

MINUTES, MINE RUN CHAPTER MEETING Dated May 16, 2013.

On May 16, 2013, the Mine Run Chapter, NSDAR, met at the Four Seasons Restaurant for a dinner meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Seventeen members were present, and three guests: Calvin Conger, husband of member, Gwen Melrose Hassell Conger and two prospective members, Vicki Thorpe and Nancy Shattuck. Jinxie Forbush, associate member, also attended today's meeting.

Rochelle Grey, regent, called the meeting to order. Lisa Doan, standing in as chaplain for Cindy Kohl, led the group in the opening DAR ritual. Mary Haak followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Jane Bailey led the members in reciting the American's Creed and Regent Grey began the first verse of the Star Spangled Banner. Minutes of today's meeting will be read and approved by Ann Ellis and Pat Johnson. Debbie DeHart, filling in for Sue Shackelford, treasurer, indicated that there is a checkbook balance of \$1,496.23. Debbie DeHart, registrar, reported that there are currently 74 chapter members.

The annual District II DAR meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2013. The site will be announced at a later date. The annual Fall Muster is held the third week in September.

Under Committee Reports, Mary Stanley presented a Flag Minute about a former slave, William H. Carney, who served with the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He held the colors at Ft. Wagner, a Civil War battleground in South Carolina, and received the Medal of Honor for his bravery.

Betsy Berry encouraged the group to save soda can tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House, which provides housing for relatives of sick children.

Mary Haak presented a Conservation Minute in the form of a tip to deter deer and moles by planting garlic. She suggested avoiding the use of chemicals in home yards and gardens.

An Indian Minute was given by Member Haak regarding the ballerina, Maria Tallchief, who passed away earlier this year.

Pat Johnson offered a History Minute. She reported that in 1866 the first US Nickel coin was minted. She also discussed Secretary of State William Seward, who was responsible for the purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867, often referred to as "Seward's Folly."

Ginnie DeHart presented a National Defense Minute about an individual who was arrested in an airport for having a pressure cooker in their possession. This is important to note due to the fact that the men who bombed the Boston Marathon this year used pressure cookers.

Under Women's Issues, prospective member Nancy Shattuck encouraged diversity in the workplace.

Regarding New and Unfinished Business, Regent Grey mentioned that DAR.org is a good way to obtain the latest messages from the National President, Daughters of the American Revolution. Member Doan gave each member a copy of the Welcome Packet which she created to help new members learn about DAR. The Mine Run newsletter was distributed to members that were present at today's meeting. Liz

Couture will be bringing raffle tickets to the next meeting for the chair that was built by Jimmy Wallace and donated by Debbie DeHart. There will also be gardening items included in this fundraising item.

Member Gwendolyn Melrose Hassell Conger was awarded a DAR pin for her Service to the Nation. She was previously given the DeFleury Award, and her husband, Calvin Conger, discussed the history of this prestigious accomplishment.

The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2013 at the Artful Dimensions Art Studio on Charles Street in Fredericksburg. Members can take a tour of the nearby James Monroe Museum after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Dinner was followed with a presentation by Debbie DeHart on the proper use of DAR pins and insignia.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah L. Samuels, Recording Secretary
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