

**MINE RUN NSDAR  
CHAPTER MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 2013**

The Mine Run Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, met at the Germanna Foundation Building, on Route 3 West, near Germanna Community College on December 7, 2013. Ten members attended this meeting.

Opening exercises were conducted by the Regent, Rochelle Grey. She led the group in the DAR Ritual and opening prayers. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by Sue Shackelford. The American's Creed was led by Mary Nolan. The minutes for today's meeting will be read by email and approved by Mary Nolan and Debbie Matalavage.

A National Defense Minute was presented by Ginnie DeHart. She reported that Russia is assisting Iran to build a second nuclear power plant. Russia is set to lead construction of the nuclear plant, which is one of 34 potential new nuclear power sites identified by Iran. The United States is opposed to this plan, but has not passed any new sanctions at this time. For a history minute, Mary Nolan discussed a historic marker in White Stone, Virginia, to commemorate a battle during the War of 1812. It was also noted that today is Pearl Harbor Day. Liz Couture offered an Indian Minute, on how Native Americans celebrate Christmas. She had a Conservation Minute, on how the Chesapeake Bay is getting a boost from wild celery seeds being replanted in Aquia Creek.

Under the President's Blog, Regent Grey encouraged members to view the webpage.

Regarding officer's reports, Regent Grey is asking members to submit information for the Master Questionnaire, which is due next month. She is hoping to record a lot of hours for the Celebrate America Project. Vice Regent, Debbie Aylor, indicated that the next meeting will be held on January 11, 2014, at the Economic Development Building in Spotsylvania County. It is located in the Spotsylvania Courthouse Village. On February 15, Debbie DeHart is scheduled to speak on the topic of "Are you related to Presidents, Thomas Jefferson." This will be held at Massaponax Baptist Church. The annual Women's Forum is set for March 22, at James Monroe High School in Fredericksburg. Debbie DeHart will be a presenter. Calendar events can be accessed by checking <http://dardebbie.com/MineRunChapter.htm>.

Sue Shackelford, treasurer reported a checkbook balance of \$2,139.23. She read a thank you note from a military veteran's family for assistance with baby formula. She is still accepting donations for this family. Sue also distributed membership cards. The registrar Debbie DeHart indicated that there are currently 68 active chapter members. The chaplain, Cindy Kohl, was not present at the meeting today.

Under other business, Liz Couture talked about the funeral for the 12 year old girl, Jordan Du Priest, who recently passed away from brain cancer. Liz also mentioned the Christmas tree which was decorated and auctioned for the benefit of Hope House.

It is planned to bring the yellow school bus to future meetings, as a means to collect money for DAR sponsored schools.

Member Anne Compton, wrote a thank you note for the card which the Mine Run Chapter sent on Veterans Day, thanking her for her service to the country.

No decision could be reached on changes in the by-laws, due to a lack of quorum.

A nominating committee was selected to choose officers for the upcoming two years. Members of this committee are Debbie DeHart, Chairman; Liz Couture and Leah Samuels.

The speaker for today's meeting was introduced by Debbie Aylor. He is Marc Wheat, who is president of the Germanna Foundation. He talked about the historical legacy of the Germanna colonists and the Fort Germanna archaeology site. At the end of the presentation, the bell in the Memorial Garden was rung by the members to commemorate Pearl Harbor Day.

The meeting ended at 10:25 a.m. Members were encouraged to attend the annual open house at Debbie DeHart's on December 14, beginning at 12 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Recording Secretary  
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