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Assembly Meeting Place: Jessieanne Wells, Chairman Co-Chairman, Julia Hood, Robin Towns

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Endowment: 2018-2021– Virginia Fettes, Betty Stevens, and Linda Harvey. 2015-2020—Brenda Hamilton, Bobbie Lou Ray

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Handbook: Kimberly Nagy and Jane Schleingei, Co-Chairman

Helen Keller Gazebo: Connie Grund, Chairman

Insignia & Ribbons: Jessieanne Wells, Chairman, Beverly Baker

Membership: Brenda Hamilton, Chairman

## **Remarks Of National President**

Once again, we've come a long way, baby!! And those famous words have indeed come to fruition in Southern Dames of America since 1963. Think of the extraordinary financial contributions to eye health and ophthalmic research and the joy in studying and teaching Southern culture among members and guests with only two missions. And let us rejoice in the significant increase in interest in our wonderful society. What a special time to be elected to serve as your National President at our 56th National Assembly in Athens, GA. Thank you for the honor of serving Southern Dames of America once again.

When this officer started this journey, some twenty plus years ago, Georgia had one state society (now 6 chapters & I on the way). Alabama, California, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, and Virginia were but hopes and dreams, and by golly, those dreams have come true and most state societies have organized numerous chapters. Our Southern Dames have come out with hard work and lots of fun. Let's keep up the good work!

Gabrielle Smith Hadyka, our Past National President, is to be commended on her fine term serving as National President including all of her many accomplishments. She will become a fine Past National President! And let us remember our hard working and harmonious 2016-2018 National Officers and National Committee Chairmen. What a pleasure it has been to serve with those fine Dames!

Much appreciation is shown to our 2018 Nominating Committee, Mary Ann Hepler, Chairman, Catherine Brister, and Patricia Gallagher, for selecting such an outstanding group of National Officers. I am confident the 2018-2020 Officers will be as outstanding as the 2016-2018 Officers.

A gentle reminder to all members to refer to *The Journal* for current order forms for Insignia, charms, and tote bags. Also, State Presidents, please be aware that there is **one** Reporting Form for all reports to be submitted (preferably email) to **all** National Officers by April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Read that again). Thank you for complying with this hard deadline. This is quite necessary if you wish to win awards, showcase all the wonderful things your state society has accomplished and share ideas.

Southern Dames of America is indeed fortunate to have an excellent webmaster who submits our information in a timely and attractive manner. Please refer to our website: <u>www.southerndamesofamerica.com/</u> or Google southerndamesofamerica. To access *Members Only* area: Password: Blossom.

Our projects are very important to us. First, we have Ivy Green, home of Helen Keller, located in Tuscumbia, Alabama. We are successful due to efforts of Connie Grund, Chairman, in refurbishing the gazebo with surrounding gardens (including sprinkler system), and rededication of the SDA marker, and what great fun all those activities were. Since it seems to be hard to keep up with new members, my greatest focus is on membership and chapter growth. Our folks are learning just how much fun SDA can be at every meeting and how relaxed our group is. This Officer is working on a "Tip Sheet" to help organizing chapters answer some of their questions. State Presidents, watch for it soon.

Please mark your 2019 calendars and save the date June 6-8, 2019, for our "keane" 57<sup>th</sup> National Assembly to be held in Lexington, Kentucky, at the Clarion Hotel. Jessieanne Wells, Chairman, and her Co-Chairman, Julia Hood, promise "photo finishes" at all meetings. The winners are encouraged to make "whinny" sounds if any additional great ideas should "crop up" between now and then. Fine weather is promised, and a good \_\_\_\_\_\_

time will be had by all. y'all come! In Southern Bonds, Camille Redfern Lowery National President 2018-2020

#### A Message from the National Chaplain:

It is the National Chaplain's responsibility to let family and friends of our beloved deceased members know how important and special their loved one was and she will be remembered and memorialized at our National Assembly Memorial Service in June. Please inform this National Chaplain of member' deaths during the year. You may use the Member Information Form found in The Journal or email this officer the deceased member's full name, national number, and date of death, include the name and address of the next of kin so a note of condolence on behalf of the Society may be sent. Please include an obituary if available. State Chaplains; please insure this officer has received notice of all deaths in your state this past year and this year so no one will be overlooked. In Southern bonds,

Bonnell Wheeler Lashley blashley@bellsouth.net

#### <u>A Message from the National Treasurer:</u>

All states and chapters are reminded to file their annual federal tax form 990-N and send a copy of your acceptance to the National Treasurer please contact this officer with any questions. Thank you, Virginia M. Fettes <u>vfettes@cox.net</u>

#### **REMINDER TO ALL STATE PRESIDENTS:**

- I. Please send a copy of your state handbook either snail or email to all National officers.
- 2. Copies of all Bylaws and any bylaw changes need to go to National Bylaw Chairman,.





## Barbara Lee Fields Adamczyk Barbara Blaine Beckner Betty Johanna Barwig Hutson Sandra Kay Nichtern Jackman Liane Susan Beckman Jensen Nancy Vasey Klinger Sharon Lea Stanford Maas Karen Kay Dumas Mazzola

#### **FLORIDA**

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## WELCOME New Members Since Spring 201 Issue of THE JOURNAL

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#### **FLORIDA**

3509	Jane Gail Murphy-Schneeberger
3518	Ellen Louise Goode Scoggins
3517	Angela Ellen Chapman Skinner
3513	Sharon Lee Morrison Spry
3462	Susan Diane Cobb Szewczyk
3519	Maureen Patrice O'Donnell Young
3511	Nancy Ruth Johnson Velazco

#### GEORGIA

	Cheryl Oneda Bloodworth Aultman	3505
3523	Karen Denise Porter Brown	3556
3521	Joyce Azilee Waller Chrisman	3527
3483	Laurel LaFoy Conner	3537
3478	Marjorie Ray Curtis	3508
3516	Myra Nell Whitehead Dickens	3488
3463	Elizabeth Jane Johnson Downey	3555
3482	Barbara Ellen Powell Fincher	3538
3471	Myrna Jackson Findlay	3539
3473	Teresa Dianne Meadows Floyd	3541
3465	Jo Ann Herrmann Ford	3507
3493	Mary Jane Sams Fortner	3546
3495	Amanda Paige Findlay Garnett	3542
3475	Katherine Rogers Wynn Griffis	3543
3466	Glenda Jeanne Harkins	3461
3501	Julia Lynn Palmer Hesler	3506
3500	Annie Julia Crumbley Howell	3524
3484	Rebecca Willene Davies Jackson	3547
3486	Janet Gertrude Guest Jones	3475
3472	Rachel Walker Lewis	3549
3535	Kinsey Betts Mason	3550
3502	Sheila Permell Richards	3526
3498	Ruby Jo Barwick Sanders	3552
3494	Eleanor Lee Edwards Satterfield	3520
3515	Sylvia Dee Shore	3467
3479	Nancy Eleanora Martin Smith	3554
3499	Lamarah Leigh Stephens	3545
3522	Helen Elizabeth Story	3503
3514	Billie Sue Leverett Trussell	3553

Mary Katherine Brown Turner 3528 Janet Ann Butler Walker 3458 Marjorie Bacon Nolan Wilson 3551 **KENTUCKY** Jonn Michelle Johnson 3510 MISSISSIPPI Vicki Cowsert Wilson 3525

#### **NEW YORK**

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,	Dianna Lee Boggess Fullam	3536
,	Charlene Adele Humphries Herreid	3540
3	Heather Marion McCauley Zawislak	3544

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Nannette Jackson Minor Godwin	3532
Wanda Jean Strickland Mandeville	3480
Marjorie Anne Mitchell Warner	3534

#### **TENNESSEE**

3542	Stephanie Jill Jones Lazuka	3492
3543	Kathy Mosley McLendon	3489

#### **TEXAS**

3524	Sandra Lee Oliver Barsun	3504
3547	Norma Diane Gunter Borgman	3470
3475	Kriss Elaine Moreland Budno	3571
3549	Mary Helen Foster Dunnam	3529
3550	Lori Diane Haynes Hagemeier	3490
3526	Suzanne Todd Jarman	3575
3552	Loretta Jean Taylor Klein	3477
3520	Constance C.Carpeno-Paddock	3531
3467	Beverly Ann Teddlie Whittington	3530
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#### VIRGINIA

3503	Cecile Clark Haisten Budimier	3469
3553	Wanda Kathaleen Stallard Russo	3464

## **ATTENTION: SOUTHERN DAMES WEB SITE**

http://www.southerndamesofamerica.com

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**New Password: Blossom** 





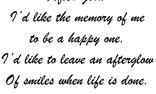


## Memoríal Roll Call

Brenda Hamilton, National Chaplain 2016-2018



	CALIFORNIA		
	Carolyn Eileen Cooper Tajnai	2892	27-Dec-2017
	FLORIDA		
oter	Janice Douglas Arinson	1410	3-Apr-2018
hapter	Josephine Elizabeth Gardner Sanders	1660	22-Feb-2018
ter	Hazel Bolden Kearley	2233	10-Sep-2017
ılm Beaches Chapter	Charlotte Kimball Faulconer	1627	18-Mar-2018
	GEORGIA		
Valley Chapter	Barbara Angeline Slade Dayhuff	2733	8-Jan-2018
Chapter	Natalie Franklin Davis	2294	12-May-2017
	Donna Garrett Keith	2194	28-Apr-2018
	NEW YORK		
Society	Barbara Kimberly Taylor Meszaros	2948	18-Feb-2018
	NORTH CAROLINA		
er	Sarah Rankin Hiatt	2110	26-Sep-2017
er	Mary Hales Lee	2119	2-Dec-2017
ter	Bonnie Kay Hardy Becmer	2333	7-Dec-2017
	VIRGINIA		
ociety	Ardrice Fay Joyce Jones Franks	2409	8-Jul-2017
ociety	Jean Earle Rourke Hillegass	3270	20-Mar-2017
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7'd like to leave an echo Whispering softly down the ways. Of happy times and laughing times And bright and summer days.

I'd like the tears of those who Grieve, to dry before the sun, Of happy memories that I leave When my life is done.

Helen Lowrie Marshall

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Pinehurst Chapter Pinehurst Chapter Southport Chapte

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## **56TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**



If you missed the National Society Southern Dames of America 56<sup>th</sup> National Assembly May 31 through June 2, 2018 in Athens, Georgia, you missed a wonderful time. Robin Towns, National Assembly Chair, and her team, did an amazing job. Georgia had a very impressive number (36) of attendees and most everyone helped make the Assembly a success.

Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, we toured the historic William Harris Homestead, an award-winning Georgia landmark. It is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. The Homestead features an 1825 log house and out buildings, lush gardens, and stunning landscapes. The tour was followed by a delicious Southern Comfort Food Supper under the event pavilion.

Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, those not attending morning meetings were entertained with a private tour of the historic Church-Waddel-Brumby House. Everyone had a wonderful time!

The Georgia Luncheon was beautiful. The table decorations were hats, pearls, and, of course, gloves. The favors were a Peach Coke, Lays potato chips, tartan fabric, poem about grits and a Ding Dong. The speaker, Millie Coleman, entertained us with "Secrets of Southern Culture".





After lunch, we attended a very moving Memorial Service. The National Board of Management was held in the afternoon and lasted only one hour (very efficient and productive meeting)! Everyone enjoyed the Georgia Society Reception before dinner. The tables for dinner were beyond lovely! Each place setting was a Georgia Souvenir plate on a gold charger. The centerpieces were a magnolia floating in water surrounded by magnolia leaves. The favors were a small magnolia plate, a souvenir stamp, and a bag of peach jelly beans. After a delicious dinner, we enjoyed a presenta-

tion by Jean Burge Channell on "Georgia's Own Moina Michael, The Poppy Lady".

Saturday, June  $2^{nd}$ , we all attended meetings in the morning. The National President was so



efficient, we were finished that morning! We got all the reports finished and the business of the Society completed in half a day including the election of our new officers.

The "Under the See" Eye Luncheon was again delicious, and decorations were so cute. The centerpiece was a glass fish with glasses in a fish bowl and the napkin was folded in the shape of a fish. The favors were a beautiful, handmade SDA case, plastic sea theme glass and bag of goodies. The speaker was John R. Corneille, JD from Foundation Fighting Blindness. He was so well received that over \$1,000 was collected from our members attending to donate to this Foundation.



After the luncheon, we rested and visited with each other. There was another lovely reception before

dinner. The "Coastal Enchantment" Creative Arts & Awards Banquet was spectacular! The favors were a pearl and lapis or pearl and turquois bracket and a bag of pecans. The program was "A Little Water Music" by pianist/vocalist, Cynthia Gentry Brooks.



The new officers were installed and we all held hands and sang together "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". All in all, an wonderful time.







#### National Society Southern Dames of America 56th National Assembly Holiday Inn of Athens 197 East Broad Street, Athens, GA 30601 Saturday, June 2, 2018

#### First Plenary Session, Georgian Ballroom West

National President Gabrielle Hadyka called the First Plenary Session of the 56th National Assembly to order at 9:30 a.m.

National Chaplain Brenda Hamilton offered the Invocation. National Treasurer Virginia Fettes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. National Registrar Bobbie Lou Ray led the Salute to the flags of the Southern States. National Historian Mary Ann Hepler led the National Anthem.

President Hadyka announced as per National Assembly Rule Number 13 on page 14 if your phone goes off you will be fined \$10 to go to the Helen Keller Gazebo project which is near and dear to her heart and challenged everyone to call the person next to them.

President Hadyka introduced the National Officers as follows: President, Gabrielle Hadyka; Ist Vice President, Camille Lowery; Chaplain Brenda Hamilton; National Recording Secretary, Bonnell Lashley; National Corresponding Secretary Penny Chaboudy; National Treasurer, Virginia Fettes; National Registrar, Bobbie Lou Ray; National Historian, Mary Ann Hepler; Parliamentarian, Nelly Shearer. Past National President L. Sue Comerford was not present.

President Hadyka introduced the Past National President's, Nelly Shearer 2008-2010 and Robin Towns 2012-2014. Fritzi Martin, Frances Hawkins, Catherine Brister, Carolee McKinstry, Mary Rever and L. Sue Comerford were not present. She also introduced Assembly Chairman, Robin Towns and Georgia Society State President, Dianne Cannestra.

Credentials Chairman, Beverly Baker presented the Credentials report with 8 National Officers, 2 Past National Officers, 9 State Presidents, 72 members' 2 of whom are registered elsewhere, 8 guests and 1 Parliamentarian with a total voting strength of 53. She moved by recommendation of the Credentials Committee to adopt the first Credentials Report as presented. Adopted.

National 1st Vice President Camille Lowery presented the Program and Assembly Rules and moved the adoption of same as printed with amendments. Adopted.

President Hadyka announced that the minutes from last year's National Assembly were published in the Journal and therefore would not be read at this meeting and per the Bylaws the National Recording Secretary would be compiling the minutes and send copies to the National President within 30 days. She appointed Patricia Gallagher, Mary Armstrong and Mary Willard to approve the minutes.

National Recording Secretary Bonnell Lashley presented the recommendations from the National Board of Management as follows:

I. To accept the Financial Report and Proposed Budget as presented. Adopted.

2. That any outstanding checks/money shall be returned to the issuing operating account. Adopted.

3. That the State Society Eye Grant rotation schedule for 2020 shall be AL, TX, and VA: and CA, NY, and SC for 2021. Adopted

4. That the Endowment Committee Members of the 2018-2021 terms be Virginia Fettes, Betty Stevens and Dr. Linda Harvey. Adopted. Reports from the National Officers were presented as follows:

President, Gabrielle Hadyka; Ist Vice President, Camille Lowery; Chaplain, Brenda Hamilton; Recording Secretary, Bonnell Lashley (report filed); Treasurer, Virginia Fettes; Registrar, Bobbie Lou Ray; Historian, Mary Ann Hepler; Corresponding Secretary, Penny Chaboudy.

President Hadyka reported that as of May, 2018 that approved member number 3528 resulted in 163 new members this year and 274 for her administration with 3 new chapters.

Reports from the State Presidents were presented as follows: Alabama, Debora Hicks (read by NR Recording Secretary Bonnell Lashley); California, Penny Adams-O'Neil (read by NR Recording Secretary Bonnell Lashley; Florida, Davine Roberts; Georgia, Patricia Gallagher; Illinois, Linda Mizell (read by NR Recording Secretary, Bonnell Lashley); Kentucky, Jessieanne Wells; Louisiana, Lora McDaniel; Maryland, Erika Lanceskes (read by NR Recording Secretary Bonnell Lashley); Mississippi, Mary Willard; New York, Melissa Zack; North Carolina, Charlotte Kelly; South Carolina, Jeannette Taylor; Tennessee, Betty Stevens; Texas, Jane Power; Virginia, Trudy Tanzillo. Absent: Alabama, Deborah Hicks; California, Penny Adams-O'Neil; Illinois, Linda Mizell; Maryland, Erika Lanceskes.

To eliminate the need for a Final Plenary Session and time permitting, with full approval of the assembly President Hadyka continued with the unfinished business.

Reports from National Chairman were presented as follows:

Audit Committee, Emily Weil; Budget and Finance, Virginia Fettes; Bylaws and Standing Rules, Mary Ann Hepler; Helen Keller Gazebo, Connie Grund (Gaby presented); Insignia and Ribbons, Penny Chaboudy; Membership, Camille Lowery; Creative Arts, Beth St. Jean; Eye Program, Camille Lowery; Handbook, Ann Farley (report filed); Scholarship, Dr. Linda Harvey (no report); Website, Camille Lowery (no report).

Bylaws Committee Chairman, Mary Ann Hepler reported on the consideration of the proposed revision to the Bylaws that were published and disseminated in the Journal. She introduced the members of her committee and presented the recommendations. Parliamentarian Nelly Shearer read Article XI - Committees, Section 5. Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee. Chairman Hepler by recommendation of the Bylaws Committee moved to adopt the change of Bylaws and Standing rules as were published in the Journal. Adopted.

Report of the Nominating Committee:

President Hadyka cited the Bylaws rules for the Nominating Committee and the members of the committee as Mary Ann Hepler, Catherine Brister, and Patricia Gallagher.

Chairman Mary Ann Hepler presented the following slate for National Office: National President, Camille Lowery (GA); National First Vice, Brenda Hamilton (NC); National Second Vice President, Davine Roberts (FL); National Chaplain, Bonnell "Bonnie" Lashley (GA); National Recording Secretary, Jeannette Taylor (SC); National Corresponding Secretary, Jessieanne Wells (KY); National Treasurer, Virginia Fettes (FL); National Registrar, Bobbie Lou Ray (NC); National Historian, Mary Willard (MS). Chairman Hepler moved by recommendation of the nominating committee to accept the slate as presented. Adopted.

Kentucky State President, Jessieanne Wells, presented the invitation to the 57th National Assembly to be held May 30th through June 1st, 2019, with location to be announced at a later date.

President Hadyka announced that all business of the National Society has been completed eliminating the need for a Final Plenary Session. President Hadyka announced the Eye Luncheon to be held in the Georgian Ballroom West beginning as 12:00 p.m. and the Assembly was

now in recess. Adjourned at 11:25 a.m. National Recording Secretary Bonnell Wheeler Lashley Approved by committee





## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AWARDS

#### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD **Donations to Helen Keller Gazebo Fund**

Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee Hero Award, Sarasota Chapter, Bayou Belles Chapter, Gardenia Chapter, Beverly Gentry, Sue

Comerford, Rhona Florian.

#### The Journal Articles

Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia State Societies

#### APPRECIATION

#### For Service as National Officer

Camille Lowery, Melissa Fischer, Brenda Hamilton, Bonnell Lashley, Penny Chaboudy, Virginia Fettes, Bobbie Lou Ray, Mary Ann Hepler, Nelly Sharer, and L. Sue Comerford.

For Service as National Chairman and committee member

Emily Weil, Nelly Shearer, Betty Stevens, Lucy Willis, Virginia Fettes, Mary Ann Hepler, Sudie Pool, Ann Farley, Jane Power, Connie Grund, Penny Chaboudy, Trudy Tanzilla, Linda Harvey, Kimberly Nagy, Robin Towns, Brenda Hamilton, and Bobbie Lou

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#### For Service at National Assembly

Georgia Society for hosting the assembly, Robin Towns Assembly Chair, Beverly Baker Credentials Chair, Sandra Solmon Assembly Treasurer, Beth St. Jean, Creative Arts, Shannon Logue, Silent Georgia - for program on Southern Poetry; and contribu-Auction.

#### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT AWARDS **Outstanding Accomplishment** Helen Keller Gazebo Project Rededication

Gabrielle S. Hadyka

#### **Certificates of Appreciation for Support of Eye Research**

Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia

#### NATIONAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARY **AWARDS**

Most Insignia Purchases: Florida, Georgia, Texas Most Charms Purchases: Florida, Texas, Alabama Most Tote Bags Purchases: Florida, North Carolina, New York Most Banners: New York, California, Georgia Most Sets of Flags: Virginia, North Carolina

#### NATIONAL REGISTRAR AWARDS

**Most New Members** 

1st Florida Society, 2nd Georgia Society, 3rd California Society **Newly Chartered Chapters** 

Georgia State Society: Tara Trace Chapter; Linda Rutledge Robinson, Organizing Chapter President Texas State Society: South Texas Chapter, Sudie Pool, Organizing Chapter President **New Membership Gain** 

Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland , Mississippi, South Carolina, and Virginia **Outstanding State Registrars** 

Diane Dyess, TX, Cindy Ritcheson, GA, Ann Waggaman FL

#### NATIONAL HISTORIAN AWARDS

Camille R. Lowery, National First Vice President for helping this officer with our records in our historical vault in Atlanta.

Tennessee - for the History Program "History of Colonial Times through Hat Pins"; and Visual Program "GolfingWhile Blind".

Mississippi - for contribution to the Gallant Hearts Guard Dogs foundation; and program "Southern Plants of the Colonies.".

Florida - for program on "Button History" and donations for the Blind.

Illinois - for program on "Maryland Dove" and tour of Mary Bryant Home for the Blind.

South Carolina - for a program tour of "Ashtabula Plantation" and contributions to the Service Dog Institute.

Maryland - for their contribution to Wilmer Eye Center at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore.

Alabama - for the program "Margaret Reynolds of 1780"; and support and scholarship to a student that serves the blind.

North Carolina - for the eye program on JAX SURF; and their program on Southern Interior Design; and contributions to MIRA; and collection of eye glasses.

Virginia - for program on "Voices from the Garden." California - for support of the Doheny Eye Institute and Children's Learning Center.

tions to eye causes.

Kentucky- for program on Kentucky Historical Architecture.

New York - for two programs: "Tasting Virginia Wines" and "Feathers - Fashion and the Fight for Wildlife.

**Texas** - for collecting the most eyeglasses for distribution. Louisiana - for organizing the new chapter: Bayou Belles Chapter with 27 new members.

Alabama- The Most Outstanding State Report and The Most Outstanding Hostess State in hosting the Helen Keller Gazebo weekend.

## Ann Craft Creative Arts Awards



Ist place: Pamela Noe Goodwin, KY

2nd place: Karen Hall, TX

Ist Place: Karen Hall TX

Ist place: Betty Stevens, TN

Ist place: Sarah Brown, FL

2nd place: Karen Hall, TX

Ist place: Sandra Salmon, GA

Ist place: Mary Ann Hepler, NC

**CROSS STITCH** 

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#### NON-FICTION

Ist place: Sandra Salmon, GA

#### PAINTING Ist place: Carol Moore Ballard, NC

Ist place: Autumn Strickland, GA 2nd place: Vicki Pekich, MS 3rd place: Hazel Everett, GA

PHOTOGRAPHY

Ist place: Mary Willard, MS 2nd place: Celia Brown, GA POETRY

Ist place: Sandra Salmon, GA Ist place: Cindy Ritcheson, GA

QUILTING

I st place: Dianne Cannestra, GA 2nd place: Sandra Salmon, GA

## 56th National Assembly Attendance



Roberts. Howard FL GA Willard. Wallace MS FL

The 57th National Assembly of the Southern Dames of America will be in Kentucky.

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More details will be in the Spring Journal. Hope to see ya'll there.



## From the STATE SOCIETIES

## Alabama Society Deborah W. Hicks State President 2016-2018

At our meeting April 26, Carol Kitchens gave the program "Margaret Reynolds Was a Tough Lady" about her ancestral family going down the Ohio River on a flatboat in 1780, being captured by Native Americans, being carried to Ft. Detroit, her 13 children being disbursed amongst various tribes, and then the Mother, Margaret Reynolds, regathering all her children and returning to MD 3 years later.

Eyeglass, donated totaled 394 individually and/or as a group to various Southern cultural and historical programs, \$200 to Eye Foundation, Inc., UAB Callahan Eye Hospital Birmingham, AL, for Aphakic Lens in Post-Cataract Treatment of Infants; \$510 to seeing eye dog programs; \$300 to the AL Eye Bank, \$100 to blindness/Braille organizations.

Assistance given to the blind and visually impaired by members included being a Lions Club volunteer, participation in Get Fit Day volunteering 5 hours providing free eye exams and providing free used glasses; purchase of a brick to be placed at the Helen Keller Home "Ivy Green" in honor of a person who is losing their sight; serving as Chairman of the AL AER BDS Scholarship Committee providing a \$3000, scholarship to a student who is a resident of AL and who is pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in a professional field to serve the blind; participation on an Advisory Committee of a comparative analysis grant submitted by Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute to study the provision of

vision rehabilitation services; service on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER) serving as Secretary; and participation on an AER Conference Planning Committee planning a training conference attended by approximately 100 professionals in the field of blindness and visual impairment.

On March 31, a wreath on behalf of AL Southern Dames at a memorial marking at Shorter Cemetery in Eufaula, AL, and we also presented the wreath at the SAR grave marking of Private Head in Louisville, AL, on October 21, 2017.

We will be starting a new Southeast Alabama Chapter and have been collecting applications, which will have been sent in during August, and hopefully processed by the time of publication of this article!

It has been an honor to serve in this administration. Thank you to Past National President, Gabrielle S. Hadyka, for her guidance during our terms; two great, well run national assemblies; and her contributions and presence at the rededication of the gazebo, historic marker, benches and landscaping at Ivy Green. I will always remember the trip to the Rattlesnake Saloon with "Miss Daisy," a/k/a "Gaby", and Lucy Willis.

#### California Society Penny Adams-O'Neil, State President 2018-2020



Barbara Aerni - Past State President , Penny Adams-O'Neill - President, Midge Enke - Vice President, Joan Bogaty - Chaplain, Shirley Vanderbeck - Recording Sec., Robin Hurwitz - Corresponding Sec., Christina Hurst-Loeffler - Treasurer, Cher Sesma - Registrar, Sharon Garrison - Historian

New State Officers for 2018-2020 were elected at the Annual Meeting and "English Tea" at the Irvine Marriott Hotel in March. Following the business meeting and tea Dr. Alex Huang from the Doheny Eye Institute presented a program on research programs and medical advances which the Institute is pursuing in California and across the world. The State Society has selected the Doheny Eye Institute as its State Eye Project designee during the Adams-O'Neill Administration.

Members from all of the California Chapters attended the State meeting. As a young Society in California the Society is gaining strength in membership each year. Currently there are five California Chapters representing the state from North to South: "Azalea" in Greater San Francisco and further north; "City of Roses" in the Pasadena area; "Gardenia" in the Greater Los Angeles region; "Orange Blossom" in the San Gabriel Valley and "Poinsettia" in the San Diego area. Our members are working diligently to assist libraries and programs which aid members of the blind community and in support of the many guide dogs association which are raising and training guide dogs for military veterans.

## Florida Society B. Davine Roberts, State President 2016-2018

The Florida Society members who attended the 56th National Assembly in Athens, GA, had a wonderful time! Every year I think our annual Assembly keeps getting better and better. The Georgia members did a fantastic job planning and executing a most enjoyable Assembly! Two of us brought along our husbands and they had a good time, too!

Florida took home 15 awards of which 5 were first place awards. Our proudest awards were for having the most new members. As Florida State President, my focus was on membership, and we want to keep the momentum going. Pictured left to right are: Pensacola Chapter Registrar Mary Ellen Shugart, National Treasurer Virginia Fettes. Florida Vice President Wilma Scofield, National Second Vice President Davine Roberts, and Florida State President Maria Miller.

## Georgia Society Dianne Cannestra, President 2018-2020

The new Tara Trace chartering meeting was held April 28, 2018 in Jonesboro, Georgia. Guests included State President, Dianne Cannestra, State Recording Secretary, Peggy Gates, State Treasurer, Sandra Salmon, State Registrar, Julie Hawk, State Historian Ann Bridges, State Parliamentarian and National First Vice President, Camille Lowery, Past State President, Pat Gallagher and Past National President, Robin Towns. The State and National Societies were well represented. Organizing Chapter President, Linda Robinson did an outstanding job presiding over the meeting. The Charter was presented by Past State President, Pat Gallagher and all charter members signed it. The table decorations were beautiful. All State and National Officers were presented with a beautiful handkerchief embroidered with "Southern Dames". The ceremony was followed by sumptuous refreshments. The Tara Trace Chapter is off and running!

The Organizing Chapter President of the newly named, Historic Heartland Chapter in middle Georgia, Janet Walker, created a Georgia Society Facebook page. This will help built a sense of community in the Georgia Society and keep us all better informed. Seventy-one members have already joined the page.

As of August 20, 2018, The Georgia Society has 194 members. It is this officers honor to serve these members and the National Society.





program "Martha Reynolds was a Tough Lady"

## Illinois Society Linda Mizell, President 2018-2020

In May, the Illinois State Society SDA held their third annual meeting at the Mary Bryant Home for the Blind in Springfield, Illinois. We toured the home and learned about this wonderful resource for residents of Illinois and surrounding states. Our "tour guide" was Misty Smith, Director of Community Outreach for the Home.

Mary Bryant was a student at the Jacksonville school for the blind and stayed on there as a housemother. She saved her earnings for twenty years to fulfill her dream of opening a home for the blind. The Mary Bryant home was opened in 1946 and has been expanded over the years. It is a supportive living facility for blind adults. Married couples may live there if at least one is blind. There is nursing staff on duty 24/7 that primarily provides medication oversight and assistance with personal

hygiene as needed. There is housekeeping and laundry services as well as a cafeteria that provides 3 meals a day, although residents may choose to dine out or cook in their studio apartments. There are a variety of activities that residents may choose to participate in, and they are very proud of their Special Olympics team that competed at the state level in running, wheelchair races and softball throws. There are currently 35 residents at the home. The oldest is 97 and one has lived there for 53 years. While we were there, it was obvious that this is a family community. After our tour we were entertained by their chorus. We then presented them with a check from ILSDA toward their activity fund. It felt good to contribute to this worthwhile program.

This President enjoys working with her Southern Dames members and is looking forward to another year.

### Kentucky Society Jessieanne H. Wells, State President 2017-2019

The Kentucky Society is pleased to have the opportunity to host the 57th National Assembly in Lexington, Kentucky June 6-8, 2019. The Kentucky Journal is e-mailed to members at least twice per year in an effort to keep our members informed. Our next joint meeting will be held at Spindletop Hall, Lexington, KY October 16, with Dames of the Court of Honor hosting. Kentucky's 2017-2019 administration is working toward gaining many new members to further the work of the society. Trying to take a "first time" selfie was a challenge as the registrar worked on new applications. Picture: Jessieanne Wells, President; Beverly Hicklin, Registrar.



## Louisiana Society

Lori McDaniel State President 2018-2020



Attending the National Assembly were Louisiana State President Lora McDaniel and State Vice President Lynda Moreau pictured with newly installed National President Camille Lowery.

## **Maryland Society**

Ericka Lanceskes, State President 2018-2020

The National Society Southern Dames of America Maryland Society, voted a new slate of officers in 2017 with Laura Erika Lanceskes as the new State President. Currently, we number 72 members including one new member and one transferring in. The Maryland State Society collected and donated 18 eyeglasses and donated \$180.00 to the Wilmer Eye Center at Johns Hopkins, Baltimore for ophthalmic research. An eye program on the Maryland Seeing Eye Dog program was given in the May 2017-May 2018 timeframe.

## Mississippi Society Mary Willard, State President 2017-2019

It was a great honor to attend as President of the Mississippi Society of Southern Dames, the National Assembly held in Athens, GA. The Dames of Georgia spared nothing in putting together the meeting. The programs, door prizes, delicious food, table decorations, floral arrangements, and the gifts at each plate were delightful. Much appreciation and gratitude to all who worked to make the meeting such a success. The Mississippi Dames will have their fall meeting at the Jackson Country Club on Saturday, September 29, 2018. Special guest speaker will be Rosie Gibson, Executive Director of the Addie McBryde Rehabilitation Center for the Blind . New officers will be elected and installed. The Southern Heritage Series of each southern state will continue with information about Virginia and South Carolina given by Billie Breedlove and Sally Campbell. The meeting will be followed by lunch prepared by the staff. The new officers will begin their tenure in January. I have considered it a great privilege and outstanding honor to have served as President of the Mississippi Society of Southern Dames of America. Most of all, I am so happy to have made many new friends around the South.

## North Carolina Society Charlotte P. Kelly, State President, 2018-2020

The North Carolina Society is proud to announce we had representation from each chapter attending the National Society Southern Dames of America's 56th National Assembly held in Athens, GA.

We were so proud to have three members representing North Carolina on the National Board NSSDA; Brenda Hamilton, National Chaplain, Bobbie Lou Ray, National Registrar and Mary Ann Hepler, National Historian.

Our chapters and members brought home 14 awards for their hard work and talents. We were so proud of the members, chapters, and North Carolina as a whole making our "Hearts Burst with Southern Pride."

Chapters have been electing new officers for the 2018-2020 term and planning exciting programs. Returning from the National Assembly the first program will include information and pictures from the Assembly.



### Tennessee Society Betty Stevens, State President, 2018-2020

Tennessee was honored to received the Hero Award from the National President at the National Assembly for their \$1,000 donation to the Helen Keller Fund. What an honor for supporting such a worth cause.

## New York Society Melissa Zack, President 2016-2018

The New York Society has been quite active this year. We represented Southern Dames at the George Washington Birthday Ball in the Metropolitan Club this past February. In April, we had our annual meeting, at which we unveiled our new banner and installed the 2018-2020 board. After that, our president attended the National Assembly in Georgia, and was thrilled to win a beautiful hat in the silent auction. Following National Assembly, we marched in front of World War I re-enactors in the Flag Day Parade in New York City, proudly displaying our new banner. Our Southern Culture meeting this coming October will be held at Chez Josephine on West 42nd Street in Manhattan. We'll have a report on the state of Texas and collect eyeglasses as well as money for a donation to Seeing Eye Dogs. We are planning another meeting to discuss Reese Witherspoon's new book, Whiskey in a Teacup, based on things she learned from her southern grandmother, who believed that southern women were strong



on the inside and delicate on the outside; hence the name of her book. All members of Southern Dames are more than welcome to attend any of our meetings.

## South Carolina Society Tammy F. Herron, State President 2018-2020



The South Carolina Society held its spring meeting at Ashtabula Plantation. Members enjoyed an informative tour of two structures on the plantation: a two-story brick structure constructed prior to 1790 and the two-story clapboard main house built circa 1825-1828. The brick structure originally served as a traveler's tavern and was constructed on 320 acres of land granted to Samuel Lofton. In later years, the structure served as a kitchen and was connected to the main house by a breezeway. The property changed hands a number of times throughout history and was owned by prominent South Carolina families such as Gibbes, Pelzer, and Adger. James T. Latta purchased the property in 1851 and enlarged the farm to 1200 acres. In 1961, the Mead Corporation gifted the home and 10 acres of land to the Pendleton Historic Foundation.

Following the tour, it was an honor to hold a portion of our business meeting on the grounds of the plantation. President Jeannette Taylor reconvened the meeting at 1826 Bistro on the Green in downtown

Pendleton where we enjoyed a wonderful luncheon. The following officers were elected to serve 2018-2020 term: President, Tammy Herron; First Vice, Judy McAlhany; Second Vice, Mary Armstrong; Chaplain, Sarah Jane Armstrong; Recording Secretary, Rooche Field; Treasurer, Julie Hardaway; Registrar, Marion Whitehurst; and Historian, Dianne Culbertson. Registrar Wanda Eubanks processed two new applications, and the Society has one prospective member. We are pleased to provide support to the following programs: Carolina Eye Care Research Institute; Service Dog Institute; SC Commission for the Blind; and Miracles in Sight. Four members attended the 56th National Assembly in Athens, Georgia. We enjoyed the fellowship and learning about the work of others in the organization. We were especially proud when South Carolina member Jeannette Taylor was elected to serve as National Recording Secretary. This officer is honored to serve as President of the South Carolina Society, and looks forward to working with our members to increase membership and to fulfill the purposes of the SDA.

## Texas Society Jane Power, State President 2018-2020

Our State meeting took place in New Braunfels, Texas on April 28, at McAdoo's Restaurant. It is my sincere pleasure to serve the Texas Society as its newly installed State President. We have a great group of members serving in our State Offices: Karen Hall, Jackie Mueller, Debra Hamman, Colleen Petosa, Martha Bender, Carolyn Jamail and Pat Spackey. All three of our Chapters had representation. The work of the Society was reported and continues with our members. We were pleased to have Texas member, and then President National, Gaby Hadyka, present for the proceedings and to bring greetings.



The new State Board is already hard at work. All State Chairmanships have

been filled with not only Chairmen, but also members! What a great bunch of ladies! We are moving forward with the formation of a new Chapter in the Central Texas area around Waco.

Four Texas Dames attended the National Assembly in Athens, Georgia at the end of May: Gabrielle Hadyka, Jane Power, Colleen Petosa and Karen Hall.

We are proud of the many awards won by our state at the National Assembly.

Plans are being made for an electronic statewide meeting in September to focus on eye research referencing the "Under the SEE" National Assembly Eye Luncheon speaker, John R. Corneille, JD from the Foundation Fighting Blindness. His remarks were informative and moving, as he was diagnosed at a young age with a degenerative sight issue, managed to have a "normal" childhood, became a lawyer, and now works for the Foundation raising awareness and funding. We will report the reaction, participation and, hopefully, appreciation of being able to meet "in your jammies."

#### Virginia Society Trudy Tanzillo, State President 2018-2021



Virginia Society met at the Historic Hanover Tavern, in Hanover, VA, on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Peggy Marshall presented an interesting program on the Scotch Irish settlement of Virginia and shared with us her unique collection of Scottish Celtic vintage pins and tams. The following slate of officers was installed for the 2018-2021 term: Trudy Tanzillo, President; Donna Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Vice; Melanie Platte, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice; Luvenia Rogers, Chaplain; Lisa Sullivan, Recording Secretary; Kathy Thomasson, Corresponding Secretary; Cynthia Matsumoto, Treasurer; Anne Winn, Registrar; Barbara Rooney and Pamela Meiring, Historians.



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