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Be a Shining Light: Stand Together, Shine Together

President's Welcome Message

Happy New Year Texas Dames!

I am looking forward to our 86th State Conference which will be held on February 29 - March 2, 2024, at the Hilton Garden Inn Grapevine Silverlake Crossings. This hotel is part of a three-hotel complex with a central conference center and plenty of parking. The conference center has plenty of space and will allow us to meet in the same room for our business meetings and then we will move across the hall for meals. I hope you will be able to attend!

On Thursday afternoon, we will take a tour of the President George W. Bush Library. Just as we did at the 2023 state conference, we will caravan in our personal vehicles. If you can offer a ride to two or three of our members going on the tour, please let me know.

For those of you who prefer not to go to the Bush Library, we will be approximately 3 miles from downtown Grapevine. There are shops and restaurants in the downtown area that you may enjoy. We will provide information on the tour, downtown Grapevine, and complete directions to the conference in the coming weeks.

You may use the link below to reserve your hotel room. Our block rate is \$135 per night. Once you select the booking link you will see dates toward the top of the screen. Select "edit dates" and enter the dates you would like to attend. If the block is sold out on the date you selected, the block rate will not appear. If you experience any problems making your reservation, please email me with your confirmation number. The deadline to reserve your hotel is February 6th.

[2024 State Conference Hotel Reservation Link](#)

The conference registration form has been sent out, and was updated today with one small change to the vegetable paired with the Soy Glazed Salmon option on the Saturday Awards Luncheon menu. Each meal has a beef, chicken, fish, and vegan/vegetarian option, and the prices are very reasonable. If you sent in your registration form before today's update, there is no need to send another form. This change doesn't affect pricing.

Congratulations to all chapter presidents for completing the annual reports! All forms are found in the Summer Packet posted on the Texas Society members only website. Annual report forms are in the reports packet. The forms for state and national conference credentials are found in the Officer and State Committee section of the Summer Packet. Check the State Committee section for nomination forms for Community Service Awards and Outstanding Junior Awards.



Charissa Stubbs Womack
Texas Society President
2023-2025

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The Community Outreach awards are the Dames Who Make a Difference, the Chapter Outstanding Community Service Award, and the Community Conservation Award. Please submit your outstanding members and outstanding projects. Awards will be presented during the Dames Who Make a Difference Luncheon on Friday, March 1st. Submit your nomination forms for the State Outstanding Junior Award by February 1st.

See you at Conference! In Dames Friendship, *Chris*

PROPOSED BYLAWS UPDATE

JANUARY 1, 2024

The following bylaw update was brought forward to the Fall BOM and will be voted on during the 2024 State Conference.

Current Bylaw: Article IV – Fees and Dues (TSCDXVIIC Bylaws page 2). The fiscal year of the Texas Society is from February 1 to January 31.

Proposed Amendment: The fiscal year of the Texas Society is from April 1 to March 31.

RATIONALE: This proposed change aligns all finance reports and budgets to the same time span, making the transition from one term to another much simpler to manage. This also allows for comparison of budget to actual expenses, which makes our financial information easier to understand. In odd numbered years our newly elected officers officially begin their duties. This proposed change aligns state officer terms with the start of our budget year and coincides with incoming officers gaining access to the national website on April 1st each year.

PROPOSED STANDING RULES UPDATE

JANUARY 1, 2024

The following new standing rules will be discussed and voted on at the 86th State Conference:

Standing Rule # 17 The State President and the State Treasurer are the authorized signers on all Texas Society bank accounts.

Standing Rule # 18 The State President and the State First Vice President are the “Key executives of the Texas Society for any bank used as a depository for Texas Society funds.

Standing Rule # 19 The State President has full authority to remove officers from a prior administration(s) as signatories and key executives for all Texas Society bank accounts and to add signatories and key executives or equivalent title to all Texas Society bank accounts as specified in Standing Rules #17 and #18.

STANDING RULES FROM THE 2023 FALL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The following recommendations from the State Executive Board to modify the standing rules were adopted at the Fall Board of Management Meeting 2023 and will be voted on at the 2024 State Conference..

Standing Rule 15-part A section 2 and part B section 2 was amended to strike the amount of \$1,000.00 and insert the amount of \$2500.00.

Standing Rule 16 was corrected to change the number of scholarships referenced in the rule from two (2) to three (3).

STATE CONFERENCE 2024

February 29-March 2, 2024

HILTON GARDEN INN AT SILVERLAKE CROSSINGS
2240 Bass Pro Court, Grapevine, TX 76051

HOTEL RESERVATIONS \$135.00 PER NIGHT (not including taxes & fees)

To reserve your room, copy/paste the link below into your internet browser or call Marriott Central reservations at 1-888-236-2427. When calling you must ask for the Colonial Dames block to get included in the \$135 discounted group block

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1686586819101&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

**REGISTRATION FORMS, MENUS AND AGENDA WILL BE AVAILABLE
IN THE CALL TO STATE CONFERENCE ISSUED JANUARY 1, 2024**



Dedicated to children with cancer

Happy New Years Texas Dames!

It's that time again for the Texas Society Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century State Conference. It will begin Thursday, February 28 - Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the Hilton Garden Inn Grapevine at Silverlake Crossings. We will be having a Raffle at the end of the Conference and I am asking for all Chapters to donate an item for the Raffle. The Raffles are special events for the Texas Society! It's a win-win for the Society and for the State President's Project, The Sunshine Kids Foundation™. It is so exciting to see WHO wins the treasures at the end of the Conference.

Items to donate can be Gift cards to Olive Garden and Applebee's for example and or for services. Gift baskets, satchels, jewelry and purses have been donated in the past Raffles. Homemade items can be donated also.

As the Conference begins, locate me to deliver the items so that I can set up the display area! If you are unable to attend the Conference, find out if any members of your chapter will be attending and ask them to bring the item for the Raffle. Please contact me if you have any questions. See you at the Conference! Warm Regards,

Karen Sandu

Chairman Silent Auction/Raffles

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Mary Kate McRaney State Chaplain



Greetings! It is with heartfelt joy to wish you and your families a new year of blessings!

As we step forward into the new year, may I start with a friendly reminder to Chapter Chaplains to please review your membership for those members are ninety years old and above so we may send greetings and well wishes. In prior years, chapters have reported they lost track of those members ninety-five and older whose state and national dues are waived because of their age and years of service. These members may not attend meetings and we do not want these precious members who served before us to be forgotten by our chapters.

Chapter Chaplains are asked to have their Chapter Treasurer report member deaths to the national website as promptly as possible. Please forward an obituary and photograph for each deceased member to the State Chaplain for inclusion in the state Memorial Book. If the members' next of kin did not publish an obituary, please send a good quality photograph and a bio of your member. If your chapter does not have one, consider creating a chapter memorial book as a permanent record of deceased members, complete with obituaries and photographs.

It is with sadness, but beautiful thoughts of our beloved who served before and with us, I share the following, since January 1, 2023, Texas has said a sweet farewell to twenty-two members in the year of 2023. These members will be honored at the Hour of Remembrance at the State Conference. If your chapter has a deceased member, Chapter Chaplains are encouraged to attend the State Conference so they may participate in the Hour of Remembrance memorial service. All in attendance will have the opportunity to honor these dear members by sharing thoughts and memories.

If the Chapter Chaplain is unable to attend, please designate a chapter member or officer to attend in her place. Only the Chapter Chaplain or her designated alternate are required to wear all white clothing, and either white or nude shoes to this service.

Chapter Chaplains should plan a chapter memorial service for their deceased members. Beautiful prayers and scriptures are found in the booklet "Prayers, Poems, Scriptures, and Meditations," written by our own Sandy Bassett. The booklet is available for purchase on the national website under the member tab, select online forms, and selecting supplies. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have. I hope to see you at State Conference!

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*In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven*

Matthew 5:16

In Memorium

Marilyn Evans



Marilyn M. Evans passed away on November 22, 2023, at the age of 84. She is survived by her three children, William Evans and his wife Melissa, Paula Hollister and her husband John, Andrew Evans, and his wife Allison and six grandchildren Jack, Grant, Megan, Taylor, Kylie and Knox. She is also survived by her brother Rodney McGrew and his wife Barbara. She was preceded in death by her husband Alfred G. Evans, her father, Robert Orm McGrew, and mother, Pauline Harriet Taylor, and her brother Robert McGrew.

Marilyn was born at home in Humboldt, Kansas and graduated from Corpus Christi W.B. Ray High School in 1957. She continued her education at Del Mar College before attending and graduating from the University of Texas at Austin. She was an active member of the sorority Alpha Delta Pi at the University of Texas. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education and began a career in teaching which eventually led her to Bakersfield, CA where she met Alfred. Marilyn and Alfred were married in Bakersfield in 1965 and moved to Alaska. They moved from Anchorage, AK to Denver, CO to Houston, TX due to Alfred's lifetime career with Shell Oil Company. They also had an opportunity for an overseas assignment in Damascus, Syria in the 1980's.

As early residents Al and Marilyn were active members of the Kingwood community. They made life-long neighborhood friends that she truly cherished. From 1974 until her passing Marilyn was a member of the Kingwood Methodist Church. Marilyn and Al were dedicated students of the Seekers Sunday school group at the church. She had a multitude of friends and activities including a bridge group, a circle group, volunteered with various charitable organizations, involvement with the Women's Republican Club and she worked for many years at election polling locations.

Marilyn's lifelong passion for tracing her genealogy began when her favorite Aunt asked her to research a family name. She was very active and held many offices in numerous lineage societies. She was a Texas State President of The National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century as well as the Joseph Underwood Chapter Organizing President. She was also a member of the James Tull Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Thomas Bay Chapter of The Texas Society United States Daughters of 1812, Deacon John Tenney Chapter of National Society of New England Women, and THAGS, The Humble Area Genealogical Society, as well as others.

Marilyn loved to travel to learn about and experience different cultures. She traveled throughout the United States, especially the Colorado Rockies. She had many travel companions including Alfred, Rodney & Barbara, and her friend Connie as well as groups from Kingwood College and Kingwood Methodist Church. She travelled throughout Europe and the Middle East. Later in life, she traveled to Thailand and Singapore.

Kristie Campbell
State Corresponding Secretary



SAVE THE DATES:

May 1: Begin Preparing your Colonial Crier Article

May 31: Panic that you procrastinated and didn't write your article

June 1: Colonial Crier Submission Deadline

June 2- 6AM: Beg for mercy and email your submission anyway!



Articles submitted to The Colonial Crier should be no more than ONE page in length, with a 1" margin or larger. PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES! We want to see pictures of your chapter activities! When in doubt include a photo! Label individual photos with your chapter name, and number pictures if there is more than one. Submit the article in MS Word, MS Publisher, or RTF format to only the email address KristieTXDAR@gmail.com. (Include your Chapter Name, Office or Chairmanship in the subject line. The Texas Society President and Corresponding Secretary reserve the right to edit for fit, accuracy & redundancy.

Ann Jones
State Librarian



I hope you have been reading for the last months and visiting your local libraries. It is an easy chapter project to check out the libraries in your districts. Many of these smaller libraries are willing to work with you. Perhaps a project filling some of their historical bookshelves could be very helpful to them. So many libraries need the help of our genealogy books. Try working with one library and listen to their ideas for growth. Get a list of their "Wish List" and pass around your list at your next meeting. You might even recruit a new Dame or more. Hopefully a few of your members will donate the books and you now have a relationship with a new library. This is a very nice way of helping the library and you have earned points for your donations and time.

DON'T FORGET, you must have the Verification Form from your local library for any Book Donation. Monetary Donation or Volunteers Hours are signed by a library staff member of the library. PLEASE include yours's and the library's address. It must accompany your annual Librarian's Report to get the credit for your chapter.

All books for the National Library must be approved by Karen Landers, the Librarian General. A monetary donation is all ways welcome. Your chapter Librarian should have the appropriate paperwork to fill out for your hours. If they have been displaced, please let me know. Good Luck!

Geneva “Kay” Bakken State Organizing Secretary



The Thomas Meredith Chapter has voted to disband the chapter. Several years ago their chapter was very active. Old age and death with our new members to rejuvenate the chapter has ended their chapter. It is with a heavy heart we must disband the Thomas Meredith Chapter.

It is vital to the health of your chapter to talk to and invite friends and acquaintances to come to meeting, to learn about CDXVIIC. Include Prospective Members in your chapter activates. Ask them to help and make them feel a part of the chapter.

Belonging to an organization should be fun and a learning experience. Plan a fun event for your members and prospective members to get to know one another. Have some fun!

Janet Hicks State Registrar



Using Previously Approved Applications

A good way to jump start new applications and supplementals is to leverage information found in previously approved applications. The Approved Application Project displays the public domain areas (Gen 7-Gen 16, the Ancestor's Children, and the Proof of Service) of most of the society's approved applications. You can access the Approved Application Project on the CDXVIIC National Members website under the "Members" tab. Members can search the database by a member's national number or by the ancestor names including qualifying information like the ancestor's colony, birth, and death dates. When you find a common ancestor, you can view their record and download the application to your computer.

- While any application you find might give you valuable information, please remember to reference only applications with National Numbers 22,000 and higher on your applications or supplementals. If find find multiple applications for the same ancestor, review the most recent ones to find the one that most closely matches your common ancestor and provides the most approved information.
- Always include a copy of the referenced application with your submittal because this application is now technically a proof. Make notations in the upper right-hand corner to point out what generations the applications is being used for and include the national number and ancestor for this application. This is the only way national can recognize this referenced application since page one is not included in the download.

- Beginning with the first common generation, type exactly as it appears on the record copy all the information – names, births, death, and marriage dates, places for everything – for that generation. Then, in the proof section of the application for that common generation, type exactly as it appears on the record copy all the sources that are used as proof.
- Finally, state “# xxxxxx, application for Yyy Zzzz”. So, if you are using a previously approved application for a member (Example-Betty Phillips) whose National Number is #032333 and your common ancestor is Jacob Howard and the mutual generation is Gen 7, then you would type “#032333 Jacob Howard/Gen 7”-then copy the proof line exactly as written. If the application is a supplemental, then you would type #032333 Jacob Howard Supp/Gen 7-then copy the proof line exactly as written. Always refer to the application the proofs were originally approved with, not application that have “used” the proofs. Also, always use the Ancestor’s name, not your name or the name of the applicant whose application you are referencing. DO NOT USE #032333 Betty Phillips/Gen 7. Do this same thing as above for all the common generations.
- Make sure to include documented proof from a primary source for the parent-child link between your ancestor and the common ancestor found on the record copy (previously approved application). This source should be listed after the proofs from the record copy in the “Proof” section of for that generation.
- On the last page of the application, list all the information about the children of the ancestor by the wife named in the last generation. This information should be found on the previously approved application.
- On the last page of the application, under Ancestor’s Service, list the service, the state of the service and the year the service was performed. For example, if your ancestor was a landowner in Virginia in 1685, then state: Landowner, VA, 1685. Second, state the proof of service---for example – Deed in Henrico Co., VA. Finally, state the source of the proof – for example – “Wills and Deeds of Henrico Co VA”: 289. The statement of the proof of service must accompany every application.

I hope this information helps you understand how to use a previously approved application to make it easier to complete new member applications and supplementals. A full discussion on using previously approved application can be found in the “2023 Guidelines for Preparing Applications” found on the national members website under the Resource library, Registrar General tab.

If you have questions on using the Approved Application Project information, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Alana Inman State Historian



I am honored to be appointed State Historian by State President Chris Womack and will do my best to fill the shoes of Carolyn Modica, who I encourage Society members to keep in your thoughts and prayers.

A few reminders for chapter presidents and historians:

- If you have not nominated someone for the Texas Society History Award, please consider doing so by February 1, 2024. The award may be given to a person who has performed outstanding work in historical preservation in the area of literature, art, or music. The recipient does not have to be a member of the Society and can be anyone who deserves recognition for preserving American, Texas, or Colonial history. The nomination form can be found in the summer packet.
- Please send digital images of chapter and state activities for inclusion in the scrapbook for State President Chris Womack's term of office, especially the president's visits to chapters, service related to The Sunshine Kids Foundation, and activities at the board of management meeting and state conference. Digital images may be emailed to alanainman@hotmail.com and should include a brief description and name of the chapter or individuals in the photograph. The State Historian will select images from those received for use in the scrapbook.
- If your chapter is seeking a community service project, consider volunteering to be judges for National History Day and encouraging history education. In this competition, students from grades 6-12 choose a topic, conduct extensive research in libraries, archives, and museums, and present their findings in a variety of ways, from exhibits to theatrical performances. A background in history is not required to judge, and volunteers are needed at regional contests and at the state level. Regional competitions are held in February and March, with the state competition scheduled for April 20, 2024 in Austin. More information is available at www.texashistoryday.com.

Update: Carolyn Modica

Please join with all Texas Dames in praying for Carolyn and her family! This is our latest update as of December 31, 2023. Due to an infected left leg near the amputation site, Carolyn was moved back to Methodist Hospital. She said the room and nurses are awesome. Two doctors came in and said she will probably have to have surgery on the leg to clean out the infection. She is happy there even though she is going to have a two-week setback. Her ultimate goal is to go to Hermann Memorial center for Amputees.

Carolyn's daughter, Michele Modica, is staying with her 24/7 and Carolyn's cell is working just fine now and the number is (409) 790-3331. Send cards or letters to Carolyn at this address: Houston Methodist Hospital, Dunn Tower - Room 758, Patient: Carolyn Modica, 6565 Fannin Street. Houston TX 77030.

Kay Bakken **Bylaws Committee**

I encourage the Chapters to check their bylaws and make sure they are up to date with the National and State By-laws. I would encourage the chapters to put in there Standing Rules these three standing rules regarding the chapter bank accounts.

Standing Rule Suggestion #1: The Chapter President and the Chapter Treasure are the authorized signers on all the chapter bank accounts.

Standing Rule Suggestion #2: The Chapter President and the Chapter First Vice President are the key executives of the Chapter for any bank used as a depository for the Chapter funds.

Standing Rule Suggestion #3: The Chapter President has full authority to remove officers from a prior administration(s) as signatories and key executives for all Chapter bank accounts and to signatories and key executives or equivalent title to all Chapter bank accounts as specified in Standing Rules Suggestion #1 and #2.

The First Vice President should be a key executive since she has to take over from the president at any time. This is different from being a signatory on the account. Different banks may use terminology that isn't "key executive" so by using the phrase "(or equivalent title)" after every time instance of "key executive" you don't have to re-write the terminology specific to the bank. That way when you switch banks you are covered.

I have found, from experience, that all banks are now required to have a copy of the minutes not only election of new officers, but the minutes must say the (chapter name) has authorized the names of the new officers on the bank account. **Be aware that the names of the offers in the minutes must match EXACTLY to the name on the officer's driver license or ID card.**

Marsha Richards **Credetials Committee**

Each chapter should send a State Conference Credentials form to the State Credentials Chair to be received by **February 3, 2024**. The directives and form can be found in the State/National Committee Directives packet that was emailed to all chapter presidents in September and also on the state members' only website in the Summer Packet 2023-25 (Committee Directives). Delegates must be elected at a chapter meeting prior to submission of the form, and the form must be signed by both the chapter president and treasurer. Chapter membership numbers were emailed to each chapter president and may be adjusted if there have been new members, resignation/deaths, etc. An email will be sent to verify receipt by the chairman.

Jennifer McStravick & Kathy Wells

Co-Chairmen, Heraldry & Coats of Arms Committee

COA Challenge #1:

Do YOU Have an American Armorial Ancestor?

What exactly does that mean?

Do you have a proven Colonial Dames application or supplemental on an ancestor who had a Coat of Arms? Not sure? Check out some of these common resources to see if he/she is listed:

- <http://www.armorial.us/arms.htm> - this website includes the names of the armigers listed in the book *"The Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry: Lineage of Members"* See the book for the armiger's COA description.
- *Crozier's General Armory: A Registry of American Families Entitled to Coat Armor* (available online)
- *Matthews' American Armoury and Blue Book* (available online)
- *Bolton's American Armory, a Record of Arms Which Have Been in Use Within the Present Bounds of the United States*

If your ancestor is not listed in one of these, then review other sources listed in the *"Suggested Sources for Coats of Arms Research"* found on the "Handy-Dandy Heraldry Page" on the NSCDXVIIC website.

If your ancestor is listed, then we challenge you to complete a Coat of Arms application on him/her!

COA Challenge #2:

Philippa of Hainault, Queen of England, 1311 - 1369

This remarkable lady was married to King Edward III. See next page for some of the reasons we know you will make you want to prove your lineage to her.

Share Your HERALDRY MINUTES

Do you give a Heraldry Minute at your chapter meetings or in your Newsletters? Consider sharing your minute(s) with this committee by emailing them to kjcwells@gmail.com. Minutes shared will be given credit to the dame/chapter providing it.

COA Application Reminders

Send COA applications to

Wanda Samek
NSCDXVIIC Chairman
P. O. Box 52279
Denton, TX 76206-2279

Send a copy of the **first page** of the approved COA to jjmc1987@att.net or snail mail to

Jennifer McStravick
14107 Decker Dr.
Magnolia, TX 77355-8476



Review the *"2023-2025 Guidelines for Preparing Coat of Arms Applications"* found on the "Handy-Dandy Heraldry Page" on the NSCDXVIIC website.

Jennifer McStravick & Kathy Wells
Co-Chairmen, Heraldry & Coats of Arms Committee

Philippa of Hainault, Queen of England, 1311 – 1369

Daughter of William the Good, graaf van Hainaut (modern Belgium) Holland and Joan of Valois, and granddaughter of King Philip III of France.

She married King Edward III of England in October 1327. Unlike earlier foreign queens of England, she did not alienate the English barons by bringing large numbers of her countrymen to the royal court.

War with France dominated Edward's reign, and Philippa often accompanied him or served as regent in his absence. In 1346, while Edward was across the channel, Queen Philippa led 12,000 men, commanded by Lord Percy, at the battle of Neville's cross. They not only won the battle, but also took Scottish King David II Bruce prisoner.

Queen Philippa was her husband's most esteemed confidant and adviser. She was known for her wisdom and generosity and was an exemplary medieval queen who served in that capacity for over forty years. Many of her successors endeavored to model themselves after her.



Obverse of the Great Seal of Queen Philippa, Society of Antiquaries, London, seal cast case A1.



The Chronicles of Jean Froissart, Philippa de Hainaut and her army, ca. 15th Century CE © Bibliothèque nationale de France, en. IIII.parties vue 342 folio 170.

Helping establish the manufacturing of wool cloth in England, she made a major impact on the economy. She founded Queen's College at Oxford, a chantry and endowments to St. Katherine by the Tower in London, as well as creating and implementing numerous ordinances for the inmates. Queen Philippa served as a patron of scholars, and as both friend and patroness to Chaucer and Froissart. Froissart defined her as "The most courteous, liberal, and noble lady that ever reigned in her time."

Following her death, her sons and grandsons fought among themselves for the throne, leading to what we know as the War of the Roses.

Sylvia Forbes
Community Outreach Committee

Has your chapter had a successful year of completing worthy service projects? The projects we do are so important for our communities. Now is a great time to look ahead and make plan for what your chapter can accomplish in 2024. Look around, and identify housing projects, animal shelters and wildlife projects, organizations needing donations of everything from food to clothing to yarn, recycling projects of almost every kind, and gardening projects to help wildlife. What service projects most interest your chapter? And what are some of the biggest needs in your community? Set a goal – can you accomplish community outreach 3 projects in 2024? Or more? I'd love to hear how your chapter is planning to "Do Even More in 2024."

Soles4Souls State Conference Project



To start off the year with your best foot (or shoe) forward, let's do an easy service project with all chapters participating! Time to dive into our closets and clean out unwanted shoes. Soles4Souls is a nationwide organization that accepts used shoes (even single shoes without a match!) and gets them to entrepreneurs who can refurbish them. They also donate shoes to the homeless. They have donated over a million pairs of shoes! Bring your extra unwanted shoes to the 2024 Colonial Dames State Conference (in late February) or give them to someone who will be attending. I'll have boxes for collecting them, and once the conference is over, I'll drive them to the Soles4Souls drop-off point in Coppell, which is very close to our conference location in Grapevine. Easy peasy!

Belinda Brouette & Caitlyn Samek
Co-Chairmen, Page Committee

Call for Pages of All Ages

If you like people and like knowing what happens behind the scenes, being a State Page is for you! A Page helps run the conference. We relay information, help with microphones, solve problems, have fun, and make the members' conference experience memorable. Anyone of any age can be a page, whether a member, prospective member, guest, or member from another State Society. If you are interested in being an active participant at the State Conference, contact Belinda Brouette at Belinda.Brouette@gmail.com!

CALLING ALL PAGES

DO YOU LIKE HELPING?
CAN YOU PASS OUT PAPERS?
DO YOU HAVE A WHITE OUTFIT?

**VOLUNTEER
TO PAGE!**

CONTACT BELINDA -
BELINDA.BROUETTE@GMAIL.COM

State Conference Preparation

What to Bring and What to Know

Delegates: Chapters have elected State Conference Delegates and Delegate Alternates to vote on the business discussed at this meeting. Delegates are given a specific delegate badge and ribbon, which is a visual confirmation that this person is authorized to vote. Notify Marsha Richards, the Credentials Chairman if an Alternate Delegate needs to be substituted for an Elected Delegate. Marsha will be at the credentials table in the Foyer at the times designated on the Call to Conference schedule.

Hotel Room: Reserve your hotel room, if you need one, using the hotel link available on the Texas members website and listed in this issue of The Colonial Crier, by February 6th. Note the date by which you must cancel your reservation with a refund. If you have problems with your reservation, notify State President Womack immediately, including your confirmation number if you have one.

Meals: Purchase your meals by February 6th using the Conference Registration Form. There are no refunds for reserved meals! If you purchase meals, but cannot attend the specific meal event, or if you cannot attend the conference at all, notify the Ticket Sales Chairman, Susan Goldsworthy immediately. Susan will make your ticket available for purchase by those attending the conference who did not reserve a meal in advance.

Chapter Roll Call: State Recording Secretary Kathryn Beck will call the roll of chapters during the first conference business session. Chapter Presidents will report the number of members and guests **who are in the room** or are outside the room working the conference registration, credentials, product sales tables, paging, etc. Members or guests who are not present at the meeting, for example, in their hotel room at the time of roll call, **are not included** in the roll call count. Chapter members stand when your chapter name is called.

Representing Another Lineage Society: If you are the state president (or equivalent title) of another lineage society, and would like to represent your other society at the Friday Night State President's Banquet, please notify State President Womack! Please be aware the standing rule about meal costs:

Standing Rule 1c (3). The state president may invite the heads of no more than three (3) patriotic lineage societies who are not Colonial Dames members to be guests at the State President's Reception or Banquet, with their meal cost paid from the State Conference Fund. Texas Society members who represent other lineage societies shall pay their own meal cost.

What to Bring to Conference:

Copy of Call to Conference Document and Registration Form

Checkbook or credit card for conference product sales and photographs

Insignia Pins (if applicable)

Clothing needs are dependent on the conference events you are attending:

Clothing: Casual, Business Attire, Cocktail Attire, Formal Attire, White Gloves

Shoes: Casual, Business Attire, Cocktail Attire, Formal Attire

Hat and/or Fascinator: (A Tiara is optional for formal reception and/or banquet)

Chapter Chaplain/Chapter Chaplain Representative: All white clothing and nude or white shoes is acceptable)

Sue Russell
Area Conference Chairman 2024

Attention Area II Chapter Presidents

Thank you for all of the work you are doing to prepare decorations and favors for our Texas Society State Conference. We are going to have **fabulous** decorations at the conference.

If you are an Area II Chapter President, please email or call me and confirm what your chapter is contributing for conference decorations so I can make sure everything is covered. I would not want to wait until the conference to discover that something was missing.

Please let me know if you need help or have any questions.

Event Assignments for Area II Chapters

THURSDAY EVENING PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION - Every Dame Is a Queen:
Governor Thomas Hinckley and New England Colony Chapters

FRIDAY SUNSHINE KIDS BREAKFAST:
Colonel Cole Digges, Martin's Hundred, and Colonel John West Chapters

FRIDAY TEXAS HISTORY LUNCH - Honoring Dames Who Make a Difference:
James Haggard, Thomas Joslin, and Richard Borden Chapters

FRIDAY PRESIDENT'S BANQUET - A Texas Dames Splendor Soiree:
Star of Destiny Chapter

SATURDAY BREAKFAST:
State Officers Club

SATURDAY AWARDS LUNCHEON:
Major James McGregor, James River, and Edward Maxey Sr. Chapters

**Thank you Area II Chapters and Conference Area Chairman Sue Russell
for making the 2024 State Conference Beautiful!**

We Appreciate You!
Officers & Members of the Texas Society Colonial Dames XVHC

CROSS TRAILS CHAPTER

Spring, Texas

Cross Trails dames have been busy spreading our colonial heritage, educating our youth and supporting our veterans!

PROMOTING COLONIAL HERITAGE with PROCLAMATIONS

Locally, our chapter has members from several cities in 4 different counties. We reached out to more of our local government agencies for proclamations. Four proclamations were signed designating October as Colonial Heritage Month:

- Cities of Tomball, Richmond, Navasota
- Grimes County Commissioner's Court

Tomball Mayor Lori Klein Quinn came to sign the

proclamation in person at our October chapter meeting! Cross Trails Chapter was on the October 4 docket for Grimes County Commissioner's Court and a picture of the proclamation was placed in the Navasota Examiner.



EDUCATING OUR YOUTH

For each of these locations, Cross Trails donated 96 children's books on colonial and other history. In honor of Veteran's Day a copy of "The Poppy Lady" and "America's White Table" were donated. "Fallen Never Forgotten: Vietnam Memorials in the USA" was donated to both Harris & Fort Bend County Libraries. Total number of books donated was 152 valued at over \$2,650 across 36 libraries. Each donation included US flags with stands. A few of our donations are shown left and many were shouted out on various social media platforms.



SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

Chapter dames stepped up again to donate needed items to Camp Hope, a place for veterans with PTSD to experience healing. Dames and proceeds from our silent auction helped provide cereal, sheets, socks and Listerine valued at \$865.

The chapter also provided 50 bottles each of baby shampoo and baby lotion to be given out at the DeBakey VA Fall Veterans Baby Shower, valued at \$800.

50 BAGS of HYGIENE ITEMS for WOMEN VETERANS

were donated to DeBakey VA Hospital to give to women veterans upon check-in to a hospital stay.



Cross Trails kicked off Veterans Day by starting a collection of hygiene items for women veterans. In December the chapter held a Jingle & Mingle to celebrate the holidays and stuff the bags. Items include deodorant wipes, feminine products, makeup remover, a toothbrush & more with a 4"x 6" US flag, all bundled up in a clear, plastic bag. The bags can later be used & taken to events where purses aren't allowed. Notes of Thanks for their service were also included. Total value of items donated \$750 with 28 members participating in the project.



GOVERNOR THOMAS HINKLEY CHAPTER

Fort Worth, Texas

Governor Thomas Hinckley Chapter CDXVIIC met at Ridglea Country Club in Fort Worth November 11 for their fall meeting. An entertaining and informative program “The Language of Fans” was presented by Honorary President General Dorothy Thompson. Members were encouraged to bring their favorite folding fan so they could practice various fan movements which convey widely recognized meanings. Member Dawn Needles brought a display of selected fans from her personal collection and associate member Wanda Samek brought a supply of folding fans so all attending would have a fan with which to participate. Chapter President Joye Evetts gave a warm welcome to Chapter Associate Members Honorary President General Dorothy Thompson, Treasurer General Edwina Denning, National Chairman Heraldry and Coat of Arms Wanda Samek and Co-Chairman Joan Vranesa, as well as National Chairman Technology Betsy Ruffin.



Picture 1: Chapter President Joye Evetts and member Lori Duhon.



Picture 2: (L to R) Members Sue Matlage, Jane Bruckner, Karen Johnson and Margaret McCain with fans

Picture 3: Hinckley Chapter Meeting Nov 11, 2023 - Seated (L to R) Assistant Registrar Kimberley Calaway, Honorary President General Dorothy Thompson, Chapter President Joye Evetts, Treasurer General Edwina Denning, National Chair Heraldry & Coats of Arms Wanda Samek, & National Chairman Technology Betsy Ruffin. Standing: Dr. Linda Hines, Cecelia Van Donselaar, Kelly

Miller, Dian Woodard, Joan Vranesa, Evelyn Patterson, Diana Lussier, Alice Stone, Ann Marie Thompson, Anne Harding, Jane Bruckner, Karen Johnson, Gwen Boyd, Lori Duhon, Dawn Needles, Margaret McCain, Sue Matlage & Jan Turner



JOSEPH UNDERWOOD CHAPTER

Kingwood, Texas

The Joseph Underwood Chapter has met 3 times this fall. In October, we had a Family Heritage Sharing program, and in November, HSP Laura Dahlberg presented her program on "Colonial Humor."

Our Christmas Potluck Lunch was held at chapter president Marsha Richards's home, where we enjoyed delicious food, holiday games, and collected toys to donate to a local charity.

We have suffered another loss in our chapter with the death of our organizing chapter president and Honorary State President Marilyn Evans. Many members attended her celebration of life service, including state president Chris Womack. We will miss her and Melanie Nolan, whom we lost in April. RIP, dear friends.



KERENHAPPUCH NORMAN CHAPTER

Lubbock & Plainview, Texas

Colonial Heritage Honored by CDXVIIC Chapter in the High Plains of Texas



Kerenhappuch Norman's Chapter display honoring Colonial Heritage Month at the Mahon Library in Lubbock. (Notice the Williamsburg pottery included in the display.)



Two Unger librarians pose with the Kerenhappuch Norman October Colonial Heritage Month display in Plainview, Texas.



Kerenhappuch Norman Chapter's Luncheon in Lubbock, TX.

Left to right are: Kathy Kitten, Martha Ginn, Carolyn Courtney, Carolyn Sowell, Barbara Glodt, Barbara Webb and LaVerne Lusk, Seated is Texas President Chris Womack.

RICHARD BORDEN CHAPTER

Tyler, Texas

Our Richard Borden Chapter September meeting, held in Tyler at Hollytree Country Club, featured Dr. James Newsom, History Professor at the University of Texas at Tyler, speaking on early colonial settlement—“How Did Virginia Survive?” Our chapter is delighted to welcome new member Laura Giles and is excited to have lovely prospective members attend our meetings. (NOTE: Dr. James Newsom passed away unexpectedly 17 Nov, age 55. He will definitely be missed.)

Photo from Chapter meeting 19 Sep 2023



Seated (L-R) – Patsy Bass, Dr. James Newsom, President Shelley Rardin, Ross Waldrop Krape; Paula Warren

Standing (L-R) – Regina Abney Whelan, Laura Omer, Lisa Watson-White, Beverly Wait, Tami Hurley, Pauline Harder, Marge Baker, Laura Giles, Carma Weaver and Sharon Logan

ROBERT WOODSON CHAPTER

Montgomery, Texas

What the Pilgrims Had to Endure in Massachusetts in the 1600's

The Mayflower or Speedwell, Plymouth Rock or Provincetown and who are John and Priscilla Alden, what is the historical truth? The Robert Woodson Chapter Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century members were entertained at their recent December meeting by a descendant of the Mayflower, Pilgrim Priscilla Mullins Alden, Mrs. Denise Bennett, dressed in full character of her ancestor. From her power-point program she was able to bring alive with pictures of what the pilgrim's life was like in the 1620's. Several ships from London, England arrived on the coast of Massachusetts and established New England's Plymouth Colony. So many of passengers passed away during the voyage to the New World and also died within the first year of the colony. The pilgrims made friends with the Indians in the area through a peace treaty and the Indians helped them to learn how to grow better crops in the new land.

John Alden and Priscilla Mullins were one of the earliest couples to marry and they had 10 children. There are many descendants in America from this family. Life was difficult during the 17th Century but the strong persevered and help make a better way of life for all who came after them.

Christmas cards of thanks were delivered to the Veterans at the Carriage Inn in Conroe where the meeting was held. CDXVIIC is a lineage society for women 18 years and older who can prove their relationship to a 1600's ancestor who came to the New World before it became America. For more information you may contact President Laura Dahlberg at dahlbal@yahoo.com.

Pictured from l. to r. standing are: Denise Bennett (the speaker), Eugenia Letbetter, Historian Pat Sheridan, Pam New, President Laura Dahlberg, Vice-President Melissa Belcher-Robinson, Secretary Sue Hereford, Coyla



Holmes, Peggy Duncan, Registrar Jennifer Garver, Laura Womack, and Librarian Shirley Slawson. Seated are: Treasurer Judy Weidner, Kaye Stone, and Parliamentarian Lady Dalton.

STAR OF DESTINY CHAPTER
Denton, Texas

Star of Destiny member Leda Hayton lives in England.

She lays wreaths on Christmas, as well as Memorial Day and Remembrance Sunday in November, on behalf of the families of the USAAF 491st and 492nd Bomb Groups which were stationed at the former RAF North Pickenham Air Base near her home in Norfolk, England during WW2. Leda placed these wreaths in November.



Star of Destiny's November chapter meeting program featured colonial costume designer Jody West. She presented a fashion show with models showing her authentic colonial designs and demonstrated how they were worn. This picture shows how colonial dresses were pinned on when the women were dressed.

TEJAS BLUEBONNET TRAILS CHAPTER

Pearland, Texas

Veterans Day 2023

Karen Sandu, Carolyn Farmer and Sue Harral met with Senior Vice Commander John Smith and Junior Vice Commander of the VFW Hall Post 7109 in Pearland, TX. We provided them with 8 dozen cookies for their BBQ Cook-Off!



It was a rainy day, but that didn't stop the cooks from supporting their local VFW Hall and our veterans.

We handed out flags and Thanked ALL for their Service.

Even the smallest of supporters got a Flag!!!



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