



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

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**Becky Hudson Moyer, President LAPASSAR, 2020-2024
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President's Message

I am delighted to report to you that I am *finally* home in Frederick, Maryland after spending the Christmas holidays with my son Cory and his family, then the hospital, then a rehabilitation center in Palm Coast, Florida after my fall. Unfortunately, I tripped 12/24 over a boot at my son Corey's home during my visit there and fractured ten bones in my foot, sprained my ankle, and pulled my ACL. Who knew there were so many bones supporting our bodies! The experience convinced me that I would never want another one like this again! As I write, I am still in my boot, unable to put weight on that foot.

Hopefully, I will see many of you at the fall leadership meeting in Louisville, Kentucky at the end of February. It marks the last time that we will meet at the Brown Hotel. Our fall leadership meeting (October 3-6, 2024) will be held at the Galt Hotel, Louisville's only waterfront hotel. Booking a room is easy since you can book by phone 24/7 at 855-680-3239. Room rate is \$179.00, and a two-room suite costs \$199.00

In February, we elected our new board members. I will serve as your LAPASSAR President. My newly elected board includes Maribeth Wilt-Seibert, First Vice-President; Denise Reinhart, Second Vice-President; Sue Brown, Secretary; and Cindy Mills, Treasurer. Pat McKim will continue as our chaplain. Jan will be retiring as *LA Times* editor and welcomes Tiffany Riebel to that post (see page nine). Randi Fonseca with the assistance of Jen Thorpe (Sue Brown's daughter) will serve as photographer. Attendees at meetings are asked to filter news and pictures to Tiffany, Randi and Jen for the newsletter.

Plans for Congress in July are moving forward, and I hope to see you all there. Six hundred participants are expected. Our ladies hospitality room will be open July 10 and every day thereafter at various hours. All centerpieces are completed, and I finished 168 goody bags for the ladies. Please see minutes from the winter board of management meeting held in Carlisle, PA posted on the "Ladies Auxiliary" drop box for the Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution website, available at <http://passar.org/>. Our Atlantic Middle States meeting will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia: the SAR has reserved the entire Williamsburg Inn. Our May (3-4) board of management meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Morgantown, PA, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Thank you for all the cards, care packages (including slippers), calls, and prayers during my stay in the hospital and nursing home. They definitely helped to lift my spirits.

Until we meet again, I wish you good health, happiness, fellowship and safe travels.

Becky

Highlights from Fall Board of Management Meeting: November 3-5-- Pittsburgh, PA

While Compatriots met to conduct business at this board of management meeting in November, LAPASSAR ladies were hard at work preparing center pieces for the youth luncheon and banquets..



Pictured (left to right and standing) Cindy Winters, wife of PASSAR First Vice-President Kurt Winters; Becky Moyers, LAPASSAR President; Seated and nearest audience is Joanne Engler, wife of Vice-President General for Mid-Atlantic Rection, James Engler; (across from Joanne) Pat McKim, LAPASSAR Chaplain and to Pat's right, and Denise Reinhart, newly elected LAPASSAR Second Vice-President.

Hard at work preparing centerpieces: Helen Gallagher (in pink), Joanne Engler, Cindy Winter, Pat McKim and Denise Reinhart. In background (standing) is LAPASSAR President, Becky Moyer, informally conducting an informational meeting





Ladies at work: Back--Helen Gallagher, Cindy Mills; foreground--Stephanie Troutman, Becky Moyer and Cindy Winter (busy hands only)



Cindy Mills, Stephanie Troutman, Becky Moyer, Cindy Winter (in blue) and Joanne Engler



Voilà—The Finished Product

Becky Moyer Receives Award of Appreciation



LAPASSAR President Becky Moyer receives a Certificate of Appreciation for her volunteer work at the Orlando, Florida Congress from State President Eric Troutman. To Becky's left is Bill Boswell, President of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the SAR. To Eric's right (reader's view) is PASSAR First Vice-President, Kurt Winters, Esq.

Congratulations, Becky!

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW LAPASSAR MEMBERS, NEW EDITOR

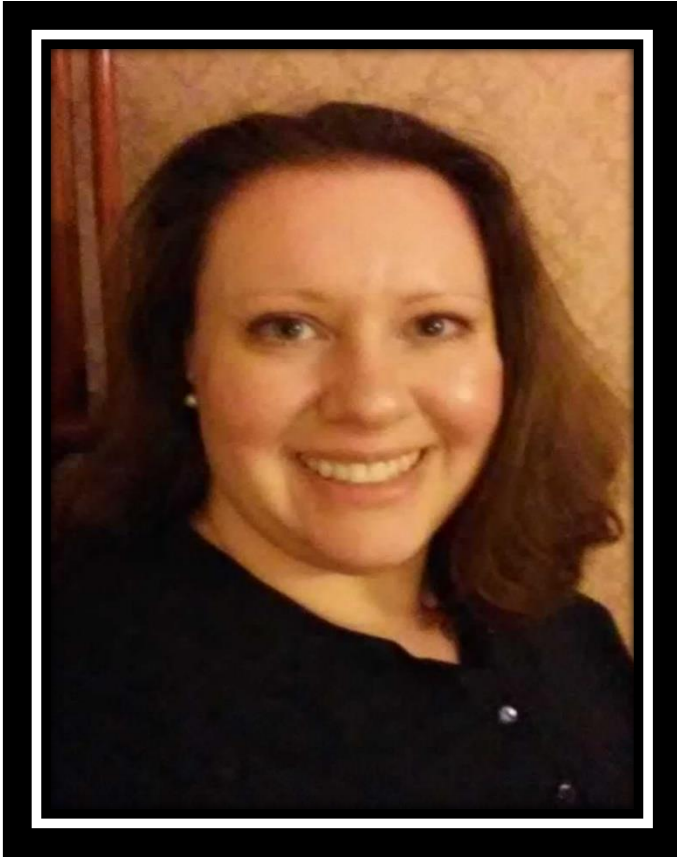


Jean Leffler

“I was born and raised in Johnstown, Pa. In 1972, my dad retired and moved us to Syracuse, Indiana. I worked at the State Bank of Syracuse for five years, then I moved to Warsaw, Indiana and worked at the Warsaw National Bank for five years and during that time attended Indiana State University in South Bend, Indiana. I took courses for Banking and Finance. I moved to Pittsburgh, PA in 1982.

“I have been a member of DAR for 21 years, and I have held the offices of Chaplin, Historian, and Treasurer, and I am currently the Chair of The Constitution Committee. I am also a member of the PSSDAR Auditing Committee.

“I am a Senior Officer for Parkinson Ferry C.A.R. and serve as C.A.R. Senior Chaplain C.A.R. Senior Librarian-Curator.”



Meet New *LA Times* Editor—Tiffany Riebel

Tiffany Riebel, our new *LA Times* editor, credits President Becky Moyer with not only lifetime membership in LAPASSAR, but also peaking Tiffany's genealogical interest and subsequent memberships in the Daughters of the American Revolution and the War of 1812. Tiffany's research unearthed her ties to grandfather Simon Singer and to William Henry Singer, Sr. and his namesake, William Henry, Jr. The senior Singer was a steel man--Singer and Nimick--founded by John Singer in 1854 which was later sold to Andrew Carnegie. Tiffany has discovered correspondence between her ancestor and Carnegie and Henry Clay Frick. William Henry junior decided not to follow his father into the steel industry but became an accomplished artist. The Singers were a philanthropic family that supported churches and hospitals in the Pittsburgh area. More information about her Singer connection is available at https://art.state.gov/personnel/william_henry_singer_jr/

Family lore regarding her paternal side suggests that Tiffany may be a granddaughter of Sir Isaac Pennington, whose step-daughter married William Penn. One of her 1812 ancestors was a constable and had a tavern in Philadelphia where supply tax-paying Quakers, Sons of Liberty, and traitors alike visited. In her research, Tiffany has unearthed a skeleton, too: she shares a grandfather with traitor Benedict Arnold!

Tiffany's goal in her role as newsletter editor reflects her values: "I am here to share your news in good honor, good light, and good service."



LAPASSAR birthdays (December 21-March 19)

Cynthia Mills (12/8), Medina Kopsick (12/12), Jean Conroy (12/25), Trudi Busha Smith (1/1), Carol Strausberg (2/12), Betty Dechant (3/7)—Wishing you all a healthy, happy year!

Please look for your name in the following list: J. Mengle, K. Barone, N. Weiss, M. Reith, J. Thorpe, A. Patten, P. Kalinowski, J. Aulenbacher, J. McCreary, S. Brown, L. Freeland. If you are included in this list, LAPASSAR does not have a birthday listed for you on mailchimp. Please kindly send your month and day of birth to Tiffany Riebel, <tiffanyriebe1@gmail.com> so that we can wish you a happy birthday in future newsletters.



For your convenience, your officers for 2024-2026 are listed here with their contact information. Please don't hesitate to be in touch with questions, concerns, and ideas.

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Please note that SAR and LAPASSAR holds four board of management meetings annually in February, May (annual meeting and elections), August and November. These meetings are scheduled the first Saturday of those months. The *LA Times* should be distributed to you a week before registrations are due by the middle of the previous month of the scheduled meetings. The newsletter is distributed through mailchimp.com.

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