



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

**Winter 2021 Newsletter**



**Becky Hudson Moyer, President LAPASSAR, 2020-2022**

Happy 2021! I hope that you enjoyed a safe and healthy holiday and, like me, are eager for a fresh new Covid-19 free 2021 now that several vaccines are in the pipeline.

Customarily, as new LAPASSAR officers, we would have been sworn in at the annual meeting in May 2020; however, because of the pandemic, that meeting was canceled for a virtual one,

and our swearing in occurred at the August meeting. Since August, your officers have been busy: our accomplishments include publication of our newsletter, formation of a fund-raising committee for the 2024 Congress in Seattle, revision of our LAPASSAR By-laws, updating of our LAPASSAR webpage for both state and national websites, greetings of sympathy and get-well wishes for our members, welcome of new members and update of our membership application, collection of dues, and a warm welcome for our new interim treasurer.

I look forward to a more “normal” 2021 including the opportunity to meet in-person at the next board of management meeting scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Alloy King of Prussia.

Until then, be safe and well,

Becky

## Happy Birthday Wishes



**Happy Belated Birthday to Cindy Mills** (December 8).

**Happy birthday, Betty Dechant** –Founding Board Chaplain (March 7<sup>th</sup>)



LAPASSAR sends wishes for a healthy, happy year ahead to both ladies.

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

**Speaking of birthdays . . . .** 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 134<sup>th</sup> Congress of the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution hosted by our Pennsylvania Society. Order form is available at our PASSAR website (<passr.org>).

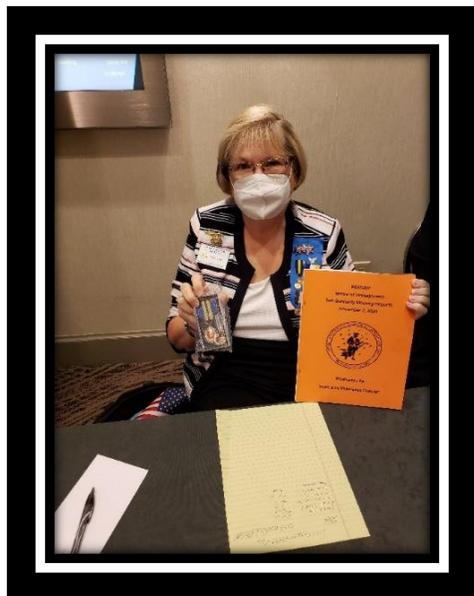
## The 2024 PASSAR Medal



Commemorating the 134th Congress  
of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Hosted by the Pennsylvania Society

Becky Moyer, LAPASSAR President, assisting  
Compatriots in selling the 2024 Congress Medals  
Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at the Pittsburgh Board of Management Meeting



## Spotlight on New Members: Meet Barbara Keefer (Mrs. Anthony W)

Barbara (pictured behind the laptop in the picture below) writes in this biographical sketch: “I graduated summa cum laude from California State College (now California University of Pennsylvania) and have a Master of Education from the same institution. I taught for several years in secondary public schools, retiring in 2004. After retirement, I worked at the Connellsville Area Preschool (quite different from teaching junior high school), the Greater Pittsburgh Renaissance Faire (I loved it!), and for four years, I was a seasonal park ranger at Fort Necessity National Battlefield (the site of the first battle of the French and Indian War) and Friendship Hill National Historic Site (the home of Albert Gallatin).

“I belong to Great Meadows DAR, Chief Tanacharison Chapter DAC, and Dolley Payne Madison Chapter of Daughters of 1812. I am a charter member of our local historical society. I also belong to St. Andrew’s Society of Pittsburgh (Scottish descent) and St David’s Society of Pittsburgh (Welsh descent.). In addition, I am a member of a number of professional organizations and of Mensa. I am a volunteer usher at the Geyer Center for the Performing Arts in Scottsdale and the State Theater for the Arts in Uniontown.

“My husband is a member of General Arthur St. Clair Chapter of SAR and is a retired college professor. We attend church at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal in Scottsdale. We both enjoy reading, container gardening, and traveling. We have explored over 130 countries.

“I live just outside of Connellsville, PA.”



**Left to Right: Debra Newill, Barbara Keefer (front), Karen Westerlund, Mary Stillman (both back); Rosalind Ashman (Braddock Trail Registrar and PSSDAR State Vice Chair – Membership) front right.**

## Meet Mary Hauck Stillman



Mary Hauck Stillman is a member of Phoebe Bayard Chapter. She attended Lock Haven University where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. Later, she earned her Masters' Degree at Penn State University. She taught in the Hempfield Area School District for over 32 years. Both she and her husband Frank have worked with the Boys Scouts for 50 years, Frank received the Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow. Both have received the Silver Beaver Award. Both currently serve on the Council Executive Board.

They are additionally active with their church and its activities for the youth as well as in Job's Daughters with positions as state leaders, Grand Guardian (Mary), Associate Grand Guardian (Frank) as well as other adult leadership positions.

Mary and Frank were continually active in many of Masonic organizations such as Eastern Star, Amaranth, and White Shrine of Jerusalem. Mary was Worthy Grand Matron for Eastern Star, Grand Royal Matron, Amaranth; Frank was Grand Royal Patron (Amaranth).

Mary and Frank married in 1957; they have a son and a daughter, seven grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

**Are you a new member and would like to see yourself featured here? Please send a brief biography and a jpeg picture of yourself to newsletter editor, Janice Showler <upenn92@verizon.net>**

## Meet our new interim treasurer: Diana Watson



Diana Watson has agreed to serve as our LAPASSAR treasurer beginning in May 2021, replacing JoAnne Mengle, our very capable treasurer who is stepping down from that post. Thank you so much, JoAnne, for a wonderful job and for being such a supportive and dedicated officer.

Diana is retired after serving in the United States Army for eleven years as Finance Clerk and Office Manager. Her responsibilities included preparing payroll, paying vendors, and balancing books. She has a degree in accounting from Davenport College, Kalamazoo, MI. and serves as a volunteer researcher at the Crawford County Historical Society. She is a member of the Fort LeBeouf Chapter of the Pennsylvania State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (PSSDAR) and serves as registrar as well as former treasurer for her chapter.

**Treasurer's Report  
Ladies Auxiliary to PASSAR  
December 31, 2020**

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|---|----------|
| Checking account balance 30 November 2020 | 4,474.44 |
| Verified to bank statement                |          |
| December 4, 2020 deposit                  | 50.00    |
| Bank balance December 31, 2020            | 4,524.44 |

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2021 dues collection:

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|---|----------|
| 20 Members/new members choosing life membership @ \$50    | 1,000.00 |
| 11 Members/new members choosing regular membership @ \$10 | 105.00   |
| Donations toward 2024 SAR National Congress               | 270.00   |
| Total dues and donations (included in above bank balance) | 1,375.00 |
| 50/50 Donation (included in the Checking account balance) |          |
| 217.00  |          |

Jo Anne Mengle  
Treasurer

## Winter Board of Management Meeting



### Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution Winter Board of Management Meeting

February 5&6, 2021

Hosted by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter the  
Alloy King of Prussia - a DoubleTree by Hilton 301  
West Dekalb Pike, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Toll Free (800) TRY-VFPA (879-8372)

(610) 337-1200

fax (610) 337-1959

Friday, February 5, 2021

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM Registration

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Dinner on your own

Saturday, February 6, 2021

8:00AM – 9:00 AM Registration

9:00 AM – 12:00 AM Board of Management Meeting 10:00 AM

– 12:00 AM Ladies Program

Noon – 2:00 PM Luncheon

Room rates: \$104.00 + tax

When making reservation please mention you are attending the Sons of American Revolution meeting to receive our special rate. Room check in is at 3:00 PM; Checkout is Noon.

**Deadline for room reservations is January 22, 2021**

|                                 |  |                 |       |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------|-------|
| Registration (Compatriots only) |  | \$25.00         | _____ |
| Ladies Program                  |  | \$15.00         | _____ |
| Saturday Lunch selection:       |  |                 |       |
|                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Roasted Atlantic Salmon | at \$40.00 each | _____ |
|                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grilled Chicken Marsala | at \$40.00 each | _____ |
|                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rigatoni Broccolini     | at \$40.00 each | _____ |
|                                 |  | TOTAL           | _____ |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest names: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: "Philadelphia Continental SAR." Mail to William H Baker, 929 Burmont Road,  
Drexel Hill, PA 19026-4012

Mobile Phone: (248) 701-5267; Email: wbaklava@aol.com

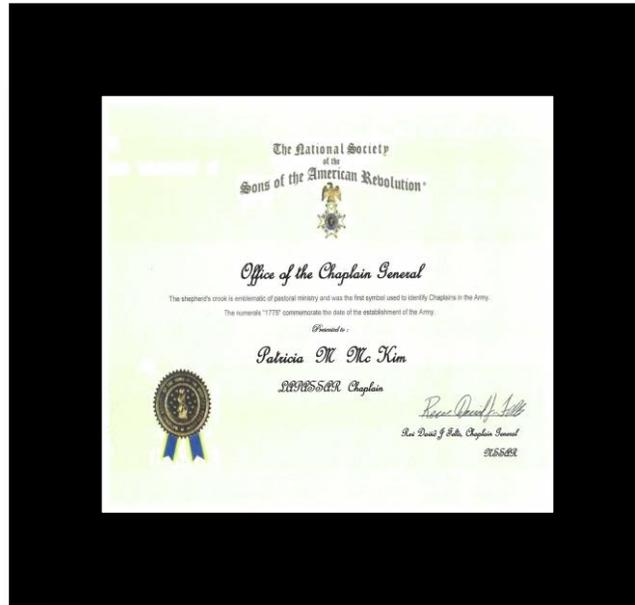
## Highlights of Board of Management Fall Quarterly Meeting: Pittsburgh PA



### Our own Patricia McKim, Chaplain, Recognized for Service



Chaplain General Reverend David Felts presents the following certificate of appreciation to Patricia McKim, Chaplain, LAPASSAR



Patricia's honor from the National Chaplain General reads: "The shepherd's crook is emblematic of pastoral ministry and was the first symbol used to identify chaplains in the Army. The numerals "1775" commemorate the date of the establishment of the Army.

Thank you for your service, Pat, as you soldier on . . . .

### Compatriot Frank Stillman and his wife Mary



A winning team and generous supporters

Frank and Mary won the 50/50 raffle at the Nov 7<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting held in Pittsburgh, PA; their share of the pot was \$108.00 which they promptly donated back to LAPASSAR to be added to donations for the 2024 Congress fund. LAPASSAR is grateful and thank them for their generous donation.

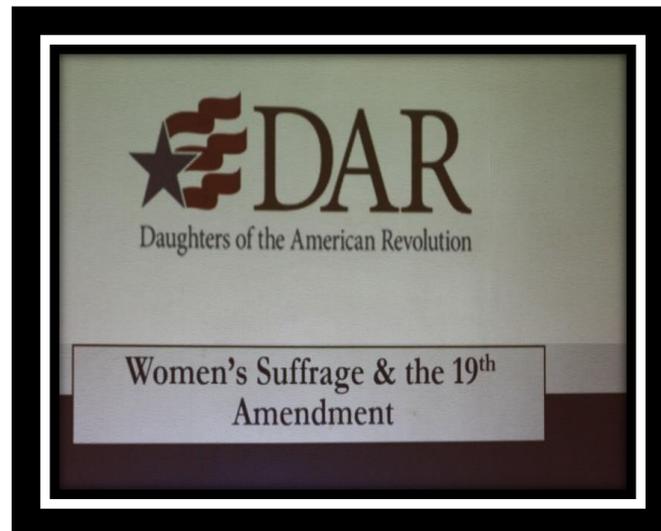
Frank earned his degree in Electrical Engineering at Bucknell University and worked for West Penn Power/Allegheny power for over 35 years. Mary has been a teacher for over 32 years. Besides working with the Boy Scouts for 50 years as well as providing dedicated service to other societies in which they are both active, they have published two books: *The Stillman Family* and the *Kline Family* based upon genealogical research. Another book, *The Herman Family* is in the works.



If you would like to donate to the 2024 Congress Fund, we will gratefully accept your donation. Those donations can be sent to Jo Anne Mengle, with a note on the memo line of your check 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



**LAPASSAR is honored to have representation from three Daughters of the American Revolution who presently serve as regents. Thank you, ladies for your service . . . .**



Speaker Susan Matlack,  
Regent, Pittsburgh Chapter DAR

Denise Harry, Regent  
Colonel Crawford Chapter DAR

Debra Newill, Regent  
Braddock Trail Chapter DAR

Photograph compliments of Denise Harry, above middle.

Did you know that the Pittsburgh (PA) chapter holds Chapter #1 in the NSDAR? Fittingly, it was at a Pittsburgh quarterly meeting in **2016** that LAPASSAR was born. LAPASSAR celebrated our fourth birthday this past November.

### **Ladies Program: November Board of Management Meeting**

Susan Matlack (pictured above at left), Regent, Pittsburgh Chapter NSDAR, presented a discussion of “Women’s Suffrage—The Centennial of the 19th Amendment.” The movement was born from the anti-slavery movement in the late 19th century. The Seneca Falls convention, held on July 19 & 20, 1848, declared the following Declaration of Sixteen Sentiments that follow here:

*The history of mankind is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations on the part of man toward woman, having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over her. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world.*

*He has never permitted her to exercise her inalienable right to the elective franchise.*

*He has compelled her to submit to laws, in the formation of which she had no voice.*

*He has withheld from her rights which are given to the most ignorant and degraded men - both natives and foreigners.*

*Having deprived her of this first right of a citizen, the elective franchise, thereby leaving her without representation in the halls of legislation, he has oppressed her on all sides.*

*He has made her, if married, in the eye of the law, civilly dead.*

*He has taken from her all right in property, even to the wages she earns.*

*He has made her, morally, an irresponsible being, as she can commit many crimes, with impunity, provided they be done in the presence of her husband. In the covenant of marriage, she is compelled to promise obedience to her husband, he becoming, to all intents and purposes, her master - the law giving him power to deprive her of her liberty, and to administer chastisement.*

*He has so framed the laws of divorce, as to what shall be the proper causes of divorce; in case of separation, to whom the guardianship of the children shall be given, as to be wholly regardless of the happiness of women - the law, in all cases, going upon the false supposition of the supremacy of man, and giving all power into his hands.*

*After depriving her of all rights as a married woman, if single and the owner of property, he has taxed her to support a government which recognizes her only when her property can be made profitable to it.*

*He has monopolized nearly all the profitable employments, and from those she is permitted to follow, she receives but a scanty remuneration.*

*He closes against her all the avenues to wealth and distinction, which he considers most honorable to himself. As a teacher of theology, medicine, or law, she is not known.*

*He has denied her the facilities for obtaining a thorough education - all colleges being closed against her.*

*He allows her in Church as well as State, but a subordinate position, claiming Apostolic authority for her exclusion from the ministry, and with some exceptions, from any public participation in the affairs of the Church.*

*He has created a false public sentiment, by giving to the world a different code of morals for men and women, by which moral delinquencies which exclude women from society, are not only tolerated but deemed of little account in man.*

*He has usurped the prerogative of Jehovah himself, claiming it as his right to assign for her a sphere of action, when that belongs to her conscience and her God.*

*He has endeavored, in every way that he could to destroy her confidence in her own powers, to lessen her self-respect, and to make her willing to lead a dependent and abject life.*

**Source:** <https://www.nps.gov/wori/learn/historyculture/declaration-of-sentiments.htm>)

Tennessee was the deciding state and ratified the Nineteenth Amendment on August 26, 1920. Mississippi was the last state to ratify in 1984. Secretary Janice Showler thanks Debra Newill, Regent of the Braddock Trail Chapter of the NSDAR, for her contribution to this article.

**President Becky Moyer with speaker Susan Matlack**



**The 2024 PASSAR Medal**



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**Order forms for the commemorative medal is available on the PASSAR website:  
<[www://passar.org](http://www://passar.org)>**

## LAPASSAR GRAPHIC DESIGN FOR ITS OWN PIN

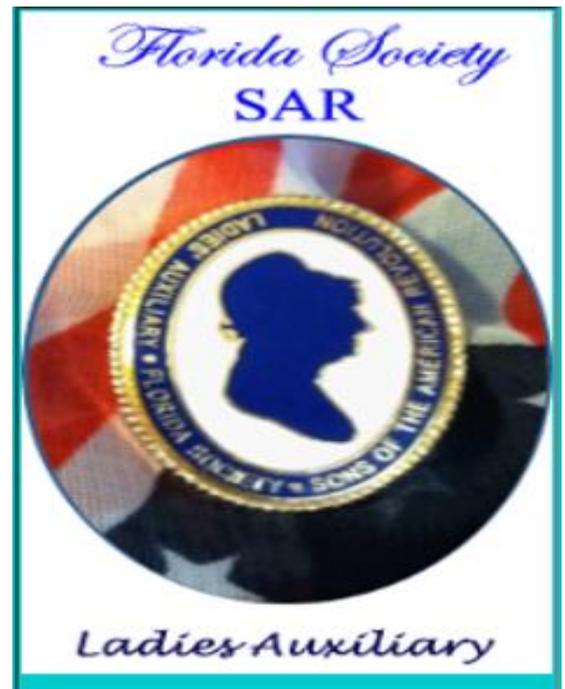
The Auxiliary has been using the National Ladies Auxiliary symbol for our application, minutes, and correspondence (see page one of this newsletter at top). We believe it would be to our advantage to have our own design. Therefore, we are asking for suggestions for the design, a design that would be 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. Please contact Maribeth Wilt-Siebert if you would like to help with this project: [mwtseibert@aol.com](mailto:mwtseibert@aol.com) or 717 576 4661.



Here is Georgia's Ladies Auxiliary pin design.

Pins can be fashioned in enamel or metal.



Here is the Florida Society's pin

## 2024 CONGRESS COMMITTEE

Do you like to serve behind the scenes or produce 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. The year 2024 seems as if it is a long time from now, but when planning for such a large event, it is really not long at all. It does not matter in what part of the state you live, or if you live out-of-state, or if you can attend an in-person meeting, **we want you.** For more information contact Becky Moyer at [Beckymoyerlapassar@gmail.com](mailto:Beckymoyerlapassar@gmail.com) or 301 305 5579.

## BASKET OR OTHER ITEM FOR THE 2021 CONGRESS IN SEATTLE

President Becky Moyer will ask for a vote regarding our LAPASSAR contribution to the Congress in Seattle Washington this summer, 2021. 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 proceeds help to defray the cost of the congress. Since so many of us will be flying, making transport of a basket difficult, we ask for other ideas. Those might include an item that would be easy to transport, a check, or some other gift to help the Washington Society defray costs of the Congress. If any lady is driving with her husband, perhaps we could still present a Pennsylvania themed basket. If you plan to drive and are willing to transport a basket, would you kindly contact either Maribeth Wilt-Seibert at [mwtseibert@aol.com](mailto:mwtseibert@aol.com) or 717 576 4661 or Becky Moyer at [Beckymoyerlapassar@gmail.com](mailto:Beckymoyerlapassar@gmail.com) or 301 305 5579.

**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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