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2022-2025 National Chair, Sarah Grace Books

Juniors have definitely been sparkling in all areas of DAR and in their communities! I am so excited to share the fabulous work they have completed at Congress in June. I hope to see many of you at least at one of our events. The committee is in final prep to make everything perfect for you to enjoy.



I was honored to travel to Kansas to help spread the work Juniors do and would love to visit your state as well! Also check out the DAR website for the Junior webinar we recorded to share with your states as well! It is an extreme honor to be your National Chair. Please keep up the great work and keep spreading your unique sparkle!

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Remember The Ladies Junior Membership 5K!



Junior Events - Year Round -
Hillary Fisk
D.C.

Since its inception in 2020, the NSDAR Junior Membership 5k has proven to be a crucial tool in support and promotion of the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund. Sign up for the 2023 NSDAR Junior Membership 5k [here!](#)

In a now famous letter written by Abigail Adams, she urged her husband, John Adams, to “remember the ladies.” As we race towards America’s 250th anniversary, the Juniors urge you to do the same!

This year, we celebrate Polly Cooper of the Oneida Indian Nation. During the harsh winter of 1777-78, which George Washington and his Continental Army spent at Valley Forge, Polly provided medical aid and sustenance to the soldiers. The expedition was also sent with a surplus of white corn from the Oneida Indian Nation.

This is a healthy and fun way for members, friends, and guests to come together and share our sparkle in support of the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund (HPMF). You do NOT have to be a member of DAR to participate and this virtual event is open to anyone who would like to support Junior Membership (so please spread the word!).

When you register, don’t forget to tag your DAR membership state and select yes to receive a race medal honoring Polly! The medal is pie-shaped and when displayed with the medals for the next two years will create a circle - make sure you participate all three years to complete your collection!

If you want to show your pride in Junior Membership, you can purchase race shirts through [Custom Ink](#) with proceeds benefiting HMPF.

Don’t forget to share your participation on social media using hashtags #NSDARJuniorMembership5k and #RememberTheLadies5k!

Thank you in advance for helping Junior Membership to Remember the Ladies!

Shoppe Corner



Junior Membership Fireworks Pin

This versatile 1.5" X 1.5" stunning showpiece can be worn as a pin or pendant.



DAR Umbrella

This custom 11" tote size DAR umbrella is available in two colors, blue & white or red & white. When opened, this umbrella measures 21" tall and 38" in diameter and will open and partially collapse with a push of a button conveniently located on the handle.



Heart Fireworks Notecard

Set of 10 Blank Notecards with envelopes.



Jr Small White Tote

White, crossbody purse with starburst symbol debossed at the bottom right of the bag. Size 8"x10 1/2"

Shoppe Corner



Blue Luggage Strap

This adjustable luggage strap measures 2in wide x 70in long. Great for securing luggage.



Heart Padfolio

This beautiful Black AlluraHyde material padfolios with a slip pocket on front as well as a lined notepad with 30 sheets.



Chrome Ballpoint Pen



Collage Star Pin

This pin measures 1.25" in diameter.

Meet the Committee



National Chair -
Sarah Grace Brooks
Louisiana



National Vice Chair -
Jennifer Pond
Massachusetts



Friends of Junior Membership -
Samantha (Sam) Roush
Ohio



Junior Sales -
Elizabeth Ciarrocchi
Pennsylvania



Classroom Grants -
Malinda Williams
Alabama



Classroom Grants -
Rebecca Armstrong
Ohio



Junior Shoppe -
Lauren Durr
Louisiana

Meet the Committee



Junior Doll 2022-2023 -
Heather Curtis
Michigan



Junior Doll 2022-2023-
Courtney Ozog
Michigan



Units Overseas -
Caroline McWilliams
OU - London



Outstanding Junior Contest - Junior Communications -
Katie Marcum
Texas



Lisa Zeles
Nevada

Junior Luncheon



Junior Events - Congress Only -
Mackie Storage
Virginia

I hope that everyone is excited about the Junior Membership Luncheon at Continental Congress! At the luncheon, the accomplishments and achievements of Juniors over the last year will be shared and celebrated. All state Outstanding Juniors for this year and those who have Paged for over ten years at Congress are recognized during the luncheon. It is a great time!

Tickets are going fast, so get yours before they run out! The last day to buy your ticket is June 1st. Tickets for the luncheon can be purchased when you register for Congress. If you have already registered for Congress, you can modify your registration and add the Junior Luncheon.

If you have any questions, you can email me at juniorcongressevents@nsdar.org.

I hope to see everyone at Congress!

Meet the Committee



Kate Duncan Smith School -
Jennifer Thomas
Tennessee



Berry College -
Kathy Marsh
Georgia



Crossnore -
Emily McKinney
North Carolina



Hindman -
Dayna Ferguson
Kentucky



Bacone -
Madeline McElroy
South Dakota

Not pictured:
Hillside, Melissa Herman
Chemawa, Zoe Scuderi

Juniors Represent

Last Fall, the Committee was on hand during the President General's official visits to DAR Schools Berry College and Kate Duncan Smith School.

The School Representatives are new positions in the Junior Membership Committee and this was a wonderful opportunity for our Reps to see their schools in action.





MISS MICHIGAN

NATIONAL JUNIOR DOLL 2023

Hailing from the Great Lakes State, Miss Michigan is symbolic of 52 distinct women with ties to Michigan and is being presented on three dolls to accurately tell their stories. Michigan's history is rich with women fighting for equality, breaking glass ceilings and making their mark in male-dominated fields. Through her, we will share with you their stories, including...



Dr. Rachel Andresen felt so strongly about trying to heal post-war animosities that she invited a group of young German students to live in Michigan for a year. In the 70 years since its founding, Youth For Understanding International Exchange Program has impacted more than 270,000 students in more than 50 countries around the world.

Charlotte "Lottie" Wilson was a nationally renowned artist and suffragist, and was the first African American to graduate from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. In 1897, she helped establish the Phillis Wheatley Home in Detroit, a chapter of the national African-American women's club that provided lodging, educational and recreational programs, and a forum for discussing political issues.



Jane Johnston Schoolcraft (Ojibwe name: O-bah-bahm-wawa-ge-zhe-go-qua) is known as the first American Indian literary writer, the first known American Indian woman writer, the first known American Indian poet, the first known poet to write poems in an American Indian language and the first known American Indian to write out traditional American Indian stories. Jane learned the Ojibwe language and culture from her mother and her family, and she learned about written literature from her Scots-Irish father and his large library.

One lucky winner's voice will be drawn near the end of Congress 2023 and Miss Michigan, including three dolls, 52+ outfits and many accessories sponsored by MI state Daughters and chapters, will go home with her new owner. Some accessories include a bed, horse, tea set, rocking chair, and two hand-made quilts.

These women are so incredible that every single one of these 52 women have received the DAR's Women in American History Award. We look forward to sharing their accomplishments with you over the next year.

Voices are now available to win Miss Michigan! Please check with your State Chair of Junior Membership Committee or the National Co-Vice Chairs for more information. Proceeds from the voices will support the National Junior Membership Committee's official fundraising project, the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund, which annually supports the Junior Membership Classroom Grants, the National Junior Committee Project and the DAR schools.

Over the year, the story of each of the 52 notable women have been featured on social media. We would be happy to attend your state event, provide a custom state event video or provide a chapter program that highlights several of the notable women. Please feel free to reach out to coordinate the above. Thank you for helping us celebrate these fabulous notable women! Please email with questions or for information on voices: missmichigan2023@gmail.com - Heather Curtis and Courtney Ozog, National Co-Vice Chairs, National Junior Doll 2023

Juniors Over Seas

Written by National Vice Chair, Caroline McWilliams

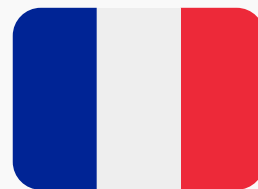
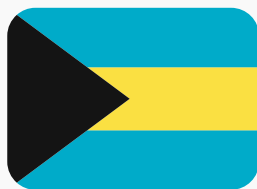
The Wright Administration brings an exciting new development for Junior Membership. For the first time, there will be a National Vice Chair dedicated to units overseas. There are over 20 units overseas chapters, with the oldest being the Walter Hines Page Chapter in the United Kingdom, formed in 1925, and the newest being the Pacific Dogwood Chapter in Canada, formed in 2020.

The majority of units overseas chapters are not part of a state

society, and combined with distance, it can be especially difficult to become involved in anything past the chapter level.



Junior members find themselves abroad for a variety of reasons including moving for work, for marriage, or to spread their wings and find adventure. Some serve overseas in the military and become involved with a local DAR chapter. Others are born abroad and find that DAR is an excellent way to connect to the birthplace of one or both parents. Many members join DAR when they are living overseas, finding it a good way to stay in touch with the United States. When they return to the States, they sometimes transfer to a local chapter, but it is common to retain membership in their overseas chapter, many finding that they have discovered wonderful companionship and lasting friendships. Membership in the DAR is not dependent on US citizenship and some of the overseas daughters hold other citizenships such as French, Spanish, and British. Some of them are descended from America's allies in the revolution and are fully French or Spanish.



Junior members who live overseas have so much to offer our National Society and it will be the task of this Vice Chair to find more opportunities to engage them and nurture their talents. Over the past few years, we have witnessed a surge in interconnectedness facilitated by the internet and the scope to provide our overseas juniors with more opportunities has never been greater. Expect outreach, targeted advertising, and lots of fun! Overseas juniors, we see you, we value you, and we are here to help you become involved in service to God, Home and Country.

Congratulations, 2022 National Outstanding Junior!



Allison Elizabeth Morgan Dunklin, Texas

First Vice Regent of the Nancy Horton Davis Chapter and State Vice Chair of Platform, Allie currently serves as the National Vice Chair of the American History Essay Contest.

Professionally, she founded her own design company and completed numerous projects where she tailors every detail to each owner's specific needs. While Allie serves her community with various non-profit organizations, she is an active tennis player competing at advanced levels in the U.S. Tennis Association and she is extremely proud to be a loving wife and mother to their five adorable children.

Allie has served as chapter chair, chapter officer, chapter regent, page and delegate at her state conference and Continental Congress. She has served as a state vice chair, state chair, National Vice Chair, and as a Senior Leader for the Children of the American Revolution. She has also served as a President and officer in her State's Chapter Regents Council, State Junior Club, and State Page Club.

Allie serves on the Board of Trustees for the Ursuline Academy and Volunteers bi-weekly at a local Catholic School. She serves on the House Committee of her Country Club and regularly fosters animals with the Citizens for Animal Protection and has volunteered coordinating charity events for more than a decade.

Congratulations, 2022 National Outstanding Junior Runner - Up!

Elizabeth Jean Silva, Massachusetts

Current incoming Chapter Regent from the Colonel John Robinson Chapter and active Page and Delegate for Massachusetts and the National Society, Elizabeth is a full-time student in pursuit of her MBA. In addition to her volunteer work with numerous charitable organizations, Elizabeth is a running enthusiast, and she is also currently serving Massachusetts DAR as their State Curator. Elizabeth has served as chapter chair, chapter officer, page and delegate at her state conference and page at Continental Congress. she has served as a State Vice Chair and State Chair of Junior Membership, C.A.R., JAC, and multiple other committees. Elizabeth is a member of her State's Junior and Page Clubs, and participated in dual membership activities with DAR and the Children of the American Revolution. Elizabeth has completed numerous Charity runs and is a Life Member of the Girl Scouts.



Elizabeth has supported numerous organizations within her community including coordinating Gold Star Family Trips for Fallen Soldiers. She is an active Senior Leader for the Girl Scouts while serving as State Curator.