A message from our National Chair

I am thrilled to present the inaugural Junior Membership Newsletter. Inspired by the requests of our State Chairs to have more information about all aspects of the committee, we hope that you will find this publication a source of new ideas for your state. It is our goal to provide this electronic newsletter quarterly, so that our national committee will have a forum to distribute needed information to our state level chairs and vice chairs, as well as give the states a means to share ideas that are contributing to the growth of Junior Membership.

In this issue, readers will find information on the Outstanding Junior Contest, new Junior Sales products, Continental Congress in review, and bios on the national committee members. I believe that it is important to get to know your leaders, so take a few moments to get to know us just a bit better. In future issues we will highlight our Division Vice Chairs as well.

This is your newsletter, and the success of this publication depends on you. Please send us articles about your Junior Membership Committee. We would love to publish information about how your state fundraises for Helen Pouch, how you market to new Juniors, pictures of your Junior activities, and stories about amazing Junior Members in your state. Questions for the Chair will be a part of each newsletter, so start sending your questions in now for our next publication. I would encourage you to share this newsletter with your state officers, chapter regents and chapter junior membership chairs, and use it as a resource to promote Junior Membership.

Proudly Celebrating Juniors,
Cecile Wimberley

Our inaugural issue includes:

- Meet the Committee
- Product Spotlight
- Junior Doll Highlights
- Congress Recap
- Ask the Chair!
- ... and more

Don’t forget!

- National Project Proposals are due to your Division Vice Chair by September 15th!
- The deadline to submit an application for the 2015 Outstanding Junior Contest is October 31st!
MEET OUR NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Cecile Wimberley
National Chair
Member Since: 1995
Long Island Chapter (TN)
From: Madisonville, TN
Lives in: Kingsport, TN

Melissa Wetzel
National Vice Chair – Friends of Junior Membership
Member Since: 2002
General David Forman-Penelope Hart Chapter (NJ)
From: Pennington, NJ
Lives in: Monclova, OH

Rebecca Hough
National Vice Chair – Junior Events
Member Since: 2006
Martha Washington Chapter (DC)
From: Long Beach, CA
Lives in: Fairfax, VA

Aubrey Williams
National Vice Chair – Junior Sales, Marketing & Product Development
Member Since: 2013
Sarah Polk Chapter (TN)
From: Bloomington, IN
Lives in: Franklin, TN

Elizabeth Parsons
National Vice Chair – Junior Sales, State Orders & Shipping
Member Since: 2004
Jonesboro Chapter (AR)
From: Jonesboro, AR
Lives in: Louisville, KY

Nancy Hiteshue
National Vice Chair – Junior Shoppe
Member Since: 1998
Freedom Hill Chapter (VA)
From: London, OH
Lives in: Fredericksburg, VA

Jamie Burchfield
National Vice Chair – Outstanding Junior Contest
Member Since: 2000
Austin Colony Chapter (TX)
From: Lufkin, TX
Lives in: Austin, TX
Spotlight on Junior Products

So many exciting new products were debuted at Congress this year! These water bottles were such a hit we’ve decided to add both “Patience” and “1776” to the Jr. Sales order forms. These beautiful bottles come from Liberty Bottle Works in Yakima, Washington. What makes them so great (besides the look!)?

- The ONLY American made metal bottles in the marketplace.
- Recycled and Recyclable. Liberty Bottles are the ONLY bottles to be made from recycled materials.
- Deep Drawn Aluminum Construction. Fewer dents, greater durability, and precision construction.

- Drink Confidently. Flexible Food Grade Coatings insure no chips or flakes end up in your water. Unlike uncoated metal bottles, our coating insures no heavy metal leaching or porous surface for bacteria build up.
- Commitment to safety. Liberty Bottles exceed FDA requirements, are nontoxic and non-leaching. Independent Lab Certified to be 100% BPA FREE.
- Oh, AND this company makes it a point to hire veterans!

Our bottles are retailing at $25. Pictures don’t do them justice, so if you’re unsure, order one of each design to display and wait for the pre-orders roll in!
Contact National Vice Chair – Junior Sales State Orders & Shipping at darjuniorsales@gmail.com
Meet Miss Susie, our 2015 Junior Doll!

The Maryland State Society, NSDAR proudly presents the 2015 Junior Doll, “Miss Susie.”

Miss Susie is named for the Black Eyed Susan, the Maryland state flower. Miss Susie comes with period costumes depicting famous Maryland women from the Colonial Era to present. One of the women represented is Mary Pickersgill, the designer of the flag that flew in Baltimore in 1814 and inspired France Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Banner. Miss Susie also has outfits representing Mary Titcom, Mama Cass Elliott, and a young Maryland girl.

Please visit us on the Junior Membership Committee website and be sure to like “Miss Susie – Maryland Junior Doll – 2015” on Facebook!

Voices for Miss Susie are $5 each or 5 for $20.

Please make checks payable to MSSDAR Treasurer and mail to:

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Friends of Junior Membership

Help recognize the 25th Anniversary of the Endowment Fund! Become a Best Friend or Friend of Junior Membership. States and Chapters that have 25 members donate by December 31, 2014 will be recognized at Continental Congress. Visit http://members.dar.org/committees/junior/friends.htm to learn more and watch the video about the fund.
Congratulations to our 2014 Outstanding Juniors!

Congratulations to Helen Rebekah Waddell (PA), 2014 National Outstanding Junior Member and Zia Kay Calaway Lowe (TX), 2014 National Outstanding Junior Runner-Up! Unanimously chosen by our judges out of the 27 State Outstanding Juniors, these ladies truly exemplify outstanding service to DAR and their communities furthering the NSDAR’s objectives of Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism.

Rebekah is a member of the Cornwall Iron Furnace Chapter in Pennsylvania. A 17 year member of DAR, she has served at the local, state, and national levels. Currently serving as chapter regent, she has also held numerous committee chair and chapter officer positions, and in 2012-13 served as Organizing Regent of her chapter. At the state level, she has served as a page, delegate, state vice chair, state chair, and as a state officer. Her service to the National Society includes 17 years of paging at Continental Congress and as a National Vice Chair for the Pages Committee.

Zia is a member of the Lost Pines Chapter in Texas. A 17 year member of DAR, she has also served at the local, state, and national levels. In her chapter, she has served as a chapter chair of several committees, held numerous chapter officer positions, and has served as chapter regent. Currently a state officer, Zia has also served as a page, delegate, Juniors Club President, state vice chair, and state chair for the State of Texas. At the national level, Zia has paged at Continental Congress for 7 years, serves as a Veterans Administration Volunteer Service Representative, and as a National Division Vice Chair. She has also served as a senior leader for C.A.R.
Over 950 ladies strutted over to the Grand Hyatt to Show their Pride for Junior Membership and the 25th Anniversary of the Friends of Junior Membership Endowment Fund during the annual Junior Membership luncheon. The 2014 State Outstanding Juniors were recognized and presented certificates along with pages who have served at Continental Congress for 10 or more years. Three states (Georgia, California, Texas) and the Tejas Chapter were recognized for meeting the 25th Anniversary Challenge goal to add 25 new Friends of Junior Membership.

The Helen Pouch Memorial Fund was also distributed to the 6 DAR approved schools, giving $142,084.00 in gifts based on the 2013 fund raising cycle! Kate Duncan Smith DAR School - $45,565 for the KDS School Nurse Salary. Tamassee DAR School - $42,000 for Academy’s Lead Teacher salary. Berry College - $9,000 for a Gate of Opportunity Scholarship and the Martha Berry Digital Archive Project. The Crossnore School - $30,439 for renovation of the young children’s playground. Hillside School - $6,000 for Hillside’s Farm Kitchen Expansion. Hindman Settlement School - $9,080 for After School Tutoring.

Four special Junior membership awards were also presented to state chairs that had shown excellence in contributions, membership growth, and sales. Shannon Brady – Colorado, Annie John – District of Columbia, Marissa Goldenman – Washington, and Brandi Sellepack – Texas were presented gifts from the Committee to mark their achievements.

A special thank you to all the states and chapters who were Platinum Sponsors of this wonderful event and our Patience’s Patrons. Without them, this event would not be possible.
Ask the Chair!

Q. My chapter offered to host a tea for our Junior Members this summer on a Saturday afternoon, but very few ladies said they would attend. We want to do something to promote Junior Membership, but if they won't come to a tea what should we do?

A. Offer to host a weekday evening event at a local restaurant. Juniors could stop by after work for a quick drink or appetizers and socialize with each other before heading home. Your chapter members won't have to do nearly as much to prepare for this type of event, and a formal program isn't needed. This would be a great opportunity for two or three chapters to host together if they are located in a larger metropolitan area.

Q. In the past, our chapter has tried to give a small welcome gift to our new members. Do you have any suggestions for a small gift we could give new Juniors?

A. Junior Sales offers a Patience the Peacock Junior Membership logo pin as well as a logo charm for only $5.00 each. These would be a perfect gift to give the new Juniors to remind them of the administration under which they joined DAR.

From the Editor:

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Junior Membership newsletter! I am so thrilled to serve as your editor for this newsletter as we “Show our Pride for Junior Membership.” As you start embarking on fall meetings, activities, and community service events, please be sure to send us your photos and stories. The goal of this newsletter is to share the amazing work of Junior Members across the globe. Did you have a service project that everyone loved? A new fundraising idea for the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund? Revitalize a chapter through new members? We want to hear from you and share your story!

The friends we make as Juniors are friends for life. Please send us your projects and stories, we can’t wait to share them!

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