



# FALL 2012

Mrs. Barbara A. Halpin  
Iowa State Regent 2012-2014  
Hands of Friendship Working  
Together to Build Membership

Dear Iowa Daughters,

This officer joined the Hannah Caldwell Chapter sixteen years ago and did not ever foresee being Iowa State Regent. It is an honor to serve the Iowa Society and I am looking forward to visiting all the chapters and meeting the Iowa Daughters.

My busy week at Continental Congress started with an all day orientation for all incoming State Regents. The following days went by quickly with many meetings, evening pageantry, luncheons, teas and dinners. The week ended with this officer standing on the stage with Sharon Braden and receiving the regent's sash from Linda Van Niewaal. It is an honor to wear the special State Regent pin with the seven diamonds that was given to the Society in 1918. The Iowa Society and members received 60 certificates of recognition during Congress. Melissa Pecharsky, our Iowa State Outstanding Junior, was honored and Barbara Hug received first place in the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 Program. Congratulations to the chapters and Iowa daughters for their recognition. Twenty-three members attended Continental Congress and almost all of them were present for the dedication of the new gate for the Iowa Room. It was exciting to be in the Iowa Room and look at, but not touch, the furnishings. Linda Van Niewaal gave a very moving dedication. Iowa was the first state to have a period room and it is important we keep making improvements to it. Iowa Room Chairman, Sara Jane Harwood, will inform you more about the Iowa Room in each Iowa Society Newsletter.

The State Regent's Project is to restore ½ of a Lay Light in the ceiling of the DAR Library. It is easy to get very excited about the Lay Light restoration when you read the updates from the President General's Blog and see a restored Lay Light at Continental Congress. There are 27 Lay Lights to be restored at a cost of \$40,000 each. Twenty-five are in the library ceiling and two are in stairwells. My project will also restore 12 Sconces in the Genealogy Room of the DAR Building. This is a very aggressive project but the Iowa Society will meet the challenge.

The new state theme is Hands of Friendship Working Together to Build Membership. It is very important to the growth of our chapters and our society to develop interesting programs so daughters will want to attend meetings and learn more about DAR. Reach your hand out to new members and encourage them to join the activities of the chapter and attend state meetings. If our chapters are to grow and continue for many more years we need active knowledgeable members.

Each chapter regent and state chairman received a CD with updated information and forms at Board of Management along with some forms in your chapter mailboxes. Chapter regents need to share the documents necessary to each chapter chairman. The State Directory is available online at [isdar.org/members](http://isdar.org/members) and is on the Fall Packet CD. This website also has all the documents that are in the Fall Packet. The ISDAR Web and VIS chairman have been very busy updating the Iowa members website and most everything has been updated now.

One of the best things about being your State Regent is the opportunity to visit chapters and meet the members. This officer has visited three chapters and took part in a 100 year celebration and installed officers in another chapter. This officer is looking forward to visiting each chapter.

Hands of Friendship Working Together to Build Membership

Barbara Halpin



## WELCOME NEW IOWA MEMBERS!!!

*"Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded"*  
2 Chronicles 15:7

### **Ashley Chapter**

Janet Jones

### **Buena Vista Chapter**

Jennifer Noble  
Karen Peery

### **Hannah Caldwell Chapter**

Gail Weston

### **James Harlan Chapter**

Cathy Helman

### **Jean Marie Cardinell Chapter**

Patricia Ball  
Julia Griffin  
Carol Hietbrink  
Dina Hollister  
Sharon Long  
Delpha Middleswart  
Jennifer Shide  
Linda Wilson

### **Lucretia Deering Chapter**

Melinda Fischer

### **Martha Washington Chapter**

Sharron Amick Hedemark  
Lori Kay Shaffer

### **Pilgrim Chapter**

Ella Weihe

### **Washington Chapter**

Dorothea Miller



## **DAR Good Citizens Committee Correction**

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I would like to make a CORRECTION of the DUE DATES for this committee. Please note that Chapter Good Citizen Chairmen should make contact with their schools in September! Chapter DAR Good Citizens Chairmen please send the material to YOUR District Vice Chairman of this committee by November 1, 2012.

Your District's ISDAR Good Citizen District Vice Chairman will forward the FOUR District Winners to me by December 1, 2012. I would like to thank everyone for your understanding and suggestions as I continue to be more familiar with this committee!



## **Pilot Rock Chapter**

**Members of Pilot Rock Chapter helped Charlotte Siegel celebrate her 90th birthday on June 24, 2012 with a surprise party. A great time was had by all!!**

**Happy Birthday Charlotte!**

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## PROTOCOL POINT

As your chapter makes plans to invite the State Regent for her OFFICIAL VISIT, remember she is the guest of honor that day and should be shown the courtesy of being your speaker. Follow your regular order of business as she wants to learn about your chapter and its activities. PLEASE NOTE that you may invite the State Regent to your chapter again to attend the celebration of a special anniversary or event and she would be honored to attend as your guest if her schedule allows.

Be sure the State Regent has directions to the meeting location and a phone contact in the event she may be delayed. Check with her a week before the scheduled meeting to confirm the prior arrangements. Please enjoy having the State Regent attend your chapter meeting. She is very anxious to have the opportunity to meet and visit with all members of your chapter.

Nola Gottschalk, Protocol Chairman

## Outstanding Teacher Contest Deadline — November 15th

Your chapter by now is no doubt working on your submission of a teacher in your area for the Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest. The person selected is honored at State Conference. If you have not done so by now, please select your teacher as soon as possible since there is an early deadline for submissions to me of NOV. 15. Forms & instructions for this contest are available at the NSDAR website: <http://members.dar.org/forms> and publications/historian general. While there, also check out other important information on the marking of member's graves and the DAR History Award Medal.

Pamela Marvin  
Iowa State Historian

**Thank you** to all who participated with Iowa Society DAR in the State Fair parade on August 8! We had a great time even though we had some rain, but that didn't dampen our DAR SPIRIT!! Also **thank you** to all those who took time out of their summer vacations to "man" the DAR booth in Pioneer Hall at the Iowa State Fair.

We chatted with many prospective DAR, SAR and C.A.R. members from across Iowa and surrounding states. With as many names as I forwarded to Jeanette Shannon and Mike Rowley (SAR) we should get new members! Put the State Fair Parade and booth on your calendars for 2013!!!

Susan Harris and  
Judy McNamara,  
State Fair  
Co-chairmen





## **DAR FRIENDS WHERE E'ER YOU MAY ROAM...**

**...submitted by Sara Jane Harwood**

While attending the Battle of Oriskany Commemoration August 6th near Rome, NY, I was pleased to note 10 area New York chapters taking part in the solemn ceremony. Also involved were representatives of The Oneida Nation, Descendants of the Battle of Oriskany and SAR members. A group of Revolutionary War interpreters from Fort Stanwix National Monument trooped the colors.

The DAR members pictured at right were especially welcoming to me and we found we had several mutual acquaintances, including President General Merry Ann Wright. This area is Mrs. Wright's home turf. Her own Chapter Regent was one of those who laid a wreath at the base of the impressive monument to those who sacrificed their lives during one of the bloodiest battles of the Revolutionary War.

Seated left to right Alice Elphick, Treasurer and Nancy Pawlikowski, Registrar. Standing left to right: Joyce Butters, First Vice-Regent, and Cheryl Jacobs, Regent. All members of Fort Stanwix Chapter, Rome, NY.



## **THE IOWA ROOM: OUR CORNER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

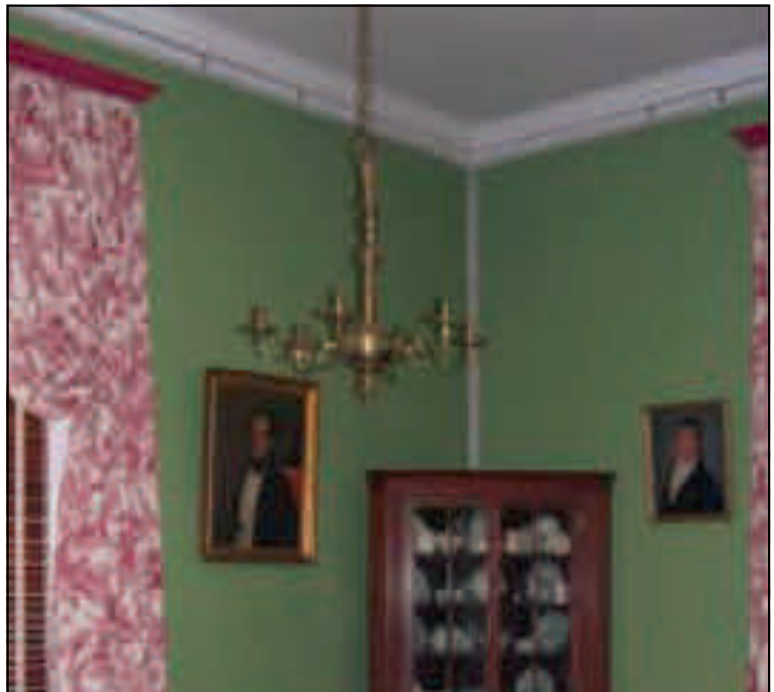
From time to time in our newsletter, there will be tidbits of information about the objects donated to or purchased for the Iowa Room. In this issue, we feature the graceful mid-18th century English six-arm brass chandelier with lion finial, which hangs from the ceiling of the Iowa Room. This chandelier is unique in the DAR Museum collection and was donated for the Iowa Room by Shenandoah Chapter in 1967. The donation honors Shenandoah daughter, Mrs. E. L. (Marie) McMichael, State Regent of Iowa, 1962-1964.

I hope all Iowa Continental Congress attendees were present for the dedication of the new gate for the Iowa Room in July. As they have many times before, Iowa Daughters enthusiastically supported another improvement to the space with purchase of this gate. Thank you, Iowa Daughters.

Why support this corner of our building complex so far away from Iowa? We may be separated from National Headquarters in miles, but certainly not in spirit. A part of Iowa Society DAR is firmly planted in this corner of D.C.!

Questions pertaining to the Iowa Room and/or its contents may be sent to me via email at [sallygwtw37@gmail.com](mailto:sallygwtw37@gmail.com).

Sara Jane Harwood, Iowa Room Chairman



**Winter Submission Deadline ..... December 2, 2012**  
**Send your submissions to [iowadarnews@alpinecom.net](mailto:iowadarnews@alpinecom.net) or**  
**Julie Davis, ISDAR Editor**  
**34132 Buck Creek Road**  
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## Mother & daughter established DAR tradition

Mabel Miller Schaal Sturgeon Hudson had already celebrated her 100th birthday when she passed away in November 2011. Her long, full life was celebrated in June when her family gathered in Woodward, Iowa. Abigail Adams members attended the service and later conducted the dedication ritual for her DAR marker. As many speakers testified at her memorial service, Mabel Hudson was a retired teacher with a university degree from Drake, and a world traveler. She had been a 4-H leader, a library board member, played organ in her church and was a life member in the United Methodist Women's Society. She raised a daughter and two sons, loved poetry, and had an intense interest in genealogy. She joined the DAR in 1984, when she lived in Washington State. She proved four ancestor Patriots.



When she returned to Iowa after the death of her second husband, Mabel jumped in with both feet as a leader of Abigail Adams. You will notice in our yearbook that she was Chapter Regent 1996-98. Thereafter, she served as Recording Secretary and then Director through 2003. By her example, her family continues service to the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mabel's granddaughter, Sandra Sturgeon Durby, joined in 1997. Sandy just completed her six-year tenure as Chapter Regent and continues engagement with Abigail Adams as our new Chaplain. Sandy's daughter, Erika, became a member in 2005. Erika has been a page, at the state and national levels, and has served as Chapter Secretary.

However, Mabel Sturgeon Hudson did not introduce her family to DAR. Mabel's mother, Marietta Miller Schaal, had already taken that step. "Etta" Schaal joined the DAR in 1934, when she became a member of the Madrid chapter. Her DAR marker was also dedicated in June. Mabel Hudson, known as a feisty, adventurous woman, followed her mother's example in that aspect, as well. In 1901, as a young bride, Etta Schaal followed her husband, David, to Magnet Gulch Alaska, as the lure of gold beckoned him to the Yukon. Fifteen months later, Etta and David returned to Iowa. In 2006, Etta and David's daughter, Mabel, caught the attention of the Iowa State Historical Society. That winter, Etta's letters and photographs from her adventure were published in "Iowa Heritage Illustrated" magazine.

Here is a small extract of Etta's "Yukon Adventure":

*The little log cabin Mr. Schaal has secured for our home was about 12 x 14 feet square, had one window, one sash, and one door in it. Built onto this was what is called a cache, a place where all the provisions are kept. We ordered a stove, a little cast iron, what would cost perhaps 10 or 15 dollars (home) costs us \$40 there. We had a hand-made bed, table, and one chair, and for cupboards we nailed boxes up on the wall.*

Sandy Durby chose Etta Schaal as the subject of her "Who Do You Think You Are?" program this spring. In her presentation, Sandy told how her great-grandmother baked bread to sell to others in the camp, earning 25 cents a loaf or \$6 for baking up a sack of flour. "I soon had all the customers I could supply," Etta wrote. "I baked nearly every day from 15 to 17 loaves." Her letters report on the beauty to be seen, as well as the challenge to get by in the wild. By October, 1902, the couple were home. With them, David Schaal brought a mammoth tusk found in the Yukon. He donated it to the State Historical Society. You may still see it in the museum. Etta concluded, *"To me, this has been a wonderful experience, one which I shall never be too old to look back upon with great interest but not with unmixed pleasure for it, like the gold we went to seek, has its dross."*

Another great letter-writer, Abigail Adams, would have been right in synch with these ladies. "I begin to think, that a calm is not desirable in any situation in life," Mrs. Adams was known to say. "Man was made for action and for bustle too, I believe."





## Time is ticking for ISDAR Outstanding Junior Contest Submissions!

The deadline for your submission into the 2013 ISDAR Outstanding Junior Contest is fast approaching—your application must be received by October 31, 2012!

It is often asked who is eligible for the OJ contest, and the candidates for this honor are any Junior members, ages 18 through 35 inclusive, who are members of DAR and have been selected for this honor and encouraged by their respective chapters to apply for the state honor. Each applicant can download the necessary forms from the NSDAR members only website, under the Junior Membership Committee page. An application may also be requested from this Junior Membership Committee chairman or a chapter regent. When considering the amount of service that the Junior member has given to the society and the community, DAR experience and Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) senior leadership count for 75% while community service counts for 25%. A young woman who is active in DAR and her community in furthering of the DAR's historical, educational, and patriotic objectives, in accordance with the DAR motto, "God, Home, and Country" is an Outstanding Junior. A chapter may honor one of its Juniors as the chapter Outstanding Junior whether or not she has the points to enter the contest. Chapter winners may purchase a Chapter Outstanding Junior pin from Hamilton Jewelers.

All state winners automatically go forward to compete in the national contest. The state winners and national finalists are honored at the Junior Membership event during Continental Congress. The contest culminates with the presentation of the National Outstanding Junior Member and the national runner-up on a designated evening at Continental Congress.

If you have questions regarding the process, please contact me at the following email ([freetgenealogy@aol.com](mailto:freetgenealogy@aol.com)) or via phone at 319.827.3768.

Good Luck!  
Jodi Freet  
ISDAR Junior Membership Chair

**The National Historic Preservation** committee wants to find and catalog DAR sites and properties with an eye toward determining tourism potential. To this end, each chapter is asked to complete the NSDAR Historic Sites and Property Report form (found on the National web site)...and forward it to me in a timely manner. The form appears complicated, but I encourage you to go to the National Committee site and look at those sites already listed. The information given will be of great benefit in filing your own report. Pictures of appropriate size are encouraged along with any relevant brochures. I will be forwarding this to the National Vice Chairman and will also share information with Pamela Marvin, ISDAR State Historian for local information. Please contact me with any questions at [ds crafts@windstream.net](mailto:ds crafts@windstream.net)

Thank you...Sharon Stiff, ISDAR National Historic Preservation Chairman

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD CHANGES

Recognizing people in our communities who volunteer their time, energy and talents to benefit the whole community with a Community Service Award, is easier now because of the changes that have been made in the process. Only one set of documents, letters of recommendation and newspaper articles, is needed to send along with the completed recommendation form, plus \$7.00, for the pin and certificate, and one 45 cent stamped envelope, for me to send the approved recommendation to NSDAR. There will be no contest or judging for the best service to the community at any level. The State Community Service Awards Chairman will determine if the recommendation meets all the qualifications for the award and administer the award process. With the changes in the process it should be encouraging for each chapter to participate. I look forward to receiving your recommendations for the CS Award!

**Dorothy Crooks, ISDAR Community Service Awards Chairman**  
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## Hannah Caldwell Chapter

The Hannah Caldwell Chapter held a reception to honor newly installed State Regent Barbara Halpin on July 15, 2012 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Even though it was a very warm day and Bettendorf is on the far eastern side of Iowa, 75 members drove the many miles to attend. The Hannah Caldwell Daughters served a variety of tea sandwiches, cheese and cracker and cookies. A harpist provided beautiful background music.

It was a very enjoyable occasion and the Hannah Caldwell Chapter thanks you for attending!

### Iowa State Chairmen,

Thank you for your wonderful displays at the State Chairmen Fair. The displays were attractive and informative and members had great fun with them.

I was very pleased with your reports and the great number of you that attended. Each of you were an important part of our Board of Management meeting. I look forward to seeing all of you on District Tour and Conference.

In Hands of Friendship,  
Barbara Halpin

To my wonderful DAR friends,  
I love you all. THANK YOU FOR.....

Your caring about me with your prayers, your concerns and love during August were so appreciated by me, Bruce and our family. We all thank you. It was incredibly helpful to all of us. My prognosis is good (so says the oncologist.....I think they may say that to all) So, I am going to take the next step in my treatment. I thank you all again for your care and concern. Blest be the tie that binds.

Dione Norris



## Ladies of the Lake Chapter

It has been a special summer for the Ladies of the Lake Chapter which serves NW Iowa. At its June 12 meeting, the chapter initiated the celebration of its 100th Anniversary by lighting 100 candles on cupcakes. DAR members from Des Moines came to share in the kickoff event. Following a series of activities led by Regent Colleen Lemkuil, Spirit Lake, the 100th Anniversary culminated in two well attended events. On July 28, the Chapter dedicated a plaque placed

on the Dickinson County Museum. The museum is the former Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway depot from which, 1883 to 1972, our troops departed for military service and were welcomed home. This is the 13th historical marker placed by the Ladies of the Lake in the Iowa Great Lakes area, the other 12 being stone markers. The celebration culminated with an Anniversary Dinner at which State Regent Barbara Halpin presided with Regent Lemkuil. The Chapter honored 13 community organizations and businesses which partnered with the chapter to achieve DAR goals. The event noted the history of the chapter which was founded in 1912 by seven lakes area ladies "in loving memory" of the pioneers who were murdered in the Spirit Lake Massacre of 1857. One of those founders, Esther Bergman Narey, became our 23rd State Regent.







Cedar Falls Chapter

Barbara Halpin was the honored guest and speaker at the August 15th Cedar Falls Chapter meeting. Pictured left to right are Dorothy Winter (Honorary State Regent), Barbara Halpin (State Regent), Jodi Freet (Regent), Carol Pierce (Vice Regent).

## Genealogy Workshop Being Planned

DeShon Chapter is planning a Genealogy Workshop on Saturday Oct. 20th at the Boone Ericson Public Library, 702 Greene Street, at 9:30 until noon.

The ISDAR Action Five Committee will provide leadership for those who are working on application papers for NSDAR Membership. Laptop computers will be available.

Please call or e-mail Dorothy Crooks, 515-432-6588 [dottom@opencominc.com](mailto:dottom@opencominc.com), if you are planning to attend so we can plan accordingly. Morning refreshments will be available.

## LADIES .....OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The National Defender is now on the NSDAR website and includes a picture of President General Merry Ann Wright with Central Intelligence Agency Director, David H. Petraeus with a picture of the DAR Patriot Award presented to him at the 121st Continental Congress. It is an impressive award your chapter members might like to see. A lot of information in the article can be used for your 3 minute National Defense Report.

Velma Reese, National Defense Chairman

Jean Marie Cardinell NSDAR, Des Moines, is a supporter of the Tall Grass Prairie Society C.A.R. with leadership and monetary contributions. Senior Advisors are: Dianna Baker Hoye, chapter DAR member and Senior National Vice President for Great Plains Region C.A.R., Jeanne Beardsley, chapter ex-regent, Registrar ISDAR, Society Senior Registrar C.A.R., and Donna Ragner, Society Senior President C.A.R. The Tall Grass Prairie Society members were anxious to give recognition to veterans and service members and the above named senior advisors organized combined DAR/CAR for such an event. They attended the June 30, 2012 "A Salute to Our Veterans and Service Members Parade" and received media recognition by the Des Moines Register Sunday edition, West Des Moines Register Friday edition and national internet blog "West Des Moines PATCH. The Register used the picture of Ethan Ragner with a sign in the Sunday, July 1 edition. The caption read: Children of the American Revolution member Ethan Ragner, 14, West Des Moines holds a sign during a parade honoring Iowa's military veterans and current service members that started at the Capitol on Saturday morning.



(In this photo, Caleb Ragner is holding the flag, Grant Ragner and Donna Ragner are hidden and Dianna Baker Hoye (DAR) is next to Ethan Ragner. A second photo from the Register photographer showed Caleb with the U.S. Flag, and a third photo by the West Des Moines PATCH was taken when Caleb and Grant distributed small flags to parade watchers while Ethan walked carrying the sign

created by Alyssa Ragner, Society President. Having media publicity was unexpected. The internet blog wrote three paragraphs describing the childrens' activities and the story of the Children of the American Revolution purpose.







**Pamela Marvin,  
ISDAR State Historian**



**Mary Cornell  
Ladies of the Lake  
Chapter**



Anita Rosendahl receiving her award at the 100th Anniversary Dinner of the Ladies of the Lake Chapter, Spirit Lake, Iowa. Anita aka. "Billie" is 101 years old and has been in DAR 61 years. She hosts the Ladies of the Lake every October at her home on Lakeshore Drive in Okoboji.



**Ladies of the Lake Chapter ....**

Doris Hemphill, a 46 year DAR member and 94 years young, received the Woman of the Decade award for her work with the Ladies of the Lake Chapter from 2000-2010. Doris has served as Hostess, Chapter Regent, Honorary Regent (guiding others during their term as Chapter Regent) and also served as Chapter Registrar. Without her determination the Chapter may have disappeared. Her family gathered for this event on July 29th when she received this award. Doris was also a promoter for the marking of the Dickinson County Museum and the Spirit Lake Train Depot.



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## Alexander Young Log Home a Fixture of Sunset Park for 100 Years.

This past weekend the Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution celebrated the placement 100 years ago of the Alexander Young Log home in Sunset Park. This old log house, built in 1840 by Alexander Young, is a relic of the days when the territory (now Washington County) was a sparsely settled section of tract less timber and wild prairie. The cabin was originally constructed in Cedar Township before Washington County was formed. For 36 years the cabin served as the family home for the Young's, well known members of the community. It was the site of the first marriage in the township.

In 1912, the two remaining family members gave the structure to the DAR as a memorial to all pioneers. The "cabin" was almost 75 years old at that time. It was moved from its original site with special care taken not to alter the materials or appearance. It was torn down, each log numbered, and reconstructed at its new location. Only a few timbers needed replacing. Originally it had four rooms but the downstairs and upstairs partitions were not replaced. In 1934, the fireplace had to be replaced. A large flat stone from the original west entrance to the courthouse was included in the face of the fireplace. The cabin is fully furnished with authentic items, some original to the Young family.



In 198? it was dismantled and some of the original logs had to be replaced. The DAR continues to maintain the structure and have it open to the public on Sunday afternoon's and by appointment. Recent repair work has prevented it being open so far this summer.



Julie Beenblossom and Vice Regent Julie Mangold (at right) during Washington's recent Ridiculous Day parade. Our entry publicized the log house maintained by the Washington Chapter for 100 years. The above photo was taken at the Flag Day Celebration at Central Park in Washington. A short program featured the Boy Scouts demonstrating folding the flag, some history of our flag and the singing of the National Anthem and It's a Grand Old Flag.

## Washington Chapter





## Hannah Lee Chapter

Long-time Fayette County, Iowa Historian Frances Graham was inducted into the Loyal Legion of Abraham Lincoln on April 7, 2012.

On April 7, 2012 Frances Graham of McAuley Terrance, Johnston, IA was presented with the Loyal Legion of Abraham Lincoln Award 2011 by Company A, 49th Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment "the Governor's Own Iowa Rifles." Attending the ceremony were her daughter Willona Goers and Janet Stahr.

In a letter to Frances, Courtney Stahr - who nominated her - said: "There is no one in our area [more] deserving the 49th Iowa's Loyal Legion of Lincoln Award than you. Please know you earned that recognition in acknowledgement of your years of dedicated service to preserving our history. It is our pleasure as guardians of all things Union to present this award to you and what a treat it



was to see you again. I have great memories of visiting you at the historical building in West Union. Your assistance in obtaining facts I required was always beyond comparison. Our Loyal Legion of Lincoln Award is an award we present to people who have demonstrated a true love of our history, both at the local, state and national level and preserving that heritage."

Frances joins a select group of people that includes: Congressman, Leonard Boswell; Major General Steven E. Bogle; historian Walter Libby; Federal District Court Judges Colin Witt and Ross Walters; Patrick Palmersheim; Speaker Pro-tempore Kaufmann; and Past Department of Iowa Commanders, SUVCW, Court Stahr and James Braden and others.

For 36 years Frances Graham was a volunteer at the Fayette County Historical Society, ten of them as administrator. Since 1970 she has written 6 history books the last, in 1996,

Heritage of Fayette County is 450 pages. Before that Frances was a home economics teacher, wife and mother of three children. Frances joined the Hannah Lee Chapter NSDAR in 2003, naturally she served as Chapter Historian.

Above photo: Frances Graham is surrounded by (L to R) First Corporal Court Stahr, 2nd Lt. Daniel Krock, and First Lt. David M. Lamb, Commanding Co. A, 49th Veteran Volunteer Infantry, SVR.

## DeShon Chapter Cole School Project in Documentary Film!

DeShon's Cole School is part of a documentary film that is currently being aired on IPTV. The name of the program is Country School: One Room, One Nation that and it has been nominated for a Regional Emmy Award! The filmmakers, Kelly and Tammy Rundle from Burlington, interviewed people around the midwest who attended country schools, taught in them, or are restoring them. Cole School is the red-brick schoolhouse that DeShon Chapter is working to restore, and it is the very first schoolhouse you see in the documentary! They came to Boone with the hope of taping a schoolhouse restoration in process and a roofing company was re-roofing the schoolhouse at the time. Unfortunately, it turned out to be an extremely windy day and the crew had to be called off the roof for safety, so they didn't get restoration in action. But what they did get was some wonderful sounds of wind and footage of the old tin roof flapping. They placed this as the introduction of the video, so you have to be tuned in a few minutes before the start time of the show or you'll miss our schoolhouse! But towards the very end of the show, Cole School is featured again with a few words by Barb MacDougall, restoration project chairman. Of course in the interview I spoke about our DAR objectives and about how DeShon Chapter started this project, but they only chose a few sentences to include. But, we're very excited that our very own Cole School is featured in this wonderful documentary about school days of the past! Here are the upcoming showtimes: IPTV-PBS on Sunday, Sept. 2 at 1pm; IPTV-World on Wed Sept. 26 at 7pm and IPTV-World on Sat. Sept. 29 at 9pm.

During each Iowa Society's State Regent's term, our State Regent chooses a project that unites each of the Iowa Daughters together towards a purpose reflected in our National Society's objectives of Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism. State Regent Barbara Halpin has chosen as her project, with the consent of the Iowa Daughters at our August BOM meeting, to contribute to the restoration of ½ of a Lay Light located in ceiling of the NSDAR Library, and the restoration of twelve sconces located in the NSDAR Genealogy Room.

Our chapters and members can contribute to the State Regent's project by sending donations through your chapter (checks payable to ISDAR) and donating towards voices for the items on the State Regent's tables. I wanted to share with you the items that will be on our State Regent's special table:

A wonderful two story furnished Doll House (including the US Flag hanging from the front porch) made by our very own State Regent Barbara Halpin and her daughter.

Honorary State Regent Yvonne Boone donated a needle point Christmas Stocking she has made for the State Regent's table. You will say "wow" when you see the detail in this project.

There is a life-like, ceramic doll sitting in an antique rocker. Check out the fun expression the little girl will show you when you stop by.

A machine quilted quilt that fits a queen size bed or double bed. The materials in the quilt historically reflects fabrics from 1846. It is made from United Nation's Moda Fabric and is 86 x 88 in size.

Alice Wiles has donated a beautiful, framed patriotic needle-point that she personally made.

Please stop by the State Regent's tables on District Tour to see these items in person or by display. We appreciate your support of her project by donations and voices. You can learn more about the important Lay Light restoration project at the following web site: [http://www.dar.org/giving\\_site/lay\\_lights\\_webinar.cfm](http://www.dar.org/giving_site/lay_lights_webinar.cfm)

# STATE REGENT PROJECT







Action Five has started with their workshops. Jeanette Shannon is seen here at the Ladies of the Lake workshop July 28th. Maryls Ankrum also presented to the group. Jeanette, Marlys and State Regent Barbara Halpin helped several prospective members with their applications.

# ACTION 5

## American Heritage Committee

Welcome to another year of committee work! Some of you are new to the committee and I extend a special welcome to you. If you are not familiar with the work of the committee, the best way to "learn the ropes" is to visit the members website and browse around the American Heritage pages. Basically, the committee consists of two parts-the members contests and the Women In the Arts Recognition Awards. You will want to thoroughly acquaint yourself with both programs. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me. I am happy to assist you in any way I can.

Please be sure to submit your entries to this chairman before March 1, 2013.

Ellie Senne  
 ISDAR American Heritage  
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## Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter

Our Program for the June Meeting was "Our Flag" presented by Cheryl Micetich and Jerilyn Syferd.

A 'Jeopardy' format was utilized and the members attending we separated into teams. Using a board and pulling off the dollar amount revealed a question under each category. A bell was rung as someone had an answer and a full explanation of the answer was read.

Many interesting facts were revealed and it was a most interesting program. Lots of fun!



## Marion Linn Chapter at the Fair

Marion-Linn Chapter DAR members Peg Wilkinson, State Chaplain and Onalee Arnold Chapter Regent represented DAR at the Community Day at the Fair. Sitting at the table are Peg Wilkinson and Onalee Arnold. It was a hot early morning but a rainstorm came up and instead of melting into puddles, the ladies enjoyed visiting with people in a comfortable tin building. There was even a nice breeze so they were cool, not melting. They really felt blessed!





**Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter 4th of July Parade**

Lynne Schlaht drove her truck in the Creston Parade on the 4th - They had a large DAR Logo on both sides of the truck and a Flag quilt wall hanging on the back and a flag on the Antenna Marj Kinkade rode in the truck with her and waved flags as they drove along. Dorothy Hughes and Darlene Morgan also drove decorated cars in the Mr Ayr Parade and Aleda Kellgren drove her van in the Leon parade!



Members of Nancy McKay Harsh chapter were honored to have Barb Halpin, State Regent, install our new officers at the meeting on August 11. Also in attendance was Jeanette Shannon, State Organizing Secretary, and our own member, Pam Marvin, State Historian. The ladies met at the Pizza Ranch in Creston for a luncheon before the meeting. The State officers are shown with the chapter officers. **L to R: Cheryl Micetich, Chaplain; Connie Kinkade, Regent; Pam Marvin; Jane Briley, Secretary; Marj Kinkade, Registrar; Bonnie Riepe, Treasurer; Barb Halpin, Elaine Brown, Historian; and Jeanette Shannon. Lynne Schlaht, Vice Regent was unable to be present.**



**Nancy McKay Harsh present Flag**

On Flag Day Nancy McKay Harsh Chapter presented a flag to the Leon Postmaster for the Post Office. In the picture are, Marjorie Kinkade, Aleda Kellgren, Connie Kinkade and Jane Briley with Leon the Postmaster.

**Lucy Standish-Newcastle Chapter**



Margaret Gershmer receives a 50 Year award for her years of membership in DAR as fellow members look on.

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## MARION-LINN CHAPTER



Jean Oxley cutting the ribbon at the open house of the Jean Oxley Linn County Public Service Center. Marion-Linn Chapter presented 46-year member Jeanne Oxley with a Woman in American History Certificate. After the 2008 flood a building was renovated and renamed the Jean Oxley Linn County Public Service Center to honor the extraordinary contributions she made during her 24-year tenure as the first female supervisor in Linn County. During this time, she helped initiate home and community-based services for the mentally ill and intellectually challenged, as well as boys and girls organizations, and programs to allow elderly to stay in their own homes. Chapter members presented a US flag and provided cookies for the Open House and Ribbon Cutting.



Dorothy Ehls-Wille was presented with a Historic Preservation Recognition Certificate for her work in preserving the Guttenberg Lockmasters House and a one-room country school which are filled with countless historical community artifacts.

Picture (L to R): Chapter Regent Marjorie Spencer, State American History Chairman Carol Hasvold, Dorothy Ehls-Wille and State Regent Linda Van Niewaal.

### Martha Washington Chapter at VA Standown



Members handed out 227 toiletry kits including towel and wash-cloth.



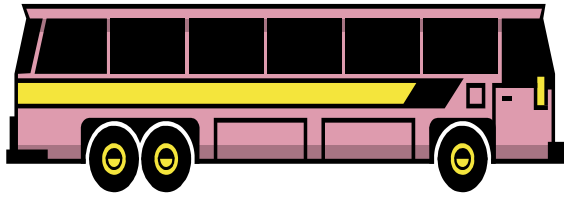
### Sun Dial Chapter

Iowa Outstanding Junior Melissa Pecharsky with Morgan Lake & President General Wright at Continental Congress in Washington D.C.

At Right: 4 generations attend Continental Congress!



# CONTINENTAL BUS TRIP 2013



## *All Aboard the 2013 Hawkeye Express to Continental Congress*

***The 2013 ISDAR Bus Trip to Washington D.C. to attend Continental Congress will leave on Saturday, June 22nd and return on Monday, July 1st. As usual we will have passenger pickup stops as we travel I-80 across Iowa. Our first overnight stop will be at Elkhart, Indiana.***

**Saturday, June 22nd** — Leave Iowa

**Sunday, June 23rd** — Travel to Gettysburg, PA

**Monday, June 24th** — Travel a short distance to Gettysburg Museum & Visitor Center followed by a 2 hour step-on guided bus tour. We will have lunch before travelling on to Orange, VA for our overnight stop.

**Tuesday, June 25th** — Spend the majority of the day visiting Montpelier, the home of James and Dolly Madison. Later this afternoon we travel to Arlington, VA where we will be staying for the next 5 nights while attending Continental Congress.

**Sunday, June 30th** — Depart for home. Overnight stop in Elkhart, Indiana.

**Monday, July 1st** — Depart Elkhart and return to our Iowa Departure cities.

The following are included in cost of the trip:

- \* Round trip motor coach transportation
- \* VCR/DVD use on the motor coach
- \* Nine (9) nights of lodging
- \* Luggage handling (1 suitcase per person)
- \* Breakfast is included four (4) mornings. Some are extended continental while others are full, hot cooked breakfasts (Elkhart, Gettysburg, Orange, VA and Elkhart, IN)
- \* Entrée select dinner at Dobbin House Tavern
- \* Admission at Gettysburg National Military Park Museum
- \* Gettysburg Battlefield guided tour
- \* Gratuity for Battlefield step-on guide
- \* Admission, film, and guided tour at James Madisons' Montpelier
- \* Constitutional Conversations program at Montpelier
- \* Box lunch at Montpelier
- \* Entrée select dinner at Stonefire Station
- \* Transportation provided to and from Constitution Hall for daytime and evening events, and sightseeing as time permits
- \* Driver Gratuity

## 2013 Pricing

### 20-25 Passengers:

**Double Rate Per Person      \$ 1,874.00**

**Single Rate Per Person      \$ 2,564.00**

**Triple/Quad Rate Per Person      \$ 1,684.00**

### 26-40 Passengers:

**Double Rate Per Person      \$ 1,774.00**

**Single Rate Per Person      \$ 2,464.00**

**Triple/Quad Rate Per Person      \$ 1,584.00**

\*\*\* If we achieve 41 or more full paying passengers, we will be able to deduct \$50 per person \*\*\*

The deposit/payment requirements for this tour are as follows:

**December 15, 2012**

**\$500 due to ISDAR State Treasurer to reserve a seat**

**March 21, 2013**

**Balance due to ISDAR State Treasurer**

(Amount will be determined by the number of passengers at this time)

Make deposit checks payable to "ISDAR"

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Let us know if you have a roommate.

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