



The BAR Tab

New Castle, Delaware

March 2024

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CALENDAR

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Dear Daughters,

March was a busy month for Battell and Read Daughters! We had two open to the public presentations: "Lafayette: The Hero of Two Worlds" by Dr. Patti Maclay, and "DNA: The Key to Family History" by Terri Stern, in addition to the Bourbon vs. Scotch Tasting fundraiser! Many thanks to the New Castle Court House Museum and the New Castle Historical Society for partnering with us on the two presentations. Huzzah to Justin Day, Jessop's Tavern and Chad, Prestige LeDroit for hosting a second fundraiser for us! You will find more details on these events in the pages of the newsletter.

Communication is key and 99.9% of it is online. If you are not on our chapter [Facebook page](#), this newsletter is your go to source. Also, if you do not like Facebook, the [Daughter's Online Community](#) is perfect for you. I have utilized the "DOC" many times for answers to my questions and more. Stay up to date on the latest DAR News, by subscribing to the DAR Blog [Sign up to stay in touch | Today's DAR](#).

Be sure to enter your volunteer hours at [Service to America](#) on DAR.org. You will need your national number. Otherwise, please provide your hours on the StA form that is passed around during the meetings.

Our next chapter meeting is **Saturday, April 20, 2024, 10:30 a.m. and will take place at the New Castle Public Library.**

For those attending the Spring Conference, be sure to register! The form is attached at the end of this newsletter as well as instructions to pay online.

Yours in DAR Friendship,

Valarie Leary, Regent

Next up:

Sunday, April 7, 3 p.m.
Old New Castle Litter Crew

This is a great opportunity to get outside, walk flat ground, and make a difference. Bags and picker uppers are provided, but if you have your own picker uppers, please bring it. Don't forget gloves!



They will be focusing on Wilmington Road and Glebe Lane. Please meet at the New Castle City Police Station located at 1 Municipal Blvd., New Castle. Thank you!

The results of past clean ups:



2024 Christina River Watershed Cleanup

Saturday April 13th starting at 8:00 AM



It is that time of year again to mark our calendars for the Christina River Watershed Cleanup! How does so much trash end up in the oceans? Much of it travels along the path of fresh water downhill and into the oceans by way of rivers.

The Christina River Watershed includes beautiful rolling hills, farms and forests, and large and small towns. But litter, dropped or dumped by anyone, can travel the Brandywine, White Clay, and Red Clay Creeks, and Christina River 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.

There will be a DAR team that will meet early on April 13th at the historic Hale Byrnes House to pick up trash, bag it and move it to a pickup point nearby. Sadly, this area is known as a heavy trash site. We can use your help; bring your family including husbands, teenagers for

community service hours, etc.



Our 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, please let Sarah know before April 13th by providing your name, email and phone number to Sarah (sarahlareod@gmail.com). She will keep you informed.

A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!



On Sunday, March 9, the Battell and Read Chapter in partnership with the New Castle Court House Museum hosted Dr. Patti Maclay who gave an excellent presentation on "Lafayette: The Hero of Two Worlds." The courtroom was packed! Many people had seen it in The Weekly (the local newspaper), which didn't mention the RSVP, and at one time, there were 11 on the waiting list!



DNA: The Key to Family History Saturday, March 16, 2024



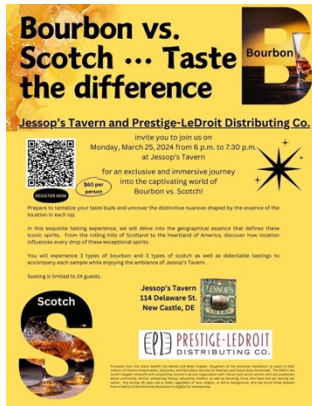
On Saturday, March 16, in partnership with the New Castle Historical Society, the Battell and Read Chapter,

sponsored the program: "DNA: the Key to Family History," presented by genealogist Terri Stern.

While not as crowded as last weekend, **feedback has been great!** We were up against St. Patrick's Day...lol.



The "Bourbon vs Scotch...Taste the Difference" event on Monday, March 25, 2024 was awesome! Many thanks to Justin of Jessop's Tavern and Chad of Prestige LeDroit for their generosity! As a result, this fundraiser raised \$1,470!



Look what Janet received for donating tea for the Boston Tea Party!



TRANSCRIBE INDEX CARDS: EASY PEASY!

DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee
- Historian General's Marker Indexing Project

If you are interested in volunteering for the Historian Generals Marker Indexing Project, please complete the following form. The software company Versivo will contact you with login and Password information once your information has been uploaded into the indexing system. Questions: reach out to darprojects@nsdar.org

The DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee is delighted to announce volunteer opportunities for the new [Historian General's Marker Card Project](#)! Over 177,000 index cards stored in the Office of the Historian General have been digitized and are ready to be transcribed. These cards contain a treasure trove of information about Revolutionary War soldiers, wives and daughters of Revolutionary War soldiers, Real Daughters, Historical and Commemorative Markers, and Member Markers. We need your help to make this valuable resource available to members!

Transcribing the cards is very simple and the work can be done at home, at any time, by anyone with an internet connection. The great

Cindy Snyder, our Recording Secretary, is the Chair of "A Day in Old New Castle" (ADIONC) which will take place on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. **She is in need of a variety of volunteers.** You can volunteer all day or just a couple of hours. Please contact Cindy at Cynthiarobinsnyder@gmail.com or call her at 302-304-5179.



news is that most of the cards are typed and easy to read! Susan Holt, DAR Genealogy Preservation National Vice Chair for New Project Development, is leading the effort. To sign up click on Volunteer Registration Form below or email darprojects@nsdar.org with any questions. Once you have signed up you will receive additional information about logging in and training.

Imagine transcribing the marker information for one of the Founding Fathers or your own patriot! This project connects us to our patriot ancestors and the history of our nation through the many markers we have placed since the beginning of our National Society. We look forward to welcoming sparkling volunteers to the Historian General's Marker Project!

 Suzanne M. Heske, Historian General

REGISTRAR REPORT

April 2024

Deb Shetzler, Registrar

Sherrye Eaton, Asst. Registrar

Members: 37
 Regular Members..... 25
 Associate Member.....12
 (Friends of BAR (FOBAR). 2)

Prospective Members: 12
 Pending (in review by National)...4
 Elaine Newcomb
 Lois Racine
 Sandra Rossiter-Lastowka
 Mary Lastowka

Complete:..... 1
 Sara Merkle (will submit in June 2024)

In Process:..... 5
 Debbie Smith
 Lisa Johnson
 Laura Mackelcan

- Lori "Allie" Mathews
- Serah Pesce

On Hold: 2
 Catherine Woodfield – application complete, on hold at PM request
 Cindy Savelli – placed on hold until she retires and moves back to New Castle in 2024-2025

Removed:
 Christa Stefanisko – decided to join Cooches Bridge chapter

Friends of BAR (FoBAR)..... 2
 Shiela Arnold
 Joy Hansen

Potential Future Prospective Members: 0

April Birthdays:

Susan Brook

Jan Henion

Thanks to Deb and Sherrye!!!



[The Daughters Online Community](#) is a secure, DAR-only

website where Daughters may interact with one another and share resources and ideas—similar to the way we have interacted in national committee Facebook groups in the past. Since the launch of the Daughters Online Community in February 2023, national committee Facebook groups have transitioned to this private online community, making it possible to be an engaged DAR member without having a Facebook profile.

When you log in to the [Daughters Online Community](#), you will see a news feed featuring

the latest content from the “communities” you have chosen to join. These might be national committee communities, communities related to specific chapter officer roles or communities around specific interest areas. You may add your photograph to your member profile, as well as list your DAR interests and other details. The amazing resources you may struggle to find on Facebook because of the constantly changing algorithm are organized in an easily accessible resource library. The community features a responsive design, meaning it functions well on your computer, your tablet or your smartphone. And you can choose to receive specific communities’ posts via email in either a digest format or in real-time, allowing you to keep up with the action right from your email inbox.

BEFORE YOU SIT DOWN WITH YOUR DATE BOOK/LAPTOP/IPHONE AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Do you have a project or service you want to lead?

A class you would like to teach? A presentation? All of our life experiences are different and we each have gifts, big or small...what can you bring to the table? Do not be afraid...our small group is perfect for test runs.



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Rebecca DeVore organizing

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May 27, 2024: Memorial Day

June 8, 2024 – Separation Day
Walk in the parade or table in the park

June 18, 2024: Chapter meeting - Wilmington, Delaware; Antoinette to arrange tour of historical buildings downtown.

June 26 – 30, 2024: Continental Congress
Washington, D.C.

July 20, 2024: Chapter BBQ at Sherrye’s House

July and August - No meetings; may arrange social event

September 17 – 23, 2024 – Constitution Week; need for new display

September 21, 2024 – Chapter Meeting, TBD

October 6, 2024: Lafayette in Delaware

- 4:30 Wine and Cheese reception at Amstel House (free event)
- Pre-fixe dinner at Jessop’s Tavern - Charlie Zahn

October 10, 2024: Day of Service

October 12, 2024 – Chapter Meeting and Card Signing for Active-Duty Military

October 19, 2024 – State Fall Meeting;
Odessa Fire Hall

November - Stockings for Soldiers

November 7, 2024: Naturalization Ceremony
at the New Castle Court House Museum

November 11, 2024: Veterans Day

November 17, 2024 – Chapter Meeting

December 7, 2024 – Holiday Tea

December 14 - Spirit of Christmas

Post Scriptum

As of April 7, 2024, 264 hours are logged. Our chapter goal is 750 hours which I know we will exceed.

Log your **Service to America** hours [here](#)

DID YOU KNOW that the below activities ALL count as Service to America hours:

- Volunteering at local historical societies or associations
- Volunteering in schools, hospitals, and churches
- Volunteering with other lineage societies outside of DAR
- Transporting or sitting with those facing medical issues (non-family members)
- Service as a DAR chapter / C.A.R. senior society, state or national officer; committee chairman, vice chairman, co-chairman, committee member, etc. This includes all planning, communication, board meetings, and committee meetings.

If you need help logging hours, or are unsure if your hours count, please contact Valarie.

**That is 30 hours per member for the year and is also based on the # of members on January 1, 2024. The goal for this year, with 25 members (so far), the hours will be 750.*

What's a QUORUM? And why should you care

Our by-laws state that a quorum is 50% + 1 of our membership. *We have 25 members as of January 1, 2024 and our quorum is 13.*

A quorum is the minimum number of members that must be present at any of its meetings to make the proceedings of that meeting valid. A meeting quorum is required at our chapter meetings for the purpose of conducting and voting on new chapter business. Without it we can't make motions, change bylaws, initiate group projects, purchase items, donate money, and so forth.

Please plan to attend as many meetings as possible so we can meet the quorum needed to achieve our chapter goals.



OPERATION PAPERBACK

[Operation Paperback](#) is a national, non-profit organization, whose volunteers collect gently-used books and send them to American troops overseas, as well as veterans and military families here at home. Since 1999, we have shipped over 2.9 million books to countries all

over the world (shown in orange on the adjacent map).

Step 1 – Collect

The following genres are most frequently requested: action, bestsellers, biographies and memoirs, fantasy, history, horror, mysteries, science-fiction, true crime. Do NOT send romance novels unless specifically requested by the individual!

Our troops have received a disproportionate amount of this genre and they aren't very happy about it.

Step 2 - Sort

Weed out any books that do not meet the standards of our program. Do NOT send:

- Ripped, stained, molding, damaged materials
- Religious material unless specifically requested (pamphlets and bookmarks included)
- Out of date items (ex. your uncle's map collection)

Remember that your package is a gift meant to entertain our troops and veterans! Take pride in what you send and don't be shy about pitching unsuitable materials into your recycling bin.

Then sort your books by genre. Also sort by hardcover/paperback. Overseas addresses receive paperbacks only. Domestic addresses can receive both hardcovers and paperbacks.

**INVITATION TO THE SPRING STATE CONFERENCE
OF THE DELAWARE STATE SOCIETY, NSDAR**



Saturday, April 27, 2024

Registration 8:30 am

Conference and Luncheon
9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Citizens' Hose Fire Company
103 W. Commerce St, Smyrna, DE 19977

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Tour of Bombay Hook National Refuge
2591 Whitehall Neck Road, Smyrna, DE 19977

Luncheon Buffet

Caprese Skewers, Fruit & Cheese Skewers
Oven Roasted Chicken
Baked Ziti
Mixed Vegetables
Garden Salad
Assorted Desserts
Sweet Tea, Unsweetened Tea, Water and Lemonade



Use electronic payment instructions on prior page or mail completed form and check for **\$50.00** payable to: **DSSDAR by April 13, 2024** To:Carolynn Foxwell, State Vice Regent, 11363 Line Rd, Delmar, DE 19940-2423

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

CHAPTER: _____

STATE OR CHAPTER OFFICER (FOR NAME BADGE): _____

I have my own badge and will bring it: **Yes or No** VOTING DELAGATE: **Yes or No**

Participation: **In-Person or Zoom**

Please let us know if there are any other special dietary requests: _____

OPTIONAL: Donations may be included for the State Regent's Project. Checks should be made out to the **DSSDAR**. Donors will be recognized in the State Conference Program.

Gold Support \$100 _____ Silver Support \$50 _____ Bronze Support \$25 _____

Electronic Registration and Payment Instructions

You may use the traditional paper mail-inform **OR** you may now register online.

You may mail the registration form attached to this newsletter OR you may register online.

1. Ctrl+Click on this link: <https://delaware-state-society-nsdar-2024-spring-state-conference.cheddarup.com>
2. The link is self-explanatory. Scroll to the icon for “Registration and Lunch for One Attendee” and click “Add to Cart.”
3. If you would like to make a donation to defray the cost of the meeting, click the Patronage Level of your choice. Click “Continue”.
4. ****Complete the “Registration Information (Required)” section ****. This includes your name, email address, Chapter name, offices/committees (if any), whether you are a voter, and whether you have a name tag. It is essential that this section is completed. Click “View Form” and complete. Click “Done”.
5. Lastly, once the Registration is complete, click “Continue to Checkout”. An additional fee will be added to cover the cost of processing.

If you are registering multiple members and/or guests, you will have to complete this process multiple times. This is not efficient on the registration end, but it is cost effective for the State Society and will allow us to keep registrations as separate records. Please contact Kathleen Schrader (kittydickerson@yahoo.com; 302-236-3336) for questions or issues.