



***The Ladies' Auxiliary Times: Ladies Auxiliary Pennsylvania Society
Sons of the American Revolution (LAPASSAR)***
Fall 2023 Newsletter



Becky Hudson Moyer, LAPASSAR President 2020-2024

President's Message

October 10, 2023

Wow! October is here already. Halloween decorations are up. Pumpkin spice is everywhere. Black walnuts are dropping, and the leaves are turning. Not sure where summer went, but I am enjoying fall and hope you are, too.

November brings two holidays – Veterans' Day which is celebrated on November 11th and Thanksgiving Day, celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. November is a time to remember and be grateful to those who have served God, home, and country before us and alongside us. Then it's time for Christmas and the New Year!

November also brings our fall meeting on November 3rd and 4th in Pittsburgh. At this meeting, we will forgo our usual business and will, instead, assemble the centerpieces for the President General's and Installation Banquets. I hope to see you all there.

To refresh your memories, I've include photos of the centerpieces for each banquet below for you.

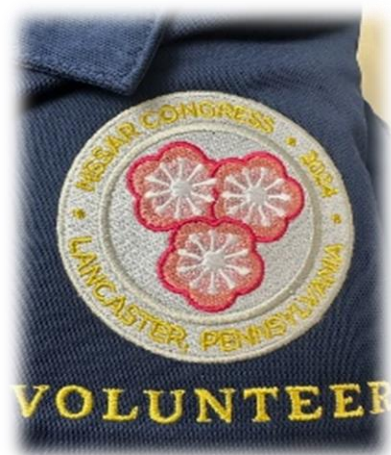
This centerpiece is for tables at the President General's banquet.





This centerpiece will be at tables for the installation banquet.

Speaking of centerpieces, I want to thank Stephanie Troutman and Linda Robinson for working on centerpieces at their homes. Vice President, Maribeth Wilt-Siebert awaits two items to include for centerpieces she has for the youth luncheon, red, white and blue carnations, and also for First Lady Karen Dodd's decision on a dessert for that luncheon. Should Karen pick cookies, we will not need to do centerpieces. If I do not hear back from her by December, we will work on these centerpieces. Thanks to Jan Showler for typing recipes for ladies' goody bags, and Pat McKim for doing the Declaration of Independence for the Youth Luncheon. Without your help, we would be way behind.



I commend all of you who have signed up to volunteer at Congress! Thank you so much! Our first order of shirts has arrived, and at the November meeting, I will add "bling," i.e. rhinestones, to the center of the flowers.

Here's a picture of the volunteer shirt at left.

Our orders for the mountain laurel necklaces keep rolling in on our online store. I mailed out two just the last few days! Our first order was for 120 necklaces plus four in case of damage. All of those have been sold, and our second order was for 100, giving us a total of 224. Thus far, we have sold a total of 175 necklaces!

I look forward to seeing you at the November meeting in Pittsburgh.

Becky

**Highlights from Annual Meeting May 5-7, 2023 Gettysburg, PA
1863 Inn of Gettysburg
515 Baltimore St., Gettysburg, PA 17325**

Ladies at the Inn before Tour of Civil War Battlefield



Seated: Maribeth Wilt-Siebert. Behind Maribeth to left: Medina Kopsick; Linda Robinson, guest of Peter Davenport and LAPASSAR President, Becky Moyer

Banquet Featuring PSSDAR Page Chair, Elizabeth Ciarrocchi and CAR President, Ethan Klee



Left: Former PASSAR State President, Joe Mc Mullen with David Kingsley, also former PASSAR State President.. Speaking at the podium is Ethan Klee and to his right is Elizabeth Ciarrocchi.



Color guard and PASSAR members at Memorial Church Prince of Peace for traditional memorial service. Pictured with the minister of Prince of Peace is Chaplain Robert Grumbling. Facing his compatriots and left of them is Fred Fonseca, Captain Color Guard, Philadelphia Continental Chapter, Bill Baker, President of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter and Joe Clark.

Highlights from Board of Management Meeting: State College PA August 4-6, 2023

Wyndham. Centre County Chapter 10:00 am-Noon



LAPASSAR President Becky Moyer conducts the business meeting of the board of management meeting held at State College. To Becky's right is Bobbi Mc Mullen.

Featured after the LAPASSAR business meeting was a dramatic presentation by Tom Martin based upon the book *Warpath* written by his parents, Charles R. and Sara Mitchell Martin. The book documents the story of the family of John Martin during the French and Indian War (1755-1764). Kidnapped and enslaved into Indian society, then rescued and reunited after nine years, John Martin and his family display great courage and perseverance. Below are Terry and Tom Martin in colonial garb. Terry's gown was inherited from her mother-in-law who also was a re-enactor. Tom's wife, Terry recently joined LAPASSAR.



Featured above is Tom and Terry Martin in colonial garb with Gary Wiser, Assistant Treasurer, PASSAR

Highlights from the Fall Leadership Meeting; Brown Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky

September 21-24



In addition to traditional reports from NLSAR officers, first vice-president Becky Osbourn shared that the NLSAR bylaws will be revised. Then our LAPASSAR President, Becky Moyer with Keitha Callanan, provided a progress report on plans for the 2024 Congress to be held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Registration opened in May, and the hotel is 72% full (as of this meeting time). To register, go to the NSSAR website (<https://www.sar.org/>). Sign in (with your husband's password), then choose "events" from the top toolbar drop-down. This takes you to Congresses; choose 2024 Lancaster. To register, click on "Hotel Registration Link." This

link takes you to the page to register which includes a map of the hotel's surrounding area as well as the registration form for Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. Room fee is \$149.00 plus taxes. Absolute deadline for registration is June 17, 2024. A schedule of events is also included, and you will notice that events are two days later than usual because the hotel could not initially accommodate us for the dates we wanted.

During the business portion of the NLSAR meeting, attendees also learned that \$2,087,427 was raised for construction of the SAR Education Center and Museum and \$1,762,638 has been pledged for a total of \$3,850,065! The National Society's website boasts a TripAdvisor 2020 ranking of our Genealogical Research Library as in the top 10% of all attractions worldwide based upon visitor experience!

The next portion of the NLSAR meeting included a presentation of "A Stitch in Time" presented by award-winning quilter, Peggy Anderson. Peggy's quilt filled an entire wall! See photograph of her art work on page ten. The ladies' luncheon at fall leadership included a trip to the Frazier Museum which focuses on history of Kentucky. If you've never attended a leadership meeting, please consider attending. We work hard but also have great fun.



Peggy Anderson's award-winning quilt: it is breathtaking!

Board of Management Meeting: November 3-5 in Pittsburgh, PA

Our LAPASSAR board of management meeting at Pittsburgh will be devoted to assembling our table centerpieces for the ladies' luncheon. At recent meetings and on the advice of PG John Dodd's wife Karen, who suggested that we keep the centerpieces simple, Becky has purchased blue and gold Chrysanthemums for each bud vase. Based upon the numbers of tables Becky counted at Orlando's Congress, she calculates that we will need to decorate 44-46 tables. She will have a better idea of how many centerpieces we will need by May. Don't forget to visit the PASSAR website (<http://passar.org/>) to sign up for volunteer positions for the 2024 Congress in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. .

Welcome New Members

Teresa Martin shares biographical information with LAPASSAR members:

"I became interested in our family history because my aunt Mary C. Schnaubelt Grove was a member of the Blair County DAR group. Together with my uncle, Joseph C. Schnaubelt O.S.A. they authored a book of family stories that revealed our relationship to Frederick Beard, a private in the revolutionary war who served as orderly to General Washington at Valley Forge. Frederick Beard also took part in the Battle of White Plains and the Battle of Yorktown where he was one of the last to depart the fort.

"I am a recently retired graphic artist/website designer, and I do paintings in oils and acrylic, pen and ink illustration and participate in small art shows locally in Centre County, PA. My husband and I love to ride our bicycles any chance we get to explore new, interesting locations and enjoy spending cold winter months in our little beach 'Love Shack' in Florida.."



LAPASSAR also welcomes Kendra Roberts (Delaware), Trudi Smith Burka (Pittsburgh), and Jane Leffler as new members. Trudi's son and uncle are members of the George Washington Chapter. Hopefully, Kendra, Trudi, and Jane will consider the *LA Times*' invitation to share a head shot and short biographical portrait of themselves. We want to know you. Welcome to all!



Happy autumn birthdays to our members who have celebrated or will celebrate their birthdays this fall season: September 17th-- Becky Moyer; September 30—Randi Fonseca; October 1—Valerie Lewis; October 11—Karen Westerlund; October 16—Debra Newell and Irene Walker; November 12—Denise Rhinehart; November 24—Maribeth Wilt-Siebert; December 8th—Cindy Mills; December 12—Madina Kopsick. Have we missed your birthday? Please contact one of the board members (see next page) with your natal day or Jan Showler (upenn92@outlook.com), so we can include you next time.

Birthdays up to December 21st marking winter solstice are included in these greetings!

For your convenience, your officers for 2022-2024 are listed here with their contact information. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your board members with questions, concerns, and ideas.

Officers for 2022-2024

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N.B. Post of treasurer will be absorbed by Becky and Maribeth until a new treasurer is elected or appointed.

Is your husband's chapter involved in activities that highlight the Sons of the American Revolution? Please snap some pictures and write a short description that newsletter editor, Jan Showler can feature in future *LA Times* editions. Much appreciated E-mail text and attach JPEG picture to Janice Showler <upenn92@outlook.com>

