

The Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars



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MOTTO: "OUR HANDCLASP OF FRIENDSHIP SHALL ENDURE"

Dear Daughters,

The Ninth Annual Council was a huge success. At this Council we voted on a budget, new bylaws, and a new Chapter: New Echota, in Georgia. Georgia now has two chapters: Coweta, and New Echota. Texas is planning on 3 chapters by next year, and California two chapters.

We gave packets for each Executive Officer and State Governor. In these packets were the budget, Registrar General information, Treasurer General report, supplies form, cards for transfers, reinstatement, and death, a Supplemental, and the History of CSDIW.

The biggest thrill was a gift from the Continental Soc. Sons of Indian Wars, by John Hallberg Jones, Governor General. It is a hand carved peacepipe. Here are a few parts of his letter: "In Minnesota there is the Pipestone Quarry National Monument, located in the far southwestern corner of the state. This quarry is one of the few places in the United States where "Pipestone" exists. The stone is a very soft stone. The Native Americans used it for their hand carved peacepipes. Today, only a few of the carvers exist. Due to the sacred nature of the pipes to Native Americans they are only available from the



carvers through their community distribution. Today it is my pleasure to present a hand carved peacepipe to your fine society. The one I have acquired for you is of the unique design known as "Four Winds". As explained to me by Bear Hawk, the spiral cuts on the pipe represents the four winds that raise the smoke of peace to the Great Spirit above. Our Societies are composed of those who descend from both sides of Indian conflicts. Thus it is appropriate that we should recognize the peace that now exists among our people. May the Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars enjoy many years of peace, and may our two Societies continue to share a friendship marked by that peace. In our common bonds, John Hallberg Jones."

This peacepipe will remain in the Museum at the Atlanta History Center, on loan from CSDIW, and brought to each Annual Council for all to see.

We heard reports and we missed not hearing from Florida, Louisiana, Michigan, Oklahoma, and Utah.

We were delighted to hear that the scholarship committee chose Wilfred G. Bear (Max) again this year. After a very tough year at the University of Montana, Max looks forward to returning to school to complete his senior year of undergraduate level work. His plans are graduation in May 1998, and return to the Fort Peck Indian Reservation to help his fellow Sioux. Thank you, Truth, for a great job!



The Budget Committee: 1. to r. Governor General Susan Chamberlain; Chaplain General Jane Bledsoe; Registrar General "D" Rice; and Treasurer General Lucy Blocker.

We elected a nominating committee for the year 1998-2000. Mrs. Enver B. Hoff was appointed Chairman, and Mrs. Robert H. Lubker and Mrs. John M. Karlovich were elected to serve on the committee.

The Annual Council voted to lower the age for Paging so that 16 year old young ladies may serve as Pages.

We were blessed with three Pages at this Council: Marie Russell, from Texas; Susan O'Brien, from Ohio; and Shelby Whitson, from Georgia.

Shelby Whitson helped the Chaplain General, Mrs. Larry W. Bledsoe (Jane) with the lovely Memorial Service.

Memorial Roll Call

Dorothy Jean Bohn Bush
(Mrs. Ralph R. Bush, Jr.)
National #506 - Ohio
March 17, 1996

Anita Fralick Dorn
(Mrs. Louis S. Dorn)
National #226 - New York
May 17, 1996

Josephine Richardson Appleby
(Mrs. Jack C. Appleby)
National #325 - Missouri
August 18, 1996

Mary Pownall Runyan
(Mrs. Charles E. Runyan)
National #587 - New Mexico [State Chaplain]
November 18, 1996

Miss Maybeth Prichard
Founder #28 - Georgia
January 27, 1997 [at 100 years of age]

Willie Mae Davenport Caldwell
(Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell)
National #365 - California
February 2, 1997

Marion Beck Pollard
(Mrs. Earsel W. Pollard)
Charter Member #115 - Missouri
March 25, 1997

[Marion wrote the motto for Daughters of Indian Wars]



l. to r.
Shelby Whitson, Page,
and Chaplain General,
Mrs. Larry W. Bledsoe.





Annual Council Picnic at Fort Peach Tree on Saturday. 1. to r.

Honorary Governor General, Mrs. Enver B. Hoff
Governor General, Mrs. Charles W. Chamberlain, Jr.
Honorary Governor General, Mrs. Charles W. Ragsdale
Founder, and Honorary Governor General, Mrs. Lawrence Avery.



As you can see--we are all fascinated with the history about Fort Peach Tree, given to us by our own member, Mrs. John Karlovich.

That evening, after the picnic, we had our Banquet, and auction. The speaker was Richard L. Thornton, Registered architect and city planner, as well as amateur archeologist (pre-Columbian and Early American). He told us about the movement of Indian tribes in America.



l. to r.

"D" Rice, Registrar General; Susan Chamberlain, Governor General Shirley Spuhler, Librarian General; and Marie Russell, State Governor, TX.

Our Board of Management meeting will be held in Houston, Texas February 26, 27, and 28, 1998.

You are to fly into Hobby Airport. There is a shuttle to take you to the Houston Hobby Airport Hilton Hotel. You will need to make your reservation before February 12, 1998 to insure getting a room at the discount price. The address: 8181 Airport Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77061. Telephone 713-645-3000. Single or Double rooms \$ 79.00 plus taxes.

Thursday night will be the Executive Board meeting

Friday will be a FUN DAY. A trip is being planned (weather co-operating) to Galveston, or a back-up plan in Houston. That evening in Houston a Texas barbecue is being planned. The Friday luncheon, and barbecue will be Dutch treat.

Saturday, the Texas meeting will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. at the Monument Inn. The Board of Management meeting will be at 11:00 a.m., with lunch being served at 12:00 p.m. Cost of the luncheon on Saturday is \$ 20.00. Checks are to be made payable to "Texas Society, CSDIW" by February 21, 1998. Guests are welcome at our meeting and at the luncheon. The check and reservation must be mailed to Mrs. Marie Russell, 3003 S. Broadway #39, LaPorte, Texas 77571-6552

Those who belong to USD 1812 are invited to their Banquet Saturday night. If you are planning to attend bring a formal, and let Marie Russell know so she can send you information on cost, time, etc.



A few articles for the Auction on display Banquet night. This Auction brought in \$ 930.00 for the Scholarship Fund. I thank one and all.

For any article, or articles, sold at the Auction amounting to \$ 100.00 that individual participant received a gold feather. Many members received gold feathers that evening.

So far, we have received from the States, and Canada, as of September 17, 1997:

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| Massachusetts | \$1,100.00 | | |
| California | \$ 800.00 | | |
| Kansas | \$ 600.00 | | |
| Georgia | \$ 325.00 | Coweta Chapter | \$500.00 |
| Illinois | \$ 303.00 | New Echota Chap. | \$200.00 |
| Missouri | \$ 300.00 | | |
| Texas | \$ 300.00 | | |
| Canada | \$ 130.00 | | |
| Alabama | \$ 100.00 | | |
| Iowa | \$ 100.00 | | |
| Maryland | \$ 100.00 | | |
| Ohio | \$ 100.00 | | |
| South Carolina | \$ 50.00 | | |
| Arkansas | \$ 30.00 | | |

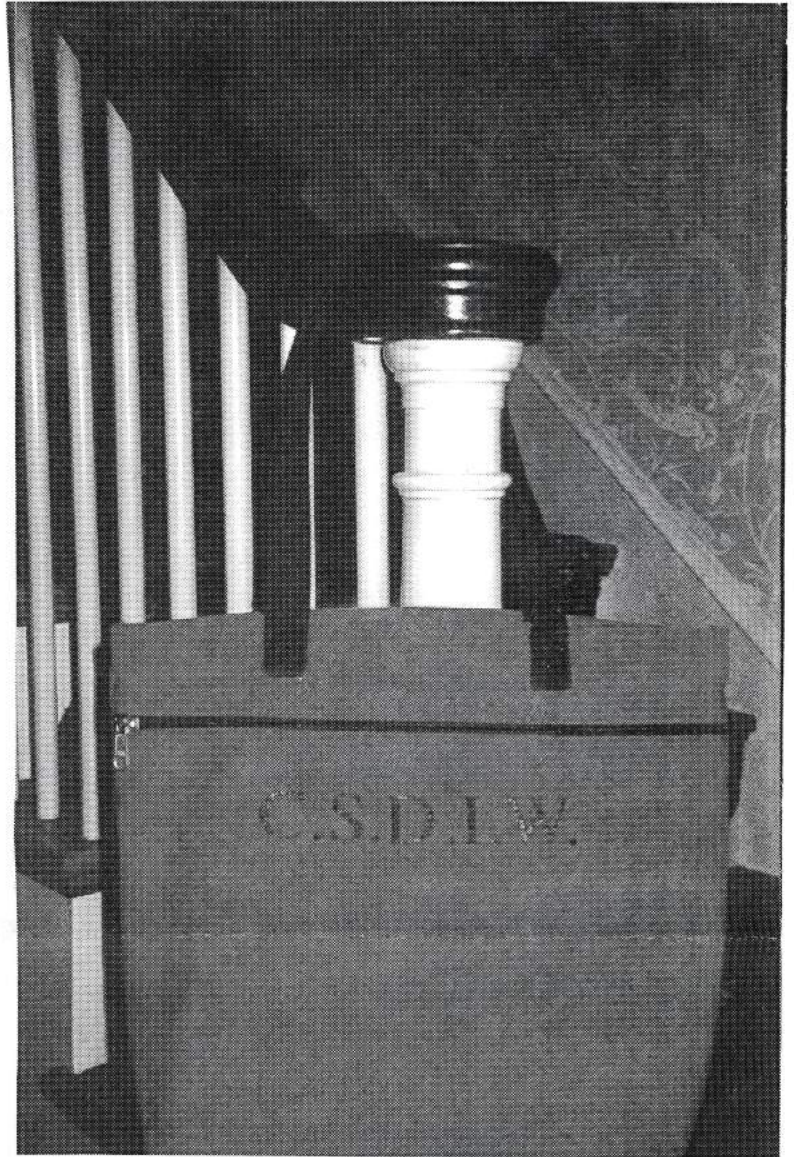
Our aim is to give a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a student yearly. This means we must have at least \$ 20,000.00 in the Scholarship Fund to generate enough interest earnings.

Our new tote bags may be ordered by the State Governor, or an individual, on consignment. So far we have sold 129 totes, and we only have 171 left. They are \$ 20.00, plus postage.

Order from:
Mrs. C. W. Chamberlain, Jr.
14 Benvenue St., Wellesley,
MA 02181-7404.

Make check payable to:
Treasurer General, CSDIW,

We sold 28 totes at the Annual Council, and our Scholarship Fund is now \$ 15,059.48. We are getting there! Thank you!



The Tote Bags are bright red with dark blue handles, lettering, and Indian design. The handles are doubled to make them stronger, and they are a little longer than some so that you can put the tote bag over your shoulder. Inside the bag there is a small pocket, as well as the large zipper pocket on the outside.



July 19, 1997 the Governor General, and Registrar General, Mrs. Rice, had the honor of being invited to the Chartering of the Kansas State Society.



left to right: Governor General, Mrs. Charles W. Chamberlain, Jr.; Kansas State Governor, Mrs. Joseph R. Riden, Jr.; Registrar General, Mrs. Richard H. Rice, and Kansas State Treasurer, Mrs. Arthur E. Liestman.



The Kansas State Society

Chartering a State or Provincial Society fills one with a great deal of pride. With this same pride, and with regret, that it is so late, we present this picture of the Chartering of the State of New York. This happy event occurred May 8, 1993. As you all know it takes 21 members for a State to Charter. In these days we see so many organizations losing members and we are thrilled to gain so many new members. Remember, each one of you is very precious!

l. to r.

Mrs. Wayne Gilbert, then Organizing Secretary General, and Mrs. James V. Fiori, New York State Organizing Governor.



We feel the need of a Handbook. I have appointed Mrs. Charles E. Ragsdale to Chair this new committee.

Mrs. Joseph H. Hlavey will be helping her. At the September Annual Council Mrs. Ragsdale asked all the Executive Board Officers, and all Chairmen to send a resume of their duties to her NOW!
ADDRESS: Mrs. Charles W. Ragsdale, 7 Pleasant Court, Kirkwood, MO 63122-3936

INSIGNIA REPORT

Governor General Chamberlain and I, as Continental Insignia Chairman, went to Philadelphia to meet Mr. William Johnson at J. E. Caldwell, our new jeweler.

This was a productive meeting where several pins and bars were selected. The artist at Caldwell will prepare drawings for our review before final selections are made. Mr. Johnson has given us approximate prices for each piece, but the final figures will come after his production staff gets involved. Hopefully this will not take too many months to complete this step.

When we receive definite prices, and ordering information, it will be sent to each State Governor.

We ask your continued patience as we go through this time consuming process.

Shirley Spuhler

HISTORY OF THE CONTINENTAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF INDIAN WARS

The Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars was founded by Virginia Palmer Turner Avery, our First Governor General.

She was encouraged to start the Daughters by her husband and his friends who belonged to the Sons of Indian Wars.

In 1988 Virginia Avery started a letter and telephone campaign for members, and the Georgia State Society was organized. This organization was set up with a skeleton of officers, and plans were made for the future. In 1989 Oklahoma and Missouri joined.

Barbara Chastain, of the Georgia State Society, designed a Banner and Pat Hopkins wrote a salute to that Banner. Brochures were printed outlining eligibility, and the Object of the Society was formulated. Marion Pollard, of the Missouri State Society, was the author of the Motto. Colors were selected, and insignia discussed.

In 1992 Dorothy Hoff, of Georgia, became the Second Governor General. She chose as her project to make the organization a strong and legal structure. She, with the help of Pat Hopkins, Treasurer General, drew up Bylaws in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service codes, and obtained Charitable Institution status for the Society.

In 1992 Massachusetts organized. In 1993 Illinois, Indiana, and New York organized. In 1994 Iowa, California, Michigan, South Carolina, and Texas organized.

During 1992-1994 the Indian Scholarship was initiated by Denise Rice, Registrar General, and implemented by Eunice Connelly, Scholarship Chairman. Principals and Superintendents of Indian Schools were contacted and questioned as to their needs. From questionnaires it was obvious that the needs for assistance were in the Junior and Senior years at College. What was needed most was a role model for Indian children. So a Scholarship Fund would provide to a Senior or Junior in College the means to continue their education, with the hope they would go back to their reservation and teach, or do social work for one or two years. Naturally, good grades were a plus while financial need was a factor, it was not the primary factor.

Nancy Ragsdale, of Missouri, assumed the leadership as Third Governor General in 1994. Membership was her first priority, and it blossomed. In 1995 Arkansas, Kansas, Maryland, and Ohio organized. However, in 1995 the Indiana State Society failed to remain active. In 1996 Alabama and New Mexico also organized.

In 1996 Susan Chamberlain, of Massachusetts, became the Fourth Governor General. She chose as her project to increase the principal of the Scholarship Fund, so that a student could receive \$ 1,000.00 from the interest. She offered a gold feather pin for anyone contributing \$ 100.00. She offered a gold Indian Head for a contribution of \$ 500.00. She also designed a Tote Bag. All proceeds were for the Scholarship Fund. Membership continued to grow: the first Canadian Provincial Society, Alberta; then, the District of Columbia, and the Tennessee State Society in 1997. At this time Georgia formed two chapters: Coweta, and New Echota. The Sons of Indian Wars presented Susan Chamberlain with a beautiful hand-carved peacepipe for the Society. This peacepipe, and its History, is on loan at the Atlanta History Center in Georgia. Packets were made for the Executive Officers and State and Provincial Governors. These contained a copy of the budget, Registrar General information, Treasurer General's report, supplies form, and cards for transfers, reinstatement, and death. The luncheon held each April in Washington, DC has now become our Annual Spring Luncheon, at the Mayflower Hotel. Susan Chamberlain, and Shirley Spuhler, Insignia Chairman, travelled to Philadelphia in October 1997 to meet with our new jeweler: J. E. CALDWELL. New pins were designed for Officers and members.

NEW STATE GOVERNORS:

New York Mrs. Michael Phillips

Oklahoma Mrs. George F. Williams

Our Washington, DC Luncheon will be held Tuesday, April 21, 1998 at the Mayflower Hotel, in the Pennsylvania Room: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Reservations must be sent, with check, to Mrs. Hugh D. Blocker, Sr. 3202 Superior Lane, Bowie, MD 20715-1997. The check must be payable to TREASURER GENERAL, CSDIW for \$ 32.00. We are limited to 60 people in the Pennsylvania Room. Make your reservation early!

1998 is the beginning of our TENTH BIRTHDAY. Be sure to join us for the beginning of our celebration.

Season's Greetings

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON...

