



SPRING 2019

— TENNESSEE —

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## **BENVENUTA PRIMAVERA! WELCOME SPRING!**

I am continually amazed at the rate with which time passes. Just as my sons begin a new college fall semester, spring break arrives. So goes a Dames year. It seems just as we attend our Town Committee meetings in September, it is time to celebrate Christmas and begin planning for the May Annual Dinner and Meeting. Have you made your plans to attend May 1 and 2 in Nashville and welcome our National President?

We are most fortunate to be graced at this year's Annual Dinner at Belle Meade Country Club and Membership Meeting at Travellers rest with our National President, Anna Duff. I just know you have made plans to attend. Also joining us this May is Mimi Hurst, our Vice-President Residing in Region III. All details about the events will be mailed to your home and are printed in this newsletter.

Look forward also to April 11-12, when our National Headquarters, Dumbarton House, is hosting the first annual "Day at Dumbarton." This inaugural event will explore the upcoming preservation work scheduled for the house. Behind-the-scenes tours and workshops will be conducted. Additionally, presentations on vintage wallpapers and historic textiles are among the special programs that will be offered. There is still time to register. Go to [www.nscda.org](http://www.nscda.org) and click on *meetings & events*. This is the beginning of a new tradition for Dumbarton House.

When you meet our National Officers, travel to Regional meetings, and perhaps even visit Dumbarton House in Washington D.C., I hope you feel a part of the larger Colonial Dames Society. Remember, you are not only a Tennessee Dame, you are a National Dame!

Caroline and  
Trey Rochford



## **2019-2020 SLATE OF OFFICERS**

### **CYNTHIA HARRIS, CHAIR, NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the 2019-2020 slate.

President: Caroline Rochford, NTC

President-Elect: Pam Shampain, NTC

Town Committee Vice Presidents

Chattanooga: Julia Sanford, CTC

Knoxville: Nancy Montgomery, KTC

Memphis: Julie Spear, MTC

Nashville: Laura Roberts, NTC

Recording Secretary: Julie Brymer, NTC

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Cook, CTC

Parliamentarian /Bylaws: Ann Reed, KTC and

Cynthia Harris, NTC

Treasurer: Alice Whitson, NTC

Assistant Treasurer: Jean Bowden, NTC

Registrar: Sandi Atkinson, NTC

Assistant Registrar: Clarke Harrison, KTC

Historical Activities: Nancy Grimes, NTC

Membership: TBA

Hospitality Committee: Randi Land, NTC

Patriotic Service Chairman: Reese Lewis, CTC

Nominating Committee Chairman: TBA

Thank you, Dames, for your willingness to

serve the Tennessee Society! The remaining

members of the Board of Managers are either

in the middle of a two-year term and their positions

are not up for election this year, or they

are appointees to the Board. The Board of Managers

will be introduced at the Annual Meeting.

### **NSCDA NATIONAL OFFICE HOLDERS FROM TENNESSEE**

Susan Walker – National Executive Committee,  
Corresponding Secretary

Sandi Atkinson - National Membership Committee,  
Chair

Ann Kelly – National Museum Properties Committee,  
Recording Secretary

Caroline Rochford – National Communications-  
Marketing Committee, Chair - Social Media



**THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA  
IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND**

**THE ANNUAL DINNER**

Featuring honored guest  
Anna Duff

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Social hour at Six o'clock  
Dinner at Seven thirty

Belle Meade Country Club  
815 Belle Meade Boulevard

\$75.00 per person

Cocktail attire  
Valet Parking Available

**THE ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND  
LUNCHEON**

Thursday, May 2, 2019

at Travellers Rest  
House and grounds open for tours and  
displays at nine thirty o'clock in the  
morning

Meeting begins  
at ten-thirty o'clock  
in the Barn

Lunch to follow

\$25 per person

Send check payable to:  
NSCDA-TN by April 24  
to Mrs. William Roberts  
510 Belgrave Park  
Nashville, TN 37215



Anna Duff  
President National Society of  
The Colonial Dames of America

**OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY**

The objects of this Society shall be:

- To collect and preserve manuscripts, traditions, relics, and mementos of bygone days;
- To preserve and restore buildings connected with the early history of our country;
- To educate our fellow citizens and ourselves in our country's history and thus diffuse healthful and intelligent information concerning the past;
- To create a popular interest in our Colonial history;
- To stimulate a spirit of true patriotism and a genuine love of country;
- And to impress upon the young the sacred obligation of honoring the memory of those heroic ancestors whose ability, valor, sufferings, and achievements are beyond all praise.

## **PATRIOTIC SERVICE**

### **AMY WILBANKS, PATRIOTIC SERVICE COMMITTEE**

"In 1921, following the end of World War I, the early members of the NSCDA formalized the desire to give honor, aid and assistance to our service personnel and to fund opportunities for young and old to learn about and celebrate the American form of democracy. Originally known as the Americanization Committee, in 1927 it became the Patriotic Service Committee. Through large and small projects, one-time or ongoing, the talented, enthusiastic and gracious Dames represent all of us to the students, community leaders, veterans and active duty personnel that we serve."

- NSCDA Website, Patriotic Service Committee

The following information is a summary of the Tennessee Patriotic Service activity.

#### **CITIZENSHIP**

Caroline Smith, Knoxville Town Committee, organized Knoxville Dames to pass out close to 200 flag pins at the January 10 Naturalization Ceremonies. They also passed out 130 pins on February 26. There are services scheduled in Knoxville on April (date TBD), July 3, and September 17.

#### **CONGRESSIONAL SEMINAR ESSAY CONTEST**

Melissa Harrison, Patriotic Service Committee Essay Contest Chair, coordinated and managed the Congressional Essay Contest. We had a great response to the contest this year and would like to give special thanks to Kay Stoppelbein, Knoxville Town Committee, for her support with this effort.

This year we have three winners! Jonathon Edens, a senior from Berean Christian High School, William Stitt, a junior from Berean Christian High

School, and Aubrie Chastain, a junior from Hixson High School. All three winners are 4.0 students at their respective high schools. The Washington Workshop will be held June 22-28, 2019 in Washington, D.C.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND EDUCATIONAL AWARDS**

District Scholarship – Every third year we have the honor of awarding a District Scholarship with the assistance of Alabama and Mississippi societies. This special award is given to a graduate student in American History or Historic Preservation. This year's District Scholarship is awarded to Ms. Colbi Layne Hogan from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU). Ms. Hogan is a second year PhD student in Public History. Ms. Hogan, along with Dr. Carroll Van West, PhD will attend the NSCDA-TN Annual May Meeting at Traveller's Rest for an awards presentation.

American History Scholarships - This year's American History Scholarship recipients are Mr. AlexMcTaggart, senior history major from Rhodes College and Ms. Rebekkah Mulholland, PhD student from the University of Memphis. Both students will be given certificates at their respective college award ceremonies this spring.

#### **SERVICE TO MILITARY**

Elizabeth Earthman, Nashville Town Committee, coordinated collecting 31 phone chargers and 23 pairs of socks for the VA Hospital at the Nashville Town Committee Christmas party. Should you have any questions or updates regarding Patriotic Service, please contact Amy Wilbanks – ahwilbanks@yahoo.com.

## **SPONSORS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL DINNER, MEETING, AND LUNCHEON**

If you would like to help sponsor our events this year, please send a check payable to NSCDA-TN to:

Mrs. Lee Cornelius Bowden, Jr., Treasurer  
NSCDA-TN  
P.O. Box 50973  
Nashville, TN 37205-0973

While we are asking for contributions of \$100, any amount is appreciated!

Sponsors will be recognized in the event program and in the fall newsletter. Please respond by April 15.

## CHATTANOOGA TOWN COMMITTEE-ELIZABETH McCALLIE

Dr Duke Ritchie, Howard Baker History Chair at McCallie School, was our November speaker for the evening Cocktail and Lecture Series we began last spring. He gave a fascinating presentation on the significance of the French and Indian War upon our American Revolution. Florence Benson arranged a delightful and well-attended Christmas Party for us at the Walden Club.

In January, Vice Chairman Julia Sanford and her husband Keith, President CEO of the TN Aquarium, treated us to a grand tour featuring the large variety of aquatic plants, rather than the fish!

We had a lunch meeting at the Mountain City Club in March and another evening lecture in April. Our speaker again will be UTC History Professor, Michael Thompson. May concludes our year with a lunch meeting at the beautiful home of Flowerree McDonough.



Pictured are Keith Barry, Elizabeth McCallie, Roses Taylor, Reese Lewis, Happy Baker, Dr. Ritchie, Flowerree McDonough.

## KNOXVILLE TOWN COMMITTEE NANCY J. MONTGOMERY

The Knoxville Town Committee had a festive December Meeting at Cherokee Country Club. Rachel Bennett, our Congressional Essay Seminar winner, impressed us all in sharing her thoughts and experiences participating in the Washington Workshop in June 2018. She thanked the Colonial Dames for the opportunity to attend this life changing event. The addition of new member Mrs. Benjamin Lytle Landers (Megan) was announced, as well as the acceptance of two prospective members.

There were several Naturalization Ceremonies in Knoxville in January and in February. The February Ceremony was large and included 126 new citizens from 42 countries. The Mayors of Knox County and Knoxville addressed the crowd. Members of the Knoxville Town Committee handed out flag pins at all of the ceremonies to the participants who were very appreciative and excited to become United States Citizens.

At the March Meeting, the Knoxville Town Committee heard about the life and times of Sam Houston from Marleitta Cooper, who acts as a schoolmarm for school and home-school fieldtrips at the Sam Houston Schoolhouse in Blount County Tennessee as well as for outside organizations.

The members of the Knoxville Town Committee also enjoyed a delicious lunch at Cherokee Country Club following our meetings.

Madeline Rogero, Mayor Knoxville, and Glenn Jacobs, Mayor Knox County, at a Naturalization Ceremony

## MEMPHIS TOWN COMMITTEE JULIE SPEAR

The Memphis Town Committee will have its spring meeting on Thursday, April 25, at the Memphis Hunt and Polo Club. Our speaker will be Kim Bearden, Executive Director of Historic Elmwood Cemetery, the oldest active cemetery in Memphis.

At our fall board meeting, we voted to adopt Elmwood as our civic project. On November 6, 2018, several of our members gathered at Elmwood to plant pansies around the flagpole at the entrance to the cemetery. Kim will discuss ways in which the Memphis Dames can be of assistance to this historic property.



## TENNESSEE WELCOMES JUNIOR DAMES

The Junior Dames category of membership is being promoted quite enthusiastically from our National NSCDA (*some state societies identify them as Baby Dames.*) There are associate states that already have this membership category (Az, Ma, Il, Pa.) Your state board has worked very hard this year to research the idea of Junior Dames and how to best include these Dames in Tennessee. This special group of Dames, beginning at birth, will allow families to extend their legacy of Colonial Dames membership to granddaughters, for example.

The idea being “let’s get them while they are young” is to intentionally foster our younger generation’s exposure to not only CORRECT history, but also to promote a love for its preservation. Patriotic Service is vital to the younger girls and our Town Committees are excited about providing age-appropriate activities for them. After all, Dames are charged with advancing a love of country and our service members.

Watch for much more information on Junior Dames following the ratification of this membership category at our Annual Meeting in May. The process of membership will be the same as for National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in Tennessee

### REGISTRAR-CLARKE HARRISON

Our State membership is dropping. As of May 1, 2018, State membership was 564. As of February 28, 2019, our membership is 557. In that time period, we have gained 11 new Dames, reinstated one Dame and had two Dames transfer in. Sadly, five Dames have transferred out, five Dames have resigned and 11 Dames have died. We have several candidates who need to complete their papers. I encourage the Town Committee Registrars to “light a fire” and help your candidates. We need them.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SANDI ATKINSON, CHAIR NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Welcome to Spring. And a new Committee to help NSCDA-TN grow. We are concerned about our growing decline in numbers, even from last year. We need a jump start. Attracting new members. We will be talking about forming a State Membership Committee comprising of a State Chair with a Membership Chair in each Town Committee under her. This will be discussed at our Annual May Meeting at Travellers Rest. We hope you can join us, and we welcome your input. One of the best ways and easiest is to bring in legacies. We Dames are very proud of our legacy and carrying on our mother’s, grandmother’s and in my case, great-grandmother’s legacy. Please go to [www.nscda.org](http://www.nscda.org) . User name, history, password, future. When on the home page scroll down the left side to committees. Click on Membership. Click on “ Membership Committee Structure and Ideas to Help Grow and Retain Members.” Below is part of that link:

### STATEMENT

There are concerns about diminishing membership and lack of growth in our Society.

### RECOMMENDATION

In order for many Corporate Societies’ membership to prosper, it is necessary to have an organized functioning structure as listed:

- Membership Chair
- Committee Members who are enthusiastic about bringing in new members
- Young Dames Chair
- Roll of Honor Chair

## COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY— FRANCIE LOGAN

Our Tennessee Dames continue to march steadily towards the future! Our website is continuously improving and will hopefully be a useful portal for our members to stay informed on events and offerings both locally and at the national level. Photos from our state meetings and Town Committee meetings/gatherings will be posted under the News and Events tab. Feel free to share your photos with me so I can have them added to the site.

In addition to the State and Town Committee sites available at NSCDATN.org, we are increasing our presence on Facebook and Instagram. With new membership as a focus in these coming years, we feel it is important to include a wider presence on these social media outlets. Other societies are look-

ing to Tennessee as an example of how to increase interest and membership as well as participation in events by using these digital platforms. Please “Follow” NSCDA-TN on these sites (@NSCDATN on Instagram and NSCDA Tennessee on Facebook) so our online presence can grow. All Town Committees are encouraged to submit postings and information to these sites to [francie.young@gmail.com](mailto:francie.young@gmail.com).



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

### KNOXVILLE TOWN COMMITTEE

Mrs. Glen DuPaul (Stephanie)  
Mrs. Geoffrey Emery (Anne)  
Mrs. Benjamin Landers (Megan)

### MEMPHIS TOWN COMMITTEE

Ms. Amelia Davis

### NASHVILLE TOWN COMMITTEE

Ms. Laura Allen  
Mrs. Louis Bennett (Virginia)  
Miss Elizabeth Cook  
Mrs. William Downey (Danya)  
Mrs. Fredrick Grace (Catherine)  
Ms. Virginia Hale  
Mrs. Shawn Malleus  
Mrs. Zeljko Radic (Tanya)  
Mrs. Herwig Schlunk (Christine)  
Mrs. Raymond Seckman (Elizabeth)

## IN SYMPATHY

### CHATTANOOGA TOWN COMMITTEE

Mrs. Harry Stone (Catherine)  
Mrs. Edward Yates (Mary)

### KNOXVILLE TOWN COMMITTEE

Mrs. Terrell McWhirter (Anne)

### NASHVILLE TOWN COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lyttleton Anderson (Patricia)  
Mrs. Gerald Follin (Mary)  
Mrs. Robert Hilton (Ann)  
Mrs. Raymond Stone (Mary)  
Mrs. Alfred Strayhorn (Ruth)  
Mrs. Overton Thompson, Jr. (Mary)  
Mrs. Walter Wallace (Margaret)  
Mrs. James Webb, Jr. (Caroline)

## GUNSTON HALL-NANCY KELLY WHITE, REGENT

As the new Regent, I would like to thank the Tennessee Dames who have been so generous to Gunston Hall this past year. Your support is very important to this sterling museum property.

Programs have been varied of late, from a regional Day Camp for Cub Scouts to *Christmastide at Gunston Hall to Exposing a Buried History: The Archaeology of Slave Life* to name a few.

An interesting program over the summer was the inaugural National History Academy, a five-week residential program for 100 high school students from across the country. The students came to Gunston Hall as part of their place-based learning experiences.

A big priority last fall and this winter was the renovation of the Visitor Center. New windows and doors, new mechanical systems and HVAC updates, and remodeled restrooms are getting the site ready for new exhibit space that will enhance the

visitor experience.

New educational exhibits are being designed by Quatrefoil and the Educational staff for the renovated space. It is an interesting project as artifacts are being coupled with newly written scripts and educational exhibits.

Plans for the Garden Restoration are also underway as the site is being explored by radar to make sure any archaeology is minimally impacted by irrigation systems. Final design work is almost completed. Stay tuned for more news as the plans unfold.

Put a visit to Gunston Hall on your itinerary if you travel to the Washington, D.C. area. Gunston Hall is a remarkable place with important lessons to teach visitors of all ages.

I am honored to follow Penn Grove representing Tennessee as your Regent.

## HAPS FUND-MARGARET FRAZIER

The purpose of our fund is to keep history alive for future generations and to stimulate a spirit of patriotism and a genuine love of our country. The fund is available to help all our town committees with various projects that might arise. As your HAPS (Historical Activities and Patriotic Service) chairman, I am happy to report that our fund has a balance of approximately \$165,000.

This is a fund that involves all Dames in the state of Tennessee. It's a wonderful way to send a memorial or to honor someone. If you would like to make a contribution, please send it to:  
NSCDA-TN HAPS Fund  
PO Box 50973  
Nashville, TN 37205-0973

## DUMBARTON HOUSE-BETTY BARTON BLYTHE LADY OF THE DUMBARTON HOUSE BOARD

Exciting news from Dumbarton House!

In case you missed it, Dumbarton House is beginning a new program designed to bring NSCDA members from around the country to their National Headquarters.

The Pilot Tour program ( April 11-12) will explore the upcoming preservation work for Dumbarton House's Breakfast room and Best Chamber through lectures and workshops as well as provide behind-the-scenes tours of the museum and grounds. There will also be the opportunity to get acquainted with fellow Dames and the Dumbarton House staff at special receptions and meals.

For those of you who have not had the chance to visit our beautiful National Headquarters, this is the perfect opportunity. Please go to <http://nscda.org/dayatdumbarton2019> to view the

full schedule and register to attend.

Another Dumbarton House tid-bit! Due to the government shut down, it was decided that Dumbarton House, which is normally closed in January for cleaning, would open to visitors for whatever they chose to donate in lieu of the usual fee. They were able to get a behind-the-scenes look at what the cleaning process looks like.

To date, our Tennessee membership donations to the Friends of Dumbarton House and/or Fund for the Future are lagging at 9%. I am so grateful to those who have contributed to our National Headquarters and encourage everyone to rally and help boost Tennessee's percentage. Let us not forget that we are Keepers of History and our monetary gifts help keep that concept alive.

## SULGRAVE MANOR-ALLISON STEPHENS ASSOCIATE TRUSTEE FRIENDS OF SULGRAVE MANOR TENNESSEE



As I write about this home built in 1539 by Lawrence Washington I am thrilled that so much is NEW! The Manor is currently closed for restoration including masonry repair, draining and paving. A NEW flow for visitors and their experiences will include a

permanent George Washington exhibit. A NEW temperature-controlled archive where among the items is George Washington's coat is fabulous.

Much optimism and excitement comes as Dr. Nigel Bowles is announced as the NEW Chairman of the Board of Sulgrave Trust. Sulgrave Manor has been submitted to the NSCDA Great American Treasures book initiative which is to provide marketing and other opportunities for over 100 houses either owned or managed by NSCDA.

The NEW "Friends of Sulgrave Manor Bookmark" program with select books will help expand our understanding and enrich our dialogue around The Friends of Sulgrave Manor mission. **First selection:** "Stars of Fortune" by Cynthia Harnett is set in Sulgrave Manor. Reach out to Kay Glenday,

Sulgrave Selections Editorial Board, Trustee Emeritus, Washington, DC with feedback. [skglenday@aol.com](mailto:skglenday@aol.com)

NEW: Your 2019 support letter should have arrived and I would like to encourage you to make a donation small or large to support Sulgrave Manor. As stated in the core of its charter:

- To preserve Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of the family of George Washington, the first President of the United States of America, for public benefit, and
- To provide and support education in subject areas relevant to Sulgrave Manor and its historic role in the history of Anglo-American relations and to the history, literature and institution of the United States.



## MUSEUM PROPERTIES-ANN KELLY

As always, many children came to Travellers Rest to learn about holidays in the 1820's--fun tastings, writing with a quill pen, dancing the Virginia Reel, seeing beautiful natural decorations but no Christmas tree!

The *Twelfth Night* program in January featured historic craftsmen, a special candlelight tour of the decorated house, fireside cooking in the Schoolhouse and refreshments, games, and live music in the Barn. The Tennessee Portrait Symposium began with Dr. Rachel Stephens speaking about her new book on portrait artist Ralph E.W. Earl. Earl painted many portraits of Andrew Jackson and his friends, including those of Judge and Mrs. Overton on display in the House. Jim Hoobler from the Tennessee State Museum listed other portrait artists working in Tennessee between 1817 and 1850. Tonya Staggs of Traveller's Rest taught us how to date an early portrait using the fashions worn by the women sitters. Local experts provided information on donating a portrait and on caring for and insuring a portrait you intend to keep. After lunch, attendees enjoyed a portrait-oriented tour of the House.

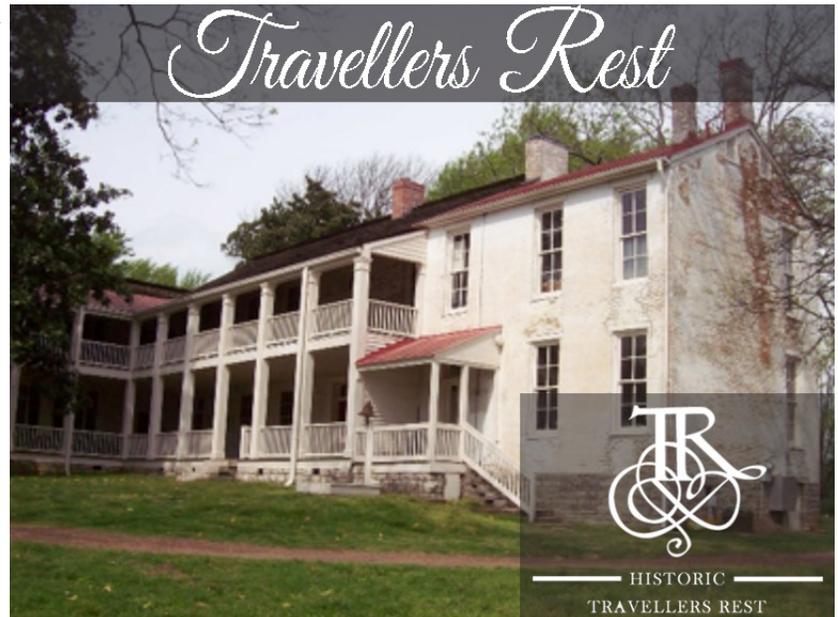
Katie O'Bryan served as Interim Director in December and January. Katie was known at Traveller's Rest from her involvement in our recent operational analysis project. In February, Jenny Esler began as our second Interim Director. She's had years of museum experience and has worked with local and national associations of museum professionals. As Traveller's Rest Board Chairman and Tennessee Dame Meg Beasley says, "Travellers Rest has been fortunate to have two fine professionals step in as their schedules allowed."

In January the site was closed briefly to allow time to clean and plan for future programs. The Nashville Dames provided lunch for the staff during a gathering to discuss the 2018 Visitors Count Survey. (Survey results showed that many of our visitors lived more than 150 miles away and enjoyed their visit, noting that Traveller's Rest was not as well known as other Nashville sites.)

Summer camp registration has begun. The quilts of Traveller's Rest are on special exhibit in the House until April. The Nashville Shakespeare Festival held a "pop-up" performance in our Barn, with the specific play to be performed as a last minute surprise to ticketholders! Tonya is making plans for a special 18<sup>th</sup> Century Fashion Show and Tea on April 28.



Tonya Staggs, Travellers Rest Director of Education, and Dr. Rachel Stephens, author of *Selling Andrew Jackson: Ralph E. W. Earl and the Politics of Portraiture*. On wall is Judge John Overton as painted by Ralph E.W. Earl.



# NASHVILLE TOWN COMMITTEE-PAM SHAMPAIN

## YOUNG DAMES OCTOBER EVENT

On a dark evening in October our Young Dames met at Travellers Rest for a night of haunted tales and unsolved mysteries in Tennessee's history. Each story was told by characters dressed in costume throughout the property. Originally built on grounds of a prehistoric graveyard, the setting was perfect for tales of "monsters, ghosts and other spooky things from tales once told in front of a fire." Afterwards everyone went back to the "tavern" for cider and gingersnaps.

## MAYFLOWER LUNCHEON

Our sixth annual Mayflower luncheon set sail November 7, 2018, at the Belle Meade Country Club. Over 30 Dames gathered to celebrate this special event in our heritage. A special feature was a miniature replica of the Mayflower which greeted guests as they entered. Mary Helms, a member of the Chattanooga Town Committee and our State Corresponding Secretary, spoke about her family's connection to the Mayflower. The luncheon was delicious and good fellowship was enjoyed by all.

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Once again, our Christmas Party Dames created a memorable evening for our annual Christmas Party at the Centennial Club on December 14, 2018. The glistening trees on stage surrounding pianist Bill Ferrari lent an aura of a winter wonderland. The lovely floral centerpieces of red, white, green and gold added a special warmth. Best of all, the room was filled with happy, smiling faces and the sounds of laughter and pleasant conversation. In the spirit of giving and appreciation for the ser-

vice of our veterans, cell phone chargers were collected.

## SPRING MEETING

Plans are well underway for our Nashville Town Committee Annual Spring Meeting set for March 28, 2019, at Belle Meade Country Club. Our special guest speaker is Dr. John Mather, Physician Executive and Medical Biographer. Dr. Mather will address the potential impact of a president's health on his Presidency as he reviews the health and presidency of six of our presidents.

## OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The NTC Nominations Committee has completed our slate of officers for the coming year. The slate will be introduced and voted upon at our Nashville Town Committee Annual Spring Meeting.



Pam Shampain



Sandi Atkinson and Pat Hogg

## NEW DAMES SPRING SOIREE

Our final event of the year, the NTC New Dames Soiree, is set for May 16, 2019.



Bonnie Heim, Martha Woods, and Janet Thomas



William and Laura Roberts, Kay and John Heller

## NSCDA-TN BYLAWS MODIFICATIONS – SPRING 2019

For our NSCDA-TN Bylaws to support membership initiatives from our National Headquarters, to reflect current advances in technology, and to show our Tennessee Society's enthusiasm for growth and progress, your NSCDA-TN State Board of Managers approved the following modifications to the following nine (9) of our Tennessee Bylaws and additions to the Standing Rules at our meeting on March 9, 2019. (amendments in red)

### **MODIFICATION #1. The addition of the actual text of the NSCDA Constitution, Article III re: membership eligibility**

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### Membership

Section 1. **Eligibility of Members.** The members of this Society shall consist of women who have been admitted in accordance with ARTICLE III of the NSCDA Constitution:

**MEMBERSHIP.** The Corporate Societies shall be composed entirely of women who are lineal blood line descendants from an ancestor of worthy life who, residing in an American colony rendered efficient service to our country during the Colonial period, either in the founding of a State or Commonwealth, or of an institution which has survived and developed into importance, or who shall have held an important position in a Colonial government, or who by distinguished services, shall have contributed to the founding of our nation.

**DATE OF ANCESTOR'S SERVICES.** All services which constitute a claim to membership must have been rendered before July 5, 1776, but this date shall be held to include all signers of the Declaration of Independence.

*RATIONALE #1. To provide the ready reference of the membership eligibility for all Dames as we add a new category of Tennessee Dames – Junior Dames. Junior Dames will follow the same steps as all Tennessee Dames to meet eligibility for membership.*

### **MODIFICATION #2. The definition of a new category of Tennessee Dame Membership – Junior Dames**

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### Membership

Section 5. **Categories of Members.**

a. **Active.** A member who has a right to full participation in the Society.

b. **Junior.** A member age birth to 18 years of age. When she reaches the age of 18, she will be deemed an active member who has a right to full participation in the Society.

c. **Courtesy.** A member who is recommended by her State Society may be extended Courtesy Membership for one year. She must ask the Board of Managers for renewal annually. Courtesy members cannot hold office nor vote within the TN society.

d. **Emeritus.** A member in good standing who is no longer able to participate due to infirmity or special circumstances may become an Emeritus Member. She would maintain all privileges of the Society except the vote. Board approval is required.

*RATIONALE #2. To recognize and define the new category of membership of Tennessee Dames – Junior Dames.*

### **MODIFICATION #3. Explanation of the Dues and Fees to be paid by Junior Dames**

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### Finances

Section 1. **Dues and Fees.**

a. A new member shall pay the initiation fee required by the State Society through which she is admitted, the initiation fee and membership dues required by the Tennessee Society, and the NSCDA per capita dues.

b. **Junior members shall pay the one-time genealogical and initiation fee required by the Colonial State through which she is admitted, the NSCDA per capita dues, and an annual administrative fee determined by the Board of Managers of the Tennessee Society. Junior members will be exempt from full State society dues until reaching age 30.**

c. **Dames between the ages of 18-30 shall pay annual dues of \$75.00.**

d. All other categories of members shall pay annually such dues and/ or fees as determined by the Board of Managers. A new member transferring to another society shall pay the initiation fee and the per capita fee of the Tennessee Society.

e. A member who has paid all dues and/or fees is a member in good standing.

*RATIONALE #3. To outline the dues and fees structure of the new category of Tennessee Dames – Junior Dames and Tennessee Dames between the ages of 18-30.*

# NSCDA-TN BYLAWS MODIFICATIONS – SPRING 2019

## MODIFICATION #4. Clarification in the disposition of donations made to the Society

### ARTICLE V

#### Finances

OLD: Section 4. Any monies donated to the TN Society shall be placed in the Historical Activities and Patriotic Service Fund unless otherwise designated by the donor.

NEW: Section 4. Any monies donated to the TN Society shall be placed in an unrestricted fund unless otherwise designated by the donor.

*RATIONALE #4. To further clarify, the fund in which a donation to the TN Society will be placed is no longer defaulted to the HAPS fund. That current default fund placement for Society donations, will now be substituted with the Dames' designating a donation to the fund of her choosing.*

## MODIFICATION #5. Addition of electronic versions of meetings to conduct the business of the Society

### ARTICLE VI

#### Meetings of the Society

Section 5. **Electronic Meetings.** Meetings of the Board of Managers or Committees may be conducted by video conference, teleconference, webinar, or other web-based meeting and electronic mail services upon the call of the Board of Managers President or Committee Chair. Meeting minutes will be recorded, and voting may occur if a quorum is met. If the quorum threshold is not met, the electronic meeting may proceed (with recorded minutes) for the transmission of information, business without vote, or other planning needs of the Society.

*RATIONALE #5. To allow for more effective communication and the conduction of business of the Society Board of Managers*

## MODIFICATION #6. Addition of 2 voting members of Board of Managers elected at the Annual Meeting by NSCDA-TN membership

### ARTICLE VII

#### Board of Managers

#### Section 9. **Board Structure.**

b. Voting members of Board of Managers elected at the Annual Meeting by NSCDA-TN membership.

**Chairmen of the following Standing Committees:**  
**Bylaws/Parliamentarian**  
**Historical Activities**  
**Hospitality**

**Museum Properties**

**Newsletter**

**Patriotic Service**

**Printing**

**Roster/Directory**

**Membership**

**Communications and Technology**

**Historical Activities and Patriotic Service Fund (HAPS)**

*RATIONALE #6. To support membership initiatives from our National Headquarters and to show our Tennessee Society's enthusiasm for growth and progress, a voting member of the State Board (Membership) has been added. Additionally, the HAPS Fund Chair was previously an appointed position. She is now re-classified to an elected position.*

## MODIFICATION #7. Outlines the role of the new Board of Manager position – Membership Chair

### ARTICLE VII

#### Board of Managers

#### Section 13. **Standing Committees.**

**k. Membership.** Shall help grow and maintain members of the Society. She will help coordinate and work with each Town Committee to establish their own membership committee to help engage new Dames, young Dames, Junior Dames, and identify prospective candidates for membership. She shall oversee young Dames and The Roll of Honor.

*RATIONALE #7. To outline the position description of the newly identified Board of Manager position – Membership.*

## MODIFICATION #8. Clarifies the identification of the Nominating Committee

### ARTICLE VII

#### Board of Managers

#### Section 14. **Special Committees.**

a. **Nominating.** The Nominating Committee may consist of five (5) members; the chairman appointed by the President and four (4) representing the four Town committees. The nominating committee shall be published in the Fall Newsletter. The chairman shall sit on the Board of Managers for one (1) year.

*RATIONALE #8. To provide clarification in the composition of the Nominating Committee. The committee may have five (5) or more members.*

# NSCDA-TN BYLAWS MODIFICATIONS – SPRING 2019

## **MODIFICATION #9. Defines the practices of how the Society notifies the Society Membership of Bylaws modifications**

### **ARTICLE X Amendment of Bylaws**

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended after approval of the Board of Managers, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendment(s) is published in the newsletter, **either in print or electronic format.**

*RATIONALE #9. To clarify notification of the Society's membership of the amendment of the Bylaws, following Board approval, will include print or electronic distribution.*

### **STANDING RULES**

#### **Finances**

##### **Dues and Fees**

- a. National per capita dues are \$40.
- b. Active membership dues are \$80. \$25 of this amount is designated for Travellers Rest.
- c. Junior member dues shall be \$75.00 per year, which includes the per capita dues designated by the National Society.
- d. Dames ages 18-30 shall pay \$75.00 per year. At age 30, Dames will pay full Society membership dues (which includes the per capita set by NSCDA) as determined by the Board of Managers. Members turning 30 after June 1<sup>st</sup> shall pay state dues on a pro-rated basis.

*RATIONALE. To clearly outline the dues and fees structure of the new category of Tennessee Dames – Junior Dames and Tennessee Dames between the ages of 18-30.*

#### **Board of Managers**

A. **Meetings.** Regular Board of Managers meetings will be held a MINIMUM of four (4) times a year in September, later in the autumn, March, and May. Special meetings may be called by the President of the Board of Managers with at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice.

B. **Electronic Meetings.** Meetings of the Board of Managers or Committees may be conducted by video conference, teleconference, webinar, or other web-based meeting and electronic mail services upon the call of the Board of Managers Society President or Committee Chairs. Matters of a financial nature shall be confirmed at the next regular or called meeting of the Board of Managers.

*RATIONALE. To allow for more expedient and effective communication and business of the Society Board of Managers, electronic meetings are being added to our bylaws. The Board of Managers understands while electronic meetings are highly efficient, matters of a financial nature shall be confirmed at the next regular or called meeting of the Board of Managers.*

#### **Additional Duties of Officers and Managers**

Notations made here clarify which Officers and Managers (President, President-elect, Treasurer, Registrar, Historical Activities, Museum Properties, Patriotic Service) should **"Attend National Board Meetings (President only,) Biennial Council Meetings, Regional Conferences or send a representative.**

*RATIONALE. Clarifications reflect the national meeting calendar of the NSCDA. Meetings by each Region (I, II, III, IV) have been replaced by an annual Regional conference that include ALL regions. There has been no change in National Board Meetings or Biennial Council.*

#### **22. Membership Chair**

- a. Support increased engagement of Tennessee Society existing members in all Society activities, meetings, and events – help grow and maintain members in our Society
- b. Help support the new Junior (legacy) Dames initiative
- c. Work with each Town Committee to establish their own membership committee to help engage new Dames, young dames, prospective candidates for membership
- d. Assist both state and town committee Registrars with member outreach, lineage papers, and other candidate papers processes.
- e. Introduce each new member at the May Annual Meeting and conduct the White Rose Ceremony.
- f. Attend Biennial Council Meetings, Regional Conferences or send a representative.

*RATIONALE. To outline, in more detail, the position description of the newly identified Membership Chair*

## **ALL TENNESSEE DAMES WELCOME!**

Friday, Oct. 18 — Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019: National Board Meeting in Washington, DC

Remember, you are not only a Tennessee Dame; you are also a National Dame!

## TRAVELLERS REST HAPPENINGS

HISTORIC TRAVELLERS REST

### Bits & Pieces

Quilts From the Travellers Rest Collection

February 12th - April 20th

Join us for an exhibition of quilts from the Travellers Rest Collection. These quilts will be on display in the historic house from February 12th to April 20th.

House tours are available Tuesday through Saturday.

Quilt exhibit is included in the house tour.

Adult-\$15

Senior Citizen/Military - \$14

Student (ages 6 -18)- \$10

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## WEDDINGS AND EVENTS AT TRAVELLERS REST

Do you have a special event approaching? Anniversary party? Birthday celebration? Company retreat or other Corporate events? Wedding or wedding reception?

Travellers Rest, our home, is your perfect venue! Amid the graceful magnolia trees, lush meadows, and the historic home, the southern charm of Travellers Rest provides the ideal location for your outdoor occasions: formal or casual.

Indoor events experience the modern-day crib barn with a Tennessee limestone fireplace, high ceilings, beautiful wooden beams, and high-speed internet.

Contact Mary Jo Weaver by email or phone your preferred dates to check availability. She is waiting to hear from you! 615-832-8197 ext. 10 or [rentals@travellersrestplantation.org](mailto:rentals@travellersrestplantation.org).

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## OUR VISION

In this, the 21st Century, the NSCDA is responsible for educating its membership and the American people about the values and principles set forth by our Founding Fathers that shaped our culture, and for demonstrating the relevance of America's history of liberty and freedom to a responsible citizenship. Implementation of national, regional, and local projects incorporated with the assets and information available through the resource center of our national headquarters at Dumbarton House will unify our members and inspire all Dames and the American Community.

## OUR MISSION

The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America actively promotes our national heritage through historic preservation, patriotic service and educational programs.



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