



Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter, NSDAR
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the Eliza Lucas Pinckney Chapter was called to order by Regent Jill Templeton, at 2:30 pm, on March 8, 2020, at the Old Exchange Building, in Charleston, SC.

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

Chaplain Brenda Burch gave the invocation and Connie Brailsford, Conservation Committee led Opening Exercises.

Our Registrar, Ivy Blake introduced Prospective Member: Wendy Wellin. Our Guest was Jill Hunter Powell. Ivy also announced that Kristin Matthews had been accepted to our Chapter on Friday, March 6.

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.

Second Vice Regent, Laura Thompson, introduced our guest speaker, Caroline Bradner, Land, Water and Wildlife Project Manager at Coastal Conservation League and Executive Director of the Coastal Expeditions Foundation.

Caroline is a South Carolina native that began a career here in Charleston over 10 years ago, beginning first with Coastal Expeditions as a guide, focusing her time on undeveloped barrier islands near Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge as well as the great Santee Delta. For the past 2 and one-half years, she has worked as Land, Water and Wildlife Project Manager at Coastal Conservation League.

Caroline shared a very comprehensive and informational power point presentation with a focus on Crab Bank and its importance to the wildlife and restoration of critical nesting habitats for seabirds using dredged sand from Charleston Harbor while protecting the integrity of our ecosystems in the rapid development of our Charleston coast. These areas are important not only for Charleston wildlife habitats and nesting areas, but as well

as for migrating birds along the east coast. There are only 5 sanctuaries that have no humans allowed and some birds are flying from South America and on northward from here. Thus, Crab Bank is critical to help sustain these birds. South Carolina is an incredible resource for food for these migrating birds whose population could drop by two-thirds when they must fly to other areas for food. The SCDNR and Army Corps of Engineers are working to have the sand dredged to help sustain Crab Bank. Some of the costs of saving this important resource are being defrayed through donations by non-profits, large companies in the area and fundraising events. The hope is to restore Crab Bank to 28 acres of high ground.

The Program concluded and 2nd Vice Regent, Tracy Laura Thompson, thanked Caroline Bradner 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 Beth Lee. It was from *National Defender* NSDAR for March-April 2020. Beth focused on The American Creed (which we recite together during the opening of our Meetings), which William Tyler Page wrote in 1917 and won a contest in 1918. It is exactly 100 words drawn on American ideals both emotional and intellectual. Beth also reminded us that March 3rd was National Anthem Day and commemorates the date the United States officially adopted *The Star Spangled Banner* as the national anthem by a congressional resolution that was signed by President Herbert Hoover on March 3, 1931.

Indian Minute: American Indians Chair, Paula Hart, presented a report on Mary Golda Ross (1908-2008), the great-great granddaughter of Cherokee Chief John Ross. She completed her undergraduate degree in math & taught math and science in rural Oklahoma & served as a statistician for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. After earning a Masters degree in astronomy, she joined Lockheed Martin as one of only a handful of women mathematicians working on military aircraft. Just 6 years later, she was one of only 40 engineers (and the sole woman) selected to join Lockheed Martins new Missiles Systems Division and helped write the NASA Planetary Flight Handbook. After retiring, she encouraged young women and Native Americans to pursue careers in science. Upon her death in 2008, she bequeathed \$40,000 to the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. (full report in Committee Corner).

Conservation Minute: Conservation Committee Chair, Connie Brailsford, shared additional information with the Chapter concerning the *Adopt a Road* Project. She has list of roads (1 mile each) to be cleaned as well as information on the number of people suggested and supplies that would be given to us, as well as reminding us that it is a one year commitment and the road must be cleaned 4 times/year and that stretch of road would bear a marker with the name of our chapter on it. There were many questions being asked that required more information. Melissa Levesque made a motion that was

passed to have Connie look further into how many people were needed/team, etc. and bring that back to the chapter.

Reports from Officers:

Approval of Minutes by Leslie Harrelson, Recording Secretary: Regent Templeton asked if there are corrections to the Minutes of the February 9 Meeting which were sent electronically for Chapter approval.

Yes, there are corrections as per Leslie Harrelson, who had spoken with Beth Lee regarding the name of the non-profit organization established by Bambi Bullard (our speaker at the February 9 Meeting). Leslie stated her computer dropped an entire line explaining that in addition to Bambi Bullard establishing the new Carolina Gold Chapter in Murrells Inlet, she had also established a non-profit organization named *National Women Veterans of America* in the Grand Strand area, whose purpose was to assist women veterans with obtaining better health benefits and assistance. Please go to gswvasc@gmail.com for more information. Regent Templeton asked if there were any further corrections or additions to the Minutes. Hearing none, the Minutes were Approved as Corrected.

Treasurer Report: Brandi Rutledge, Treasurer report was sent electronically and has been posted to the Members Only Website.

Reports of Chapter Service Committees:

Community Classroom Committee: Nancy Platt (Chair) sent word to Regent Templeton who read, "I am working with Robin Moses on bringing the Wreaths Across America program to Charleston". More information will be shared when available.

DAR Project Patriot Care Packages – Regent Templeton read information that 15 boxes worth of items were collected at our last meeting. If members would like to contribute to shipping costs, please contact Chapter Treasurer, Brandi Rutledge.

DAR Magazine: Regent Templeton read the following from Claudia: "Claudia Farmer - *The ELP Newsletter* deadline is April 3, 2020. If all Committees will email their announcements and updates to Claudia Farmer in a Word attachment for publication. The April newsletter is the last newsletter before we break for the summer and please send any announcements for May as well."

Service to Veterans: Faye Dandridge and Trish Francis: Information was emailed to the chapter and has been posted to the Committee Corner on the Members Only Website.

Service to America: Nancy Davidonis – Nancy reported that 4,124 hours have been reported since July 2019.

Womens Issues: Regent Templeton read: Today is International Womens Day. The NSDAR is also continuing to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote in 1919. Please visit the Members Only Website Committee Corner where the article *Suffrage on the Menu: Traces of the Life and Legacy of Alva Vanderbilt Belmont*. We will begin posting monthly articles to our Members Only Site that have to do with women who have made important contributions in history and will continue our Featured Female Patriot posts on our public website.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Regent Templeton:

Delegates to Continental Congress: Continental Congress will be held June 24-28, 2020 in Washington, DC. We need to vote on Chapter Delegates. Regent Templeton stated: At this time, I would like to ask which members are planning to attend. After a show of hands of attendees, Regent Templeton then asked that we begin taking nominations from the floor. Melissa Levesque and Ivy Blake were nominated. A motion to approve these nominations was made and carried.

Pat Sayko: Pat stated the nomination of Melissa Levesque for Submission for Consideration on the State Board. Regent Templeton stated the motion has been made. Brenda Larsen seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Melissa was thanked and congratulated.

Regent Templeton asked if there were **any other Announcements?** Brenda Larsen is organizing the annual Tea Room Luncheon this year at Old St. Andrews Church to be held March 16-28. There is a posting on the Website and pre-registrations should be made at 843-270-0793. Also, Lane Becken has completed her Courses and received an Award.

Regent Templeton then reminded us that our next meeting is April 19th due to the Easter holidays. *Amazing Eliza* will be presented by our own Laura Thompson and we will have an installation of our new members at our April meeting.

Recognition of hostesses: Jayne Larion, Brenda Larsen, Leslie Harrelson, Cheri Coleman, Andrea Pinkston, and Paula Newsome.

Sunshine Report and Benediction: Brenda Burch, Chaplain.
Keep Margaret Jones and husband in your prayers.

Adjournment: Regent Templeton adjourned the meeting at 3:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Harrelson, Recording Secretary

