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Ladies Tea

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AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

The Ladies Auxiliary is off to an active start. Various members attended commemorations and wreath laying ceremonies around the state. If you would like your events included in the newsletter, please send me (Helen Maxson) a summary of them. Also, please send information for our scrapbook.

AUXILIARY LADIES HELP AT STATE CONVENTION

As a group, our first chance to help the SAR was at the NC SAR State Convention held at Charlotte April 23-24, 2010. On Friday, auxiliary ladies helped with registration, provided packets for the women, helped stuff men's packets and greeted people as they entered. Jay Joyce, SAR chairman for the convention, was great in taking care of any problem that arose and did a wonderful job in organizing the whole affair.

Throughout the events of Friday and Saturday, the ladies tried to make everyone feel welcome. Everyone enjoyed the President's Reception Friday evening, Saturday breakfast with guest speaker

Travis Bowman, the Youth Awards Luncheon and the SAR Awards Dinner.

LADIES TEA – FUN-FILLED SUCCESS

The Auxiliary's main event was a tea for the ladies, Saturday morning 10:00-11:00, during which time the men had a SAR members only meeting. Sheila Wood was the chairperson in charge of the tea aided by Keitha Callanan and Helen Maxson. It included a variety of various teas and scones for the ladies who enjoyed conversation and a silent auction, organized and run by Trudy Hall and Jean Bishop. The money collected during the auction will be used for the National Convention next year. Three ladies came in period costume. There was a tea cup display and a folk doll display which represented the various groups that constituted the first settlers of North Carolina.





Sheila Wood, Program Chairman for the Ladies Tea

Trudy Hall gave a talk on her colonial outfit with interesting tidbits such as the fact that women wore all their hair enclosed in a cap to prevent it from catching on fire as they bent over their cooking. She said that in colonial times, the main causes of death for women were childbirth and fires.



**Auxiliary Ladies in Period Costume
Helen Maxson, Trudy Hall, Keitha Callanan**

There also was a short talk by Auxiliary President Jo Thornhill who said that a main goal for next year is to be sure to show everyone southern hospitality in making them feel welcomed at the national and state conventions.

Our April tea was a great success with all the seats filled. Conversation flowed along with the delicious teas. Before Saturday, the auxiliary had only about 15 members.

By the end of the convention, our membership had doubled.

AWARDS EVENING

On Saturday evening, everyone attended the formal awards banquet where the ladies applauded for their husbands and chapters as they were presented certificates and awards. The ladies who had organized this first North Carolina Auxiliary were each given a Martha Washington certificate. They were Jo Thornhill and Dorothy Holt (from the Lower Cape Fear Chapter, NCSSAR); Keitha Callanan and Sheila Wood (from Mecklenburg Chapter, NCSSAR), Diane Van Tassel (from Francis Nash Chapter, NCSSAR) and Maryellen Dunaway (from Alamance Chapter, NCSSAR).

The newly elected officers of the auxiliary were installed. They were: Jo Thornhill as President, Maryellen Dunaway as First Vice President in charge of Programs, Sheila Wood as Second Vice President in charge of Membership, Karen Powell as Secretary and Diane Van Tassel as Treasurer. Appointed officers installed were Keitha Callanan as Chaplain, Helen Maxson as Historian and Dorothy Holt as Parliamentarian.

Everyone enjoyed the great banquet, conversation and awards and are looking forward to our next meeting. Ladies continue your great work and enthusiasm.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

by Shelia Wood

Members of the LANCSSAR attended the National Leadership Conference of the SAR in Louisville, KY, Sept. 23-26, 2010.

The National Ladies' Auxiliary met Thursday morning in the Brown Hotel in Louisville. The speaker for the meeting

was Teri Murden McClure, author of "[A Pearl in the Storm](#)", the story of her trip across the Atlantic Ocean alone in a row boat. Ms. McClure is the first woman ever to accomplish this feat. She is also one of the first two women to reach the South Pole on foot. Ms. McClure is President of Spaulding University in Louisville, KY, and she is a champion of higher education for the underprivileged.

President Jo Thornhill, Karen Powell, and Shelia Wood attended the Leadership Conference and participated in the Patriot's Project, which prepares and mails gift boxes to servicemen and women who are deployed in Afghanistan. The Ladies' Luncheon was held Saturday at Vincenzo's Restaurant. The ladies also attended banquets both Friday and Saturday evenings.



Ladies attend Leadership Conference
Karen Powell, Sheila Wood, Jo Thornhill

AUXILIARY WREATH

Our Auxiliary has its own wreath. Here is a picture of it with Auxiliary President Jo Thornhill. The photo was taken at the celebration of the 230th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain on Oct. 7, 2010. The wreath was one of 65 laid at the foot of the impressively tall monument atop a hill. Our very active president Jo presented it... one of the many events that she has attended this year.



President Jo Thornhill with Wreath

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER MEETING

There will be a Ladies Auxiliary Board Meeting on Oct. 23, 2010, 10:00AM-3:00PM in Chapel Hill, NC at the Chapel Hill Country Club. All ladies are invited (both members and nonmembers).

The address is:
Chapel Hill Country Club
103 Lancaster Dr.
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
Phone: 919-967-8201

NATIONAL SAR MEETING

The National SAR Meeting will be held in Winston-Salem, NC on July 9-13, 2011. The Congress will be in two hotels located next to the Benson Convention Center: The Embassy Suites (336-724-2300) and the Marriott (336-725-3500), adjoining Hotels, located at:

425 North Cherry Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101 and
460 North Cherry Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

SAR STATE CONVENTION
Time to Get Ready for the 2011 SAR
State Convention!
By Ruth Sappie, Chairman

The members of the NCSSAR Ladies Auxiliary can expect a full day of exciting activities during the 2011 SAR State Convention. Downtown Raleigh is walker-friendly, so an early morning walk down Fayetteville Street (main street) to check out downtown's transformation from quiet and sleepy to active and hip would be a great way to start the day.

A Victorian tea is planned for Saturday morning at the home of Ruth and Glenn Sappie. Pat McQuaid, the tea master at the Oakwood Inn, Raleigh's finest bed and breakfast, will prepare a "high tea". This includes three distinct courses; first Pat's famous homemade cream scones served with lemon curd and clotted cream, then savories such as cucumber mint sandwiches and chicken curry bites, and lastly sweets such as caramel brownies and poppy seed cake. A different kind of tea will be served with each course.

The annual meeting will take place during the tea. Last year's success at fundraising will be hard to top, but we can do it! So please bring something for a silent auction to be held through Saturday at the hotel and the winners will be announced at the Sunday breakfast.

Saturday afternoon has been set aside for shopping. We'll trek over to either Crabtree Valley Mall or the Triangle Town Center and spend several hours there before returning for the Saturday awards dinner. For those of you who would rather sightsee in Raleigh, there

are lots of opportunities. There are three museums, the Art Museum, the Natural Science Museum, and the History Museum. And of course, the Sappie household in downtown Raleigh is always open for general hanging out.

Please contact me at 919-821-3711 or rsappie@bellsouth.net if you are willing to help out with the convention activities. Needed is someone to coordinate the silent auction and several people to help me coordinate the activities around the tea.

The SAR State Convention will be held April 15-17, 2011 at Raleigh Clarion Hotel State Capital, 320 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, NC 27603.

FOR THE GENEALOGISTS

Raleigh is the home of the North Carolina State Archives and the North Carolina State Library. Both are great for researching your NC ancestors. Both are located in the same building at:

109 E. Jones St.
Raleigh, NC 27601

NC. State Archives
Hours: Closed Sun. and Mon.
Tues.-Fri. 8:00am-5:30pm
Sat. 9:00am-5:00pm
Phone: 919-807-7310

State Library of North Carolina
Main Research Room
First Floor West
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5:00pm
Phone: 919-807-7450

Genealogical Services
Mezzanine Floor West
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5:00pm
Sat. 9:00am-5:00pm
Phone: 919-807-7460

Happy Hunting!