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**121st Annual Meeting**  
**The Colonial Dames of America**  
 Saturday, April 30 - Monday, May 2, 2011

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

The 121st Annual Meeting of the Colonial Dames of America began on Saturday, April 30, 2011. 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 1, 2010, meeting was formally waived. Following the roll call, chapter reports were read. Fourteen Chapters were represented:

CHAPTER I, Baltimore, MD	
Susan Hawes.....	President
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Lynn Klein.....	President
CHAPTER III, Washington, DC	
Kathleen Titus.....	President
CHAPTER V, San Francisco, CA	
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Fran Patterini.....	President
CHAPTER XVII, Palm Beach, FL	
Bradley Van Hoek.....	President
CHAPTER XIX, Florida Everglades	
Diane Hopkins.....	Delegate
CHAPTER XXI, Dallas, TX	
Mary Caroline Trent.....	Delegate
CHAPTER XXIII, VA	
Walta Warren.....	Delegate
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 fourteenth annual award, Chapter III, Washington, D.C. for the preservation and historical designation of the Abner Cloud Mill.

Sunday morning, May 1st, members enjoyed a private tour of the Frick Collection. A special Donna Karan event, followed by brunch at Bistro Chat Noir, was graciously arranged by Parent Chapter member Randle Doss. Later that afternoon President General Nancy S. Jones welcomed guests to the Museum's beautiful garden. The Sunday afternoon Garden Party, at the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden, was well attended with more than 85 members, delegates and guests. The Museum and its period rooms, as well as its Orientation Center which includes the model of the original carriage house, were open for viewing.

The 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of The Colonial Dames of America was called to order at 12:15p.m., Monday, May 2, 2011, at The University Club. President General Nancy Shackelford Jones welcomed four Past President's General to the luncheon meeting. Courtney Iglehart (1974-1978), Helen Evans (1997-2000), Charlotte Armstrong (2000- 2003), and Audrey Svensson (2006-2009).

In attendance were 23 members representing chapters throughout the United States and abroad. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed for those members included on the In Memoriam list for 2010-2011. A motion was made and approved to waive the reading of the minutes of the Monday, May 3, 2010, 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 2011 Book Award. The Young Readers Award went to "*Stonewall Jackson's Black Sunday School*", written by Rickey E. Pittman, illustrated by Lynn Hosegood, and published by Pelican Publishing Company. Book Award Committee chair, Julia Ryan, announced two book award winners for 2011. The first named was "*Intimate Lives of the Founding Fathers*", by Thomas Fleming and published by Harper Collins. Mr. Fleming accepted the award and was the keynote speaker. The second Book Award went to "*Washington: a Life*", written by Ron Chernow and published by Penguin Press. Publicist, Sarah Hutson, accepted the award for Mr. Chernow.

The result of the election was approved. Nancy Shackelford Jones thanked Charlotte Armstrong, chairman of the Nominating Committee and Inspectors of Election, Sandra Pearl and Randle Doss. Sandra Pearl announced that 525 proxy votes were counted, and the slate was approved as presented by Mrs. Armstrong.

Julia Ryan read the treasurer's report. The reports of the Regular Committees of the Society and the Standing Committees of the Parent Chapter were presented. Museum Director Mary Anne Caton presented the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden report.

President General, Nancy Shackelford Jones announced the formation of the new CDA Chapter XXXIII-Georgia Piedmont and thanked the efforts of Robin Towns, Founding President of Chapter XXXIII. Nancy Jones then gave the following informative report to the members.

The 121<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2011.

## Report of the President General

Monday, May 2, 2011

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

It is with both pleasure and enthusiasm that I report to you some of the accomplishments made over the past year by the Colonial Dames of America. It certainly is note worthy that our Annual Meeting hosts Dames from all over the United States and two European cities. It is my delight to welcome Dames from Baltimore, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Nashville, Kansas City, Jackson, Mississippi, Everglades, Florida, Dallas, Houston, Virginia, Phoenix, Palm Beach, South Carolina plus our expatriates from London and Rome. We are truly a national and an international community. Today, I want to talk about three features of the past year:

I. The national and international CDA community

II. Educational projects

III. Membership

This past year has been unique in that our three European Chapters planned events inviting the entire membership. On October 14-17, 2010, the Chapter X-Rome and Chapter XI-London celebrated the 80th Anniversary of both Chapters. Sharrilyn Whiting De Masi, President of Rome and Ellen Davidson, President of London welcomed Dames for a weekend of gala festivities in the Eternal City. Guests enjoyed a homemade meal of Roman delights in the lovely apartment of Ann Pulver and Francesco Siravo. Next, we were invited to Aventine Hill for a private tour of the seat of the Order of Malta, led by Count Alberto Moncada. On Friday, there was an elegant dinner at the Scacchi Club. Saturday, expert Nicholas Stanley-Price led a tour of the Protestant Cemetery. Perhaps you recall that in 2007, Chapter X-Rome shared the President General's Award for Excellence for the publication of a booklet listing Americans buried in this cemetery.

Still on an international trail, Chapter IV-Paris President, didi d'Anglejan-Chatillon planned an exciting "*hands-on*" experience for our Dames. On April 15, after arriving in Paris, our CDA group took a TGV train ride to Rochefort, France for a private tour of the ship l'Hermione. An organization entitled L'Assisted L'Association Hermione La Fayett is building a full scale replica of the frigate the Marquis de LaFayette sailed to the Colonies to aid General George Washington in 1780. The Paris Chapter is supporting a small lifeboat or "*canot*" that will be on board when the ship sails in July 2012. On Monday, the Dames were given a 3 and a half hour curatorial tour of Versailles.

While our three European Chapters have a small number of members, it is admirable that they were able to put together these outstanding events for us.

For me, it is delightful and convenient to visit Chapter XXIII-Virginia. In September 2010, the Virginia Chapter visited Werowocomoco and the Rosewell Ruins in Gloucester, Virginia. Werowocomoco is the site of the seat of Powhatan's Confederacy. The Rosewell Mansion built by John Page, between 1725-1738 was a favorite haunt of Thomas Jefferson and many other colonists. As a follow up, in November, Camille Wells, professor of Georgian Architecture at the University of Virginia, lectured in our Abigail Adams Smith Auditorium on the important Rosewell architecture.

On September 25, I visited Chapter XXIX-North Carolina. At that meeting, President Liz Sparrow planned an interesting fall meeting which included speaker Kay Williams who talked about the *“Impact of the New Bern Colonial Experience in North Carolina.”*

On October 28, 2011, I traveled to visit South Carolina-Chapter XXXI. In historic Charleston, we stayed and met in the lovely home of Ellen Kiser. The Capers-Motte Smith House was located in the Historic District. The CDA Chapter XXXI placed a bronze plaque on this historic house where the Colonial South Carolina legislature met on the second floor.

On December 4, 2010, I visited Chapter XXV-Phoenix. The members toured the Sandra Day O’Connor house. President Susan Holsclaw plans to develop a program wherein the chapter can participate in the preservation of the home where Justice O’Connor and her family lived.

Most President Generals travel to Palm Beach to enjoy the Colonial Dames of America and the Sons of the Colonial Wars in the State of Florida gala ball. Jeff and I enjoyed the lovely hospitality of President Bradley Van Hoch and her husband. The Palm Beach Chapter sponsored the printing of famous American documents which will be distributed to the schools in Palm Beach.

All of our CDA chapters have programs that promote our educational goals. The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden gives tours to approximately 4000 school children each year. The content of these tours correlate with the specific goals and objectives of the New York Department of Education. I’ve already mentioned the lectures such as The Rosewell Ruins and Forgotten Patriots held in our auditorium.

In addition to the educational lectures and tours given at headquarters, the individual chapters sponsor many worthwhile educational projects on the local level. A few examples of these endeavors can be seen in the President’s Award for Excellence. The Board of Managers is very pleased to have received eight submissions this year. Eight chapters represent 25% of our total list of 32 chapters. These submissions include continuing education, children’s educational programs, and historic preservation. Our Dames are very busy in all of our chapters carrying forward our goals. I am grateful for all of this hard work and achievement.

In looking to the future, I want to mention our membership numbers. Over the past 30 years, our total membership has decreased to 1900 members in the entire organization. As you have heard in my report, our chapters are upholding the CDA goals of historic preservation, education, and scholarship. The chapters and members are working hard to increase membership. We must and we will do better. In particular, we need to find new and creative ways to attract bright, young and talented women to our ranks. We will work on ways to improve our recruitment in the coming year, and I challenge you Dames to help us all find ways of increasing our rolls with the type of women we have always admired.

In closing, I want to thank my professional staff: Executive Director, Allison Coliskey and Administrative Assistant, Heather Welty. Assistant to the Registrar General, Theresa Comer and Verifying Genealogist, Pat Bereday attend to our genealogical work and answer many of your membership questions. I wish to thank our Museum Director, Mary Anne Caton as well as her dedicated staff. And last but not least, thank you members of the CDA for the honor and privilege of serving as President General of this, our, fine organization.

## **Treasurer's and Finance Chair's Report**

Monday, May 2, 2011

*Elizabeth R. Bramwell, CFA, Finance Chair*

*Julia M. Ryan, Treasurer*

During the March 2011 fiscal year, our revenues were negatively affected by a drop of \$35,525 in government and foundation grants to \$37,861, which was significantly offset by an increase of \$30,750 in auditorium rentals to \$69,465. The renovation of our auditorium in 2008 has had a high return on investment helped by the tremendous efforts of our CDA Executive Director, Allison Coliskey.

In the coming fiscal year ending March 2012, we are hopeful of rebuilding our grants revenues with the efforts of our Museum Director, who will now have been on board for a full year, and our newly hired Development Director, filling a position that had been open. We expect further gains in auditorium rentals going forward.

The Board of Managers has approved a balanced operating budget for 2012 of \$798,198 including a draw from the endowment of \$362,279, slightly less than the \$370,416 draw this last year, with 64% allocated to the Museum and 36% to the CDA.

The Board of Managers also approved a capital budget of approximately \$20,000 for ongoing maintenance and is close to approving a capital budget for a new kitchen garden approximating \$8,000.

Our endowment stood at \$6,776,625 at the end of our March 2011 fiscal year of which 67% was invested in equities and 33% in U.S. Treasuries and Citibank cash reserves. A year earlier, the endowment stood at \$6,513,422 before the previously mentioned draw of \$370,416 during the past year.

## **Mount Vernon Hotel Museum Report**

Monday, May 2, 2011

*Mary Anne Caton, Museum Director, reports:*

The Museum's year encompassed many activities and continued to build on our long-term strengths: strong educational programs aligned with NYS Learning Standards, diverse programs for many stakeholders, and building our community presence. All of the components arise from the museum's unique interpretation of a New York City day hotel in the 1820s and 1830s.

Despite the weak economy, which has affected operations, Museum attendance has not suffered large declines but has held nearly steady during the last two years. Museum staff is operating at nearly full capacity, and volunteer recruiting has picked up, with 13 part-time staff and 44 active volunteers. We welcomed Leslie Gerhauser as Curator in July. Leslie has worked at NYHS, Bard Graduate Center, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Ratti Textile Center. In February, Emma Wilcox joined us as the Director of Development. Emma has worked in NJ arts development. Sadly, after a decade of service, Deborah O'Neill retired in April in order to plan a family relocation. Curator of Education Dana Settles, who receives her M.A. in Museum Professions/Education this semester, will be expanding education programs and outreach.

## **Public Programs and Marketing**

Marketing the Museum falls to Terri Daly, whose creativity continues to build our base of regular press listings in print and on the web. MVHM listings have begun to appear regularly in both the print and on-line New York Times Spare Times listings. This year we began local promotions in the neighborhood during fall and spring Restaurant Week to attract new audiences. Hotel concierge staff at the St. Regis and other hotels are also promoting the museum. The St. Regis in-house magazine listed the museum as one of the top 5 attractions in NYC this fall.

Public programs generated \$8,736.00 in revenue. Programs manager Amanda Wheeler has worked with Terri Daly to develop and sustain more family programs since 2009. Family attendance is up after development of programs for school breaks. Monthly Storytime draws regular audiences. Lectures on political campaigning and winter gardening also brought in new guests. George Washington's annual Birthday celebration drew over 100 dancers this year to the museum and has become a family favorite.

## **Development**

The Museum's fall fundraiser, First Bloom of Autumn, was held in September and generated \$18,651 in net revenue. Ninety-three tickets were purchased and guests enjoyed live music, gardening tips from author Suzy Bales, and the wonderful company of the honoree Faily Tuttle. Bidding for the Silent Auction featured unique NY experiences, behind-the-scenes tours, wonderful dinners and one-of-a-kind objects.

Grants and foundation awards totaled \$36,611.00 in the past fiscal year. New Director of Development Emma Wilcox has developed a new schedule increasing the types of projects applied for and the mix of funders approached. As NY funders like the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) continue to project severe funding cuts, we look to these long-term relationships as building blocks to leverage support from other funders.

## **Education**

The Education Department continued to see a nearly fully-booked school group calendar of over 40 schools, while adding new programs. Teachers welcomed our new first grade program, Be Our Guest, which provides hands-on learning using daily hotel activities. Our new high school program History Ambassadors brought 8 students from across New York to study the collection. Each student worked with Dana Settles to research an object and produce a short you tube video about it. Students also developed their own tours about the museum.

## **Curatorial**

Curator Leslie Gerhauser has completed a physical inventory of the entire museum collection, using the Past Perfect database. She re-organized collections storage and installed a new exhibit.

## **AAM Re-Accreditation**

A major undertaking this year was the completion of an in-depth Self Study for the American Association of Museums (AAM) as part of the Museum's application for Re-Accreditation. Accredited since 1983, the Museum benefits from its membership in the small number of accredited museums. A new Strategic Long Range plan

addresses main goals in museum operations. The 2010 AAM Self Study reflects the continued commitment of the Board of Managers and President General Nancy Jones to the museum's efforts. We expect a site visit in October and greatly appreciate the efforts of the Board's Ad-Hoc Re-Accreditation Committee and the Board of Managers towards this important goal.

### **Conclusion**

This busy year has seen the museum staff expand and grow as we reach out to many audiences. But what one reporter called "an oasis in mid-town Manhattan" exists as part of a larger community. We thus wish to thank the many generous Colonial Dames of America chapters, members, and our Board of Managers for their help and support preserving and interpreting this wonderful landmark.

### 2010 Board-Approved Mission Statement

The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden preserves and interprets travel, leisure, work and play in diverse antebellum New York. The Museum shares and promotes historical knowledge for the education and enjoyment of the public through engaging interpretation and programs. The Museum presents its 1799 building and grounds as the Mount Vernon Hotel, which served day customers and travelers from 1826 to 1833.

## **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 five books to consider for the Book Award and twenty five books to consider for the Young Readers Citation. These books covered such diverse subjects as the story of the smallpox epidemic of 1721, pirates of New Jersey and architecture of Carolina cottages. The committee decided that the Book Award should reward contribution to the main cannon of American history. This year there were two books that we felt best fit this criteria and so we have a shared book award for 2011.

The committee enlisted the help of our children and grandchildren in choosing the Young Readers Award, delighting us with their personal insights. "*Stonewall Jackson's Black Sunday School*", by Rickey E. Pittman, illustrated by Lynn Hosegood and published by Pelican Publishing Company was chosen for the award.

This year our shared Book Award goes to Mr. Thomas Fleming for "*The Intimate Lives of the Founding Fathers*", published by Harper Collins and to Mr. Ron Chernow for "*Washington: A Life*", published by The Penguin Press.

A special thanks to Heather Rose Welty who has been instrumental in obtaining such a wonderful selection of titles, providing reviews, and for maintaining the lines of communication between the Book Award Committee and the chapters.



## **By-Laws Committee**

*Sharon W. Vaino, Chair, reports:*

During the past year, the By-Laws Committee reviewed and commented on a proposal to form a new local chapter, and conducted a preliminary review of that aspiring chapter's proposed chapter regulations. The Committee met and interpreted the By-Laws when requested to do so by the CDA Board of Managers or its members. Issues addressed by the Committee included eligibility for service on the Board of Managers and information on the CDA's tax-exempt status.

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

## **Claims Committee**

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

The historical and educational mission of the Colonial Dames is at the heart of our Claims process. Every time we document the life of a colonial leader, and the generations and migrations that flow from him, we illuminate a part of our nation's history. Name by name, we draw a direct line from our own troubled times back to the struggles that led to our founding. Preparing a chart is exacting work, and often difficult, but it enlarges our understanding of American history.

This past year, the society approved 80 new members, giving us a total membership of 1,994, including 90 *Members Emeritae*. We have two new Daughter Dames. Five members established supplemental lines, and eleven documented new ancestor claims.

The Claims Committee continued expanding the CDA Eligibility List of approved public services, also known as the "Blue Book," with the addition of twenty-five offices this past year. They will be posted to the list published on the Colonial Dames website's "Membership" page. No password is necessary.

The Claims Office has three members. Terry Comer is your friend, the one who fields your questions and ushers your papers through the mysterious membership process. Pat Bereday, our Verifying Genealogist, reviews each candidate's worksheet and supporting documentation to ensure that they meet rigorous standards of historical accuracy. The third member, the Registrar General, gives final approval to your papers.

## **Education and Scholarship Committee**

*Shirley Dixon-Miller, Chair, reports:*

The Education and Scholarship Committee determines the recipients of scholarship funds budgeted by the CDA Board of Managers. For 2010 / 2011, \$17,642 was allocated for scholarships and fellowships and awarded to the following institutions:

- \$10,000 to the Graduate Center of the City of New York to support two graduate students in the department of history. The students were recommended to us by Presidential Professor of History, Carol Berkin who is well-known to CDA. One student is researching Female Correspondence from 1789 – 1815, and the second student is researching the Bloomer Costume, 1851-1870.

- \$5,000 to the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture at the College of William and Mary to fund a Fellowship in Historical Editing. The Institute publishes scholarly books and a quarterly journal.
- \$2,642 to Preservation Virginia to support a graduate student at the Jamestowne Island archaeological site under the direction of Dr. Kelso.

## **Garden and Grounds Committees**

*Allison White, Chair, reports:*

The Garden and Grounds Committee developed a comprehensive multi-phased plan to update the grounds with period plantings in time for the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum's 75th Anniversary in 2014.

The October 2010 Fall Fund Raiser successfully raised awareness, support, and substantial funds for this effort.

A design is in place for the first Phase, the kitchen garden. Substantial spring pruning provided the grounds with ample sunlight in the rear of the museum building. We are fortunate to have the NYC Chapter of the Garden Club of America to assist with the planting this summer.

With a low budget automatic irrigation system installed and simple signage, the 1830's period kitchen garden will complement the museum's overall educational experience for visitors.

Our committee's membership has several newcomers, each of which, bring their own gardening expertise.

We now have eight members.

We look forward to rolling up our sleeves and donning our gardening gloves to commence planting this summer.

## **Personnel Committee**

*Sharon W. Vaino, Chair, reports:*

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

After a period during which the Museum was not fully staffed, part-time employed and volunteer staffers are now assisting full-time staff in meeting the increased demands posed by the Museum's reaccreditation process. Following Deborah O'Neill's resignation from the Museum as head of education, her assistant Dana Settles assumed this position. The increased rentals of the Abigail Adams Smith Auditorium and other demands on CDA staff resulted in the expansion of Heather Welty's position from part-time to full-time.

Many thanks to our President General, other Board 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:*

The Committee participates in two standing activities each year. In November I was honored to troop our flag on Remembrance Sunday at St. Thomas Church on Fifth Avenue. This annual service is in honor of those who have given their lives and those who have served in the Armed Forces.

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. Last year two of us marched; myself, Kathleen Springhorn, and our President General, Nancy Shackelford Jones. I truly hope more of us will participate this year.

Please come and march with me this year. This great event will be held midday on Tuesday, 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, Calendar & Events Committee* is happy to report that our 2011 *Annual Spring Garden Party* was held yesterday, and that it was a lovely event. Our traditional *Fall Luncheon* honoring *Past Presidents General and Board Members* was given last November in the museum's *Tavern Room*. Our *Holiday Party* was again a festive and fun *Tea Dance*, with live music, tea from our silver service, champagne punch from our crystal punch bowl, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and an array of guests and excellent dancers who filled our beautifully decorated *Abigail Adams Smith Ballroom*.

The *Hospitality Committee* highlight of the year was joining forces with the *Garden & Grounds Committee* for two very successful events to benefit the museum's historic gardens and grounds. "*First Bloom of Autumn*" was our record-setting *Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden Fall 2010 Benefit Cocktail Party*, with a fabulous Silent Auction. A dynamic benefit committee (for the first time we included a *Gentlemen's Committee*,) was lead by Faity Tuttle, who served as *Honorary Chair*, and recruited her good friend, Suzy Bales, a renowned garden designer and author, to serve as *Honorary Co-Chair*. CDA Board Members Nancy Moon, Kathy Springhorn, and Allison White served as *Benefit Co-Chairs*, and continue to express tremendous thanks to Faity and Suzy, who were both very instrumental in attracting garden community VIP's and press, and contributed greatly to the event's success. (Garden plans will be in the report by Allison White, *Chair of Garden and Grounds*.) In February, Suzy Bales returned to give a beautiful slide lecture on "*The Garden in Winter*," followed by a book signing and cocktail reception. Our auditorium was transformed again. For "*First Bloom*," the committee created a virtual indoor garden, complete with wooden garden benches, ivy, and coral-colored

blooming plants, all coordinated with our invitation and benefit material design from “*Nasturtium*,” a watercolor painted and generously donated by Christine Rother, member of the *Garden & Grounds Committee*. For “*The Garden in Winter*,” our wooden garden benches again came inside to complete a “winter garden” feeling, created with dramatic white balsam tree silhouettes in front of each of our Palladian mirrored windows, a blizzard of enormous snowflakes suspended from the ceiling, and red roses on the tables, again coordinated with our invitation theme, which featured Suzy Bales’ exquisite photo of a red bloom, peeking through the snow.

The setting for each event was unique and truly wonderful, and we remind members to consider planning a birthday or anniversary party, a bridge party, or other event at our beautiful auditorium/ballroom. We also remind you to turn to our wonderful CDA *Cookbook* for your entertaining, for giving as hostess gifts, or as a fundraiser for your *Chapter*. Thank you! *Bon Appetit!* and *God Bless America!*

### **Membership Committee**

*Caroline McLain, Chair reports:*

As of May 2, 2011, we have 304 active members in the Parent Chapter, eight Emerita, and 13 Courtesy members.

There were five deaths and two resignations.

We have two new Daughter Dames who are granddaughters of Pat Bereday and Audrey Svensson.

Katherine Steffins

Amanda Svensson

We also have three new members.

Metta Rehnberg Delmore, (*ancestor: John Tilley*)

Jennie Morsey Rehnberg, (*ancestor: John Tilley*)

Campbell Sechrest, (*ancestor: Joseph Royall*)

During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, eleven ladies were approved as candidates for membership and we are awaiting the return of their blue slips.

## REPORTS OF THE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

### Chapter I - Baltimore, Maryland

Chartered in 1892

#### Officers 2010-2011

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

The 2010 Annual Meeting and Luncheon for Chapter I was held in April at the Mount Vernon Club in Baltimore. We were honored to have President General Nancy Shackelford Jones join us. A deed of gift for a bound copy of Charles C. Ridgley's last will and testament was presented to Gregory Weidman, Curator of Hampton National Historic Site. A donation was presented to Catherine Arthur, Director and Curator of Homewood Museum, who gave an amusing and informative presentation on the restoration of the privy and portico.

The Board of Chapter Managers met in June, September, October, November, January, and March. Highlights this year included the appointment of a formal Finance Committee to generate an operating budget, make investment decisions and bring charitable donation recommendations to the Board that are consistent with the 501(c)(3) missions of the Colonial Dames of America, Inc. The Chapter I directory was revised to include the 1983 Chapter I Regulations, the CDA, Inc. corporate mission statement, and updates to the chapter's history, projects, and admission procedures.

In October, Chapter I hosted its traditional Cocktail and Oyster Party at the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis L. Peters to celebrate the successful fund raising campaign for the annual scholarships. This year Chapter I was able to double the amount donated to the two Quill and Compass Scholarships at Washington College and to offer one additional internship for the Summer Historical Archaeology Field School at St. Mary's College.

In December, the Board of Mangers hosted a Christmas Wassail Party for members and prospective members at the Orangery at Hampton National Historic Site. Guests were treated to tours of the festively decorated mansion house.

Chapter I's Membership Committee and Claims Committee both had a successful year. We will welcome seven new members at our 2011 Annual Meeting. To date, Chapter I has 142 members.

## Chapter II - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Chartered in 1895

### Officers 2010-2011

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

In June of 2010, after having previously given an extensive deposition, Ellie Penniman was called to testify in Federal District Court in the Case brought by the Boy Scouts against the City of Philadelphia. The Jury ruled in favor of the Boy Scouts. Participation in this case provided an opportunity for the CDA to increase awareness of the importance of CDA volunteers' support of Lemon Hill.

Like other non-profits affected by government cutbacks, we were not awarded critical, customary, general operating funds. The Chapter II Board will consider appropriate budgetary adjustments. Expenditures for collections care are funded by our Restoration Fund. With sadness we report the loss of our long standing Antiquarian Chairman, Joan Hopkins. We are pleased to have awarded a \$50 Borders gift card and \$50 Staples gift card to the class in our education program that won the essay contest.

Chapter II is not alone among non-profit organizations in being challenged when filling offices and chairmanships. Our Board of Managers will be thinking "out of the box" to recruit active new members and to encourage increased volunteer time by members. Our project at Lemon Hill is a significant one that takes a dedicated, multi-faceted team to pursue.

## Chapter III - Washington, DC

Chartered in 1898

### Officers 2010-2011

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

Chapter III has seventy-seven Members, eight Courtesy Members, two Emerita Members, two Life Members, and one Honorary Member. A membership tea in May garnered us four new prospective members.

October brought Mrs. John Adams, wife of our second president, for tea and conversation. Historical impersonator, Phyllys Verhalen portrayed Mrs. Adams for a group of thirty-five Dames and guests at the Abner Cloud House for a very informative afternoon. We were transported back to a time when Mrs. Adams had her washing hung in the yet unfinished East room of the White House, around the same time the Abner Cloud House was being built not far down the road in Washington D.C. In November, twenty dames and guests toured Guston Hall, home of founder George Mason in Virginia. Since it was Veterans Day, we paused to pay tribute to all Veterans.

The Abner Cloud House was decorated for the season in December and fifty Dames enjoyed good food and good cheer at our festive holiday party.

Chapter III continues to donate a scholarship to the University of Virginia for a graduate student of Architectural Preservation. We also contributed toward Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home in Virginia.

Chapter III continues to maintain the Abner Cloud House, our headquarters and meeting place. The house is open to the public the first Sunday of the month eight times a year. This year 350 guests have visited with us. We are making efforts to enhance this experience by identifying the Abner Cloud Mill to complete this visit.

#### **CHAPTER IV - Paris, France**

Chartered in 1901

##### **Officers 2010-2011**

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

The Chapter IV-Paris President d'Anglejan-Chatillon planned an exciting "hands-on" experience for our Dames. On April 15, after arriving in Paris, our CDA group took a TGV train ride to Rochefort, France for a private tour of the ship I'Hermione. An organization entitled L'Assisted L'Association Hermione La Fayette is building a full scale replica of the frigate the Marquis de LaFayette sailed to the Colonies to aid General George Washington in 1780. The Paris Chapter is supporting a lifeboat or small tender that will be on board when the ship sails in July 2012. Sunday morning, by the kind invitation of former President Eugenie Anglés, a brunch was served in her lovely home. On Monday, the Dames were given a private three hour curatorial tour of Versailles.

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

Chartered in 1902

**Officers 2010-2011**

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

The Annual meeting of the members of Chapter V was held April 6, 2011 at the Bellevue Club in Oakland, California at which time the following ladies were elected and installed, or appointed; Treasurer, Carol Kleyensteuber '14, Recording Secretary, Jean McNew '13, managers Kay Martinelli '13, and Nancy McClellan '14. An installation ceremony was held for new member Betty Ponte.

As this officer included in past reports, a chapter goal has been to increase membership. We are proud to report that the chapter has welcomed four new members. Unfortunately, due to the death of two longtime members, Mrs. Ray Clark and Mrs. Edward Liska, our net gain is one. The chapter has 32 active Members, 1 Courtesy Member, and 2 Emerita, making for a total membership of 35. We await the approval of one application, with 3 working on their papers.

Chapter V gives an annual \$1500 Scholarship. This year's project was a donation to preservation of the Mt. Vernon Museum and Gardens.

Programs featured SAR Grant Noah discussing his illustrious ancestors; a joyous Christmas program on the "*History of Christmas Cards*", held at the beautiful St. Francis Yacht Club (overlooking the bay where the America's Cup Race will be held in 2013) ; a book review by Chairman Lana Patterson on the book "Betsy Ross and the Making of America" by Marla R. Miller; and Mary Mitchell, Genealogist and Historian, giving Part I of a Power Point presentation about the settling of Virginia and New England from 1497-1630. A summer excursion to the San Francisco Asian Art Museum will be for members and guests.

This President thanks Chapter V Delegate (and daughter), Rebecca Slaughter for once again giving this report for her mother.

**Chapter VI - Shreveport, Louisiana**

Chartered in 1910

**Officers 2010-2011**

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



Chapter VI Members met October 27, 2010 for their fall business and lunch meeting at Ristorante Giuseppe. The program guests were Dr. Sam Shepherd, Professor of History at Centenary College and our 2010 History Award Recipient, Linda Byrd, who spoke to us on the Women’s Suffrage Movement in our area.

Our December Luncheon was held at the University Club of Shreveport, Inc.

On April 14, 2011 we attended the Centenary College Convocations and presented our Scholarship Award to Miss Emily McManus, a senior whose project has been the Curriculum in the Caddo Parish Schools in the 1950’s. Miss McManus is a student teacher at this time

Our April 28, 2011 meeting was again a luncheon meeting at Ristorante Giuseppe. We meet twice a year, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in October and in April with a Christmas gathering.

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

Chartered in 1926

### **Officers 2010-2011**

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

Chapter VII held the fall 2010 meeting at Hillwood Country Club on September 17 with Dr. Wayne Moore, Tennessee State Archivist, as guest speaker. His very interesting and informative topic, “*Looking Back at the Civil War*”, is part of the 150 year anniversary program.

Rebecca Robinson, our outstanding scholarship recipient, graduated with honors in December from David Lipscomb University. Presently, she is co-chair of the Randall McGavock Society dinner for the Franklin, Tennessee Historic Trust. Rebecca will resume her graduate studies in Historic Preservation next semester.

Chapter VII has reemphasized the Book Award with Sondra Lee as chairman. She will report on the Parent Society book selections at the spring meeting, April 29, at the Hillwood Country Club. Our additional guest speaker will be Metro Archivist, Ken Fieth, who will speak on “*Archive Secrets*”.

## Chapter VIII – Houston, Texas

Chartered in 1928

### Officers 2010-2011

President.....	Iris C. Eaton
First Vice-President.....	Margaret K. Ivancevich
Second Vice-President .....	Sarah J. Leney
Treasurer .....	Sybil L. Stephens
Recording Secretary.....	Mary T. Ford
Corresponding Secretary.....	Sylvia S. Butter
Registrar.....	Margaret J. Harris

Colonial Dames Chapter VIII, holds conferences in February, May, and November. Attendance has doubled from previous years with 81-87 each meeting. Our luncheons at Tony's, one of Houston's finest restaurants, and a full-color newsletter received acclaim, as have outstanding programs. Jonathan Sandys, great-grandson of Sir Winston Churchill, will speak on May, 2011. Our chapter currently has 107 Members, with 26 Prospective Members.

Four Members attended the 2010 Annual Meeting in NYC. President Iris Eaton and daughter, Adrienne, attended the 80th Rome and London Anniversary Party.

Projects include: \$6000 in college scholarships; supporting The Museum of Southern History; a new project framing donated historic art by our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Judith Saks, for the Texas Medical Center; participating in the Book Awards, a basket donated to the First Bloom of Autumn event, a \$1000 donation for the Heritage Garden, and five copies of "*Dark Enough to see the Stars in the Jamestown Sky*" by Connie Lapallo donated to our headquarters gift shop.

## Chapter IX – Lexington, Kentucky

Chartered in 1929

### Officers 2010-2011

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

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

The June 10, 2010 meeting was held at the Lexington Country Club, with music provided by harpist Margaret Clouse. Chapter IX Members were delighted to welcome Daughters from Chapter XXIII Virginia to the meeting and luncheon. Chapter officers for the 2010-2013 term were elected and installed. Deirdre Scaggs, Archivist for University of Kentucky's Margaret I. King Library Rare Book Department, and graduate student Andrew McGraw presented a program on the use of the 2009-10 Chapter IX donation in preserving materials in 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 14, 2010 business meeting and luncheon was held at Lexington Country Club. Chapter President Sharon Clouse presented a Power Point program, "*The Kentucky Adventure*," celebrating the rich history and heritage of the Bluegrass State.

Two new Members were admitted and welcomed to Chapter IX: Susan Collins and Alice Taylor. Several other applications are pending.

One issue of the Chapter IX newsletter was printed and mailed in May 2010. The 2010-2013 Chapter IX Year book was completed and saved via computer; yearbooks were printed and distributed to members in June 2010.

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

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

Chartered in 1930

### OFFICERS 2010-2011

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

Chapter X, Rome, Italy, had an active 2010, culminating with an 80th anniversary weekend in Rome October 15-17, shared with Chapter XI, London. We were pleased to have the President General, members from London and members from New York join us in Italy. The weekend included a private tour of the Knights of Malta headquarters on the Aventine Hill, a tour of the historic Non-Catholic Cemetery (Chapter X's project), a private walking tour led by member Ann Pulver, dinner at

the Scacchi Club in the Palazzo Rondinini, and a gala anniversary dinner on the roof of the Rome Sofitel Hotel where we overlooked the lights of the Eternal City.

Chapter X continues to work on the chapter project of researching and writing the biographies of the Americans buried over the last 150 years in the Non-Protestant Cemetery in Rome.

We were especially saddened by the death of chapter member Christina Huemer, who was a key participant in our project and other activities.

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

Chartered in 1930

### **Officers 2010-2011**

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

Our president, Ellen Davidson, retired and Anne Brewster has taken over the presidency of Chapter XI. Ellen has always been very interested in the history of the US and UK relationship and before she stepped down, Ellen prepared a report on the history of Chapter XI as follows:

Chapter XI was founded on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1930 by Marion Tuck, Florence Palmer, Virginia Keppel-Palmer, Elizabeth Myatt, Eleanor Winslow and Christine Fitzgerald. The chapter got off to a good start, membership grew and the Dames quickly installed a plaque at number 9 Grosvenor Square in 1933. Grosvenor Square is home to the American Embassy, the US Navy, the Canadian High Commission, a landmark hotel, offices and luxury residences so this was a prominent place to lay down a marker in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

The plaque reads, *“In this house lived JOHN ADAMS First American Minister to great Britain, May 1785-March 1788. Afterwards, 2<sup>nd</sup> President of the United States. From here, his daughter ABIGAIL was married to COLONEL WILLIAM STEPHENS SMITH, 1<sup>st</sup> Secretary of the Legation and an Officer in the Revolutionary Army on WASHINGTON’S staff. JOHN ADAMS, ABIGAIL, his wife, Through character & personality did much to create understanding between the two English-Speaking countries. In their memory, this tablet is placed by the COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA, 1933”*.

The plaque established an unshakable foundation for Chapter XI and emphatic links to the Parent Chapter, The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum and the Abigail Adams Smith Museum.

We have chapter bylaws from 1935 and the objectives of the Society are identical to those of the Parent Chapter but *It also aims, with the co-operation of the Parent Society and its various chapters to keep in close touch with the French and Italian Chapters and to work in conjunction with the English Committee of the Society,*

*to cement the friendship between Great Britain and the United States of America, and to uphold the traditions, integrity of purpose, courageous spirit and ideals of their ancestors.* And these bylaws still stand today in our 80 year history. We are a friendship group, primarily, and we have executed two remarkable projects in our Chapter History.

There have been many small projects along the way such as the purchase of a pair of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Wrought Iron Gates for Washington Old Hall, 10 years of funding English Speaking Union English student scholarships to study in American high schools, holding exhibitions of American Furniture and silver at the Geoffrey Museum, funding the refurbishment of a chandelier at the White House, the purchase of a Pewter Platter for the Mayflower II expedition and Cash-in-the Attic fundraisers at Christies. Many lineage societies do similar sorts of projects but in this Chapter there are two projects that have changed the landscape.

The American Museum in Britain in Bath was created in the 1950s and from the very first year of operation the Dames under the exceptional leadership of Mrs. Margaret O'Callaghan began to raise funds to create a replica of George Washington's formal rose garden at Mount Vernon. The Dames raised the total cost of the construction of the garden and it was opened in 1962. The garden looks better than ever and it has been enjoyed by millions over the past 60 years. The Chapter returns to the museum from time to time, never losing touch, but the chapter does not bear the responsibility for the museum or garden.

The other extraordinary project is the Benjamin Franklin House, just off Trafalgar Square in central London. In 1976, our President, Lady Bessborough set out to save the house. It is the last remaining house in the world where Benjamin Franklin lived and is an old, poorly built early Georgian house, which was derelict and in peril. It had all manor of curses - subsidence, damp, wood-worm, dry rot, vandals, fires, squatters, pigeons and thoughtless institutional owners. The house is also a listed building with legions of interested parties. Lady Bessborough was determined to save this house with the help of her fellow Dames. Lady Bessborough saved it by convincing the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, to force British Rail, the legal owners to relinquish the freehold of the property so that the house could be saved. Lady Bessborough and the Dames spent 30 years fighting to make something of the house and it was opened in 2006 in celebration of Benjamin Franklin and his ideals. It is an exciting place in our community and it brings together the ambition of our ancestors.

So these are a glimpse of the many the accomplishments of Chapter XI but these would not have been possible without the Parent Chapter. They had the vision in 1930 to be an international society with chapters in Paris, Rome and London. The chapter started so well but it was nearly destroyed by World War II and in the early 1950s the Parent Chapter sent an unnamed New York Dame to London and Paris to find the lost chapters. Her report begins, *The London Chapter is in very bad shape. Fairfax & Company, bankers who were the trustees, completely disappeared in the Blitz, and due to the illness of the President, The Dowager Countess of Denbigh, no one has had the authority to put in a claim...Hardly a member actually lives in London...and so it goes on.* She is concerned and sympathetic. She recommends that the national dues be suspended until exchange controls are lifted and the Parent Chapter assumed responsibility for membership claims.

The Parent Chapter has always supported this chapter and graciously overlooked our eccentricity and we are profoundly grateful.

Chapter XI aims at uniting in a Common Cause its members, wherever they are, and in upholding the traditions, integrity of purpose, courageous spirit and pure ideals of their ancestors.

Chapter XI continues to meet twice a year and many of the Dames attended the Golden Anniversary of the American Museum in Britain at an exhibition at Christies in London.

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

Chartered in 1938

### **Officers 2010-2011**

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

It is a pleasure to serve as president of the Saint Louis Chapter of Colonial Dames of America. The chapter meetings are held on or as close to May 15 and October 15 as possible.

We had had wonderful programs for our chapter. In October Esley Hamilton, a preservation historian for St. Louis County, and an adjunct professor at Washington University gave a presentation on historical cemeteries in and around St. Louis, including family cemeteries, different denomination and ethnic cemeteries in the area. In May, Bob Moore, a historian with the National Park Service in St. Louis presented a lecture on colonial homes and architecture in St. Louis.

We continue to donate to the USO at our local Lambert Airport, and also support the Siteman Cancer Center in St. Louis with donated books, magazines and puzzles.

We have a current membership of 36, with 3 new members, Rebecca Dobias, Jennifer Daniels, Johnson Fleming and Sue Rogers Vesser. We have 32 active members, 2 Emeriti members and 2 Courtesy members. We anticipate adding to our membership and recruit others who share our interests and backgrounds.

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

**Chapter XIII – Kansas City, Missouri**  
Chartered in 1949

**Officers 2010-2011**

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

Last year, Chapter XIII's entry in the President's Award for Excellence competition won for contributions to the Harris-Kearney House Restoration Project! The presentation of the \$1,000 prize to the West Port Historical Society became photo published in The Independent magazine and will appear on CDA online Scrapbook.

The October 20<sup>th</sup> Program Chairman provided a Program about America's colonies.

On December 15<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the season with a Christmas Party with Gift Exchange.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup> members attended funeral of Past President and community activist Jody Kleweno.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting: Chaplain conducted a Memorial service. Members enjoyed "*The Shirley Plantation and the Carter Family of Virginia*" by member who is married to a descendant.

Our Board meets before each Meeting at The Indian Hills Country Club. The Summertime Luncheon is held in favorite restaurant. There are two Meetings yearly; Social Luncheons December and July.

An Opening Ritual, the reading of Membership Qualifications and the CDA Objectives, is used at each Meeting.

**Chapter XIV - Chicago, Illinois**

Chartered in 1952

**Officers 2010-2011**

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

Chapter XIV held the Annual Benefit Salad Luncheon on July 27, 2010 at the home of Recording Secretary, Sandy Polito. Twelve members were present. Following the luncheon and meeting the members participated in presenting the program “*My CDA Ancestor*”. Each member relayed an interesting story or fact about their CDA ancestor.

In October, the members met at the Cuneo Mansion in Vernon Hills, IL for a tour. Following the tour, the meeting was held at Michael Salerno’s Restaurant. Our newest member, Marilyn Long, was present.

On December 8, 2010 our meeting was held at Jamison’s Steak House in Skokie, IL. It was announced that Chapter XIV will donate \$500 to three National “Wish List” funds. Following the meeting, members gathered at the Northlight Theatre for the play “*A Civil War Christmas*”.

We have one new member and two prospective members. We lost one member to death

**Chapter XV - Jackson, Mississippi**

Chartered in 1954

**Officers 2010-2011**

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



As of April 5, 2011 Chapter XV has had an exciting year, with one member celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the addition of two new members, with others pending. Our chapter contributed to the “*First Bloom of Autumn*”, a most worthwhile project to restore the original herb garden at the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden. Our new yearbooks were distributed and the “*Record Management Project*” of the Marion County, City of Columbia Museum and Archives was adopted as our project, which includes the digitization of these most valuable records.

We enjoyed “*Mississippi Architecture from Colonial and Territorial Period*”, presented by Todd Sanders of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

We were saddened by the loss of one member, Mrs. C.R. Lane and the resignation of another, which she plans to reinstate in the future. Our Mary Flowers Hendrix Nursing Scholarship Fund balance had topped \$30,000 with two loans being awarded last year to two deserving young people.

## Chapter XVI - Des Moines, Iowa

Chartered in 1955

### Officers 2010-2011

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, Colonial Dames of America meet at the Teacups & Tiaras Tearoom in Valley Junction, West Des Moines, IA. The meetings are held on the second Tuesday in May and October at 10:30 AM. The business meeting is before lunch and the program follows lunch.

We have 25 members, 1 is a Life member and 1 is a Daughter Dame. We have another lady working on her papers to join our chapter at this time.

We elected officers in October, 2010 and they began serving our chapter in May, 2011. Our members have given programs on their ancestors that have been both entertaining and informative. We lost a member in 2010 that had been very active on both the state and national level attending meetings and holding offices until her health declined, Ella Erskine will be greatly missed by many members of other states as well.

Discussion was held as to where we should hold our meetings in the future when Teacups and Tiaras close their doors in October, 2011. One of our members has graciously offered to arrange our meals to be served in the public dining room of her residence and we will begin to hold our meetings in her private residence at the Scottish Rite Tower in Des Moines, IA

Our program in October, 2010 was given by Myrtle Van Dyke on her ancestor, Jonas Halstead who was born in 1611 in North Waram, Halifax, Yorkshire, England. He married Susan in 1683 and they lived in Hamstead, NY in 1655. He was a cattle and Land dealer. Our program in May, 2011 was given by Roberta Parks on her ancestor, Richard Ridgeway of Bucks County, PA who ran a Colonial Tavern called *The Crown Inn*, Roberta even designed a drawing of how she imagined her ancestor's sign would look advertising his tavern on carved wood. Taverns had to be licensed to operate and towns were fined if they did not have a tavern operating close to their Meeting House.

## CHAPTER XVII - Palm Beach, Florida

Chartered in 1964

### Officers 2010-2011

President.....	Bradley T. Van Hoek
First Vice-President.....	Rachel L. Lorentzen
Second Vice-President .....	Corinne C. Schoeller
Treasurer .....	Carol O. Baker
Recording Secretary.....	Susan M. Ballentine
Corresponding Secretary.....	Diane A. Oelsner
Registrar.....	Rachel L. Lorentzen

The Society of Colonial Dames of America Chapter XVIII has a number of ongoing projects including.

Christmas gifts for homeless veterans in response to the specific wish list from the shelter Standown House, which we support.

An annual ancestor Biography discussion along with a Chapter XVII publication which includes both chapter history as well as the various biographies of the Colonial Ancestors of Chapter XVII members.

Chapter XVII assembled a collection of important American political writings including parchment replicas of the original Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, The Bill of Rights, as well as the Monroe Doctrine, The Gettysburg Address and the Star Spangled Banner. This publication, on parchment paper, was distributed to every Middle School, High School and Alternative School in Palm Beach County.

The collection had the name of each school printed on the front cover and the Board of Education distributed them to each of the 73 schools in the county. Additional copies were made to be sold at Chapter meetings to members for a price of \$20 each. The Chapter undertook this project in fulfillment of Article I of the Society's by-laws with the intention of diffusing scholarly information as well as creating a popular interest in American History.

Chapter XVII hosts a Bridge luncheon each year to raise funds for the local charities. We also host the annual Ball in February as well as three teas in which both a

general meeting is held as well as a program related to the causes we support and the patriotic and historical nature of the CDA.

The Charities we support:

Standown House, owned and operated by Faith\*Hope\*Love\*Charity, Inc. (FHLC, Inc.), assists male veterans who are struggling and have lost their homes and ability to lead productive lives due to combat and non-combat related mental and physical wounds, illnesses, addictions, and or other issues, regain their independence through transitional living, a multi-tiered program and collaboration with government agencies, VSO's and the community.

Opportunity Inc., of Palm Beach County offers low-cost, high-quality preschool child care, educational programming, and parent support to hard working families who face undue challenges. The center offers a comprehensive, nationally accredited program of school-readiness training, fine and performing arts, recreation, health and nutrition, social development and field trip enrichment specifically designed to prepare disadvantaged children to begin public school on equal footing with their classmates.

Tricity Family Education Program, Belle Glade, coordinated by the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition, since 1993 this program has hosted predominately Haitian and Mexican migrant students and their children as they learn to speak, read and write English.

Palm Beach County Board of Education Secondary Curriculum for Middle Schools, the DBQ project is committed to helping teachers implement rigorous writing and thinking activities with students of all skill levels and offers materials in American and World History.

The Historical Society of Palm Beach County, is a non-profit organization whose mission is to collect, preserve and share the History of Palm Beach County. The Society maintains a large library and active research facility. The multiple educational programs of the Society in schools and communities are of primary importance to our mission of building an appreciation of local history in our children.

## **Chapter XVIII - Springfield, Ohio**

Chartered in 1980

### **Officers 2010-2011**

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

Chapter XVIII met at the Springfield Country Club in May, September and December of 2010 and March of 2011. Our programs for these meetings included

a short test on citizenship which led to a lively discussion on the Constitution, a member presentation on her ancestor's role in the underground railroad in New Concord, Ohio, a short review of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and its religious connotations, and an over view by the Education Director of The Heritage Center and its many programs and exhibits for children and adults.

We still maintain our tradition of donating to the Parent Chapter in memory of deceased members. The Chapter also made donations to local projects of historical nature.

Chapter XVIII welcomed one new member this year and lost three members due to resignation. Our membership now numbers twenty-four.

### **Chapter XIX – Florida Everglades**

Chartered in 1982

#### **Officers 2010-2011**

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

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

On November 10, 2010 we gathered at the Naples Botanical Gardens where we had our meeting and toured the beautiful gardens. During lunch a report was given by Elaine Reed, Director of Palm Cottage our historical project in Naples. On February 4, 2011 we met at the Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club in Boca Raton where we enjoyed an informative program by speaker Lise Steinhauer, a noted Palm Beach historian. We welcomed two new members to our chapter. On April 8, 2011 we will be conducting our annual business meeting at the Lauderdale Yacht Club in Fort Lauderdale.

We have two projects. One is Women in Distress, a facility that provides victims of domestic violence with safe shelter, crisis intervention and resources to educate themselves. The second is Palm Cottage, a historical landmark and museum, registered in the National Register of Historic Places. We actively support "Pupils of Palm Cottage," a field trip program for students touring the house and garden. We are excited to be involved with their new project, "Palm Cottage on the Road," a presentation to elementary students at their schools. We are privileged to have a member who is matching all donations to Palm Cottage this year, enabling us to make a larger contribution to this worthy project.

In addition to these two projects we continue to support our Parent Chapter in New York. Traditionally, each year we also award a scholarship to a nursing student at Edison Collage in Naples. Recently we initiated a scholarship for a history student at Broward College in Fort Lauderdale.

Our present membership includes seventy-eight active members, five Emerita, and two Junior members.

## Chapter XX - Los Angeles, California

Chartered in 1982

### Officers 2010-2011

President.....	Elizabeth B. Breithaupt
First Vice-President.....	Constance R. Fisher
Treasurer .....	Frances T. Boothe
Recording Secretary.....	Lucille T. Hobart
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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. Our year opened with "*Kids 4 Trees*," a reforestation program for children from 6-12. In December we had a visit from Dr. Benjamin Franklin sharing his thoughts and ideas on our developing nation. In February we learned what happened to the Signers of the Declaration of independence. At our Annual Meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> the topic will be "*Courage in the Face of Adversity*".

Our present membership is forty-six. We have six Prospective members working on their applications. 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. Many members purchased the cookbooks and the chapter purchased some to be given to the guest speakers. Members continue to enjoy our meetings and look forward to joining in fellowship and harmony in the coming year.

## Chapter XXI - Dallas, Texas

Chartered in 1982

### Officers 2010-2011

President.....	Nancy B. Morian
First Vice-President.....	Martha N. Francis
Treasurer .....	Hallie P. Garner
Recording Secretary.....	Linda L. Haynes
Corresponding Secretary.....	Linda L. Haynes
Registrar.....	Martha T. Williams

Chapter XXI meets three times per year, May, October and February (Annual Meeting). The meetings have been held at the Park City Club in Dallas.

Programs by members and by guest speakers have been interesting and educational.

In May 2010, President Carol Hooper introduced the speaker, Lloyd De Witt Bockstruck, former Director of the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library. His topic was "*The State of Vermont*," one of four states which were independent republics before joining the United States.

In October 2010 chapter member Shirley Collier Smith presented a program on "*The President's Lady*." The well-researched and interesting presentation was about the life of Rachel Donelson Jackson, wife of President Andrew Jackson.

In February 2011 "Sandy" McDonough, author of *Our Founding Fathers Homes and Churches in Virginia*, reported on his ancestral homes throughout the state. The lecture was accompanied by a slide presentation showing many Colonial estates.

Chapter XXI has sixty members, six Members Emerita at the time of the Annual Meeting. Two members died during the past year. (Mary Beadles and Marguerite Plumbo).

Chapter XXI Book Award Chairman, Ellen Stuart, purchased several recommended books and submitted reviews to the National Award Chairman.

The Chapter made donations to support the Scholarship Fund and to the Museum Fund of the National Society.

The Chapter Project was participation in the "*Military Exchange Global Prepaid Calling Cards*" for US servicemen serving in Afghanistan. Acknowledgement of gratitude has been received from the recipients. Chairman Shirley Smith made all the arrangements for participation.

Chapter XXI will continue to hold high the objectives of the National Society. We emphasize an informed membership striving to create interest in our colonial heritage.

## Chapter XXII – Michigan

Chartered in 1984

### Officers 2010-2011

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 programs this year included a speaker from “*Sew Much Comfort*”, a group that specializes in making clothing for disabled veterans. We also had a very informative program given by the “*Patriot Guard Riders*”, a group of veterans that escort fallen soldiers to their final resting place. Both programs were very well received by our membership.

Our chapter has put membership as its highest priority this year and we are proud to have five new members, two ladies who have transferred to us, one application in its early stage and three in their final stage at National. Our current membership stands at fifty-nine.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve Chapter XXII as President these past four years.

## Chapter XXIII - Virginia

Chartered in 1986

### Officers 2010-2011

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

In April, we held our meeting in Winchester, Virginia at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. This regional history museum complex includes the antique-filled Glen Burnie Historic House, circa 1794.

In June, we visited Lexington, Kentucky and met members of Chapter IX at the McDowell House in Danville. President Susan Clouse welcomed us to their annual meeting and luncheon in Lexington and later took us to dinner at Spindletop Hall, a grand house built by an oil heiress. We visited the Shaker Village Community, Senator Henry Clay's house and the Lexington Horse Park featuring a rare Arabian horse exhibit entitled "*The Gift from the Desert.*"

In September, we were joined by Nancy Shackelford Jones, President General in Gloucester, Virginia where we visited the Rosewell ruins, a former grand colonial mansion, and Fairfield, one of the earliest brick houses in the Colonies, circa 1694. The highlight of the trip was a visit to the Werowocomoco Village dig on the York River. This village served as the political center of the Powhatan Chieftain. Our Chapter has supported a William and Mary PhD candidate as an intern on the dig; she is a member of the Pamunkey Indian tribe and a descendant of former chiefs.

In April, we will hold our annual meeting at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond.

**Chapter XXIV - Atlanta, Georgia**  
Chartered in 1986

**Officers 2010-2011**

President.....	Judith L. Hughes
First Vice-President.....	Georgia B. Stitt
Second Vice-President .....	Marion S. Bunker
Treasurer .....	Diane N. Quintana
Recording Secretary.....	Martha H. Wright
Corresponding Secretary.....	Shelby A. Whitson
Registrar.....	Bonnie B. Dubberly

Chapter XXIV endeavors to follow objective #2 of The Colonial Dames of America by providing educational opportunities and scholarships to two employees of The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. Their headquarters is in Atlanta. For our 2010-2011 chapter project, we provided a grant of \$1,500 for two employees to have a continuing education experience. The Georgia Trust matched these funds so each employee had \$1,500 to attend a five day National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference in Texas. These ladies were able to expand their knowledge in current preservation issues and revolving funds for endangered properties. Money left will be used for the District Conference. We are proud to be a partner and supporter of historic preservation in Georgia in saving its many treasures.

Our chapter was invited to hold our February 2011 meeting at The Georgia Trust headquarters, Rhodes Hall. It was built in 1903 by a wealthy businessman and is the last fine historic mansion left that lined famous Peachtree Street so long ago. Our



program was a Power Point presentation of the many activities of The Georgia Trust in and throughout Georgia. We heard a report from our two grant recipients and a docent gave a tour of the sumptuous home. The Georgia Trust educates its members about the history of Georgia's oldest counties at two yearly weekend "Rambles."

Our chapter supported financially the Society's Scholarship Fund and the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden. We donated two books of interest for the October 4<sup>th</sup> silent auction to benefit the garden at the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum.

The Membership Committee continues its efforts to seek appropriate new members for Chapter XXIV. There are six candidates in various stages of completing their papers.

The chapter's History Book, 1987-2010, compiled by Past President, Ruth Reddick, was sent to all members after the May meeting. This President initiated a newsletter and our members responded approvingly. A "Colonial Minute" is given at each meeting. A Planning Committee has been appointed for the chapter's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, October 14, 2011.

We meet three times a year in February, May, and October, mostly in member's homes. Members look forward to socializing around a lovely refreshment table before the business meeting. Our Annual Couples Social was hosted by this President in September. Programs this year have been "Headstones and Epitaphs; a review of "Alexander Hamilton, a Life"; and a presentation by The Georgia Trust, mentioned earlier.

## **Chapter XXV - Phoenix, Arizona**

Chartered in 1990

### **Officers 2010-2011**

President.....	Susan 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

Chapter XXV in Phoenix, AZ with Susan Brown Holsclaw as President, Crystal Rimsza as Vice President, Fran Rakestraw as Secretary, Mary Little as Treasurer and Carol Lee Wold as Registrar, had the honor to have the President General, Nancy Shackleford Jones visit our chapter for a wonderful Christmas meeting at the Royal Palms Hotel in Phoenix, AZ, December 5, 2010.

Lunch was beautifully presented and delicious, in the private dining room. President General Nancy S. Jones was charming and gave the Chapter a review of what is happening at National CDA Headquarters. Much fun was had while she was in Phoenix. We had dinner with six of us on Friday night, at a little French Restaurant. Five of us got together for cocktails at Sally Hlavay's home on Saturday night, and then to Pinnacle Peak Patio for a casual and fun dinner. Nancy and Susan also did some shopping in Old Town Scottsdale, browsing and taking pictures on Friday after picking up Nancy Jones at the airport and getting settled in the Hotel.

Our Chapter XXV and President General Nancy Jones visited the Sandra Day O’Conner home in Papago Park, on Saturday morning before our luncheon meeting. All of us are excited about how we may help honor such a special resident of Arizona, as the first woman to be appointed to the United States Supreme Court, Justice Sandra Day O’Conner, (Ret.). We have some ideas – books to sell at the gift shop in NY, a garden bench engraved for the Museum Garden, and maintenance of the O’Conner House. The choices all depend on the budget at the time.

The charitable project to benefit our locality is encouraged by the President General, and hopefully will turn into a perpetual project for our Chapter XXV.

Our Annual Meeting was held at the Ritz-Carlton in Phoenix, AZ on 5 March 2011 and tea was served just after our meeting. A report of the nominating committee was read and new officers for the coming two years were voted in. As something new, for the first time an Installation of Officers was held. It was very nice, and added some importance to the new jobs they will be doing. This officer will enclose a copy of the Installation service.

We also discussed and decided on the bench for the National Gardens at the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden. This year the Chapter decided to get started on the bench for National after conferring with Director Mary Anne Caton. The payment of 50% of the needed funds for the bench has been mailed with the bench information. The remaining funds will come as soon as possible.

It has been a privilege for this officer to serve as President of Chapter XXV for the last three years. The board members, were superb, all pitching in, in a multitude of ways to help our Chapter do many exciting things.

It was delightful being at the “Ritz for Tea” to celebrate the changing of the guard. We had the largest attendance ever, at seventeen, members and prospective members. This officer gave a summary of the last three years as a program for the day. Some that had not attended a meeting during the last three years were surprised at some of the information.

It has become a tradition for Chapter XXV to have “Tea at the Ritz” for Election Day.

This past President wishes the next board an exciting two years and hopefully new members to join our very special Chapter XXV in Phoenix, AZ.

**CHAPTER XXVI – Austin, Texas**

Chartered in 1992

**Officers 2010-2011**

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 XVI has 23 members and meets regularly. We continue to have interesting programs and look forward to the New Year.

**CHAPTER XXVII - San Antonio, Texas**

Chartered in 1993

**Officers 2010-2011**

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 2010-2011**

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

Chapter XXVIII has 17 members and meets regularly. We continue to have interesting programs and look forward to the New Year.

**CHAPTER XXIX – North Carolina**

Chartered in 1999

**Officers 2010-2011**

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

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

We were delighted and honored to have President General, Nancy Shackelford Jones as our guest for our fall luncheon meeting held on September 25, 2010. In honor of the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on New Bern, NC, we invited as our luncheon speaker Ms. Kay Williams, Director of Tryon Palace Sites and Gardens, who spoke on *“The Impact of the New Bern Colonial Experience on North Carolina.”* Ms. Williams also brought us up to date on the planned gala in October in New Bern to celebrate the opening of the new North Carolina History Center at Tryon Palace.

We continued the Colonial Tryon Palace theme for our spring luncheon meeting held on March 26, 2011, with Ms. Nancy Packer, Chief Curator of Collections at Tryon Palace, presenting a Power Point presentation on the “*Treasures of Tryon Palace*” which included photographs and the historical significance of outstanding pieces of silver, jewelry, and furniture found in the collection.

Chapter XXIX contributes annually to the CDA Garden and Grounds in New York, and in North Carolina we provide financial support to the Genealogical Services branch of the state Library of North Carolina, the Leonidas LaFayette Polk house in Raleigh, and the Historic Halifax Restoration Association for the William R. Davie House in Halifax.

**CHAPTER XXX - Venice, Florida**

Chartered in 1999

**Officers 2010-2011**

President.....	Carol W. Cornell
First Vice-President.....	Doris T. Johnson
Second Vice-President .....	Lauralee H. Clayton
Treasurer .....	Barbara L. DeRiemacker
Recording Secretary.....	Rosemary T. Vauzanges
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mary Ellen Y. Lowe
Registrar .....	Barbara B. Schulz

The Colonial Dames of America Chapter XXX holds three luncheon meetings and a Membership Tea to welcome new members.

This officer began the year with our luncheon held at the Venice Yacht Club where members are always warmly greeted by the staff. The program was given by Steve Koski, Senior Archaeologist for Little Salt Spring who discussed the ancient site favored by the Native Indians in Florida.

Our second luncheon held on an unusually cool day in Florida, our featured speaker was Lee Hoeg, who serves as a longtime Docent at Historic Spanish Point and the lovely Chapel with its stained glass windows.

Our third luncheon brought sunny skies back to the region as Dr. Mary Williams gave a piano concert and lecture on the early instrument in the Colonial period.

The Annual Tea was held at the Venice Art Center. Amid hats and gloves, members and perspectives enjoyed delicious trays of sandwiches, scones and a lovely selection of teas. Five new members were recognized. Chapter XXX also welcomed those who are currently working on their application papers as well as guests who attended the tea.

Contributions from our chapter continue to support the restoration of the Lord Higl House, the Venice Historical Society and the Triangle Historic Home and Museum.

## CHAPTER XXXI – South Carolina

Chartered in 2006

### Officers 2010-2011

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

The identification and gathering of lovely South Carolina ladies has been the main focus for the past two years, along with 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. We have achieved our goal with 57 members, three Courtesy members, and one Daughter Dame. Currently four prospective members have been invited and are working on application papers. Our founding President Dyane Dye Kellogg continues to be an inspiration and she and her husband Fred attend all meetings.

This officer, Robin Towns, Zoe Ann Conolly, Regina Barry and Dyane Kellogg attended the 2010 Annual Meeting. We enjoyed all meetings, luncheons, banquets and tours. And then the year flew by.

The highlight of our year was the visit from our President General, Nancy Shackelford Jones, to Charleston and the home of our member Ellen Kiser. Ellen's home, the Capers Motte House, circa 1745, located at 69 Church Street was the site of the meeting of the Colonial South Carolina Legislature who met in the second floor ballroom. The home is restored and interpreted to perfection. Members and guests enjoyed a wonderful meeting, a box lunch, and the presentation of a bronze plaque marking the home. The plaque has since been installed to the left of the front door, and Ellen enjoys watching the tourists read the wording on the plaque.

Our Spring meeting was held in Columbia at the Forest Lake Club. Twenty members and guests attended. Our speaker was David Simpson, Director of Grounds for Historic Columbia Foundation. His subject was "*Where the Grass was and Always Will Be Green*". His dynamic presentation included a Power Point program of old Columbia and its gardens. After luncheon, new officers were elected and installed by member Doris Thompson with a clever installation using herbs. We are proud to introduce our new President, Margaret "Margie" Wolfe, who is here today. Our History Book and framed chapter charter were on display. According to our chapter regulations, the President is the custodian of the charter. In that way, the location of the charter is always known.

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as President of Chapter XXX South Carolina for the past two years and to serve in previous years to get this fine chapter up and running. It has been a real adventure and a most pleasant one, I must say.

It is now my pleasure to present a check for \$500.00 to our President General for the Mt. Vernon Hotel & Museum to be used where most needed.

**CHAPTER XXXII-Central Missouri**

Chartered in 2007

**Officers 2010-2011**

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.....	Florence C. Pickard

Central Missouri, Chapter XXXII has been very busy this year. We have had one new transfer member, two applications in process, and have lost one member.

Our Chapter meets twice a year in May and November as close to the 15<sup>th</sup> as possible.

President McAtee visited kindergarten classes again this year and passed out 112 American Flags and certificates to the children who recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. This event is always featured in our local newspaper to highlight what our organization is doing and to attract new members into our organization.

Our meetings were very informative and held our attention. We were honored again with guest speaker Mr. Warren Hollrah who spoke on "*The Two Winston Churchhills*" the story of Sir Winston and a cousin and a namesake who lived for a short time in St. Louis, MO.

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

At this time we have forty-two members.

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Corresponding Secretary.....	Betty S. Bradley
Registrar.....	Ann R. King

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Treasurer .....	Myrtle L. Van Dyke
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Registrar.....	Raygena K. Garringer

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Registrar.....	Corinne C. Schoeller

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Registrar.....	Mary S. Miller

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Treasurer .....	Frances T. Boothe
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Corresponding Secretary.....	Diana C. Robertson
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### Chapter XXI - Dallas, Texas

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Registrar.....	Linda T. Juba

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Treasurer .....	Catherine C. Pouls
Recording Secretary .....	Mary Ellen L. Vangoff
Corresponding Secretary.....	Virginia Lee W. Bennett
Registrar.....	Barbara B. Greene

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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.



## THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

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**THE COLONIAL DAMES  
OF AMERICA**

**Financial Statements  
for the year ended  
March 31, 2011  
(with summarized comparative  
financial information for 2010)**

## **Independent Auditors' Report**

To the Board of Managers  
The Colonial Dames of America

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of The Colonial Dames of America (the "Society") as of March 31, 2011 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 2010 financial statements and, in our report dated

August 9, 2010, 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, 2011 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 17, 2011

**THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA**

**Statement of Financial Position**

**Assets**

	<b>March 31</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 66,689	\$ 42,426
Investments, at fair value	6,776,625	6,513,422
Accounts receivable	8,144	35,412
Inventory, at cost	30,574	35,591
Prepaid expenses	14,938	16,346
Total current assets	6,896,970	6,643,197
<b>Property and equipment, net</b>	2,229,731	2,295,568
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 9,126,701</b>	<b>\$ 8,938,765</b>

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 21,437	\$ 32,225
Deferred revenue	41,683	23,400
Total current liabilities	63,120	55,625
<b>Net assets</b>		
Unrestricted	7,469,254	7,273,013
Temporarily restricted	716,480	732,280
Permanently restricted	877,847	877,847
Total net assets	9,063,581	8,883,140
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 9,126,701</b>	<b>\$ 8,938,765</b>

See notes to financial statements.

## THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

Statement of Activities  
For Year Ended March 31, 2011  
(with Summarized Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2010)

	2011				2010				
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	
Support and revenue	General Fund	Mount Vernon Museum & Garden Fund	E.M. Taylor Endowment Fund	Total Unrestricted Funds	Scholarship Fund	Fellowship and Education Restricted Fund	Temporarily Restricted Funds	Permanently Restricted Scholarship Fund	Total all Funds
Support and revenue									
Shipments	\$ 15,209	\$ 37,361	-	\$ 37,361	\$ 6,459	-	\$ 6,459	-	\$ 37,361
Grants	-	18,560	-	18,560	-	-	-	-	18,560
Contributions	15,209	250	-	15,459	6,459	-	6,459	-	22,000
Legacies	-	56,171	-	56,171	6,459	-	6,459	-	62,850
Total support	30,418	93,082	-	123,500	19,377	-	19,377	-	142,877
Revenue	92,195	15,708	-	107,903	5,298	4,876	10,174	-	123,377
Membership dues	49,797	4,876	21,080	75,753	-	-	-	-	75,753
Gifts and dividends	53,257	6,100	-	59,357	-	-	-	-	59,357
Site rentals	14,950	-	-	14,950	-	-	-	-	14,950
Chairs	13,948	65	-	14,013	-	-	-	-	14,013
Insignia and other sales	23,495	-	-	23,495	-	-	-	-	23,495
Meeting and functions	31,223	-	-	31,223	-	-	-	-	31,223
Education programs	25,218	-	-	25,218	-	-	-	-	25,218
Museum admissions, tours and gift shop sales	108	-	-	108	-	-	-	-	108
Other revenues	18,718	5,500	-	24,218	(18,718)	(5,500)	(24,218)	-	228
Net assets released from restrictions	256,922	107,340	21,080	385,342	(13,420)	(6,241)	(19,641)	-	366,452
Total revenue	271,601	163,511	21,080	456,192	(6,961)	(6,241)	(13,202)	-	442,989
Total support and revenue	30,418	93,082	21,080	144,580	12,417	(12,482)	615	-	152,613
Expenses									
Program services	-	414,019	-	414,019	-	-	-	-	414,019
Museum programs and activities	313,295	-	-	313,295	-	-	-	-	313,295
CDA programs	18,718	-	-	18,718	-	-	-	-	18,718
Scholarship programs	332,413	414,019	-	746,432	-	-	-	-	746,432
Total program services	664,426	828,038	-	1,492,464	-	-	-	-	1,492,464
Supporting services	103,638	-	-	103,638	-	-	-	-	103,638
Controlling and administrative	1,689	7,117	-	8,806	-	-	-	-	8,806
Fundraising	105,327	7,117	-	112,444	-	-	-	-	112,444
Total supporting services	210,653	14,334	-	224,987	-	-	-	-	224,987
Total expenses	437,640	421,136	-	858,776	-	-	-	-	858,776
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses	(166,022)	(257,625)	21,080	(402,567)	(6,961)	(6,241)	(13,202)	-	(422,770)
Other additions (deductions)									
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	103,550	(70)	-	103,480	(4,131)	(4,084)	(8,215)	-	95,265
Net unrealized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	512,015	(6)	(16,664)	495,345	(4,131)	(4,084)	(8,215)	-	483,120
Total other additions (deductions)	615,565	(76)	(16,664)	598,825	(8,262)	(8,168)	(16,430)	-	581,387
Increase (decrease) in net assets	449,526	(257,701)	4,416	196,241	(11,092)	(4,708)	(15,800)	-	180,441
Net assets (deficit), beginning of year	3,269,595	(682,739)	4,686,148	7,273,013	417,898	314,882	732,280	877,847	8,883,140
Net assets (deficit), end of year	\$ 3,719,121	(940,439)	4,690,564	7,469,246	\$ 406,806	\$ 309,674	\$ 716,480	\$ 877,847	\$ 9,063,581
									\$ 8,883,140

See notes to financial statements.



**THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA**

**Statement of Functional Expenses  
For Year Ended March 31, 2011  
(with Summarized Financial Information for the year ended March 31, 2010)**

	2011					2010	
	Program Services			Supporting Services			
	Museum Programs and Activities	CDA Programs	Scholarship Programs	General and Administrative	Fund- Raising	Total	Total
Salaries, payroll taxes and employee benefits	\$ 243,671	\$ 159,261	\$ -	\$ 17,058	\$ -	\$ 419,990	\$ 364,973
Temporary help	-	1,683	-	50	1,210	2,943	2,105
Professional fees	40,106	55,385	-	-	-	95,491	98,185
Programs and events	7,528	22,584	-	-	2,618	32,730	33,011
Scholarships and fellowships	5,500	1,540	17,742	-	-	24,782	23,900
Tours and educational programs	324	332	-	-	219	875	9,490
Insurance	14,551	6,527	-	9,397	-	30,475	28,606
Telephone and internet	5,051	4,338	-	793	130	10,312	8,862
Travel	650	4,216	-	38	82	4,986	2,657
Insignias and other	-	2,785	-	-	-	2,785	2,822
Office expenses	8,169	2,492	-	3,185	-	13,846	23,884
Custodial fees	215	1,793	976	2,862	-	5,846	6,371
Occupancy	47,148	4,265	-	15,696	366	67,475	68,392
Collection	5,684	-	-	-	-	5,684	1,820
Merchandise	11,057	776	-	104	3,211	15,148	17,304
Advertising and publicity	2,154	250	-	-	-	2,404	1,526
Printing	6,592	2,712	-	8,745	124	18,173	15,605
Postage	7,432	2,095	-	2,655	846	13,028	15,051
Newsletter and website	48	1,605	-	-	-	1,653	4,491
Depreciation	8,083	38,956	-	38,956	-	85,995	86,183
Other	56	-	-	4,099	-	4,155	-
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 414,019</b>	<b>\$ 313,595</b>	<b>\$ 18,718</b>	<b>\$ 103,638</b>	<b>\$ 8,806</b>	<b>\$ 858,776</b>	<b>\$ 815,238</b>

See notes to financial statements.

**THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA**

**Statement of Cash Flows**

	<b>Year Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31</b>	
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Increase in net assets	\$ 180,441	\$ 918,923
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash (used in) operating activities		
Depreciation	85,995	86,183
Net realized (gain) loss on sales of investments	(103,480)	3,229
Net unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(487,130)	(1,136,341)
(Increase) decrease in current assets		
Accounts receivable	27,268	(25,712)
Inventory	5,017	(17,683)
Prepaid expenses	1,408	8,765
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(10,788)	(5,969)
Deferred revenue	18,283	(4,306)
Net cash (used in) operating activities	<u>(282,986)</u>	<u>(172,911)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Expenditures for property and equipment	(20,158)	(72,187)
Proceeds from sale of investments	2,686,739	2,116,530
Purchase of investments	<u>(2,359,332)</u>	<u>(1,851,857)</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>307,249</u>	<u>192,486</u>
<b>Net increase in cash</b>	24,263	19,575
<b>Cash, beginning of year</b>	<u>42,426</u>	<u>22,851</u>
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 66,689</u>	<u>\$ 42,426</u>

See notes to financial statements.

## THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA

### Notes to Financial Statements March 31, 2011

#### **Note 1 – Organization**

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

#### **Note 2 – Summary of significant accounting policies**

The Society maintains three classes of net assets as follows:

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

**THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA****Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
March 31, 2011****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, 2011. 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, 2011**

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

Allowance for doubtful accounts

As of March 31, 2011, the Society has no allowance for any possible uncollectible receivables. Such estimate is based on management's experience, the aging of the receivables, subsequent receipts and current economic conditions.

Use of estimates

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

Comparative financial information

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class or functional classification. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Society's financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2010, from which the summarized information was derived.

Subsequent events

The Society has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through August 17, 2011, 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, 2011 and March 31, 2010:

	<u>2011</u>		<u>2010</u>	
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Money market funds	\$ 392,512	\$ 392,512	\$ 208,332	\$ 208,332
U.S. Government obligations	1,869,810	1,878,785	2,327,385	2,361,489
Equity mutual funds				
Growth	1,220,794	1,204,642	1,220,793	1,028,703
Natural resources	816,189	1,279,848	803,203	974,849
International	611,386	575,256	503,632	422,271
S&P 500 Index	<u>1,001,007</u>	<u>1,445,582</u>	<u>1,072,280</u>	<u>1,517,778</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,911,698</u>	<u>\$ 6,776,625</u>	<u>\$ 6,135,625</u>	<u>\$ 6,513,422</u>

**THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA****Notes to Financial Statements (continued)****March 31, 2011****Note 3 – Investments (continued)**Fair value measurements

For assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2011, accounting standards require quantitative disclosures about the fair value measurements separately for each major category of assets. The Society's investments have all been classified in the highest level of hierarchy (Level 1). Its quoted prices are in active markets for identical assets.

**Note 4 – Endowments**

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

Interpretation of relevant law

Effective September 17, 2010, New York State enacted the Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (NYPMIFA), the provisions of which apply to endowment funds existing on or established after that date. The Society is required to act prudently when making decisions to spend or accumulate donor restricted endowment assets and in doing so to consider a number of factors including the duration and preservation of its donor restricted endowment funds (as outlined below). The Society preserves the fair value of the original gift as the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. 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) If appropriate and circumstances warrant, alternatives to endowment expenditures
- (8) The investment policies of the Society.

**THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA**

**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
March 31, 2011**

**Note 4 – Endowments (continued)**

Strategies employed for achieving objectives

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

For the 2011 fiscal year, the activity in the temporarily restricted funds is reflected on the statement of activities.

**Note 5 – Property and equipment**

The summary of the property and equipment as of March 31, 2011 and March 31, 2010 is as follows:

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Building and building improvements	\$2,798,384	\$2,783,348
Museum and historical museum fixtures	817,587	817,587
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	<u>272,926</u>	<u>267,804</u>
Total property and equipment	3,888,897	3,868,739
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>1,659,166</u>	<u>1,573,171</u>
Net property and equipment	<u>\$2,229,731</u>	<u>\$2,295,568</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 2011 and 2010 fiscal years, the cost incurred in connection with the plan totaled \$3,462 and \$5,100, respectively.

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

Net assets, in connection with the Scholarship and Fellowship programs, totaling \$24,218 were released from donor restrictions by satisfying the restricted purposes.

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**Notes to Financial Statements (continued)**

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**Note 8 – Tax status**

The Society is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”). In addition, the Society is a Section 509(a)(1) organization as defined in the Code and is, therefore, not a private foundation and qualifies for the maximum charitable deduction for donors. As of March 31, 2011, no amounts have been recognized for uncertain income tax positions. The Society’s tax returns for the fiscal year 2008 and forward are subject to the usual review by the appropriate taxing authorities.



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