



## *NEWSLETTER OF THE VIRGINIA DIVISION*

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#### ***From Our Division President, Dawn Diehl:***

Spring is coming! I know that we will all be glad to see it hit this year.

Conference season is starting, here is the schedule:

First District: May 3 Hamilton Wade

Second District: April 26 Rockbridge

Fourth District: April 12 Black Horse

Thank you all who have sent cards, flowers, emails, boxes and made phone calls during my surgery and recovery. It has been rough and will be slow but it is going better each day.

We are still waiting to see if Governor Youngkin is going to veto HB1699.

Thanks to all who wrote letters, sent emails and made phone calls. We are hoping it is going to make a difference, at least our voice was heard.

I had the privilege of attending the 130th Anniversary of Petersburg 155. It was a beautiful service and a great day. It was my first outing and I was glad to be with the ladies.

Jim and I attended the Lee Jackson Ceremony in Lexington. I brought greetings and laid a wreath at General Jackson's grave. We also marched in the parade with the Rockbridge Chapter. We had 5 other chapters that attended, it was a great experience.

I will be bringing greetings for the Virginia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Convention in April.

We need to get our name out in our communities, please work on projects that you can do in your communities so people will get to know us and know of the good things we accomplish.

Spring Board will be April 5, I hope that a lot of you will attend.

The Veterans themselves entrusted their legacy to us.....a responsibility not to be taken lightly, it is a Heritage of Honor.



Many thanks for all your kindness to me during the past month, Virginia Daughters are the best and I love you all.

In UDC love,  
Dawn

### ***Second Vice President – Debby Mullins***

The date to have UDC General scholarship applications to this officer has passed. Virginia Division scholarship applications must be received by April 15. Virginia Division has sixteen scholarships. Ten will be available for academic 2025-2026. Of those ten, only three are not school or curriculum specific. Some of these awards are consistently difficult to find applicants for. Those include the Preston Goss Glazebrook Scholarship for a student majoring in some aspect of history at UVA; the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Scholarship at VMI; Janet Weaver Randolph Scholarship for a female student at William & Mary, and the Marrow Memorial Scholarship at the University of Richmond or Westhampton College.

For the first time in a number of years, the Education Committee has received qualified applications for the Mary Anne Williams Memorial Scholarship and the Washington & Lee Scholarship. The E. Elizabeth Snedden Scholarship is available for a student attending a community college or trade school. Also, the Epperson-Towberman Vet Med Scholarship is available. Please contact Virginia Division Second Vice President Debby Mullins ([dmullins@rcn.com](mailto:dmullins@rcn.com)) for information.

### ***Treasurer – Pam Curtin***

Calling all Chapter Treasurers: This is a reminder to let you know that your Annual Financial Report & 990-n is due to me by October 31, 2024. Also, the Chapter Per Capita Report (Chapter Remittance) (dues) is due to me on February 15, 2025. So, if you haven't sent either of these two reports to me, please do so as soon as possible. If you need any help, please do not hesitate to contact me and I'd be happy to help you get it done! Pam

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### ***Corresponding Secretary – Julia Warren***

I have been kept busy with sending emails, writing to the Governor, and sending condolences, but had the time to pioneer a new google form to allow for easier updating of addresses, positions, and contact information. I ask you to please use this as it creates a master document.

The Old Dominion Bulletin has undergone a face and content change. Per the Executive Committee. The

The upcoming issue will have a few more reports and photos. The Executive Committee and District Chairmen wrote articles. Please be sure to forward your chapter news to your District Chairman for the June issue. All questions about the change in the OBD should be referred to the Executive Committee.

I have mailed out packets of information to the five people who do not have emails four times this year. Receipt information has been mixed. Richmond's post office is still suffering from an inability to get mail sent and/or put in our mailboxes. Please encourage people to use electronic mail whenever possible to negate the possibility of missing mail. It has gotten to the point I had to use an online card mailer to get some sent! I'm trying to drive out of the area and post from points not serviced by Richmond. Julia

### ***Assistant Registrar's Report – Bonnie W. Garber***

It is a pleasure serving as your Assistant Registrar of the Virginia Division. I have been able to talk to many of you over the telephone as you encounter difficulties or have questions. I also see some of you from time to time at Division and district events.

I have received 33 supplementals since the beginning of Sept. 2024. This is a drastic decline from last year when 26 were processed in Sept 2024 alone. Please, send in more supplementals from your chapter.

As of this moment, Southern Cross 746 in Salem has turned in 15 supplementals and are in the lead for the most supplementals this year.

I have received 16 applications from District 1, none from District 2, 7 from District 3, none from District 4, 8 from District 5 and 2 from District 6. So far, I have only had to reject one supplemental application that I have received. None have been rejected by the Assistant Registrar General.

Congratulations to Mildred Lee 74 in Martinsville. Their goal was to achieve 100 approved supplementals. That goal has been reached. They officially have received 110 approved supplementals since 2022. From what I understand they are not done yet!

Perhaps some of you other chapter Registrars in the Virginia Division would like to set a goal for your chapter. It wouldn't have to be as high as 100, but pick a number that you think your chapter could obtain.

Please remember that I am a night owl. I can not sleep until I have solved the problem at hand or at least have a handle on what to do with a difficult supplemental. You will often find I am sending out emails at midnight, one or two in the morning. No phone calls before 10:00 a. m., please. I will answer emails as quickly as I can.

Also, I am very allergic to perfume and some hand lotions. Please, be very careful when handling your applications and documents. I am sitting here sneezing as I am trying to process the latest applications I received.

I would also like to thank all of you who sent birthday cards to my aunt, Florence Jane Mettauer, on her 101st birthday on Feb. 26. For a week before her big day, over the phone, she and her daughter would

read me about 5 cards a night. The cards were sent from all over the state of Virginia, with one from Iowa and one from New Jersey. Thank you, ladies, for remembering her. She loved it.

Please contact me with any questions on supplementals. I will do my very best to help you.

### ***2nd District Report – Jan Lowry***

As I near the end of my term as 2nd District Chairman, I have been reflecting on the past two years. There have been ups and downs: It has indeed been my distinct pleasure to serve the Executive Committee and learn the 'workings' of the upper levels of the UDC organization. The many friendships I've made in both the 2nd District and around the state ranks at the top of the list! It was an honor to be invited to participate in the Lee-Jackson Day ceremony and lay a wreath. I hope the Division will continue to work with the Lee-Jackson Memorial Park committee as they continue to develop a park for any monuments that need to find a home. I've also gained some interpersonal skills while dealing with "interesting" personalities.

However, it was disappointing to lose Scottsville #1167, leaving only three chapters in the 2nd District. It was also disappointing when the District Assessment Committee did not conduct an assessment or take any action to realign the districts as called for in By-Law Article X, Section 1.

As a District Chairman, I serve on the Division nominating committee and am making contacts to find our next Division leaders. Our District nominating committee is also working on finding a candidate for the next 2-year term and I will be here to support her.

### ***Sixth District Report – Therese De Santo***

The Sixth District Conference was held on March 15 at the Westminster Canterbury in Virginia Beach. Ladies enjoyed this beautiful venue on the Chesapeake Bay and the wonderful buffet lunch. It was a beautiful day, attended by about 60 ladies of the Sixth District and officers of the Virginia Division. Sixth District has 10 chapters with all but one chapter represented. We were very proud to hear from each chapter who presented an overview of all the wonderful work they have been doing. The importance of the chapter reports was discussed, encouraging chapter presidents to tell the story of all they do to meet the objectives of our organization.

Chapters are reminded to have all reports submitted no later than August 1 so final reports can be prepared for Division and General. Photos from left to right: Stonewall Chapter, toast to the 6th District from Division Officers, Vice President Pam Smith talking about insignia.



**Great Great Granddaughters' Club – Therese De Santos**

Hi everyone,

It is that time of year to renew your Great-Great Granddaughter Club membership.

Please send your \$10 renewal to me which is due June 1. The membership dues are for Division and state, so please do not send any dues to General. I will send one dues check to General. (Please note there is a late fee charged by General if renewal dues are paid after the June 1 date).

Most important, please note a change in my address:

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