



Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter, NSDAR
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter was called to order by Regent Jill Templeton, at 2:00 pm, on January 12, 2020, at the Old Exchange Building, in Charleston, SC.

Regent Templeton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order after Katie Williams, Historian and standing in for Beth Lee, Membership Chair, stated that there was a quorum present.

Chaplain Brenda Burch gave the invocation and Paula Newsome, our Chapter Parliamentarian, led Opening Exercises.

Our Registrar, Ivy Blake introduced Prospective Members: Theresa Smith and Dr. Kristin Matthews (Transfer). Our Guests in attendance were Joey Mucia and Bonnie Mucia.

Regent Templeton then asked all members and guests who have served or are currently serving in military service to please stand and be recognized and join her in thanking them for their service, and as they remain standing, she asked all members and guests who have family members who have served in the past or are currently serving, to please stand and be thanked for their service as well.

First Vice Regent, Tracy Kral, introduced our guest speaker, Bonnie Mucia, who appeared in period attire, presented a very informative Powerpoint presentation entitled *Mayflower Voyage 400 Year Anniversary 1620-2020*. Contact information as well as websites and Facebook contacts were listed for members seeking more information. Dates, places and other items of interest regarding Commemoration services were listed. Bonnie also mentioned the Patriot to Passenger Bridge Project which offers the Mayflower lines through wives of Patriots. Generations 6-8 are only documented as far as the 5th generation in Mayflower books but are from other sources. The website address for the Patriot to Passenger Project was also provided. Proving your Lineage and the General Society of Mayflower Descendants was briefly discussed. A group of 102 Saints and Strangers boarded 2 vessels, The Mayflower and the Speedwell to come to America. These 102 passengers were members of the Leiden congregation but were joined by families and individuals hoping for a better way of life. Some came for financial gain. The

voyage of the Mayflower began (along with the vessel, Speedwell) August 5, 1620, but both vessels turned back due to leakage. Both returned to Southampton for repair (Speedwell leaking), left again on August 23rd from Dartmouth after repairs, but turned back again. Finally only the Mayflower set sail for America on September 6, 1620. The first part of the voyage went well but they encountered several treacherous storms in the Atlantic and had to drift wherever the storm took them since it was not safe to use the sails. While the Pilgrims were planning to settle in Virginia (not the current state of Virginia) but were supposed to go toward the Hudson River region in New York (considered to be Northern Virginia). Since the seas grew more treacherous, they could go no further south and anchored in Cape Cod harbor. Even though they had sighted land at Cape Cod on November 9, 1620 strong winds and dangerous seas turned them back to the harbor. In the meantime, the Mayflower Compact was signed on November 11, 1620 by all of the adult men on the Mayflower (41 of 201 passengers in all). The Mayflower Compact was the first document to establish self-government in the New World. Again, on Christmas Day, they set out again, only to be turned back again by the winds. Finally, on December 26, they sailed across the bay and anchored in Plymouth harbor. A list of the Qualified Male Ancestors as well as Female Ancestors, followed by a list of the children and their ages was displayed. Few records remain on the female passengers due to their having little rights so not much thought was given to record their lives. Of the 18 women who boarded the Mayflower, 3 were pregnant (Susanna Jackson White, Mary Norris Allerton, Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins), but sadly 13 of the 18 died the first winter and one more the following spring. Only 4 adult women were alive to celebrate Thanksgiving in 1621 (Mary Brewster; Eleanor Billington, Elizabeth Fisher Hopkins, Susannah White Winslow). A total of 53 men, women and children actually made it through that first winter to Thanksgiving in 1621. Even more information on researching Descendants of the Mayflower was offered as well as an APP on your phone *Find My Relatives*.

The Program concluded and 1st Vice Regent, Tracy Kral, thanked Bonnie Mucia and presented her with an honorarium.

Regent Templeton then commenced with the business portion of the meeting and invited our guests to remain if they would like and directed members to please visit the President Generals message at www.dar.org.

National Defense Report was given by Leslie Harrelson, standing in for Beth Lee. It was from National Defender NSDAR for November-December/January-February 2020. Leslie presented highlights of 2 articles: The first article was *Could You Pass the Naturalization Civics Test*. The article explained that in order to become naturalized citizens, you had to pass a naturalization test which consisted of 3 parts. You must meet residency requirements then meet with an agent of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (a division of the Department of Homeland Security). During the naturalization interview, you are required to answer questions about your application and take an English and civics test. The English test has 3 components: reading (read one out of three sentences correctly), writing (write one of the three sentences correctly), and speaking (the agent assessed your English-speaking proficiency throughout the interview). Then you take the

civics test. There are 100 questions on the naturalization test. During your interview, you are then asked up to 10 of the 100 questions and correctly answer 6 of those 10 in order to pass. AND, the test is an oral, not written exam. The second article focused on Female Veterans and Their Children (*The fastest growing homeless population in America*). Final Salute, Inc. is a non-profit that focuses on the homeless women veterans and children. Sadly the Department of Veterans Affairs' homeless shelters do not accommodate female veterans and children so they must live in their cars or park their cars in parking lots or sleep under highway overpasses. The mission of Final Salute takes a 3-pronged approach to assist this issue: Awareness (making America aware that these veterans and their children need help immediately); Assistance (provide housing and support services to these women veterans); Aspiration (instilling in these female veterans that their situations are temporary and their goals can be reached. Final Salute also invites these female veterans to an event called *The Next Uniform*. They are given professional clothing, shoes, purses, accessories, makeovers, image consultations, photos, as well as assistance with job resumes. At Continental Congress, NSDAR presented Final Salute founder, Jas Boothe with \$40,000 from the Vivians Outreach to Women Fund. To learn more of how we can help, go to: <https://www.finalsaluteinc.org/Home.html>

Indian Minute: American Indians Chair, Paula Hart presented information on the Native American women in the Womens Suffrage Movement. The role of Native American women in the Womens Suffrage Movement was indispensable in helping gain momentum for their cause. Even the Seneca Falls Convention held in 1848, which kicked off the Womens Rights Movement, was held in the same place as the Hotinonshonni Iroquois Confederacy, which was led by Native American women 300 years earlier. Native women continued to face challenges after the passage of the 1924 citizenship bill when they attempted to vote, including fees being levied, literacy testing requirements and expectations to produce and substantiate land status, thereby crippling their ability along with other minorities of the time.

Conservation Minute: Conservation Committee Chair, Connie Brailsford, reminded our Chapter that our challenge this year is *Sea to Shining Sea*. It is suggested that we participate in a waterway clean up. While we certainly have numerous waterways available to us, Connie reached out to the Master Gardener Extension Office and they informed her that their next *road* clean-up will be February 1st along Azalea Road in North Charleston. We may also Adopt-A-Highway which is a two-year commitment with 4 clean-ups/year. We will receive 2 highway signs with our name on it. Trash bags, gloves and vests will be provided. She will call Marlo and ask her about roadways along bodies of water that may be available for adoption. Connie will also look into what local activities are being sponsored for Earth Day and Arbor Day and present that information at our May Meeting. In addition, Connie (who is a Master Gardener) is also prepared to present programs or just provide handouts on such topics as:
Creating a pollinator garden (May Mtg) in preparation for National Pollinator Week in June;
Rain barrels and rain gardens for water conservation;
Use of native plants for water conservation;
Alternatives to pesticides and herbicides in water run-off;
Raised garden beds for conservation and weed control.

Reports from Officers:

Approval of Minutes by Leslie Harrelson, Recording Secretary: Regent Templeton asked if there are corrections to the Minutes of the December 15th Meeting that were sent electronically for Chapter approval. Hearing none, the Minutes are approved as filed.

Brandi Rutledge, Treasurer: Treasurer Report was sent out electronically and also posted to the ELP members-only website. Are there any corrections or additions to this report? Hearing none, the Treasurer Report is approved as filed.

Reports of Chapter Service Committees:

DAR Project Patriot – Deedie Harrington has contacts in Iraq to where a number of troops have been deployed. Her contact has asked for a number of items that could help make their deployment a bit more comfortable, such as: healthy snacks, salty snacks, nuts, granola bars, lip balm, Aquafor, Vaseline, black cotton socks (medium length), K-cups/pods (coffee, tea, hot chocolate), Instant coffee in individual packets, tea bags (small packs), air freshners (fresh linen smell or light scent), Lens Cleaning Cloth (for glasses), small bottles of glass cleaner, hot sauce, Slim Jims, beef jerky, sunflower seeds, gum, water flavoring packets, cheese crackers, sardines, tuna fish, trail mix, gummy bears, \$\$ for postage (Deedie will use large USPS set rate boxes). Bring to February 9th meeting or bring to Deedie at home in Dunes West, so please call before coming so she can call in a pass for you at the gate (address in Yearbook) or call 843-475-9279. List may be sent in a separate email between now and February Meeting. You may include a cheerful, upbeat, handwritten note but at this time, there is no need for lotion, wipes, or Girl Scout cookies.

American Heritage: Laura Jenkins Thompson – Laura handed out the brochure on *Rise and Shine Your Light on the 19th Amendment* which is the theme for the 2019-2020 year. SCDAR American Heritage 2019-2020 information sheet was distributed at our last Meeting as to the objectives of the DAR Committee through the medium of Cultural Arts. The goals aim “to aid and encourage the preservation of our rich American Heritage in the fields of arts, crafts, drama, literature, and music”. The five main areas of Art & Sculpture, Crafts, Fiber Arts, Literature & Drama and Music have 38 sub-categories. In each category there are first, second and third place National Winners. South Carolina has a history of good participation with many National winners (including our Chapter). For more information, please contact Laura by email (ljt.dar@gmail.com) or phone/text (843-906-1043). Any other questions, please contact SCDAR American Heritage State Chair, our Chapter Member and Past Regent Karen McCay by email (kkmccay@gmail.com) or phone/text (843-860-1297). Please note the deadlines for all submissions is January 15, 2020 **EXCEPT** Fiber Arts which must be postmarked by February 15, 2020. Please visit the Website.

DAR Magazine: Claudia Farmer has asked us to please subscribe to the *American Spirit Magazine*, the magazine for DAR **ASAP**. We need more than just 25% of our Chapter Members to subscribe (need to get to at least 40%). Current issue featured Robert Mills from Charleston and featured his buildings all over South Carolina. She reminded us that this magazine contains many very interesting articles as well as necessary National and State information regarding DAR and upcoming events and opportunities for our committees, in general.

Service to America: Nancy Davidonis – Nancy thanked all those who posted their hours but also reminded all chapter members again that she will post your service hours for you, if needed. However, you need to include your name and NSDAR number. Again, our hours do not need to be related solely to DAR or DAR projects – this is (volunteer) Service to America. Also, the National report July through December 2nd – 519 measly hours for Community Service but got several more members posting. She had only 22 members posting hours. Again, Nancy called on those members (including me) who have not posted to please do so and she will help us if needed.

Unfinished Business:

Regent Templeton stated that information needed for the CMR has been sent to all Committee Chairs and Officers. She thanked all who have responded already. Please note that all information needs to be sent to me no later than January 24, 2020.

Regent Templeton encouraged members who are new to our Chapter that our Committees are a great way to get involved. We have scheduled a New Members Meeting on Sunday, February 16th. Anyone who has joined within the last 2 years will be included. Please always feel free to reach out to her if they have any questions.

Hostess Committee – Kayann Januchowski has worked with Mary Lucas to create a Sign Up sheet. We will be emailing a link and also uploading it to the Committee Corner on the Members Only Website.

New Business:

Regent Templeton reported that our Executive Board met in January to discuss some updates to the chapter by-laws and to discuss plans for 2020!

Regent Templeton then called on Laura Thompson to discuss one of the items discussed at our Executive Board Meeting with regard to the Old Exchange Building Educational Project: Miss Eliza Doll and case options for accessible and mobile storage of her and some of her accessories. Laura reported that through the efforts of Linda Hawkins and her committee, over \$20,500 was raised in 2018 for the Helen Pouch Memorial fund that goes to Tamasee and the other schools sponsored by NSDAR by the sale of *voices* for

Miss Eliza and all her *accoutrements*. And, as you all know, our Chapter was unbelievably the lucky recipient. The initial doll Committee determined that an educational project would be set up featuring Miss Eliza that would change quarterly. Tony Youmans, director of the Old Exchange, was thrilled with this concept. Last May, we received an estimate for a case from the same company that made the other cases in the Great Hall. It was a larger version that would have a plexiglass vitrine that would open and lock. The price was about \$4,000. Disappointed by the high price, it was also determined that it would be too large to store when the Great Hall was rented by other groups for receptions and parties (all of these cases must be removed by the staff on such occasions). When our Executive Board met on January 5, 2020, the project was discussed and we have now 2 other options for cases that we will be considering. This will be a long-term project so we want to go about it in such a way that it will be able to continue to be enjoyed for many years in the future.

Regent Templeton advised the Members that we will begin working on the bylaw updates in the next few weeks.

Nomination of State Conference Delegates: The State Conference will be held March 19-21, 2020 in Columbia, SC. As Chapter Regent, Jill is an automatic delegate with 4 additional delegates and 2 alternate delegates required.

At this time, Regent Templeton asked which members were planning to attend. Several members indicated their plan to attend by raising their hand. Regent Templeton then asked if we may begin nominations from the floor:

Melissa Levesque, Tracy Kral, Laura Thompson, Ivy Blake were the 4 additional delegates and Claudia Farmer and Gayle Goudy were nominated as the two alternates.

Regent Templeton then asked if there was a motion to approve these nominations. So Moved by Nancy Davidonis and seconded by Brenda Burch.

All in favor – Ayes have it. Opposing – none. Regent Templeton then read the nominees: Melissa Levesque, Tracy Kral, Laura Thompson, Ivy Blake were the 4 additional delegates and Claudia Farmer and Gayle Goudy were the two alternates nominated.

Regent Templeton then reminded everyone of the email sent earlier in the week with regard to attendance at the following events in February:

Thursday, February 20 is the Francis Marion Memorial – information sent via email.

Thursday, February 27 beginning at 5:45 pm is the *Abigail Adams and Americas Founding Mothers* Lecture and private reception in partnership with The American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati at the Charleston Museum. \$35/person RSVP by February 10. Information shared via email.

Regent Templeton thanked Renee Gibson for putting us in touch with Society of the Cincinnati organization.

Regent Templeton called for any other announcements. There were none. She then reminded us our next meeting is on February 9th with guest speaker, Bambi Bullard who will speak on Veterans Issues and the Womens Military Challenge Coin.

Recognition of Hostesses: Regent Templeton recognized our hostesses: Elinor ODonnell, Lauri Lechter, Leslie Kirk and Paula Newsome

Sunshine Report and Benediction: Brenda Burch, Chaplain
Brenda congratulated Missy Sauls and Connie Brailsford on their recent engagements.
Good news for Marjorie Ford who is doing well with a new pacemaker.

Will remember and ask for quick healing for:

Linda Brock

Marjorie Manigault

Husband of Margaret Jones is undergoing surgery on January 16th

Beth Lee recently lost her brother-in-law

Adjournment: Regent Templeton adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Harrelson, Recording Secretary