

The EXPLORER



The Newsletter of the National Junior Membership Committee

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL CHAIR

Hello!

It's really hard to believe this is our final issue of the Explorer for the Dillon Administration. What fun we have had on our Exploring Junior Membership journey! Continental Congress will indeed be the ultimate celebration of all that has been accomplished during the past three years.

Forty-seven states earned recognition for 2018 on our States' Honor Roll for Outstanding Support of Junior Membership. A record 29 states achieved Trailblazer status! I am in awe of all that our states continue to accomplish each year in support of Junior Membership and the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. The following states are to be commended for earning Trailblazer status each year of the Dillon Administration: Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. Each of these states will be recognized during the Junior Membership Luncheon at Congress.

A little more than a year ago I secretly set a goal of what I hoped we could raise through the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund this year. I decided not to tell anyone that goal because it was a little crazy, really, I thought, a pipe dream. I am pleased to tell you that we surpassed this goal in our fundraising efforts for 2018 and we will be distributing a RECORD-SHATTERING amount during the Junior Membership Luncheon to the DAR Schools, the 2019 HPMF National Project, Honor Flight Network; 102 classrooms across the country through our Classroom Grant Award Program, and the recipient of the earned interest from the Friends of Junior Membership endowment fund! To find out exactly how much, you will have to attend the Luncheon. Tickets may be purchased through Eventbrite until June 1.

Be sure to also plan to attend the Junior Membership Forum in the Banquet Hall on Thursday beginning at 4 pm. A light (FREE) dinner will be provided! This is an opportunity to network with other Juniors and supporters from around the country, learn more about the work of the Junior Membership committee, and celebrate our award winners. All are welcome!

It has been such a privilege to serve as the National Chair of Junior Membership during the Dillon Administration. I am so grateful for the dedicated work of the National Vice Chairs and Division Vice Chairs of this committee, they are the best and truly some of the hardest working women I know! The State Chairs of Junior Membership are creative, thoughtful, and enthusiastic. Thank you for your service and leading the Junior Journey in your states. The opportunity to meet and work with Juniors and Junior supporters across the country has been hands-down one of the best parts of this job. Our Society is filled with truly remarkable women whose commitment to our Mission and our organization is awesome. We have so much to be proud of!

While the Dillon Administration is coming to a close, the Junior Journey is ongoing, never stop exploring!

Jamie Burchfield

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Don't Forget

- Registration deadline for the Junior Lunch is **June 1, 2019.**

128th Continental Congress

2019 Outstanding Juniors!

This year, thirty-four states *Explored Junior Membership* by naming State Outstanding Junior Members. These truly outstanding women will be recognized at Continental Congress during the Education Awards Evening on Thursday. As part of the recognition that evening, the National Runner Up and National Winner will be named. Our State and National Outstanding Junior Members will also be honored at the Junior Membership Luncheon on Saturday where they will receive their certificate from President General Ann T. Dillon and National Junior Membership Chair Jamie Burchfield.

Congratulations to the State Outstanding Juniors! Best of luck to the eight National Finalists, from which the National Runner Up and National Winner will be named!

JeanEllen Hiter Melton
National Vice Chair, Outstanding Junior Contest

State Outstanding Junior Members

Alabama-Christina Panehal
Arizona-Cynthia Ferguson
California-Courtney Traub
Colorado-Meaghan Sweeney
Connecticut-Caileigh Murray
District of Columbia-Karen Pearson
Florida-Stacy Gerardo
Georgia-Stephani Roohani
Idaho-Kristi Young
Illinois-Tina Robinson
Iowa-Jaclyn Kurtz
Kansas-Jodi Bachand
Louisiana-Holly Talley
Maine-S. Crystal Kwon
Maryland-Abigail Klein
Massachusetts-Mary Tedesco
Missouri-Joanna Bradley

Nevada-Sandra Apfel
New Hampshire-Samantha Croteau
New Jersey-Melissa Wetzel
New York-Elyse Richardson
North Carolina-Elizabeth Thier
Ohio-Sarah Elizabeth Keeler
Oklahoma-Caroline Nenninger
Pennsylvania-Rebecca Page
Rhode Island-R. Elon Lee
South Carolina-Talia Burrell
South Dakota-Lindsey Groves
Tennessee-Summer Morris
Texas-Ashley Naumann
Utah-Lisa Hoyt
Virginia-Alicia Hillmer
Washington-Kelli Gracia
Wisconsin-Meghan Steingraber

National Finalists

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Colorado-Meaghan Sweeney
DC-Karen Pearson
Florida-Stacy Gerardo
New Jersey-Melissa Wetzel
South Dakota-Lindsey Groves
Utah-Lisa Hoyt
Washington-Kelli Gracia



128th Continental Congress

Don't Miss the 2019 Junior Membership Luncheon

Come Explore Junior Membership!

The National Junior Membership Committee invites all DAR Members to attend the 2019 Junior Membership Luncheon on Saturday, June 29th. States with a combined registration of ten or more attendees will receive Platinum status recognition and a special ribbon to wear during Continental Congress.

The deadline is fast approaching! Members have until June 1st to purchase tickets by going to <https://2019-junior-membership-luncheon.eventbrite.com>. We will do our best to accommodate seating requests, but suggest that you purchase your tickets together.

Nancy Hiteshue Smith
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The Junior Membership NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Volunteers are needed to make our annual junior membership luncheon and Congress sales a success!

- **Help with luncheon decoration set up and tear down**
- **Help with luncheon seating and table assignments**

Email Nancy at darjuniorevents@gmail.com

States' Honor Roll for Outstanding Support of Junior Membership

Congratulations to the 47 states who have achieved Trailblazer, Adventurer, and Explorer status in States' Honor Roll for Outstanding Support of Junior Membership! The five standards that states must meet in order to be named to the Honor Roll include: 1) Naming a State Outstanding Junior or at least 2 chapter Outstanding Juniors; 2) Enroll at least 1 new Friend or Best Friend of Junior Membership; 3) Host a Junior event at a state meeting or have a statewide Junior Event open to all Junior members; 4) Have a sales table for Junior Sales Products (ordered from National) at a state meeting and remit profits to the Treasurer General's office; and 5) Have chapters or individuals donate directly to the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund (separate from sales). States meeting all five standards achieved Trailblazer status. States meeting 4 out of 5 standards achieved Adventurer status. States meeting 3 out of 5 standards achieved Explorer status. Thank you to all states for your support of Junior Membership!

States' Honor Roll for Outstanding Support of Junior Membership



HAWAII
MARYLAND
MINNESOTA
MISSISSIPPI
NEW JERSEY
NEW MEXICO
OREGON
SOUTH DAKOTA
VERMONT
WYOMING

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ARIZONA
ARKANSAS
MICHIGAN
NEBRASKA
NEVADA
NEW HAMPSHIRE
OKLAHOMA
WEST VIRGINIA

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CALIFORNIA COLORADO CONNECTICUT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FLORIDA GEORGIA IDAHO ILLINOIS INDIANA IOWA KANSAS KENTUCKY LOUISIANA MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI	MONTANA NEVADA NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA OHIO PENNSYLVANIA RHODE ISLAND SOUTH CAROLINA TENNESSEE TEXAS UTAH VIRGINIA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN
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KEEPING UP WITH MISS ANN



I'm getting ready for my next adventure!

Come see me, Miss Ann, at Continental Congress where I'll be making the rounds between the Grand Hyatt Hotel and DAR Headquarters. A selection of my outfits will be on display. My beautiful book features fifty eight "Colorful Colorado Women of Character" and my travels to other states, territories, and countries. The book and voice tickets will be available for purchase at both locations.

See you in D.C.!
Miss Ann
2019 National Junior Doll

*Heather Miller
National Vice-Chair Junior Doll 2019*

Congress Junior Shoppe Corner

EXCLUSIVE PREVIEW

2019 CONGRESS-ONLY PRODUCTS!!!

*Protect your pout with some
Explorer Lip Balm*



*Stay cool with an electric mini handheld
fan or a twistable (packable) hand fan*



*Keep clean with go
anywhere Hand sanitizer*



*Carry it all in your exclusive
DAR Patriotic Tote!*



*Keep the Congress celebrations
going all year with a reusable party cup*

These products are exclusive to the Congress Junior Shoppe.

See Something You Love?

Visit our TWO Congress Junior Shoppe Locations (Constitution Hall in the 18th St Corridor and Hyatt Hotel)

Remember...Shoppe Early and Shoppe Often!

WITH THE STATES AND CHAPTERS

District of Columbia

In the nation's capital, the District of Columbia Juniors are always on the go! We participate in a wide variety of activities from cleaning the Korean War Veterans Memorial to monthly happy hours. Living in DC enables us to take advantage of the many free and affordable activities the District provides, such as Opera in the Outfield (watching *The Barber of Seville* at Nationals Park maybe be the height of culture.)

In October, we partnered with the State Society to hold *Halloween Eve at Tudor Place: Haunted Mansion Tour & Garden Reception* in honor of NSDAR Founder's Day. In November, we gathered at the Chapter



House for an *Intro to Hand Lettering and Watercoloring Class*, where we became pros thanks

to the teaching of the owner of Painted Palettes, a local business. December saw the return of our Annual Holiday Bazaar, where DCDAR members got a head start on their holiday shopping while supporting the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. In 2019, we started our monthly happy hours, offering diverse locations and evenings.

We were also lucky enough to have a State Outstanding Junior and a Runner-up. Our 2019 State Outstanding Junior is Karen Pearson Leginus of the Mary Desha Chapter and our Runner-up is Catherine Timbers of the Manor House Chapter.

As the default location for Continental Congress, we invite Juniors from all over to join us as we celebrate our Outstanding Juniors at the Hamilton (600 14th St NW) on Thursday, June 27, after the evening program ends at NSDAR.

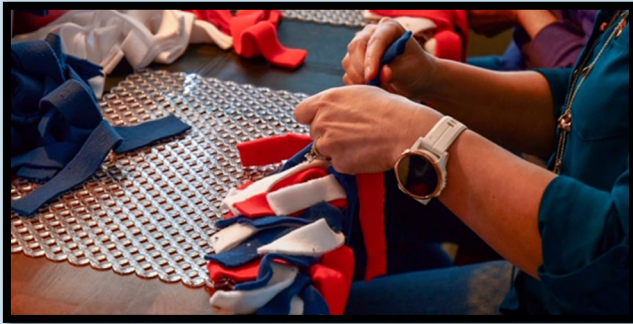
Submitted by:
Michelle Lockwood
DCDAR Junior Membership Chair



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Colorado

Colorado Juniors gathered from across Colorado for a Social BBQ and Service Project. It was a gorgeous Saturday Afternoon in March when 10 Juniors gathered in Parker Co. We had an informal Q&A with the state Junior Membership Chairman and Page Coordinator. Veteran Juniors offered advice and tales of their years as a Junior to brand-new Juniors eager to get involved. Our State Regent and Vice-Regent also came to support all of the Juniors. Our service project was for local non-profit organization, Freedom Service Dogs. Those Juniors that were present made snuffle mats for the dogs in patriotic colors. Snuffle mats are designed to keep the dogs occupied looking for treats in the fabric ties on the mat. It is an engaging and rewarding activity for the dogs while they are kenneled. This Junior event was quite successful and the Colorado Juniors are looking forward to more events to come in 2019.



*Submitted by:
Meaghan Sweeney
Colorado Junior Membership*

USS Hannah Chapter, NSDAR

USS Hannah Chapter Juniors expanded by two in March! Sisters Miesha Hewitt and Amber Golden boarded our ship ready to explore Junior Membership with chairman Rachel Michel. With Rachel's 15 years of Junior Membership at the helm, these ladies are ready to go! Miesha welcomed her second son, Henry, in April 2019. Amber is pursuing her second nursing degree. These Juniors are excited to embark on their journey with DAR.



KEEP EXPLORING!



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