



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

Fall 2020 Newsletter



Becky Hudson Moyer, President LAPASSAR, 2020-2022

Hello, LAPASSAR members... I hope this newsletter finds each and every one of you healthy and safe during this challenging time for our nation and world. The Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic has forced us to cancel several of our meetings or to hold them virtually. Let us pray that the numbers of persons contracting the virus continues to diminish and that a vaccine is soon developed and is readily available to everyone. Please keep our brave medical professionals in

your thoughts throughout the coming weeks, and please follow local, state, and national guidelines to stay safe and avoid spreading the illness.

Please pray for an end to the violence that has gripped our nation and for peace and unity for all. Protect those who are working to keep the peace and pray that our government officials are wise in their decision making.

Our LAPASSAR mission is to support and assist the Pennsylvania and National Societies in furthering the objectives and patriotic activities of the Societies. At this time, we are called upon to develop ways to help PASSAR with the 2024 Congress. As part of our support, we will be holding fund raising events to assist with this objective. **So....**

Your new Executive Board is busy making plans for the next two years, and beyond to the 2024 Congress. Among those plans are the following:

- A bake sale at the November 6th and 7th, 2020 board of management meeting in Pittsburgh-additional information is on **pages six of this newsletter**
- Development of a committee made up of **you the members of the auxiliary** to assist with planning further fund raising for the 2024 Congress: additional information is on **page seven.**
- A contest to develop a pin specific to the PASSAR Ladies Auxiliary: additional information is on **page seven.**
- Basket to be taken to the 2021 Congress in Seattle. Please bring items theme-specific to Pennsylvania: additional information is on **page eight.**

This is **your** auxiliary, I encourage all members to get involved, LAPAASSAR is a great way for us to connect, support and enjoy each other while we support the PASSAR and national societies.

The auxiliary extends appreciation to Past President (2018-2020), Stephanie Troutman, for her outstanding support and service to the auxiliary.

I wish you a safe and healthy fall season.

Becky

Please send your birthday and your anniversary date to First Vice-President, Cindy Mills (dalmootion@yahoo.com) responsible for membership and updating our membership roster. We want to include birthday and anniversary greetings for you in this newsletter. Thanks very much!



Happy Belated Birthdays to Cindy Sweeney (June 14), Janice Showler (June 25), Pat McKim (July 7th), Denise Harry (August 5), Carol Strasbaugh (Aug 12), and Becky Moyer (Sept 17). Hope you celebrated in good style, ladies.

Happy birthday, Nora Wenner (Oct. 29th)

LAPASSAR sends wishes for a healthy, happy year ahead.

Spotlight on New Members: Meet Karen Westerlund



Karen writes, “I am a 19-year active member of Braddock Trail Chapter, NSDAR. I have held several office positions in the chapter, including: Recording Secretary, Librarian and currently am Vice-Regent. I retired in 2017 from the federal government with over 32 years of service. I have been married to Lance Westerlund for 36 years, and together, we have one son, Nolan, who is also in the SAR. Our daughter-in-law, Alyssa is also an active member of DAR. We are the happy grandparents of Brennen, 9 years old and Savannah 6 years old, both members of CAR.”



Fall 2020 Board of Management Meeting

November 6-7, 2020

Pittsburgh Airport Marriott

777 Aten Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108-7749

Phone: 412-997-3988

Our LAPASSAR ladies' program will take place on Saturday morning, Nov. 7th, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Featured speaker will be Susan M. Matlack, Regent of the Pittsburgh Chapter of NSDAR presenting "Women's Suffrage—The Centennial of the 19th Amendment. Pastries, tea and coffee will be available.



Did you know that the Pittsburgh (PA) chapter holds Chapter #1 in the NSDAR?

Fittingly, it was at a Pittsburgh chapter meeting in 2016 that LAPASSAR was born.

Susan M. Matlack, Regent, Pittsburgh NSDAR

Noon luncheon program includes presentation, “Fort Pitt Block House—The Oldest Building in Pittsburgh,” presented by Past President of Pittsburgh SAR Chapter, Paul Francis Kennedy and long-term docent of the DAR-owned Block House. Registration attached and deadline is (no later than) Monday, October 19th.



Fort Pitt Blockhouse with DAR Insignia at the top of the Fence

“The city of [Pittsburgh](#) was founded in 1758 when the British took Fort Duquesne from the French at the height of the Seven Years’ War. On the site of a former French fortification, British forces constructed Fort Pitt around 1764 under the orders of General John Forbes. At the time, it was one of the largest and most elaborate forts in North America. Eventually, the fort was decommissioned by the British and used as a trading post

“Later, a series of four blockhouses were constructed around the fort. After the Revolutionary War, the fort was decommissioned and only one blockhouse still stands today.” (Picture and text from <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/fort-pitt-blockhouse>) . More information is available at <http://www.forpittblockhouse.com/>



Calling all Bakers

The Ladies Auxiliary is holding a bake sale at the November 6th and 7th, 2020 PASSAR board of management in Pittsburgh. To make this sale a success, we, the LAPASSAR board members, are requesting volunteers to assist by bringing or sending baked goods to be sold.

The sale will be held both Friday and Saturday, and the proceeds will go directly to the 2024 NSSAR Congress fund.

You need not be member of the LAPASSAR nor attend nor be female to participate. (We understand that there may be some great male bakers out there). If you are not coming to the meeting but would like to participate, please contact us before baking to ensure that arrangements can be made to pick up your items. You can contact Maribeth Wilt-Seibert (2nd VP) at mwtseibert@aol.com or 717 576 4661 or Becky Moyer (President) at Beckymoyerlapassar@gmail.com or 301 305 5579 for assistance in arranging a pickup of your donation to the bake sale. Another option would be that you hold a bake sale at the next SAR meeting near you with the proceeds sent via check to Jo Anne Mengle, LAPASSAR treasurer, at the address listed below and marking 2024 Congress in the memo line of your check. If you would like to follow that option, please contact Maribeth or Becky.

Additionally, if you are not a baker but would like to donate to the 2024 Congress Fund, or if the meeting should become a virtual meeting, we will gratefully accept your donation. Those donations can be sent to Jo Anne Mengle, with a note on the memo line stating that the donation is for the 2024 Congress fund.

Her address is:

Jo Anne Mengle
135 West Blade Drive
Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865-9500

We hope that you will want to become involved in making this bake sale a success and thus further our support for PASSAR and the 2024 Congress.

Maribeth Wilt-Seibert-2nd VP LAPASSAR
Becky Moyer-President-LAPASSAR



Do you have a number of medals you have earned for service to NSSAR, PASSAR, or your local chapter? Did you know that there exists a protocol regarding display of these? Please consult the attached “Guide to Wearing SAR Ladies Medals” and keep the file either electronically or in print to keep as a hard-copy file. Thanks to the National Awards and Medals Committee and President Becky Moyer for this information.

Speaking of medals and pins

Does your husband have a birthday, or do you have an upcoming anniversary that you want to mark in an incredibly special way? Please consider purchasing for him the 2024 PASSAR medal set commemorating the 134th Congress of the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution hosted by our Pennsylvania Society. Order form is attached to this newsletter.

LAPASSAR GRAPHIC DESIGN FOR ITS OWN PIN

The Auxiliary has been using the National Ladies Auxiliary symbol for our application, minutes, and correspondence (see page one of this newsletter). We believe it would be to our advantage to have our own design. Therefore, we are asking for suggestions for the design, a design that would be Pennsylvania specific. We welcome all suggestions. So far, some members have asked for an oval pin with the state flower, a white mountain laurel with our logo around the edges. Recommended colors thus far are red, white, and blue. Any other ideas? LAPASSAR seeks an artistic member who will design the pin for us.

2024 CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Do you like to get into the thick of things, to plan events, to do crafts? Are you artistic, and are you a shaker and mover or a worker bee? If you are, then LAPASSAR is looking for **YOU!** We seek volunteers to assist with planning fund-raising events and items for the 2024 Congress fund. I know that 2024 seems like a long time from now, but when planning for such a large event it’s not really. It does not matter what part of the state you live in OR if you are out of

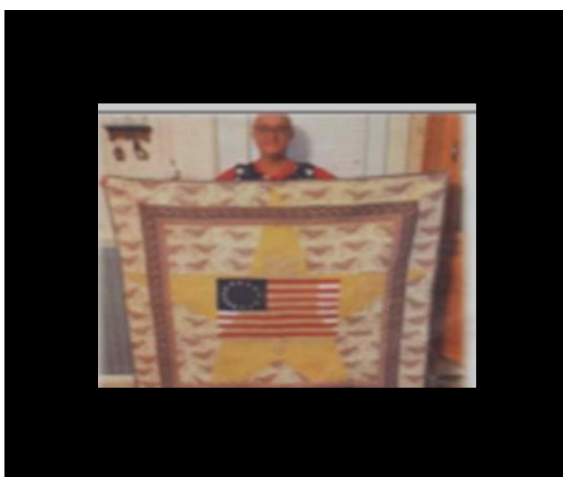
state, or whether you can attend an in-person meeting, **we want you**. For more information contact Becky Moyer at Beckymoyerlapassar@gmail.com or 301 305 5579.

By-laws Committee

Maribeth Wilt-Seibert has agreed to chair a committee to update our by-laws. If you are interested in helping Maribeth, please contact her at mwtseibert@aol.com or 717 576 4661.

Quilt

Thank you to Nora Wenner for donating this beautiful quilt displayed by First Vice-President Cindy Mills. Initially, the winning ticket was to have been drawn at the May board of management meeting which was canceled. Ultimately, the winning ticket was drawn at our September virtual meeting of the new board by Rusty Mills, Pennsylvania State Secretary and spouse to Cindy. Congratulations to treasurer, Jo Anne Mengle who had the winning ticket!



BASKET OR OTHER ITEM FOR THE 2021 CONGRESS IN SEATTLE

Historically, each state auxiliary takes a basket for the hospitality room for the next NSSAR Congress. The state auxiliary for that congress then raffles it off, and the proceeds help to defray the cost of the congress. We are gathering items to be put in a basket to be taken to the Seattle Congress in 2021. We are asking for donations of Pennsylvania themed items. The basket will be put together as items are collected. However, if you have a suggestion other than a basket, we would love to consider your suggestion. If you would like to donate to the basket please contact either Maribeth Wilt-Seibert at mwtseibert@aol.com or 717 576 4661 or Becky Moyer at Beckymoyerlapassar@gmail.com or 301 305 5579.

For your convenience, your officers for 2020-2022 are listed here with their contact information. Please don't hesitate to be in touch with questions, concerns, and ideas.

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