



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

Fall 2021 Newsletter



Becky Hudson Moyer, LAPASSAR President 2020-2022

President's Message



Is it summer or fall? One day it's hot and the next day very pleasantly cool!

It has, indeed, been a busy summer and busy now even into the fall. In July, three members (Maribeth, Jan and I) of the LAPASSAR Board went to Washington State for Congress (see pp. 3-10). We were very busy fundraising for the auxiliary and for PASSAR to benefit SAR's 2024

Congress. In August, there was not only our Uniontown meeting (pp. 12-14), but also the Atlantic Middle States Conference (AMS), hosted by the Maryland Society. Again, there was fundraising for PASSAR's hosted 2024 Congress. September 19th found me at a picnic hosted by the Continental Congress Chapter (CCC), where you can guess: I was fundraising--again. September 24th found me at Leadership in Louisville, KY fundraising still again (p. 15). At those events, LAPASSAR and PASSAR raised an accumulated total of \$3,835.32 in sales to benefit the 2024 Congress!

September 7th-10th found me in Philadelphia and Lancaster with Paul Callanan, his wife Keitha, and PASSAR First-Vice President Mike Siebert for on-site tours of hotels for the 2024 Congress. Paul is SAR's National Congress Chairman. He has a huge job!! I learned so much during those tours about what goes into the selection of a Congress site, including its amenities, costs, transportation, proximity to cultural sites, and ratings. The hotel chosen for the 2024 Congress is the Marriott at Penn Square in Lancaster. I believe that you will enjoy that locale for our PASSAR-hosted Congress.

Speaking of Congresses, if you plan to attend the Savannah, GA 2022 Congress, you need to book your rooms. Reservations opened on September 23rd and accommodations are going fast. Information for the hotel/Congress can be found at <https://www.sar.org/> under *events*.

Special appreciation to LAPASSAR member Jane Miller for a beautiful quilt she made and generously donated to benefit that Congress. Sale of raffle tickets starts immediately, and the drawing will be held on August 13, 2022. You need not be in attendance to win! See additional information on pages 16-17 of this newsletter including the price of tickets and pictures of the quilt.

Our next scheduled board of management meeting will be held in Lancaster on November 5th and 6th. Registration forms are included at <http://passar.org/>. I am looking forward to seeing those of you who can attend that meeting in person. I know you will enjoy our speaker, Gina Marie Aleo, portraying Martha Wayles Skelton Jefferson and reflecting on her life with husband Thomas.

November 6th also marks LAPASSAR's fifth birthday! Happy Birthday to us, Ladies!

Becky

Highlights from SAR 2021 Congress in Renton, Washington July 7-15



131st Congress Host Reception at Museum of Flight

In addition to delicious food, the Museum of Flight in nearby Seattle, WA featured exhibits from the Wright Brothers' gliders to a copy of the plane piloted by Amelia Earhart. About 269 compatriots and 123 guests and dignitaries attended the host reception and the 131st Congress.



Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution (PASSAR) members enjoyed delicious food and fellowship at the host reception in the Museum of Flight. Seated left-to-right are Surgeon General, Dr. Ernest Sutton; Past Vice-President General for Mid-Atlantic District, J. Thomas Showler; Founding President LAPASSAR (2016-2018), Janice Showler; Second Vice-President LAPASSAR, Maribeth Wilt-Siebert; First Vice-President PASSAR, Michael Siebert; Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution President, Andrew Lick with First Lady Melanie Lick and daughter Madeline.



Opening Session of the 131st Congress at Hyatt Regency on Lake Washington, south of Seattle and next door to Boeing. National and state Colors are presented in a moving ceremony to begin Congress business and events.



Cultural trips included a visit at the Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum.



This glass sculpture at the Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum filled an entire room at the museum. The museum is close to Seattle's famous space needle.



An outdoor shot of the legendary Pike Place Market where the fish mongers do throw fish!



President Becky Moyer (left) demonstrates her Midas touch to novice “salesgirls” Janice Showler (middle) and Maribeth Wilt-Siebert (right)



The banquet included comments from honored guest, former Secretary of Defense and retired four-star general (US Marine Corps), James N. Mattis who resides in eastern Washington. In his comments, he expressed gratitude to SAR members for their patriotic support of servicemen and women as well as expressed some good-natured envy of their being able to trace their Revolutionary War roots. To his surprise, and thanks to work of SAR genealogists who “dug up” his patriot ancestor, Aaron Whitaker (1751-1833), an Allegheny PA militiaman, Mattis was presented with a SAR membership certificate and rosette. He was visibly moved by this gesture!



In addition to providing invocations and benedictions at meetings and banquets, PASSAR chaplain and NSSAR Chaplain General, Reverend David J. Felts (seen here as John Witherspoon) directed the memorial service honoring nearly 1,400 compatriots who have passed since the last in-person Congress in Orange County, California in July 2019.



Serving two years because of the Covid 19 pandemic, PG Manning escorts his lady Sheila to the podium to conduct his last banquet and install NSSAR's new President General, Davis Lee Wright, Esq.



As new NSSAR President General, Davis Lee Wright, Esq (Delaware) walks to the podium for swearing in by Jack Manning.

One of the most impressive parts of the installation ceremony is the presentation of George Washington's ring, symbolizing the weighty responsibility of leadership. Here, in colonial period dress, Keitha Callanan



Carries the ring to Jack Manning to present to new President General, Davis Lee Wright.

Just imagine, in 2024, you can witness this ceremony in person when PASSAR hosts Congress in Lancaster, PA!

Highlights from Board of Management Meeting in Uniontown, PA, August 6-8, 2021



Members of Mountaineer Fife and Drum Corps provided Friday (Aug 6) entertainment at the Uniontown board of management meeting hosted by Great Glades Chapter of PASSAR. The meeting was held at the Hilton Garden Inn. Thank you, Great Glades, for a well-planned and interesting meeting!



Enjoying patriotic music from the Mountaineer Fife and Drum Corps is Bob Grumbling (left on bench) and Pennsylvania State President Andrew Lick, leaning against wall (second from left).



President Becky Moyer introduces Fayette Historical Society President, Christine Buckelew who, with Vice-President Bill Zinn, presented a talk on Searight Tollhouse and Museum. To Becky's left are Pat McKim and Karen Westerlund.

(Below) President Becky Moyer greets attendees at the Aug 6-7 Uniontown Board of Management Meeting. Left to right are Cindy Mills, First Vice-President; Stephanie Troutman, Past LAPASSAR President (2018-2020); Rosalind Ashmun, Former PASSAR First Lady; and Karen Westerlund, DAR and LAPASSAR member.





Wreath laying ceremony at Lincoln Cemetery with LAPASSAR participants (left-right), Chaplain, Pat McKim; Second Vice-President, Maribeth Wilt-Siebert; President, Becky Moyer; and member, Mary Stillman

Behind ladies are the PASSAR Color Guard: (L-R) Bob Grumbling, Bill Lehman (Great Glades), Jim Smith, Duane Miller, Gary Bell (all from General Arthur St Clair Chapter). A special thanks to Bob Wrigley for his assistance in identifying members of the SAR Color Guard.

Fall Leadership at the Brown Hotel, Louisville Kentucky (September 23-26, 2021)

SAR Leadership meetings are held twice annually in the fall and spring and provide opportunities for SAR members to conduct business, generally through committees. That business includes work regarding youth awards, campaigns (such as the 1776 Campaign, Liberty Tree Campaign), Congress planning—any business to advance the SAR’s educational, patriotic, and historical mission Leadership also provides an opportunity to see friends cultivated over the years whose work in the SAR through a common vision of core values provides meaningful action. At the fall leadership meeting, ladies enjoyed a presentation on “Gravestones of Early America,” presented by NLASAR member, Barbara Stevens. They also enjoyed a ladies luncheon held at the Speed Art Museum on the campus of the University of Louisville. The museum, the “oldest, largest and foremost museum of art in Kentucky” includes ancient, classical, and modern art from around the world.

The National Ladies Auxiliary held its business meeting on September 24th. Topics of interest included these: an addition in bylaws to include allowance of electronic meetings; fundraising ideas; call for volunteers for period-dress auction at 2022 Congress (Savannah, GA), and updating of the NLASAR website. With Mary Addington, treasurer, and former first lady Sheila Manning, Janice Showler will serve on the NLASAR nominating committee. Even after ladies donation of \$10,000.00 to NSSAR for the Center for Advancing America’s Heritage, the balance in the NLASAR’s treasury as of 09/20/21 is \$9,316.62.



President Becky Moyer at Brown Hotel at 2021 fall Leadership fundraising for 2024 Congress in Lancaster, PA. Seated with her is Charlotte Abbott of Washington who won one of the two knives donated by Emmet Harrelson.



This stellar queen-sized quilt was fashioned by member Jane Miller and donated to LAPASSAR to benefit the 2024 Congress in Lancaster, PA. It is pieced in a twinkling star pattern with a variety of dark blue and red-star fabrics (see left picture). The reverse side (see right picture) is an undulating print of navy and white stars. It is sized for a queen bed.

Raffle tickets can be purchased on line, so look for an order form posted to Mailchimp that Becky sent on October 5, 2021. **The tickets are \$10.00 for one ticket and \$20.00 for three.** You need not be present to win.

Meet Jane Miller (pictured with husband Ron and Grandson Caleb on p. 16)

Jane attended her first LAPASSAR meeting (and joined) two years ago at the annual board of management meeting. She writes: “Upon hearing that the Ladies Auxiliary was looking for ways to fundraise for the 2024 Congress, I thought I could help by contributing a patriotic quilt to raffle. I actually started quilting 40 years ago when I made a crib quilt for my son, but during my working years (as a librarian), this hobby got moved to the back burner. Upon retiring, I resumed my interest in quilting, and in the last 10 years I have made many bed-size quilts, lap quilts, wall-hangings, table runners, and pillows. I enjoy attending the bi-monthly George Washington chapter SAR meetings with my husband Ron, who has been a member for 15 years.”

Your fellow LAPASSAR members warmly welcome you and gratefully acknowledge your talents and your generosity!



Jane and Ron Miller in period garb. Ron has been a fifteen-year member of PASSAR (George Washington Chapter)

Ron and Jane with grandson Caleb playing his fife.





Happy autumn birthdays to our members who have celebrated or will celebrate their birthdays this fall season: September 6—Mary Stillman; September 17th—Becky Moyer; October 1—Valerie Lewis; October 11—Karen Westerlund; October 16—Debra Newell and Irene Walker; November 24—Maribeth Wilt-Siebert; December 8th—Cindy Mills. Have we missed your birthday? Please contact one of the board members (see next page) with your natal day, so we can include you next time.

Speaking of birthdays, LAPASSAR will celebrate **five** years next month in November. Please plan to attend the November 2021 board of management meeting in Lancaster and help us celebrate! Speaker will be Gina Marie Aleo Gordon who assumes the identity of Jefferson's wife. More information at <https://mrsthomasjefferson.com/>



Let your officers hear from you

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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