

CHAPTER MEETING  
MINE RUN NSDAR  
JANUARY 17, 2015

On Saturday, January 17, 2015, the Mine Run Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met at the Germanna Foundation Visitor Center at Locust Grove at 9:30 a.m. Twelve members attended today's meeting and one prospective member, Jill Herring Mount. Also in attendance were 15 children and parents from the Spotsylvania 4-H Club. The meeting was led by the Chapter Regent, Debbie Aylor.

Regent Aylor led the group in the DAR ritual, and the Preamble to the Constitution. Ginnie DeHart led the Pledge of the Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Debbie Matalavage led the members in reciting the American's Creed.

Member Pat Johnson presented a workshop on creating pollinator nesting habitat for Mason Bees. They are an alternative for Honey Bees. Members and the 4-H club children made nesting habitats for the Mason Bees using empty tin cans, twine and reeds/ bamboo.

At the conclusion of the workshop, Regent Aylor proceeded with the meeting. Two members have agreed to read by e-mail and approve the minutes for today's meeting and the November, 2014 meeting which was also held at the Germanna Foundation. They are Debbie DeHart and Debbie Matalavage.

Regent Aylor reported that the Master Questionnaire has been submitted to the DAR National Office. It is important for members to record their work for the chapter in a notebook that was specifically designed for that purpose. Members can also record their hours of service at Celebrate America on the DAR website.

Vice Regent Sue Shackelford encouraged members to send a birthday card to a lady in Ohio, who will be turning 100 years old at the end of the month. The goal is for her to obtain 100 birthday cards.

There was no treasurer's report.

Liz Couture, registrar, was not present at the meeting. She e-mailed her report indicating a total of 63 members.

Chaplain Cindy Kohl sent one sympathy card since the last meeting.

Under reports of committees, Mary Stanley offered a Flag Minute. In 1960, the National Banner, with 50 states, became the official flag of the United States. It was first flown at Ft. McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland. Ginnie DeHart gave a National Defense Minute. She recalled all of the recent terrorist activity, and encouraged members to be careful and observant of their surroundings. For women's issues, Cindy Kohl mentioned that changes in the abortion laws are being proposed in Congress. Cindy also said that she had recently been to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and related some of the ways that immigrants were able to enter the United States. An Indian Minute was given by Debbie

DeHart. She stated that the Saponi Indian tribe, to whom she is related, had to move to from Fox's Neck, Germanna, Virginia to North Carolina, after they were found "firing" in the woods (roasting a pig), and the settlers were worried that they would set the woods on fire.

Under unfinished business, the group learned that Liz Couture will be bringing the signature quilt to the next meeting for member's to sign.

For new business, the Virginia DAR State Conference will be held in Norfolk on March 20-22, 2015. Two delegates were nominated and approved by the group. They are Leah Samuels and Ginnie DeHart. Two alternates were also selected, Debbie DeHart and Rochelle Grey.

The next meeting will be held at Wilderness Baptist Church on February 21, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. Debbie DeHart will be giving a program "Are you related to presidents-John Adams." Members are encouraged to bring refreshments to this meeting.

Regent Aylor adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Submitted by,

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Recording Secretary  
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