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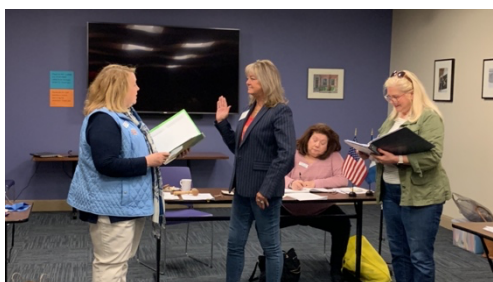
New Castle, Delaware

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Many thanks to Thomas Lunt of Fort Casimir Honey Company who gave a presentation to the chapter on native bees and native plants. Please see Rebecca's great summary of his presentation. Also thank you to Rebecca for the truly yummy honey apple cake!



Janet Rossiter was sworn in by Chaplain Laurie Bottoni Lorenz and



presented with her name tag! Jenn Leary recorded it in sections and you will find that on Facebook. Congratulations Janet!



This was the first time we did not have a quorum so we were not able to vote on the minutes or Treasurer's report. Per our bylaws, a quorum is at least half plus 1 of the members. Please mark your personal calendar whether online or on paper with the dates of our meetings. Our meetings are every 3rd Thursday. We are slowly putting "set up" meetings behind us and are now able to have more presenters and hopefully in the future, hands-on activities. Please take a look at the calendar at the end of the newsletter and mark your own!

Please note the "Irregulars Meeting(s)" change days according to my work schedule.

DAR TARTAN WRISTLETS:

Our sales have slowed on the wristlets but we are still selling them. I just put 2 more in the mail for a repeat customer and 2 more for a new customer! We have 54 remaining. Finding ways to market them is now the focus.



HISTORIC BOURBON TASTING

The first seating sold out within a week, and the second seating has 7 tickets remaining.

James from Prestige is donating the bourbon (!), Justin is donating the glasses (!). Our proceeds are 50% of the ticket price, so \$25

from each person who attends. At current ticket sales of 42 people, that is \$1,050.

It is understood that not all members like bourbon and that many may not drink alcohol. Our only requirement for this event is to promote it. I will be attending along with my husband.

Now a summary of Thomas Lunt's Native Bee presentation by Rebecca DeVore:

Happy Spring Daughters!

Have you heard all the BUZZ about Thomas Lunt's presentation on Bees?

Here are a few of the highlights...

Do you like to travel? Did you know every year honeybees are trucked across the US and back from the East coast to CA to pollinate crops such as almonds? Those are some well traveled Bees!

How many food items that you enjoy include tomatoes?

Honeybees are the ONLY insect that pollinates tomatoes.

- Europeans brought honeybees over to the US over 400 years ago.
- We have lost 47% of the insect population in the last 50 years!
- North America has lost about 3 billion birds in the last 50 years!

What can you do to help you ask?



Well, here are a few ideas...

Purchase non-self pollinating native plants to put in your yard

to encourage bees, butterflies and birds to habitat on your property.

<https://www.delawarenaturalsociety.org/activities/events/native-plant-sale/>

Do not buy dyed mulch. Dyes are harmful to the environment. Try pine bark, cedar or Licorice root mulch instead. Leave some leaves under plants as insects like to build homes under them including bees.

Make a resting spot for bees to get a drink: Make a 1:1 ratio of water to white table sugar and place in a small shallow container outside. Change daily to prevent mold.

Participate in a Bumblebee watch such as the Great Sunflower project...

<https://www.greatsunflower.org>

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS

The DAR website offers a nearly overwhelming amount of information, directions, and deadlines.

If you are a committee chair, have chosen to be a part of a committee, or just have a particular interest, I ask that you spend some time on the associated DAR webpage. Find it at: <https://www.dar.org/members/committees>

For those committees with essay contests, grant opportunities, etc., be sure to familiarize yourself with the theme, requirements, and deadlines.

Set a tickler for when the contest/grant application process begins and when it ends. Look at the grant applications so you know the required information if an applicant asks (most grants are not cumbersome whatsoever).

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Rebecca DeVore



Conservation Communication! The Christina Watershed Cleanup will take place on April 22nd from 9 am to noon. The

DAR group will be meeting at the Hale Byrnes House, 606 Stanton Christiana Rd, Newark, DE 19713.

The Conservation Committee strongly encourages participation in a watershed cleanup and we only have two large ones in Delaware. If you are interested in helping keep our water clean, please contact Rebecca or email the event coordinator Sarah O'Donnell (sarahlareod@gmail.com).

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE

Pam Derrickson and Jan Henion

Our next meeting is set for Monday, April 1 at 1pm. Once again, we will meet at the New Castle Public Library in the Community Room. Next month, we may decide to try a Zoom meeting in the early evening. Bring your laptop, charger (with extension cord if necessary), and DAR membership number.

In February, we exchanged information with each other to use our skills to find our Patriot/Patriots. We can share what we've learned.

Doris and Denise have signed up to index Patriot Records in the DAR website. Hopefully, they will be able to share with us what they have learned.

GENIE TIPS OF THE MONTH

Sherry Eaton

Beginning your Quest –

Researching your roots can be very fun and exciting but it also can get very frustrating at times. In the more than 30 years that I have been researching I have come to know that working on your family tree is like putting a



ABOUT THIS APPLICATION
A child born abroad to a U.S. citizen parent or parents may acquire U.S. citizenship at birth if certain statutory requirements are met. If such a child acquired U.S. citizenship at birth, the child may be issued a Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a U.S. Citizen (CRBA) if the application is filed before the child's 18th birthday. The purpose of this Form DS-2029 is to collect the information necessary to determine whether a child born abroad to a U.S. citizen parent or parents acquired U.S. citizenship at birth and therefore is eligible for a CRBA. For more information about birth abroad and acquisition of U.S. citizenship at birth, please visit the birth abroad page and the U.S. citizenship page on travel.state.gov . Only the child's parent(s), legal guardian(s), person(s) acting in loco parentis or the child may apply for a CRBA on the child's behalf. The application generally must be submitted in the consular district where the applicant was born and signed before a U.S. consular officer, a consular agent, or, in the case of children born in U.S. military hospitals, a designated military official. A CRBA is proof of U.S. citizenship; however, it is not a travel document and does not take the place of a passport for travel purposes.
IMPORTANT: You must provide the required evidence listed below before we can process the application. Please follow the instructions below.
STEP 1: Read the instructions before completing and submitting this application. The instructions contain important information about completing the application and list what documents can be submitted as evidence to support the application.
STEP 2: Complete Section A of the application and assemble the required documentary evidence. Note: Do not sign the application or complete Sections B or C until you are in front of a designated U.S. consular official or military acceptance agent.
STEP 3: Make an appointment with the U.S. embassy or consulate online or contact the U.S. consular agency or designated U.S. military official.
STEP 4: Take the unsigned application and supporting documents with you to your appointment at the U.S. embassy, consulate, consular agency, or with a military acceptance agent.
STEP 5: Once the citizenship claim has been approved, the CRBA will be printed in the United States and sent to the address you designate in the United States or the address you designate abroad in countries where the mailing of U.S. citizenship documents is permitted unless you indicate that you will pick it up at the U.S. embassy, consulate or consular agency. Applicants are responsible for any mailing costs related to the mailing of the CRBA.
WHAT TO SUBMIT WITH THIS APPLICATION
1. Child's birth certificate.
2. Evidence of the parent(s)' U.S. citizenship and identity. This may consist of a U.S. passport, U.S. passport card, CRBA, Naturalization Certificate, Certificate of Citizenship or timely-issued U.S. birth certificate. For other forms of acceptable U.S. citizenship evidence, contact the U.S. embassy or consulate. A valid passport or government-issued photo ID must be presented as proof of identity.
3. Evidence of the U.S. citizen parent(s)' physical presence or residence in the United States prior to the birth of the child. Such evidence may include but is not limited to affidavits, school, employment, tax, bank, and medical records, utility bills, rent receipts, or other official public documents. Evidence of time spent abroad working for the U.S. government, U.S. Armed Forces or qualifying international organization, or as a dependent child of a person working abroad for such entities prior to the birth of the child is also acceptable in some cases.
4. Parents' marriage certificate, if applicable.
5. Evidence of the termination of any previous marriages of the parents (divorce decree, annulment decree, or death certificate).
6. If a person other than a parent or the child is applying for the CRBA, that person must present a certified copy of legal guardianship or notarized affidavit from the parent(s) authorizing the person to submit the application.
NOTE: You must submit original documents or copies certified by the custodian of the record. Generally, we will return your documents after we have seen them. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies.

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jigsaw puzzle together. You have to make all the pieces fit in order to make the puzzle work and look good. The same thing occurs when you are researching your roots. Here are a few tips to get you started on your journey.

Your first two starting points are...

- 1) Write down as much information you can find on your birth parents (i.e. birth date and location, marriage date and location, death date and location, burial date and location).

- 2) Next, do the same for your paternal (father's side) and maternal (mother's side) grandparents.

The more information you obtain the "easier" your search will be. However, if you don't have all this information or any of this information – don't panic! There are other ways to obtain it. You can get information on your birth parents by obtaining a copy of your birth certificate. If you don't have it already you can obtain one from the vital records office in the state or territory you were born or through a few online search engines like www.archives.org or www.vitalrecordsonline.com. You will need to prove who you are by providing a copy of your driver's license or a non-driver ID card, a passport, or a military ID card. You may also need a utility bill as a secondary means of identification. There is usually a processing fee to obtain a copy of your birth certificate and that fee price varies depending on the state, territory, or country you were born. If you were



born outside the United States to American parent's, you should obtain a copy of a Consular Report of

Birth Abroad (CRBA). This information is obtained when your parents notify a US Embassy or Consulate Office of your birth. If your parents were in the military and did not file for a CRBA then you can contact the hospital in which the birth occurred, the military base operator where your parents were stationed during your birth, or the public affairs office of the appropriate military branch. Once you obtain a copy of your birth certificate it will list your father's name and your mother's maiden name and the locations they were born. Some

locations may list state, territory, or country only and others may list city/state or county/state. If "unk" is listed as a location it means whomever supplied the information of the birth didn't know the location the parents were born. If this is the case you can always find out his information as you continue your search. If you were a child born abroad and adopted by a US citizen you will need to know or find out what country you were born. You will not receive a US Birth Certificate but should receive a document proving your birth in this case but will need to contact the nearest embassy or consulate to the country you were born. If the document is written in another language, you may also want to request from the embassy/consulate help with translations.

Stay tuned for more tips in upcoming editions of The Bar Tab newsletter.

SERVICE TO VETERANS

Doris Duffy and Sherrye Eaton

Doris visited Eden's Veterans Refuge on Tuesday, February 28. Front porch warped boards have been repaired since my last visit. Bids received from B-Safe and ADT for security system and a third is being planned. Also received one bid to date for Cement driveway, and Vinyl siding bids forthcoming. Also, she needs air conditioners upgraded and she'll get bids for that, too!

Lady Tyshee Jackson was personally invited by Lisa Blunt Rochester to a round table in April 2022 for discussion on other grants. She attended last year but didn't get any grants.

Has an \$800 heating bill and is planning to do fundraisers.

PARTNERSHIP EVENT – Please mark your calendar to attend and SHARE!

Please add to your calendar to attend!



The Battell and Read Chapter will be partnering with the New Castle Court House Museum on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 1 p.m. to welcome **Dr. Patricia L. Maclay** as she presents:

The Bicentennial Celebration of Lafayette's Farewell Tour to America (1824 – 1825)

Lafayette's Farewell Tour saw the 67-year-old last surviving major general of the American Revolution triumphantly return to the country he loved. Both Congress and President James Monroe had invited him with the hope that his visit might reignite patriotic fervor in a politically divided America, fast approaching its 50th Anniversary.

Lafayette hoped to return to France with the story of a successful democracy. From August 15, 1824 to September 9, 1825, Lafayette covered over 6000 miles by carriage, stagecoach, canal barge, and steamboat, traveling to all 24 existing states and "Washington City." Everywhere he went and with a renewed patriotism, Lafayette was met with adoration and accolades as the American hero he was.

This presentation will cover the details of Lafayette's Farewell Tour of America, how it will be celebrated in 2024 – 2025, and how everyone will have the opportunity to get involved.

*The chapter will be represented with a display table with membership information. All are welcome to attend (it's free!) and we will need 2-3 people at the table before and after the presentation.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

On March 12, 2023, Laurie Bottoni-Lorenz participated in an event for *Rise Against Hunger* at Sussex Central High School. With guidance (and a fun play-list!) the volunteers of all ages ran an assembly-line-style production to fill bags with soy for protein, dehydrated vegetables, seasonings/vitamins, and rice.



Then the bags were weighed, sealed, stamped with a packing date, and boxed for shipping. Community organizations raised money for the materials which cost

\$39,000. Two shifts of volunteers managed to pack 100,000 meals, ready for shipping around the world. This is a growing, annual event. Next year, organizers are hoping to raise the money and volunteers to pack 150,000 meals!



A PIECE OF HISTORY

Denise Dyson

Thomas McKean is born

On this day in history, March 19, 1734, **Thomas McKean** is born. He would be one of the most politically active of the Founding Fathers, a signer of the **Declaration of Independence**, President of Delaware, Chief Justice of Pennsylvania and Governor of Pennsylvania.

Thomas McKean was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania to Irish immigrants of Scottish decent. He became a lawyer in the 1750s. Delaware at that time was technically a part of Pennsylvania, but had its own General Assembly. McKean had homes in Philadelphia and in Delaware and was politically active in both.



Thomas McKean

His first public office was Attorney General for Sussex County, Delaware. He became a judge of the Court of Common Pleas in 1765 and was sent to the **Stamp Act Congress** from

Delaware to coordinate resistance with the other colonies against the [Stamp Act](#). From 1762 to 1776, he was a member of the General Assembly in Delaware and served as its Speaker of the House in 1772.

McKean was chosen as a member of Delaware's delegation to both the First and Second Continental Congresses. He was a prominent advocate of independence from Great Britain and voted for the [Declaration of Independence](#) on July 2, 1776. McKean helped write the [Articles of Confederation](#) and served as the President of Congress for a few months in 1781, during which time **Lord Charles Cornwallis** surrendered his army at Yorktown, the event that eventually brought the Revolutionary War to an end.

Thomas McKean and son by Charles Willson Peale, 1787

During the war, McKean participated in the defense of New York City. He also attended Delaware's convention to write its own state

constitution. He wrote virtually the entire constitution in one night and, when it was ratified on September 20, 1776, it became the first state constitution to be adopted after the colonies declared their independence. McKean then served as President of Delaware for a short time when the then current president, **John McKinly**, was captured by the British.

McKean was elected Pennsylvania's Chief Justice from 1777 to 1799. In this position, he became one of the most prominent shapers of the American legal system, some scholars



believe even more so than the long serving Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court, **John Marshall**. McKean served at the Pennsylvania Convention which ratified the [US Constitution](#) and at the convention which adopted a state constitution for Pennsylvania.

Thomas McKean was then elected governor of Pennsylvania for 3 terms from 1799 to 1808. He led the way in preparing Philadelphia's defenses during the **War of 1812**, at the age of 80 years old. He finally passed away at the age of 83. His grave is at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Philadelphia.

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PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Lissa Hilsee
Antoinette Maccari-Klingsberg
Jennifer Leary

Do you have a friend or family member who may be interested? Please invite them to a meeting or activity. If they join before October 15, 2023, they are considered a Charter Member.

DAR LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Rebecca DeVore – Chair

Members Course
Committee Leaders Course

If you are interested in finding out more about what the Daughters of the American Revolution is all about, these courses are for you. It only takes an hour or two a week to work on the classes. Pictured is Honorary State Regent Ginger Trader, President General Pamela Rouse Wright, State Regent Barbara Seningen, and Organizing Regent Valarie Leary. Valarie and Ginger received the “Triple Crown” for completing all 3 DAR Leadership Courses.



Please let me know if you have any questions or are interested in taking the course, you can reach me at radevore@ccps.org or (302) 563-4336.

For more info:

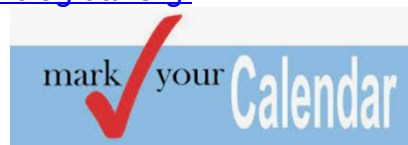
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March 27, 2022, 6 p.m.: Fundraiser: Historic Bourbon Tasting, Jessop's Tavern; ticketed event

April 3, 2023, 1 p.m.: The Genealogy Committee, 1 p.m., at the New Castle Public Library. Please bring your laptop and DAR membership number. If you don't have a laptop, the library has a limited number that can be borrowed.

April 15, 2022, 10:30 a.m.: Joint meeting with the Delaware State Society USD1812. “Pigeon Run Cemetery” presented by George Widger.* We will be collecting items for the Hope House at this meeting as well as in May.

April 17, 2023, 9 a.m.: Pigeon Run Cemetery 2023 Summer Garden Preparation; see flyer.

April 18, 2023, 6:30 p.m.: “Irregulars” Meeting/Social

April 22, 2023, 9 a.m.: Christiana Watershed Cleanup. The DAR group will be meeting at the Hale Byrnes House, 606 Stanton Christiana Rd, Newark, DE

April 26, 2023, 8:30 a.m.: William Penn High School Air Force JROTC Annual National Awards on William Penn High School Auditorium. Jackie Albaum to present. Other members are welcome to attend.

April 30, 2023, 1 p.m.: The Bicentennial Celebration of Lafayette's Farewell Tour to America, (1824 – 1825) in partnership with the New Castle Court House Museum

May 13, 2023, 10:30 a.m.: Possible Chapter Meeting

May 20, 2022: A Day in Old New Castle

May 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m.: "Irregulars" Meeting/Social

June 14 or 17, 2022: Chapter Meeting/Social, TBD

June 28 – July 2, 2023: Continental Congress

July 15, 2023: Possible Chapter Picnic

September 16, 2023, 10:30 a.m.: Regular Chapter Meeting, TBA

September 16, 2023, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Monarch Migration Celebration

September 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m.: Irregulars Meeting/Social

September 23, 2023, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Art on the Green

October 21, 2023: Delaware State Fall Meeting. Maple Dale Country Club, Dover, Delaware. *The Fall Meeting falls on the date of our normally scheduled chapter meeting.

October 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m.: Irregulars Meeting

November 18, 2023, 10:30 a.m.: Regular Chapter Meeting, TBD

November 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m.: Irregulars Meeting/Social

December 2, 2023: Chapter Holiday Tea

April 27, 2024: Delaware State Conference, Smyrna, Delaware.

October 19, 2024: Delaware State Fall Meeting, Odessa, Delaware.

April 26, 2025: Delaware State Spring Conference, Lewes, Delaware.

2023 Christina River Watershed Cleanup

Saturday April 22nd **Earth Day** at 8:00 AM

Gliding through rolling hills, farms and forests, large and small towns, the Brandywine, White Clay, and Red Clay Creeks, and Christina River constitute the watershed of the Christina River Basin, before continuing into the Delaware River. **This watershed provides more than 75% of the water supply for residents and businesses in New Castle County, Delaware.**

The Christina River Watershed Cleanup's mission has always been the removal of man-made debris from within this beautiful watershed, while raising public awareness for pollution prevention. Since the Cleanup began in 1992, more than 360 tons of tires, appliances, household items, and other trash have been cleared from within the watershed.

A DAR team will meet at the Hale Byrnes House, 606 Stanton Christiana Rd, Newark, DE 19713, at 8:00 AM (because of the tides) to pick up trash until about 11:00 AM. It will be led by Sarah O'Donnell, State and Cooch's Bridge Conservation Chair. This event is **rain or shine** so dress for the weather and wear boots. Trash bags, some tools and gloves will be available, but you may want to wear your favorite garden gloves. To join us, you need to register; provide your name, email and phone number to Sarah (sarahlareod@gmail.com).

