A Letter from Madam State Regent

There is a bit of cooler air greeting us each day up here in the western Florida Panhandle. Fall is finally here and can the holidays be far behind?

A busy month has transpired since Fall Forum. I hope you enjoyed Fall Forum and the new venue. We had a record 850 Daughters and guests attend and many new ideas were put into place, all to make learning about DAR easier. I have heard many positive comments about the workshops, the Constitution Luncheon, Pocket Flag Project, First Ladies Night and Sunday’s Fall Forum. So many Daughters came together to make the Forum a success and I thank you all.

Since Fall Forum, I have attended the New York State Organization State Conference in Albany, Vice Regent Patrice Birner presiding, the SAR Fall meeting in Orlando, the October Board of Management in D.C., the DAR Schools Tour, the Upper Pinellas and Pasco Regent’s Council and the Ocala Chapter meeting. It has been a busy October and Jimmy (the tomcat) only saw me three days out of the first 24!

Florida chapters are in full swing celebrating Founders Day, service projects, historic preservation, educational and patriotic initiatives. Chapter regents, remember to have a project ready to report on during state conference and include photos. Everyone is doing a great job of squeezing the day—every day!

November dates to remember include Veteran’s Day on November 11 and Thanksgiving on November 28. Additionally, November is American Indian Heritage Month.

Another important date in November is the dues date! Please ensure national and state dues are postmarked by December 1 and your remittance form is completed and mailed to State Treasurer Jeanne Basso.

Thank you for all you do to make Florida “shine” and produce the “fruit.”

In the Spirit of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.

Kay Yarbrough

Florida State Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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Fall Forum Memories

Photos courtesy of Jane McClelland
Dear Florida Daughters,

Thanks to our National American Heritage Committee Chair and Vice-Chairs, we have a beautiful newsletter full of information and instructions about all things American Heritage.

If you are submitting an entry, be sure to read all instructions carefully. Make note of the changes in the Fiber Arts category. As of this year, machine-quilted quilts and machine-quilted wall hangings will no longer be accepted in any category, including Other Fiber Arts.

This amazing newsletter is now available for viewing on the DAR member's-only website. Once you have logged in, go to the American Heritage Committee webpage at https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/american-heritage/committee-overview and click on the link to the newsletter in the right-side menu.

Please note entry deadline dates:
- All entries EXCEPT Fiber Arts must be postmarked between January 2, 2020, and February 15, 2020.
- Fiber Arts entries must be postmarked by December 2, 2019.

We are looking forward to your beautiful heirloom pieces and projects for our American Heritage Contest as we Rise, and Shine our Light on the 19th Amendment!

Rise & Shine and Squeeze the Day for Florida's American Heritage Entries!

Kim Bennett & Faeth Houle
FSSDAR American Heritage Co-Chairs
American Indians Committee

American Indians Committee at Fall Forum

Sally Alshouse Chairman
Eryn Valentino Vice Chairman

“Let Your Spirit Shine”

Ya’a’t’eeh - Hello from The American Indians Committee! The Committee was privileged to welcome special guest, Susan Lemon, Past National Chairman of the American Indians Committee. Susan brought her vast history of serving many roles on the NSDAR American Indians Committee to light during the very well attended workshops on Saturday. Following Susan’s comments, Sally Alshouse spoke about Bacone College and Chemawa Indian School. Eryn Valentino rounded out the workshop with her presentation on the Indian Youth of America Summer Camp and scholarships available through the American Indians Committee.

The grand finale came when attendees were surprised by the Talako Indian Dancers, a local group kind enough to donate their time and energy (and they had plenty of it).

During Sunday’s Fall Forum we had plenty of ladies stopping by the table to learn the many ways FSSDAR supports the American Indians Committee.

The Committee collected 122 flash drives that have been distributed to Bacone College and Chemawa Indian School. Also, proceeds from voices for the beautiful “Dream Catcher” print by Ruthe Blalock Jones, a former student of Bacone College, were sent to support Bacone College.

Sales are ongoing of the pin created in support of the Committee and will be available at State Conference for $5.

A sincere thank you to all Florida Daughters who supported the American Indians Committee. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

—submitted by Sally Alshouse
Constitution Week Committee

September 17-23 was Constitution Week. For the first time, Palm Beach County's School District Department of Teaching and Learning, in partnership with the Palm Beach Chapters of the DAR and Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) offered a week of planned activities with engaging lessons for students to celebrate Constitution Day. For this first-year effort, the estimated number of students reached was 13,525.

The initial project was separated into three phases: (1) meeting with the Palm Beach County School District to create a team and plan the program. There are over 190,000 students in Palm Beach County, so the scope had to be narrowed for this first year. 5th, 7th and 11/12th grades were selected; (2) planning with the history department regarding grade-specific lesson plans, lesson plan formats and with the Communications Department to help promote Constitution Week, and (3) sending an e-Bulletin invitation to school principals for participating classrooms.

The plan included providing Constitution classroom toolkits to 5th, 7th and 11/12th grade teachers who signed up. Thirty-six schools registered through the e-Bulletin: 19 elementary schools; 12 middle schools and 5 high schools. A total of 211 classroom toolkits were delivered by Palm Beach County Daughters to their local schools. Belle Glade and Loxahatchee schools were also provided toolkits. The classroom toolkits reached over 6,000 students!

The Palm Beach DAR Chapters supporting this year's program included: Estahakee Chapter, Henry Morrison Flagler Chapter, Palm Beach Chapter, Seminole Chapter, Spirit of Liberty Chapter, Garsilaso de la Vega Chapter and the Palm Beach Chapter SAR. The toolkit included a Constitution poster, Constitution booklets, a bookmark for the teacher, and sets of baseball-style cards that highlighted the role of lesser known figures in the shaping of the United States—including the influence of minorities on the history of the country. A business partner agreement was initiated and approved for DAR to allow participation with the School District.

This year's initiative is just the first step in a broader plan to celebrate the country's 250th birthday in 2026 and support the America 250! project being worked on now in Washington D.C. Students currently enrolled in fifth grade will be the graduating class of 2026, the birthday year. This multi-year commitment has been made to teach students as much as possible about the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence during Constitution Week before graduation.

A PowerPoint presentation was given at the Social Studies Symposium for middle and high school teachers at the beginning of the school year. A sample toolkit was displayed and Constitution booklets were provided for attendees.

The School District’s Department of Communications and Engagement collaborated with DAR to create an internal website which promoted DAR lesson plans along with their own. This was made available to all the 188 schools. 301 unique page views were recorded for this resource. Links were posted to the NSDAR website where the information is available. Analytics reports indicate this website reached an estimated additional 7,525 students. A press release was prepared and provided to the local media. Following are the videos produced by TEN and put on Channel 234.

Constitution Day event at DAC https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgM6DaWFr9k
Celebrating our National Anthem https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QlgdAwb03bM

Lessons learned from this year's project:
- Begin early in the year so decisions can be made before the end of the school year.
- Ensure that the e-Bulletin goes out in the Spring, before school ends.
- Determine the number of schools/classrooms and prepare your budget.
- Sign up as a business partner with your school district and find sponsors for the toolkit contents.
- Start early to gather lesson plans and get chapters and regents council involvement. Don't forget SAR and private donations.
- The more digital, the better.
- Follow school district policy and recommendations regarding volunteers in classrooms.

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(Constitution Week article continued)

In addition to the school district plan, Regent Council of the Palm Beaches sponsored library toolkits for all the 17 Palm Beach County Libraries and the 12 municipal libraries. This toolkit included: a Constitution poster, a Declaration of Independence poster, a personal letter from the Regents Council President, a copy of the Proclamation signed by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, and a bookmark. Posters were labeled with participating Regent Council chapter sponsors. Chapter members participated in the delivery of this material as well as toolkits.

Proclamations were also presented by several Palm Beach County City Commissions along with a Constitution Week poster and the Constitution booklets.

On September 21, 2019, at Fall Forum, the Constitution Luncheon was presided over by State Regent Kay Yarbrough. Ribbon-decorated bookmarks were provided as table gifts. The centerpieces were donated by the Ponte Vedra Chapter as part of the Host Committee for the event. The afternoon workshop was presented by Henry Morrison Flagler Vice Regent and Vice-Chair of the Constitution Week Committee, Lisa Ready. A PowerPoint presentation of the Palm Beach project was outlined.

All information is available to any chapter or Constitution Week Chairman for adaptation in other counties throughout Florida. Please contact Marjorie Ferrer for information. 561-271-3168 or mferrerdmc@aol.com.

—submitted by Marjorie Ferrer

DAR Project Patriot

DAR Project Patriot, the committee for our active duty men, women and their families, can Rise and Shine for America and Squeeze the Day for God, Home and Country in many ways. No matter the size of YOUR chapter, there is something you can do to give back to those who serve and protect us.

Here are a few ideas:

- Collect those “freebie” greeting cards you receive in the mail – wrap them with a ribbon and add a small note saying “For you to send to YOUR family and friends.” Include these in a box of love and cheer, or just in an envelope. Chances are there are no card shops where they are.

- Design a “Be the Change” jar or “Pennies for Patriots” container and collect loose change at your meetings throughout the year. You will be happily surprised how much will accumulate and then you can use it as a donation to one of the locations that are supported through National.

- Christmas is around the corner so plan on sending a box of Christmas Cheer. Need a name to send to? I can get one for you, but first ask your chapter members if they have a family member, friend or acquaintance who is deployed. Think of sending items that would bring a smile to their face when opening the box. Decorate the flaps of the box or use colorful tissue paper to make it special. But remember – NO GLITTER!

- Check the FSSDAR Project Patriot Facebook page for more suggestions and please post what your chapter is doing.

—submitted by Arlene Pulner, FSSDAR Project Patriot Chair, arlenepulner@hotmail.com
**Literacy Promotion Committee**

Thomas Jefferson proclaimed, “If a nation expects to be free and ignorant at the same time it expects what never was and never will be. Where the press is free and every man is able to read, there, and there alone, democracy is safe.” When we as Daughters work to promote literacy and volunteer to raise the literacy rate of our communities, we are contributing to the strength and security of our beloved Republic. We are helping to “Shine a Light on Literacy”, which is the theme for the NSDAR Literacy Promotion Committee during the VanBuren Administration.

How can one cast an informed vote without understanding the issues at stake, the candidates’ positions on those issues, and their voting records? How can anyone get all the news of significance without understanding that YouTube and Facebook may be unreliable sources of information? Indeed, literacy goes beyond the ability to sound out words; to be literate is to be able to think critically about what is read.

Literacy is broadly defined as “understanding, evaluating, using, and engaging with written text to participate in society, to achieve one’s goals, and to develop one’s knowledge and potential (Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies). It is understanding how to find information from multiple sources, both print and nonprint (television, video, multimedia), and synthesize, analyze, and evaluate that information; to think critically. The NSDAR Literacy Promotion Committee was founded in 1989. Help us celebrate the thirtieth anniversary by shining a light on literacy in your part of Florida.

During the VanBuren Administration, the Literacy Promotion Committee has four areas of emphasis. See which ones best fit your chapter and your own service interests:

1. Focus on literacy skills: reading, writing, vocabulary, spelling, and comprehension.
2. Learn the root causes of illiteracy.
3. Partner with other DAR committees and organizations whose goal is to improve literacy.
4. Honor those members, chapters, and states who dedicate their time to promote literacy.

Remember, promoting literacy is not limited to any age or demographic group. You can read to preschool children or senior citizens with failing vision. You can volunteer to teach English classes to speakers of other languages (ESOL). You can learn how to teach reading to adults who never learned or have reading difficulties, such as dyslexia. You can donate books to schools or public libraries. You can collect new books for children. You can set up a mini picture-book library in a pediatrician’s office or public health center. You can build and stock your own Free Little Library. You can stock a homeless shelter or domestic violence shelter with reading materials. You can scan books for BookShare.org, or record your voice reading a book for LearningAlly.org. You can join ReadingPals, reading one-on-one with a kindergarten student for one hour each week. ReadingPals is sponsored by twenty-six different United Way districts in Florida. You are not bound by any age group.

Because literacy promotion is vast and far-reaching, we will promote it among Florida Daughters by contributing frequently over a variety of media. Many Daughters visited our Fall Forum table.

For more ideas about how you and your chapter can promote literacy, visit the DAR.org Literacy Promotion Committee page or click on [https://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/literacy-promotion/web-resources-literacy](https://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/literacy-promotion/web-resources-literacy)

Susan Summers, Ph.D., and Catherine Summers, Co-Chairmen  
Madelda Thompson, Vice Chairman  

---submitted by Susan Summers, summerrobin7@hotmail.com, 386-961-4773
A shout out to many of our Florida Chapters who are busy participating in joint events and community service activities with the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and General Society Sons of the Revolution (SR) members in our state. To keep an accurate record of all of your chapter’s participation with the SAR and/or SR, please send a copy of your event program or summary of your activities to me. Pictures would be greatly appreciated too.

Many Daughters are doing a great job with SAR prospective member applications. Keep up the good work and REMEMBER if you have a prospective SAR member, make sure you download the DAR Finder Form (found under Forms at the end of the SIP) and include the form with each application you submit to the SAR chapter registrars. Let’s strive to win an NSSAR award for our DAR Florida State Society; however, to do so, we need those DAR Finder Forms turned in to the SAR Chapter Registrars. There are also SAR Medals awarded by SAR Chapters to our Florida Daughters too, so please use that DAR Finder Form.

I’d love to help you with any questions or assistance, please contact me at vanessatalbott.dar@gmail.com or (727) 455-6163

—submitted by Vanessa Talbott, FSSDAR SAR-SR Liaison Committee Chair

State Regent Kay Yarbrough attended the Florida Society SAR Board of Managers (BOM) meeting October 4-5, 2019 in Orlando with the SAR, Ladies Auxiliary SAR and DAR Chapter members.
INVITATIONS

The Fort Christmas Chapter
Requests the Pleasure of Your Company
at
Louisa May Alcott’s Christmas Celebration

Sunday
December 8, 2019
3:00 pm

Historic Highland Manor
604 E. Main Street
Apopka, Florida 32703

A Season’s Greeting Buffet
will be served including:
Hors d’oeuvres
A Seasonal Mixed Greens Salad
with Raspberry Vinegrette
Oven-roasted Turkey with Stuffing
and Gravy
London Broil
Green Beans
Garlic Parmesan Roasted Potatoes
Assorted Desserts

Louisa May Alcott will dine with us and lead the program. A tour of Highland Manor will be offered promptly at 3:00 p.m.

The favor of your reply and a check for $50.00 is requested no later than November 15, 2019.

Please mail to
Kate Martin
14425 Tanja King Blvd,
Orlando, FL 32828

The Pensacola Chapter
Invites you to a
Colonial Feast
With FSSDAR State Regent
Kay Yarbrough

Saturday
November 16, 2019
at
The Veranda of Pensacola
6982 Pine Forest Road
Pensacola, FL

10:30 AM: Check in and social time
11:00 AM: Opening ritual
11:30 AM: Buffet lunch featuring colonial-inspired recipes

Luncheon price: $15.00

Make checks payable to “Pensacola Chapter, NSDAR” and mail to:
Elissa Mills, Treasurer
2811 East Strong Street
Pensacola, FL  32503-6317

Please make your reservation by November 8th by sending your check or emailing darpensacola@gmail.com

Colonial Dress optional

State Regent Project items will be available for sale
Amelia Island Daughters attended a “Votes for Women” Rally at the Constitution Luncheon hosted by Northeast Florida Regents Council President Sydney Glazener. Guest speaker was renowned Suffragette, State Regent Kay Yarbrough, who delivered a rousing address to over 100 Daughters.

Sitting proudly with Suffragette State Regent Kay Yarbrough are members of the Amelia Island Chapter. Standing left to right are Cara Curtin, Teresa Reynolds, Emma Leeper, First Vice Regent Rebecca Mayle, Chaplain Alice LeGrand, and Parliamentarian Carolyne James-Rudd. Seated left to right are Past Regent Jane Philips Collins, State Regent Kay Yarbrough, and Amelia Island Chapter Regent Carol Elefterion.

Over 200 members of the Amelia Island Chapter contribute 5,000 volunteer hours and $5,000 in scholarships and awards in Nassau County each year.

—submitted by Cara Curtin

Barefoot Beach Chapter had the honor of hosting a Constitution Week Luncheon with the GSWFL Regents’ Council on September 14, 2019. There were many fun things to do and see including WWI vintage posters, President photo booth, patriotic pictures looping on a large screen, a player piano, and more. A young local singer gave stunning renditions of the National Anthem, America the Beautiful, and God Bless America. The Lee County Sheriff’s Office Color Guard presented the colors. Honorable Robert J. Branning gave an interesting talk about what the Constitution says about jury duty with many humorous notes. Bonita Springs Mayor Peter Simmons spoke about his impressive heritage and then presented the CWL Proclamation. SAR gave their greetings and their revolutionary outfits added authenticity to the event. Members from all ten area chapters attended and participated in the program. A memorable time was had by all at the beautiful venue which offered a delicious lunch with tables set in a blue and silver theme.

—submitted by Shirley Dearen, Regent
Bartow Chapter

Bartow Chapter participated in the 2019 National DAR Day of Service by supporting the local Guardian ad Litem (GAL) program. The GAL program is a team of dedicated people who provide heartfelt advocacy for children who have been removed from their households due to abuse and/or neglect. Members sewed large bags for children to carry their personal belongings. Also donated were toys, games, cosmetic items, purses, jewelry, and 285 children’s books.

Allan Stone, author and well-known living historian, spoke on "We Have Given You a Republic - If You Can Keep It!” at our Constitution Luncheon. He used Benjamin Franklin’s statement to explain how the U.S. Constitution was created in 1787. Citizens often forget that our government is a Republic, and the word democracy does not appear in the U.S. Constitution.

Regent Hazel Sellers presented our first NSDAR Medal of Honor to Clifton Lewis at the Constitution Luncheon. Among his accomplishments are leading efforts to preserve the L.B. Brown House built by a former slave in the 1890’s, arranging for a foundation stone by L.B. Brown to be displayed at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, D.C., launching the Neighborhood Improvement Corporation, championing positive conversations on race relations, and serving as a cryptographer in the U.S. Army.

Members provided refreshments for the Central Florida Shape Note Music Learn and Sing event held at Polk History Center and several joined in the singing.

—submitted by Gay Harlowe, Honorary Regent

Caladesi Chapter

The Caladesi Chapter held its 45th-anniversary celebration with its ladies, guests and SAR members on September 16, 2019. Past Honorary Regents, Beth Schafer, Mary Kitchen and Jane Turner spoke about the history of the chapter and its many accomplishments. Christa Robinson and Cheryl Renneckar unveiled the much worked-on replacement chapter charter. Pictures of the former regents, the minutes of our first chapter meeting and some old scrapbooks were all on display. Certificates were distributed, new members were introduced along with some business that was done. We sang Happy Birthday and ate some cake. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meeting.

—submitted by Joan Russell, Regent
**Captain James Ormond Chapter**

Daytona Mazda, located in the Daytona Auto Mall, recently donated $2,000 to the Captain James Ormond Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for its Wreaths Across America Project. The donation will enable the chapter to place commemorative wreaths on the graves of all veterans at the Hillside Cemetery in Ormond Beach on December 14. Wreaths Across America’s mission is to “remember our fallen heroes, honor those who have and are serving and teach the next generation the value of freedom.”

—submitted by Shirley Graham, Publicity Chair

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**Caroline Brevard Chapter**

The Caroline Brevard Chapter started this year with a bang and plans to end the year with a bang. On August 24, four members attended the Florida Panhandle Regent’s Council Meeting where Chapter Regent Judy Leclere was elected Secretary. On September 5, Mayor John Daily met with Chapter Regent Judy Leclere and members Betty Davis, Mary Courtemanche, and Deborah Stubing to sign a Proclamation recognizing September 17-23 as Constitution Week. Guest speaker at the September meeting was Judge Nina Astinafi who spoke on “Why is the U.S. Constitution Special?” Seven new members were admitted: Jane Hays, Gail Whitis, Karen Skinner, Vicki Norris, Cindy Hoffman, Kristi Graver and Twila Murdock. Seven members, including one new member, attended Fall Forum in Orlando.

The DAR Service for Veterans Committee is still going strong – working at the National Tallahassee Cemetery, attending the POW/MIA Candlelight Service and Memorial Services for veterans interred without family, and volunteering at the Tallahassee VA Clinic. Food, household and hygiene items are also taken to the Tallahassee Veterans Village each month.

The Chapter Regent’s Project for this year was to prepare and serve dinner to the 52 veterans at Tallahassee Veterans Village. On Friday, October 11, members served the veterans a delicious meal of ham, chicken, turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes and sweet potato casserole, green beans, pineapple casserole, squash casserole, rolls, spaghetti, various salads and desserts to show them our love and thanks for their service.

—submitted by Wilma Scofield
Commodore John Barry Chapter

Commodore John Barry Chapter members celebrated Constitution Day on September 17th by officially “Ringing the Bells” at 4:00 p.m. We celebrated ringing the bells at the Historic Community Church and then walked down to the Historic Rykman House in Melbourne Beach to ring the bells there also.

—submitted by Tammy Sandberg, Regent

Cora Stickney Harper Chapter

The Cora Stickney Harper Chapter in collaboration with St. Andrew’s Episcopal Academy, the Lakewood Park and Susan Broom Kilmer Branches of the St. Lucie County Library and the Samuel S. Gaines Academy of Emerging Technologies, St. Lucie County Schools, joined in celebration of the 232nd anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution.

Both the Lakewood Park and Susan Broom Kilmer Libraries kicked off the month-long celebration with book displays featuring books about the Constitution and prominent people who played roles in its writing and implementation.

Ms. Alyssa FitzGerald’s fifth grade class at St. Andrew’s Academy welcomed the DAR’s thespians for a combination play/trivia contest of A Constitution Day Play on the actual 232nd anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution, September 17. Co-chair of the event, Karon Drew, served as narrator.

Four days later friends, a spouse, and members of the DAR again presented the play at the Susan Broom Kilmer Branch Library, this time with the library’s program specialist, Gicele Perna, acting as narrator and library assistants Ayla Clanton and Jessica Santana handing out trivia prizes.

The celebratory month ended at the Samuel S. Gaines School, with the performance being given to a large fourth-grade pod, led by Ms. Alina Argote.

As anticipated, performing for 100 + elementary-age students became a valued learning experience for all adults in attendance, as well as for the students.

—submitted by Karen Evans, Publicity Chairman, Constitution Day Co-Chair

Regent Linda Gallup at the Kilmer Library

Our Constitution Lady is dressed in her colonial attire and is looking out for all to enter so she can remind everyone, especially our children about the importance of our Constitution and remember our Founders and what they fought for.

L-R: John Evans, Janel Cohen, Vicki Sacco, Bob Sacco
Echebusassa Chapter

The Echebusassa Chapter received three Constitution Proclamations from each of our family cities. The Mayors and council/commission members of Dade City, Zephyrhills, and Plant City invited us to speak to the attending public about DAR as an organization and our Constitution. We were also invited to speak to the San Antonio Rotary Club on the Constitution and received a donation of history books for a children’s school in the chapter’s name. We hope to add another city to the list next year.

The chapter participated in the Day of Service by cleaning old cemetery headstones of veterans at the historic Dade City Cemetery. Please check with your city for permission and make sure to use the right cleaning agents.

Our local museum provided a class on the correct way to clean a gravestone, which Regent Ann Swinford attended and shared the information with the rest of us. Your city may be able to supply you with a listing of veterans plot numbers for your local cemeteries. We used a product called Simple Green as the pH is the lowest and will not pit the stone. This is just another way to say “Thank You for Your Service.” If your chapter is looking for a service project, I believe they will find this extremely rewarding.

Edward Rutledge Chapter

Lake City Mayor Stephen Witt signed a proclamation for Constitution Week to give to Jane McClelland (left front), chapter regent of the Edward Rutledge Chapter. Chapter members witnessing the signing from back left: Judy Giddens, Nancy Wheaton, Susan Summers, Jeanette Kennedy, Gigi Register, and Kitty McElhaney.

Branford, Live Oak, and White Springs mayors also signed proclamations. The proclamations were displayed at local libraries and the NCFRC Constitution Week Luncheon.

—submitted by Jane McClelland
Fort Cooper Chapter

Fort Cooper chapter members and FSSDAR American Heritage Co-Chairs, Kim Bennett and Faeth Houle, held two workshops at Fall Forum which included a PowerPoint presentation on the history of cockades and the suffragist movement. After the presentation, about 200 members were given a craft kit to assemble their cockade. A fun time was had by all!

—submitted by Kim Bennett, Regent and Deardra Wilcox, Media Chairman

Jacksonville Chapter

The October 8th, 2019, meeting of the Jacksonville Chapter was stirring and entertaining. It was exciting to celebrate in the Members Installation Ceremony where four new members were installed, a fifth was unable to attend. Registrar Jurelle Stanton informed all attendees of three transfers and three new associate members. Over the spring and summer, Carol Cochran, acting as an assistant to Jurelle, met with prospective members and directed the prospects in securing proper documentation to process the applications.

Speakers from the Liberty Express gave a costume patriotic presentation of Give me Liberty or Give me Death, a Patrick Henry debate over the ratification of the Constitution. The performance was outstanding.

As a final touch, the chapter had the pleasure of State Chair of National Defense, Cindy Addison, attending the meeting with the new 10 Year History Books.

—submitted by Betty Reed, Public Relations Chair
Jean Ribault Chapter

The Jean Ribault Chapter from Neptune Beach had a great start to the new year. We started the year with our annual Kick-Off in September and had a wonderful time getting to know our new and prospective members.

Our first meeting of the year was in October and we certainly Squeezed the Day by celebrating our 100th member, honoring member Alice Stratton with a Founders Medal for Patriotism presented by Cindy Addison, and installing EIGHT new members and welcoming one transfer. We also honored our outgoing registrar, Katie Devane, for all of her hard work for the past seven years.

Our guest speaker was Cindy Addison, National Defense Chair, who spoke about "Insignia-More than Pins" and her presentation was fabulous!

Jean Ribault is off to a fabulous start!

—submitted by Sherry Rooks

Lake Wales Chapter

At the October meeting, four new members of the Lake Wales Chapter (Brenda Jones, Elizabeth Kennedy, Joan Markert, and Fran Hanrahan) were welcomed by Registrar Ellen Gordon, Chaplain Marlene Swartzfager, and Vice Regent Linda Bourgeois.

Ellen Gordon and Susan Godlewski portrayed the lives of DAR members nurse Geraldine Masser Moeschlin and suffragette Alice Paul during WWI. Our Constitution Committee members collected Proclamations from the mayors of Frostproof, Haines City, and Lake Wales.

On October 11, the chapter did an initial cleaning of the gravesite of Honorary State Regent Lee Sample Ebert, FSSDAR State Regent 1932-1935, who was also a charter member of Lake Wales Chapter. Family members were located and their approval for cleaning and marking was obtained, as well as permission from the City of Lake Wales. Chapter Project Chair, Karen Wolzanski, also located the gravestones of the other charter members who are buried at the Lake Wales Cemetery.
When the State Conservation project Wands for Wildlife was announced, Manatee Chapter’s Conservation Chair, Holly Wilson, jumped right in to collect mascara wands for the Appalachian Wildlife Refuge. We collected individual mascara wands from neighbors and family members.

But the numbers escalated when we partnered with Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch (AMITW) who embraced the project and reached out to their 80+ volunteers. The island paper published an article about the project and mascara wands came in from all over Anna Maria Island.

When an AMITW volunteer brought mascara wands from a glamour salon, we reached out to other salons who donated brand new disposable wands. Then, we contacted the local community college and their cosmetology program donated 200 more disposable wands.

When our members heard about these sources they also purchased brand new mascara wands adding to the total number donated—1,749! We couldn’t have done it without these community partners. Partnerships do make a difference.

—submitted by Kathy Doddridge, Regent

Mary Ellen Robertson Chapter was represented by Elaine Brown, Deborah Johnson, Charyl Winner, and Harriet Wallace, plus Linda Davies (not pictured here) at Fall Forum. One of the most memorable workshops featured a native American Indian performing dance troupe of young people. The lovely rendition of our American anthem performed by a young lady in her native tongue was thrilling. September was a busy month and our chapter was able to promote Constitution Week with over thirteen displays and posters in schools, libraries, government buildings, and churches.

—submitted by Charyl Winner, Regent
Myakka Chapter

October 11, 2019, the Myakka Chapter celebrated the DAR National Day of Service by donating new clothing and books to “The Twig”. The Twig is a boutique where newly fostered children can shop for items they need to have a good new beginning!

—submitted by Susan Stewart

Osceola Chapter

On October 5, 2019, Osceola Chapter members opened the 2019-2020 meeting year with a celebration of the 19th amendment. The chapter invited members to dress in the style of 1916-1920 suffragists. Our program, Empowered to Vote, celebrated the lives of women important to the passage of the 19th amendment. Special focus was on Mary A. Nolan, Florida’s feisty representative to the movement. Mrs. Nolan, born 1842 in Virginia, moved to Jacksonville, Florida where she lived much of her adult life. She joined the National Woman’s Party at age 75, and was one of the oldest members of the Silent Sentinels. She was arrested five times and was sent to prison three times, where she was part of the Occoquan Night of Terror. She later wrote an article for the NWP Suffragist magazine that helped bring attention to the mistreatment of women campaigning for the right to vote. She was the only Florida suffragist sent to prison during the campaign for ratification and she was the first woman to vote in Florida. In one of her court appearances, she stated, “I am guilty if there is any guilt in a demand for freedom.” The Osceola Chapter proudly salutes Mary A. Nolan, Florida’s “Feisty Old Lady” in her commitment to universal suffrage.

—submitted by Gwen Kodad
**Pensacola Chapter**

To honor the anniversary of DAR’s founding on October 11th, Pensacola Chapter Daughters gathered at the local Ronald McDonald House (RMH) to prepare a meal as its Day of Service project. In addition to preparing jambalaya and salad for dinner, a $100 gift card was donated.

The Ronald McDonald House Pensacola provides a respite to families whose children are hospitalized. Families often spend countless hours within the hospital to be with their child. Preparing a meal at the RMH provides families a balanced, home-cooked meal along with extra time to spend with their child.

—submitted by Theresa Friday. Regent

**Pithlochaskotee Chapter**

“Hope is Here” is the motto of the Metropolitan Ministries located in Holiday, Pasco County. This location houses 26 families. Their goal is to alleviate suffering, promote dignity and instill self-sufficiency. The Metropolitan Ministries was selected as our Day of Service project. We were eager to learn, assist and experience the great accomplishments of this nonprofit outreach program. The Ministries are wholly funded by donations—a true community collaboration. Stacey Wyman, Volunteer Service Coordinator, gave us a heartfelt, detailed review of their desire to help the homeless and at-risk children and families. Typically the families stay as residents from 3 to 12 months.

Their involvement does not stop at just housing. The residents receive three hot meals daily, with 24-hour resident service. They are given counseling, case management, employment training, financial wellness, after school programs along with a certified GED program and adult education.

Their GED program is free and available for both residents and the community with testing on-site. After passing the GED exams, students earn what is now referred to as a State of Florida diploma. The staff also follows up on the residents after they move on for reinforcement, support and friendship.

Volunteers are constantly needed to help prep and serve food, work in their pantry and staff the clothing center. In addition to our tour and orientation, our group helped in the pantry and clothing center.

These services are vital to the homeless men, women and children throughout our community but also anyone in a financial crisis. We came away with a strong desire to return and pay it forward.

—submitted by Kathy Oko, Public Relations Chair
**Ponte Vedra Chapter**

USO No-Dough Dinners are a year-round, twice-monthly program that provides the civilian community a chance to express their appreciation by supporting home-style dinner events that offer free meals on the evening before payday to service members and their families.

Ponte Vedra Chapter members celebrated the National DAR Day of Service by volunteering at the No-Dough Dinner offered at the Mayport USO Center on Monday, October 7. More than 200 spaghetti dinners were served, countless gallons of lemonade and sweet tea were poured, and a roomful of tables and chairs were wiped down to put the Mayport USO Center back into shipshape order at the end of the evening.

Football is in the air, and to celebrate the season, Ponte Vedra Chapter members were joined at the No-Dough dinner by two NFL football players who signed autographs, posed for photographs with families, and greeted everyone with a handshake.

Ponte Vedra HODAR Mike McCoy played pro football for 10 years as a defensive tackle. During the Vietnam War, he toured with the USO and entertained the troops. Dressed in his Green Bay Packers jersey #76, Mike must have looked like the Jolly Green Giant to the lil’ guys. Andrew Norwell, Jacksonville Jaguar #68, is an offensive lineman for the Jags. His unexpected appearance at the No-Dough Dinner just added to the excitement!

In celebrating our National DAR Day of Service, the Ponte Vedra Chapter could not have picked a better way to salute our servicemen and women than to do it alongside two pro football players!

—submitted by Regent Judy Delmar and Pat Hatcher, PR Committee Chair

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**Sophia Fleming Chapter**

Sophia Fleming Chapter was well represented at Fall Forum with 30 enthusiastic members in attendance.

Terreca Hurley, Chapter Regent and FSSDAR Members State Coordinator, had the pleasure of meeting her enrollees at the registration table. She said it was a wonderful feeling seeing the thirty women she had been working with receive their completion certificate for the Members Course.

FSSDAR Chairman Founders Medals and Honorary Regent, Cheryl Field, said it was an overall fantastic Fall Forum which made it difficult to select just one memorable experience. For her, it was an honor setting up an information table and getting to know her two wonderful Vice-Chairmen, as well as sharing information about the Founders Medals.

Barbara Albright, Florida State Registrar and Honorary Regent, said that a special moment for her during Fall Forum was portraying Mamie Eisenhower in “The Salute to the First Ladies.” She said that it was such fun having no one recognize her in her vintage costume and wig with bangs.

The highlight for Kenda Deford, State Regent’s Project Sales Vice-Chair, was working with some wonderful ladies raising funds for the State Regent’s Projects. She was also honored to become a member of the State Chairman Club.

National Defense State Chair and Honorary Regent Cindy Addison said that Fall Forum was a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends, learn new genealogy tips, and just have FUN. Cindy said her #1 takeaway from Fall Form is that she can’t wait for State Conference!

—submitted by Kathy Marsh, Publicity Chairman
Sugar Mill Chapter

The Sugar Mill Chapter had a new/prospective member tea at Registrar’s Ruth Patrignani house in Port Orange. More than 20 ladies attended the boo-dicious gathering, with Terry Hall and Connie Bommarito co-hosting. Thanks to Ruth, Terry, and Connie for a special get-together.

Sugar Mill Daughters invited local dignitaries to bring Proclamations honoring and remembering the Constitution and its founders. Speakers were Florida State Senator Tom Wright, Port Orange Mayor Don Burnette, Brig. General Ernie Audino on behalf of Congressman Michael Walz, Lynette Phillips on behalf of Representative Tom Leek, Brianna Rossi on behalf of Representative Elizabeth Fetterhoff, and Stephen Benedict on behalf of Governor Ron DeSantis. Sugar Mill members attending were Carol Lasky, Cecilia Nunnelley, Gail Ryss, Bettie McMullen, Regent Dr. Elizabeth Stephenson, Patty Wells, and Betty Stecker. Not in photo Connie Bommarito.

Sugar Mill Chapter has adopted the Spruce Creek Cemetery. For our Day of Service, 28 members, 3 HODARs, and one friendly soul who saw our article on Facebook and came out to help, gathered to clean up the cemetery. The group cleaned the tombstones (finding 26 veterans in the process), clipped shrubs, and filled numerous trash bags with debris. We placed flags on the veterans’ tombstones and will go out again the first Saturday in November to clean again. In December, we will take part in the Wreaths Across America, placing wreaths on those graves.

—submitted by Gail Ryss

Tomoka Chapter

Tomoka Chapter held its annual Constitution Luncheon on Saturday, September 28, 2019, at Kings Ridge clubhouse. Regent Beverly Oyler welcomed 30 members and guests. Joanne Cramer, Constitution Chairman, presented the proclamations from the cities of Clermont, Minneola, Groveland, and Montverde, Lake County and the State of Florida. Keith Mullins, Clermont City Councilman, entertained the group with stories about his Mayflower ancestors. Luncheon chairman was Martha Nolte.

—submitted by Carolyn Darling
### November

**Native American Indian Heritage Month**  
**National Literacy Month**

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For additional information refer to the Calendar of Important Dates to Remember 2019-2020 by Cindy Weatherby located on the FSSDAR members-only website.