in the words of the Historic Oakland Foundation “as an island of tranquility in the heart of the city and serves as a site for picnics, jogging and neighborhood festivals. It’s a very creative use of space in a city that’s short on park land.”

In support of the cemetery’s continued preservation, restoration and enhancement of the park’s amenities, Chapter XXIV donated two reproduction metal park benches priced at \$2,479.80, bearing the inscription, *The Colonial Dames of America, Chapter XXIV 2009*. These benches were placed in the original six acres of the cemetery. Our members are proud to share in honoring Atlanta’s past and celebrating its future by supporting Oakland as a revered cemetery and a vibrant park.

In addition to Oakland Cemetery as a project, Chapter XXIV engaged in a second project, the compiling of her history since the Chapter was Chartered in November 1986. Included in the narration is also the early history of the Parent Society. The early history of the Society includes some very interesting episodes of law suits, court dates and newspaper coverage. The intent is for the first years in the life of Chapter XXIV (1986-2010) to be included in this first section, then in about 25 years, compile a second part bringing Chapter XXIV’s history up to date, then followed by a third part that will culminate in the Centennial History of the Chapter’s first 100 years.

A special highlight of the year was a visit from President General, Nancy Shackelford Jones, to our February 26, 2010 meeting held at the Cherokee Town Club in Atlanta. The members were impressed by Mrs. Jones’ charm, her interesting Virginia background and the informative history of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden.

\*Information on Historic Oakland Cemetery obtained from *The Oakland Herald*

## Chapter XXV - Phoenix, Arizona

Chartered in 1990

### Officers 2009-2010

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

The Phoenix chapter continues the tradition of having two luncheon meetings each year. In December, our Treasurer and member Mary Little told about her exciting trip to the 2009 Annual Meeting in New York City. Her enthusiasm will encourage other members to attend future meetings and to visit the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden.

Our spring luncheon program given by member Frances Rakestraw was titled "McGuffey Readers Show and Tell". She displayed old books used by family members and discussed their enormous influence in the 19th century.

Our chapter supports National Society projects. We voted to send a donation of \$900.00 to be divided between the Museum, Scholarships and the Garden Funds.

Several members ordered the lovely Cook Book and were especially taken by the beauty and highlights in the book.

Our Chapter is very interested in participating in the President's Award for Excellence and members hope to participate next year. We are seeking a project that has emphasis on American History as it relates to Arizona.

Membership growth is a major focus and we are pleased to have one new member this year. We would love to grow, but find the process to attract talented and eligible ladies a lengthy endeavor.

We voted to change the term of office to two years from three, because the shorter time period might encourage more of our members to hold positions on our Board of Managers. This could make our group stronger and more stimulating.

## **CHAPTER XXVI – Austin, Texas**

Chartered in 1992

### **Officers 2009-2010**

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 continues to meet twice a year. Last fall our program centered around Indians of the Southwest. This spring we learned about the renovations to the Texas State Archives building on the State Capital grounds. It is in this building that many genealogical records are stored and accessed. Our meetings have been well attended and the chapter is growing.

Our first meeting in the fall will be a tour of the Archives building, lead by personnel who staff the building. Our members are looking forward to this meeting, as many of our members use these facilities for research. We continue to expect growth for our chapter.

**CHAPTER XXVII - San Antonio, Texas**

Chartered in 1993

**Officers 2009-2010**

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 XVII has 17 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 2009-2010**

President.....	Mary K. Cooper
First Vice-President.....	Anne S. Schwanda
Second Vice-President .....	Billie F. Tadich
Treasurer .....	Margaret S. Wickel
Recording Secretary.....	Joan L. Russ
Corresponding Secretary.....	Barbara A. Waggaman
Registrar.....	Glendolyn P. Walton

Our programs are bright and stimulating. Some are more serious than others but they all seem well appreciated by our members.

The October 2009 meeting was the first one for this group of new officers. We started off with a program given by our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, a great program involving Halloween. The February 2010 meeting program again was given by a member. This was on the creation and use of fan charts.

The May 2010 meeting gave us another fascinating program. Historian Andrew Batten spoke to us about Colonial Taverns, their place in the early development of our country, and the changes made in our country and its taverns as time passed. This opened an historical window for all of us!

Interesting programs are important to bringing members to the meetings and for adding new members to our rolls. New members are important to the health of our chapter and the organization as a whole. We have had a number of wonderful candidates proposed for membership this year. Our Registrar – Membership Chairman is having a busy year working with them and we all look forward to their becoming new members.

We would like to see students in elementary schools in our area learn more about the creation of this wonderful country we live in. There does not seem to be much emphasis on the part of the schools. We are working with the idea of donating portraits of George Washington to the schools. While we would like to see our first President in every classroom, that may be too long a road for the chapter to walk. The first step is to start. Let’s take one step at a time and see how far we can go.

## CHAPTER XXIX – North Carolina

Chartered in 1999

### Officers 2009-2010

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

Chapter XXIX held semi-annual luncheon meetings the last Saturday in April and September at Hope Valley Country Club, Durham, NC. Our year 2009 ended with forty-five active members and seven Daughter Dames. The chapter lost three precious members by death and three by resignation. A number of applications are in process.

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Thomas G. Shugrue, our Chapter Secretary, gave a superb PowerPoint presentation concerning her Massachusetts ancestors, Lucy Goodall Thurston and her husband, Rev. Asa Thurston, who were the first to take the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the people of the Hawaiian Islands, transforming their lives. The Thurstons also recorded the Hawaiian language, teaching the people to read both English and Hawaiian. The attendance was good with each guest being greeted by “Aloha” and given a colorful lei.

Dr Craig D. Atwood, Professor at Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, NC, an author and an authority on the history of the Moravians, spoke at our September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. His presentation of “*Living for the Savior: What North Carolina Moravians Were Like Before They Became The Cookie People,*” was both fascinating and delightful. Old Salem Moravian ginger cookies were given as favors for each guest.

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

### **CHAPTER XXX - Venice, Florida**

Chartered in 1999

#### **Officers 2009-2010**

<b>President .....</b>	<b>Carol W. Cornell</b>
<b>First Vice-President.....</b>	<b>Doris T. Johnson</b>
<b>Second Vice-President.....</b>	<b>Lauralee H. Clayton</b>
<b>Treasurer.....</b>	<b>Ann T. Dodderidge</b>
<b>Recording Secretary .....</b>	<b>Rosemary T. Vauzanges</b>
<b>Corresponding Secretary .....</b>	<b>Mary Ellen Y. Lowe</b>
<b>Registrar (Manatee).....</b>	<b>Barbara B. Schulz</b>
<b>Registrar (Sarasota).....</b>	<b>Barbara Hodalski</b>

The Colonial Dames Chapter XXX has had a busy and productive year. Our current membership stands at 34 members. We currently have 4 candidates actively working on their papers.

Our chapter began the year with the first meeting in November followed by a Christmas Tea in December. Meetings are also held in January, February and March. Our programs have been both interesting and informative. The meetings are held at the Venice Yacht Club which overlooks the beautiful Gulf of Mexico.

A memorial service was held for our chapter member Ruth Novello who passed from death into life, November 24, 2009.

Chapter XXX is financially supporting the Triangle Inn Association, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, The Lord Hugal House, the oldest existing home in Venice, and the Venice Area Historical Society.

The year was ended with our luncheon, to elect new officers and to plan for the coming chapter year.

## CHAPTER XXXI – South Carolina

Chartered in 2006

### Officers 2009-2010

President.....	Camille R. Baxter
First Vice-President.....	Margaret B. Wolfe
Second Vice-President .....	Marilyn D. Altman
Treasurer .....	Ruth R. Martin
Recording Secretary.....	Theresa H. Johnson
Corresponding Secretary.....	Sabra M. Moseley
Registrar.....	Robin R. Towns

Since chartering in 2006, Chapter XXXI, South Carolina has adopted two projects: support of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden and support of Hopsewee Plantation, home of Thomas Lynch, South Carolina signer of the Declaration of Independence. And even more importantly, we have adopted as our primary mission the gathering of lovely South Carolina ladies and the creation of a strong, active chapter. Thus far, membership is fifty-seven with three Courtesy members and one Daughter Dame. Nine Prospective members and one Daughter Dame are in the membership process.

President Camille Baxter and Registrar Robin Towns represented Chapter XXXI at the 2009 Annual Meeting in New York City. We attended every luncheon, banquet, meeting and tour offered by the Parent Chapter and enjoyed every minute. We returned home with great photographs and great stories to share with our members in an effort to encourage their attendance in the future.

Our September 29, 2009 luncheon meeting was held at the Forest Lake Club in Columbia. Our Chapter Registrar, Robin Towns, presented a program on the Colonial Art of Tea Taking while attired in authentic Colonial costume and displaying porcelain tea sets and serving apparatus. Our April 22, 2010 luncheon meeting was also held at the Forest Lake Club. Lee Brockington, Historian and Senior Interpreter at Hobcaw Barony spoke on “*Leading South Carolina Women of Strength and Ingenuity*”. Belle Baruch, owner of Hobcaw Barony was highlighted. Mrs. Brockington’s presentation was extremely interesting and well delivered. Our members lingered after each meeting for continued fellowship, and they are obviously enjoying getting to know one another.

Chapter members are eagerly anticipating the October 28, 2010 luncheon meeting at the Capers-Motte Smith House in the Historic District of Charleston and home of member Ellen Kiser when we will have Nancy Shackelford Jones, President General as our special guest. We will also place a bronze plaque on the historic home where the Colonial South Carolina legislature met in the second floor ballroom.

Chapter XXXI is proud to have been represented at the 2010 Annual Meeting by Camille Baxter, President; Robin Towns, Registrar; Regina Barry, and Zoe Ann Leach Conolly, our newest member. Our beloved Organizing President, Dyane Kellogg, attended the Garden Party accompanied by her charming husband, Fred Kellogg, who is Chapter XXXI’s honorary member and greatest supporter.

**CHAPTER XXXII-Central Missouri**

Chartered in 2007

**Officers 2009-2010**

**President .....Betty Lou W. McAtee**  
**First Vice-President.....Joan T. Sorrels**  
**Treasurer.....Sally N. Bueno**  
**Recording Secretary .....Iola N. Smith**  
**Corresponding Secretary .....Iola N. Smith**  
**Registrar ..... Patricia L. Horton**

Central Missouri Chapter XXXII was busy this year. Our Organizing President Dorothy Baumgartner was surprised with a “thank you” from the members for all the work she did in organizing our Chapter. Mrs. Baumgartner was made our Organizing President and given a beautiful plaque.

Our Chapter meets in May and November, as close to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month as possible.

This fall, kindergarten students from two schools, a total of 101 students, were celebrated for learning and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. After reciting for President Betty McAtee, they were given a small American flag and Certificate.

An American flag was presented to the Chapter for Crew Chief Jessie Baise, nephew of President McAtee. The flag was flown in the Apache helicopter over Iraq. We were very pleased with this gift.

Chapter XXXII made a donation to the USO, which is based at Lambert Airport in St. Louis.

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**SINCE 1890**

1890-1897 †Mrs. Archibald Gracie King  
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1908-1909 †Mrs. Edward King  
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1951-1953 †Mrs. Madison H. Lewis (Mrs. W. Leicester Van Leer)  
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1985-1988 Mrs. Franklin Bache Satterthwaite  
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1994-1995 Mrs. Thomas P. Bispham  
1995-1997 †Mrs. David A. Bird  
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2000-2003 Mrs. J. Sinclair Armstrong  
2003-2006 Mrs. Gerald K. Geddes  
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2010-2011

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Treasurer .....	Joan L. Cherry
Recording Secretary .....	Susan B. Ritter
Corresponding Secretary .....	Betty B. Ferrelli
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Recording Secretary .....	Mary T. Ford
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Treasurer .....	Jean E. Ayulo
Recording Secretary .....	Nancy H. Lutz
Corresponding Secretary .....	Willie Jean R. Moore
Registrar .....	Alberta B. Baker

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

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

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Treasurer.....	Mary Jo P. Mordhorst
Recording Secretary.....	Betty H. Ford
Corresponding Secretary.....	Demetra C. Kelly
Registrar.....	Margaret L. Carr

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

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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

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First Vice-President.....	Carolyne N. Howard
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2009-2010**

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### **General 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 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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**THE COLONIAL DAMES  
OF AMERICA**

**Financial Statements  
for the year ended  
March 31, 2010  
(with summarized comparative  
financial information for 2009)**

## **Independent Auditors' Report**

To the Board of Managers  
The Colonial Dames of America

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of The Colonial Dames of America (the "Society") as of March 31, 2010 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 2009 financial statements and, in our report dated

July 20, 2009, 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, 2010 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.

August 9, 2010

**THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA**

**Statement of Financial Position**

**Assets**

	<b>March 31</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 42,426	\$ 22,851
Investments, at market value	6,513,422	5,644,983
Accounts receivable	35,412	9,700
Inventory, at cost	35,591	17,908
Prepaid expenses	16,346	25,111
Total current assets	6,643,197	5,720,553
<b>Property and equipment, net</b>	2,295,568	2,309,564
<b>Deferred compensation plan asset</b>	-	47,592
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 8,938,765</b>	<b>\$ 8,077,709</b>

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 32,225	\$ 38,194
Deferred revenue	23,400	27,706
Total current liabilities	55,625	65,900
<b>Deferred compensation plan liability</b>	-	47,592
Total liabilities	55,625	113,492
<b>Net assets</b>		
Unrestricted	7,273,013	6,333,511
Temporarily restricted	732,280	752,859
Permanently restricted	877,847	877,847
Total net assets	8,883,140	7,964,217
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 8,938,765</b>	<b>\$ 8,077,709</b>

See notes to financial statements.

THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

Statement of Activities  
For Year Ended March 31, 2010  
(with Summarized Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2009)

	Unrestricted			Temporarily Restricted			Temporarily Restricted			2009		
	Mount Pleasant			Historic			Temporarily Restricted			Total		
	General Fund	Museum & Garden Fund	E.M. Taylor Endowment Fund	Scholarship Fund	Education Restricted Fund	Historic Preservation Restricted Fund	Temporarily Restricted Fund	Temporarily Restricted Fund	Temporarily Restricted Fund	Temporarily Restricted Fund	Temporarily Restricted Fund	Temporarily Restricted Fund
<b>Support and revenue</b>												
Support												
Grants	9,779	72,866	-	72,836	\$	5,422	-	-	\$	72,386	\$	91,824
Contributions	200	15,554	-	25,333		30	-	-		30,755		47,101
Legacies	9,929	5,720	-	5,970		103,689	-	-		6,000		400
Total support	94,300	93,710	-	103,689		5,452	-	-		109,141		139,325
Revenue												
Scholarship fees	19,077		-	113,377		-	-	-		113,377		110,923
Interest and dividends	46,161		21,453	67,644		4,887	-	-		72,796		134,523
Site rentals	31,090	7,625	-	38,715		5,265	-	-		38,715		30,805
Claims	14,105		-	14,105		-	-	-		14,105		15,800
Insights and other sales	20,932	214	-	21,146		-	-	-		21,146		22,685
Meeting and functions	17,077	5,608	-	22,685		-	-	-		22,685		36,524
Education programs	3,525	8,675	-	12,200		-	-	-		12,200		13,666
Merchandise	-	26,787	-	26,787		-	-	-		26,787		28,566
Other revenue	10,357	9,239	-	19,596		-	-	-		19,596		2,900
Net assets released from restrictions	17,888	5,500	-	23,388		(17,888)	(5,500)	(3,388)		366,452		-
Total revenue	251,910	106,325	21,453	379,688		(12,623)	(613)	(13,236)		411,785		475,939
Total support and revenue	261,889	200,035	21,453	483,377		(7,171)	(613)	(17,474)		475,893		551,110
<b>Expenses</b>												
Program services												
Museum programs and activities	-	350,703	-	350,703		-	5,500	5,500		356,203		424,173
ADA programs	213,102	-	-	16,615		-	-	-		16,615		14,403
Seminars and programs	17,888	-	-	17,888		-	-	-		17,888		18,405
Total program services	231,191	350,703	-	581,894		-	5,500	5,500		587,394		599,505
Supporting services												
General and administrative	196,037	-	-	196,037		-	-	-		196,037		223,403
Fund-raising	3,121	29,686	-	31,807		-	-	-		31,807		31,807
Total supporting services	199,158	29,686	-	318,844		-	-	-		318,844		355,210
Total expenses	429,349	380,389	-	809,738		-	5,500	5,500		815,238		854,715
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses before other additions (deductions)	(167,460)	(180,354)	21,453	(326,361)		(7,171)	(6,113)	(13,284)		(339,645)		(286,750)
<b>Other additions (deductions)</b>												
Insurance proceeds	-	125,456	-	125,456		-	-	-		125,456		102,456
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	1,155,134	10	(14,337)	1,140,407		(3,667)	(3,628)	(7,295)		1,133,111		(2,097,193)
Total other net additions (deductions)	1,155,134	125,466	(14,337)	1,266,263		(3,667)	(3,628)	(7,295)		1,258,568		(2,097,193)
Increase (decrease) in net assets	987,674	(54,888)	6,716	939,502		(10,838)	(9,741)	(20,579)		918,923		(2,383,943)
Net assets (deficit), beginning of year	2,281,921	(627,842)	4,679,432	6,333,511		428,236	324,123	752,859		877,847		10,448,160
Net assets (deficit), end of year	3,269,595	(682,730)	4,686,148	7,273,013		417,898	314,382	732,280		8,883,140		7,964,217

See notes to financial statements.

**THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA**

Statement of Functional Expenses  
For Year Ended March 31, 2010  
(with Summarized Financial Total Information for the year ended March 31, 2009)

	2010					2009	
	Program Services			Supporting Services		Fund- Raising	Total
	Museum Programs and Activities	CDA Programs	Scholarship Programs	General and Administrative	Total		
Salaries, payroll taxes and employee benefits	\$ 204,186	\$ 135,008	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ 18,279	\$ 364,973	\$ 405,542
Temporary help	525	1,027	-	553	-	2,105	3,120
Professional fees	48,803	7,714	-	41,168	500	98,185	84,232
Programs and events	6,607	24,947	-	-	1,457	33,011	43,258
Scholarships and fellowships	5,500	1,400	17,000	-	-	23,900	23,600
Tours and educational programs	4,022	4,455	-	-	-	9,490	7,560
Insurance	12,868	7,869	-	7,869	-	28,606	28,312
Telephone and internet	3,478	3,169	-	2,215	-	8,862	10,767
Travel	747	1,693	-	217	-	2,657	3,891
Insignias and other	49	2,757	-	16	-	2,822	2,626
Office expenses	13,497	4,242	-	5,640	505	23,884	21,626
Office expenses	161	-	888	5,322	-	6,371	6,855
Custodial fees	29,284	8,416	-	30,692	-	68,392	64,133
Occupancy	1,820	-	-	-	-	1,820	8,433
Collection	8,738	-	-	-	8,566	17,304	8,916
Merchandise	1,483	-	-	43	-	1,526	1,079
Advertising and publicity	4,242	3,558	-	7,405	400	15,605	16,121
Printing	6,873	2,852	-	4,239	1,087	15,051	13,786
Postage	295	4,196	-	-	-	4,491	1,195
Newsletter and website	3,025	-	-	83,158	-	86,183	82,808
Depreciation							
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 356,203</b>	<b>\$ 213,303</b>	<b>\$ 17,888</b>	<b>\$ 196,037</b>	<b>\$ 31,807</b>	<b>\$ 815,238</b>	<b>\$ 837,860</b>

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**THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA**

**Statement of Cash Flows**

	<b>Year Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ 918,923	\$(2,383,943)
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash (used in) operating activities		
Depreciation	86,183	82,808
Net realized (gain) loss on sales of investments	3,229	(10,197)
Net unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(1,136,341)	2,107,390
(Increase) decrease in current assets		
Accounts receivable	(25,712)	(8,325)
Inventory	(17,683)	(720)
Prepaid expenses	8,765	(2,959)
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(5,969)	20,597
Deferred revenue	(4,306)	27,706
Net cash (used in) operating activities	<u>(172,911)</u>	<u>(167,643)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Expenditures for property and equipment	(72,187)	(289,482)
Proceeds from sale of investments	2,116,530	4,146,510
Purchase of investments	<u>(1,851,857)</u>	<u>(3,726,916)</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>192,486</u>	<u>130,112</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash</b>	19,575	(37,531)
<b>Cash, beginning of year</b>	<u><b>22,851</b></u>	<u><b>60,382</b></u>
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<u><b>\$ 42,426</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 22,851</b></u>

See notes to financial statements.

## THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

### Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2010

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- Unrestricted net assets, which consist of funds available for operations and board-designated purposes.
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## THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued) March 31, 2010

#### 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.

##### Concentration 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 notes issued by the United States Government, mutual funds and money market accounts. 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, 2010. The Society routinely assesses the financial strength of its holdings in its investment portfolio. As a consequence, the Society believes no significant concentration of credit risk exists with respect to its cash and investments.

##### 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.

**THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA**

**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**

**March 31, 2010**

**Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

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, 2009, from which the summarized information was derived.

Subsequent events

The Society has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through August 9, 2010, 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, 2010 and March 31, 2009:

	<u>2010</u>		<u>2009</u>	
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market</u>
Money market funds	\$ 208,332	\$ 208,332	\$ 1,077,152	\$ 1,077,152
U.S. Government obligations	2,327,385	2,361,489	1,867,769	1,924,088
Mutual funds	<u>3,599,908</u>	<u>3,943,601</u>	<u>3,455,377</u>	<u>2,643,743</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,135,625</u>	<u>\$ 6,513,422</u>	<u>\$ 6,400,298</u>	<u>\$ 5,644,983</u>

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#### **Note 3 – Investments (continued)**

##### Fair value measurements

For assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2010, 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, as required, follows Financial Accounting Standards Staff Position, "*Endowments of Not-for-Profit Organizations: Net Asset Classification of Funds Subject to an Enacted Version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act, and Enhanced Disclosure for All Endowment Funds.*"

This Staff Position provides guidance on the net asset classification of *donor-restricted endowment funds* for a nonprofit organization that is subject to an enacted version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2006 (UPMIFA). UPMIFA is a model act approved by the Uniform Law Commission that serves as a guideline for states to use in enacting legislation. This Staff Position also improves disclosures about an organization's *endowment funds* (both *donor-restricted endowment funds* and *board-designated endowment funds*), whether or not the organization is subject to UPMIFA

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 ("GAAP"), 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.

##### Interpretation

The Society follows the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law (N-PCL) when adhering to donor-restricted contributions. The Society preserves the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Society classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument, if any, at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified as permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Society in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by N-PCL.

**THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA****Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
March 31, 2010****Note 4 – Endowments (continued)**

The Society considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- (1) The duration and preservation of the fund
- (2) The purposes of the Society and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- (3) General economic conditions
- (4) The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- (5) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- (6) Other resources of the Society
- (7) The investment policies of the Society.

**Funds with Deficiencies**

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor requires the Society to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. In accordance with GAAP, deficiencies of this nature are reported in unrestricted net assets. There were no permanent endowment fund deficiencies as of March 31, 2010.

**Investment 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 2010 fiscal year, the activity in the donor and board designated endowments is reflected on the statement of activities.

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**Note 5 – Property and equipment**

The summary of the property and equipment as of March 31, 2010 and March 31, 2009 is as follows:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Building and building improvements	\$2,783,348	\$2,713,708
Museum and historical museum fixtures	817,587	817,587
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	<u>267,804</u>	<u>265,257</u>
Total property and equipment	3,868,739	3,796,552
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>1,573,171</u>	<u>1,486,988</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>\$2,295,568</u>	<u>\$2,309,564</u>

**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 2010 and 2009 fiscal years, the cost incurred in connection with the plan totaled \$5,100 and \$8,264, respectively.

In addition, the Society had a deferred compensation agreement with a former key employee. Amounts deferred were reflected as an asset and a corresponding liability on the statements of financial position. The assets of the plan were paid to the former key employee in April 2009.

**Note 7 – Net assets released from restrictions**

Net assets, in connection with the Scholarship and Fellowship programs, totaling \$23,388 were released from donor restrictions by satisfying the restricted purposes.

**Note 8 – Insurance proceeds**

As of March 31, 2010, the Society received insurance proceeds totaling approximately \$125,000 in connection with Museum artifacts that could not be located by its storage facility and were therefore, deemed missing or lost.

**Note 9 – 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, 2010, no amounts have been recognized for uncertain income tax positions. The Society’s tax returns for the fiscal years 2007 and forward are subject to the usual review by the appropriate taxing authorities.

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