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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Floyd M. (Suzanne) Townsend



I hope that all of you had a good Thanksgiving, filled with good food and good fellowship. As we enter into the Christmas season, please remember those less fortunate than us and do what you can for them – be it donations to a food bank or a VA Hospital, feeding the hungry, whatever you can find in your heart to do.

I think the time machine cranked into high gear. It seems like just yesterday we were at the Division Convention in Roanoke – but it was actually the first weekend in October. We had a successful convention, renewed or formed new friendships, and got a lot of work done! Thanks to **Dolores Smith**, Convention Chairman, and the **ladies of First District** who worked so hard to show us a good time filled with Southern hospitality and moments to remember. Then in no time it was the first weekend in November and we were at the General Convention in Richmond. Virginia Division was hostess to daughters from all over our great country and our Convention team did an outstanding job to make their stay in the Capitol of the Confederacy a comfortable and memorable one. Thank you to **Annette Elam Wetzel, Karen Grigg and Lois Bailey** as well as those “behind the scenes” members who contributed their time and talents (and hard work) to make the General Convention a success. We did elect new General officers, including **President General Jamie Likins**.

Please check out the new UDC website at www.hqudc.org, which now has a “members only” section. You will need a login and password to enter it, so please contact me by email for those. You can download a list of all the new General officers with addresses, phone numbers, etc. There is a lot of good information in the “members only” section and the content is being updated and improved on a regular basis. Virginia Division did win ten awards at General and a big thank you to the chapters and members who helped us do that. Next year we are going to try to do bigger and better!

I have been attending commemorations, grave marker dedications, monument dedications, and other events that you

have been holding to continue to honor our Confederate ancestors. Thank you for inviting me and I try to attend as many as I can. I am also enjoying the Christmas luncheons (maybe a little too much!) and am proud of the work you do to help those who are in need. Keep up the good work!

We will be having our annual **Lee-Jackson-Maury Commemoration** at the Old House of Delegates Chamber at the State Capitol on January 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Parking will be available diagonally across the street from the Capitol on the corner of Ninth and Broad Streets. Please notify me if you intend to lay a wreath at the statue of General Robert E. Lee. Let's have another “Standing Room Only” Crowd to honor our heroes.

Let me close with best wishes to all of you for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Suzie Snyder

Merry Christmas Daughters!

Hopefully you all enjoyed a delightful Thanksgiving. One of the many things I am thankful for are all of the wonderful UDC sisters and friends. Thank you for your orders and for your dedication to our beloved organization. I am also thankful to be able to work with you all. I really enjoy visiting with chapters, giving programs and working with you on insignia orders. We are off to a great start this year with our wonderful Virginia Division and General Conventions. They were both such a pleasure to attend. Special thanks to the Virginia daughters who worked so hard to make them a success. Special thanks to our **President Suzanne Townsend** and to **Dolores Smith** and Hostess Chapters for their work to make our Division Convention so informative and to run so smoothly. My thanks also to each and every one who assisted me with Presidents' Evening - I cannot express how much I appreciated your help. **Annette Wetzel** and **Karen Grigg** deserve a big vote of appreciation for all their work to make our General Convention a great event.

Our new Vice President General, Mrs. **Pam Trammell** of Texas, was elected at General Convention. I am looking

forward to working with her on your orders. Please remember that our engraver will be closed for two weeks at Christmas so it may take longer to receive orders placed during that time.

It would be greatly appreciated if any newly elected Vice Presidents for this year would send me their name, phone and email address. Also, if any Vice Presidents have changed phone or email addresses, please let me know. Email me at Suzienotes@aol.com or call me at 540-384-6884.

My very best wishes to everyone for a Beautiful and Blessed Christmas!

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Barbara Joyner

The General elections are over and we have a new Second Vice President General, Mrs. **Jamie Davis** from Texas Division. I know she will do an excellent job.

The “check list” for the Virginia Division Scholarship has been re-vamped. The chapters will be getting copies of the Division and General Scholarship Applications in January. When they are turned into you by the applicant, please go over the checklist and see that everything is in order and all information is provided.

I received a thank you note from **Catherine Townes**, who is attending William and Mary. I share this with you. “As the semester draws to a close, I wanted to send a letter to thank you for renewing my scholarship this academic year, as well as your continued financial support the past three. Your willingness to encourage and support my education has been so beneficial in many ways, and has eased some of the burden of student loans. I am so thankful for your support these four years, and look forward to sharing with you in the coming months my accomplishments here as well as plans for the future. Thank you again for your continued support.”

The young people who receive our scholarships are outstanding citizens and scholars. We have every reason to be proud of them and the work we do to support them. At General Convention in November, I learned that the United Daughters of the Confederacy give more scholarships and more scholarship money than any other organization. We must continue to keep every scholarship financially healthy and maybe even increase the value.

I will be sending the Virginia Division Scholarship Application and the General Scholarship Application by document attachment to email when possible. They will be sent to the Chapter President; I trust she will forward on to the appropriate Chapter Second Vice President. They will be coming to you in January.

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Robin King

As Third Vice President, I'd like to bring Seasons greetings to everyone from the Virginia Division Children of the Confederacy. We are still hard at work raising funds to con-

serve the Davis Children's uniforms. Please consider giving to the “150 for the 150”. We would love to be able to conserve all three Davis children uniforms, but the first one we would like to do is Joseph Evan Davis, the third son of President Davis who was tragically killed when he fell from the porch of the White House of the Confederacy. What better project for the CofC than to have a hand in conserving the First Children of the Confederacy's items.

We have beautiful pewter items for sale as well as a basket with items that we are raffling to help with the conservation efforts. I will have these items at the District Conferences in the spring. Please consider making a donation to this very worthwhile cause. Donations can be sent to me, VA Division Director, **Mrs. Robin King** at 7680 Dowdy Drive, Henrico, VA 23231-6444, checks should be made payable to **VA Division CofC** and ear mark that it is for the “150 for the 150th”. Thank you for your support of the VA Division CofC.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Ms. Janice Jones

Season's Greetings. I have been busy working on the Convention Minutes so this will be short. As soon as they are finished **President Suzanne** and I will start to work on digitizing the Chapter Report Forms. We anticipate that this project will be completed before the first District Conference in March. My workshop at these Conferences will be on how to complete the forms. I hope that everyone who has to work with these forms will attend or at least send a representative to this workshop.

TREASURER

Mrs. Sandy Wright



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope that you and yours have an enjoyable Christmas in the company of family and friends, and that all have a safe, prosperous, and healthy New Year.

I have enjoyed working with you and your Chapters as one of the most rewarding parts of my job and I look forward to meeting you at the District Conferences in the Spring.

Many parts of this article will be familiar to you but need to be repeated.

New Treasurers. For any of you that are new Treasurers for your Chapters, if you have questions, problems, or concerns, please contact me. Email works best but I also answer my phone or return calls. I even answer mail notes. Please make sure I have your current contact information. While the Virginia Division Minutes is a wonderful book packed with information, Chapter Officers may change before it comes out. I can't help you if I don't know how to contact you. I know you have heard this many times before but it is still important!

Annual Financial Report I know that you are probably tired of my emails and calls about this most important report – but here I go again! If you have not sent me your Chapter report for the period 1 September 2011 to 31 August 2012, please do so as soon as possible. You should have received forms in the

per capita tax report mailing last December. If you cannot find the form, I can send you another one. I cannot overly stress how important these forms are for the UDC to comply with IRS rules. You also need to send a copy of the IRS filing you do – either the 990-N Electronic Postcard, 990-EZ, or 990 whichever is appropriate. Most Chapters file the 990-N which is for organizations with revenue under \$50,000. Remember after 3 years of not filing your Chapter's 990-N, your Chapter will lose its tax status. If this is not reinstated, your Chapter will lose its Charter. This reinstatement process involves a 26 page form to be filled out and countless hours dealing with the IRS which we all know is not our friend. The IRS has made this process expensive, time consuming, and frustrating. You do not want to go through it. Make sure I have a copy of your tax filing. For any Chapter who wants me to file their 990-N, I am willing to do so – supply your current logon ID and password.

While at General Convention in November, I attended the Treasurer-General's workshop. The IRS has sent General a 12-page technical form to file. It is so complicated General is having their Tax Accountant fill it out. We don't want this to trickle down to us!

Per Capita Tax Form. I received these forms from the UDC earlier than usual so you may have them by now. I mailed these packages out November 15. If you have not received your package it may be that I did not have the current Treasurer's information and had to use the 2011 Treasurer's information. If you have a question or suggestion about this mailing, please do not hesitate to contact me. Remember to make a copy so that you will have one to file late payments.

Membership Cards. You should have received sufficient blank membership cards in your per capita package. I will also have blank membership cards with me at District Conferences. If you need cards now, I can mail them to you.

REGISTRAR

Mrs. Hilda Bradberry

Merry Christmas to all you! May each of you be blessed with good health during this season of joy! I hope the New Year brings the best for each and every chapter. One way for a chapter to be blessed is to increase their membership. Please ladies, the UDC needs new members if we are to honor our goals of this organization. It is no longer safe to sit back and let others do the work. We all need to seek out and find ladies that are willing to carry on the work our fore-mothers started over a century ago. Please read the Registrar Awards that will be listed in the 2012 Virginia Division Minutes. These awards will not include transfers into a chapter. The new Registrar General has requested the description of the Confederate ancestor be put on page 3 of the application. Not all service records have this information, however, if it is included, she would like it on the application. Another reminder is that the proposed Bylaw change increasing fees was withdrawn. See VA Division Minutes, Standing Rules for fees. If you have any questions about proofs or the application forms, please ask me by phone or email. I am here to help you. Best wishes for the coming year and I hope next year at VA Division Convention I can report that all chapters have increased their membership by one or more!

HISTORIAN

Mrs. Deborah Lundeen

As Historian one of the things that I get to do is work with the Annual Statistical Report Required by Historian General. Working with this report gives me the advantage of being able to see all at once the excellent work being done by Virginia's Daughters. This report is used in determining which Chapters are named winners of the annual awards. This year the winners are.

Alice Whitley Jones Banner, **Ann Carter Lee**

Best Overall Historical Work 7-40, **Rawley Martin**

Best Overall Historical Work 41+, **Fredericksburg**

Largest Number of Books in Schools and Libraries 7-40,

H.A. Carrington

Largest Number of Books in Schools and Libraries 41+,

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Best Yearbook 7-40, **H.A. Carrington**

Best Yearbook 41+, **General Stuart**

Best Scrapbook 7-40, **H.A. Carrington**

Best Scrapbook 41+, **Southern Cross**

Historical Essays: **Susan Reynolds, Farmville** and **Sharon Loving, General Stuart**

Jefferson Davis Historical Gold Medal, 3 Division Awards:
Dr. Mark F. Miller; Dr. John Selby; Mr. Ronald L. Coleman, Sr.

I thank everyone that participated in this year's awards.

I would like to emphasize the importance of the "Statistical Requirements for Historian General Report" that is found in your Annual Chapter Report Packet. I urge each of you to obtain a copy of this report and follow it throughout the year so that you get credit for all that you do. I also caution everyone to read carefully rules and requirements in general. Your Historian General states, "If you don't send the attachments, you can't get the credit". I would add to that, "If you do not send the *information exactly like it is asked for*, you can't get the credit."

It is not too early to be thinking about District Conferences. At each Conference officers give a work shop. Please, jot down your questions, comments and most importantly ideas. Constructive criticism is welcomed as that is one way we grow as an individual and as a Division.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your Historian and look forward to the 2013 season. The Holidays are fast approaching. I wish you all a very happy, safe season. God bless one and all.

RECORDER of MILITARY SERVICE AWARDS

Mrs. Elizabeth ("Betsy") Spencer

I am deeply appreciative of the many cards, messages, and prayers from Virginia's Daughters wishing me well as I underwent spinal surgery in October. My recovery is proceeding on pace, and throughout my illness your encouragement and support have been so helpful and meaningful to me. Special thanks are due **Suzanne Townsend, Deborah Lundeen, Barbara Joyner**, and

Dolores Smith for conducting the Military Service Award bestowals during Historical Evening at Division Convention in my absence.

Year's end is always a time of reflection, and I want to acknowledge the hard work and diligence of our Chapters and Recorders who honored 68 veterans this past program year. This accomplishment earned Virginia Division a General award as the Division bestowing the second largest number of UDC Military Service Awards. Well done! Let us aspire, however, to even greater numbers of Military Service Awards being presented through August 31st, 2013, with fuller participation by our Chapters; for when we honor our military, active duty or veteran, we fulfill the patriotic and heritage goals for which our organization stands. Remember, too, that time is of the essence – the opportunity to award WWII and Korean War Crosses to **living** veterans is quickly slipping away.

And, as we begin the celebration of Christmas, I ask you to keep in your thoughts and prayers our military personnel who are serving abroad in places of great danger. When possible help the families of these men and women, who must be without the presence of their loved ones at this time, and redouble support, as well, to our combat wounded and infirm veterans that languish in hospitals and care facilities. Christmas is about caring and sharing.

Wishing you and yours a blessed holiday season

CUSTODIAN

Mrs. Sherry Greshamer

'Tis the season to be thankful for all that we have, a job, food on the table, a roof over our head and our health. Be grateful we can still honor our heritage. Ignore the politically correct and say "Merry Christmas" to each and all. I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and begins a New Year!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Lois Bailey

Merry Christmas to everyone. Both Division and General Conventions have passed for another year and what a great time was had by all. Having attended both, it was so nice to see and renew old friendships. If you haven't attended any conventions, or conferences, you don't know what you are missing and should put them on your agenda for 2013. At our Division Convention, it was voted to publish the Old Dominion Bulletin four times a year. Hopefully you will enjoy the new Historical addition to our newsletter written by **Martha Boltz, Fairfax Chapter**. We are blessed to have someone to come to our rescue in a time of need. The additional issue will also give you more of a chance to let everyone know what your chapter is doing. The **ODB** will be published in March, June, September and December and the deadlines will remain the same – the first of that month. Congratulations to our new **President General Jamie Likins** of Florida and our own **Dolores Smith** who was appointed Treasurer General. Best wishes to all the other officers and a big thanks to the outgoing officers, especially our own **Joan Logan Brooks** and **Charlotte Clinger** for jobs well done.

SECOND DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Ms. Eleanor Price

Second District wants to wish all of you a very happy and wonderful Christmas. We are getting ready for our District Conference on April 6, 2013 in Harrisonburg, VA at the Spotswood Country Club. **Sarah Rice Pryor** is the host chapter and they are having fun getting ready. They are a very small chapter but they want to do their part by hosting it. The District appreciates them and we always anticipate a good turnout for our meeting. So mark your calendars and come to have a great time. All chapters are busy and strong and we are now in winter quarters preparing for a busy Spring. Come visit anytime you are traveling nearby. Be safe this winter.

THIRD DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Patt Graves

Where has the time gone? We were so busy with the end of year reports, then the convention was upon us, which was just great. Next everyone was off to Richmond for the General Convention, then Thanksgiving, and now...Christmas! I am looking forward to attending the 110th anniversary of the **Williamsburg Chapter, H. A. Carrington's** Christmas meeting, **Halifax's** Christmas meeting and joining **Kirkwood Otey** in January for their meeting.

I did have the HONOR of presenting a 50 year membership pin to **May Wade Oliver James** at the November 10th meeting of the **Halifax Chapter**. **May's** son had been asked to attend also. If you have not met **May** you really should. What a remarkable lady! Not only has she held many offices in her own chapter, been President more than once, been a past Third District Chairman, past Division Recording Secretary and past Division Vice President over the years. What wonderful stories she has to tell. I cannot thank **Ginger Gentry, Halifax President**, enough for asking me to make this presentation. I may have been more excited than **May**! I am looking forward to visiting more chapters in my district. Please remember to invite me. **Ron** and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and remind you that Jesus is the reason for the season.

FOURTH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Ms. Ginger Stephens

The new UDC year got off to a busy start. In September, I performed the installation of the new chapter officers for the **Thirteenth Virginia Regiment** and **Black Horse Chapters**. I also attended a joint chapter meeting with the **Gen. Robert E. Lee** and **Manassas Chapters**. It was great to meet with all of these ladies and hear about their upcoming projects. I would like to thank all four chapters for their hospitality.

I was very proud to represent Fourth District at the Virginia Division Convention in Roanoke. I was happy to see so many of the chapters from Fourth District represented at Convention. First District did an excellent job with the Convention and we learned a lot which will help us when Fourth District hosts the Division Convention in 2013.

Fourth District is looking forward to a very busy 2013. The **Thirteenth Virginia Regiment Chapter** is preparing to

welcome everyone to the Fourth District Conference on April 27. The conference will be in **Rhoadsville** at the Rhoadsville Baptist Church. Rhoadsville is near both the Chancellorsville and Wilderness Battlefields. We hope that everyone will take the opportunity to visit the area's rich history while they are in the area for the District Conference.

Fourth District is also planning a Cemetery Workshop, targeted for early May 2013. This will be a full day session learning how to clean/preserve monuments and iron crosses. The morning will be at the Warren Rifles Museum, with the afternoon doing a hands-on session at a cemetery in the Front Royal area. Stay tuned for details.

Finally, Fourth District will be hosting the **2013 Virginia Division Convention at the Dulles Marriott from October 3 thru October 6**. The hotel is located at 45020 Aviation Drive, Dulles, VA. The hotel is located at Dulles Airport with access from Rt. 7 and Rt. 28, as well as the Dulles Toll Road. The UDC has reserved a block of rooms under the name of Virginia Division UDC with a special rate of \$94 per night (plus tax). More details on Convention will be provided over the next few months and we look forward to seeing everyone.

FIFTH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Jean L. Fawner

It was nice to see so many of the chapter presidents and members from Fifth District present at the Virginia Division Convention in Roanoke in October and once again, congratulations are in order for all of the twenty chapters for winning the Minnie C. Eller Banner and the Randolph-Walke Banner. Also, congratulations go to the individual chapters who won various awards which proves that the daughters in our district are devoted to the UDC.

Fifth District was also represented at the General Convention in Richmond in November, at which time members from **Centennial-Maury** and **Hanover Chapters** served the Tea held at the Memorial Building on Sunday, November 4, following the Memorial Service.

Fredericksburg Chapter held a Southern Cross of Honor Dedication Ceremony on October 14 in honor of Alexander Dandridge Spottswood, Co. C, 30th Virginia Infantry, CSA, at Locust Grove, VA.

On November 17 **Janet Randolph Chapter** held a ceremony at the grave of Real Daughter **Evelyn Matheny** at Westhampton Cemetery in Richmond. Following the ceremony, a luncheon was held at the home of the president, **Patsy Anne Bickerstaff**.

Williamsburg Chapter will celebrate its 110th Birthday on December 6 at Ford's Colony Club House in Williamsburg. The program begins at 11:30 a.m. with a luncheon to follow.

Rebecca Lloyd Tabb Chapter will hold its 3rd Annual Civil War Christmas Memorial Service on December 8 at Bellamy United Methodist Church in Gloucester. The ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m.

The nominating committee for Fifth District is composed of **Betty Jean Giragosian, Hanover Chapter, Chairman; Beth Burgess, President Davis Chapter and Shawn Martin, Fredericksburg Chapter**. Nominations for the chairman for the 2013-2015 term should be sent to a member of the committee.

Chesterfield Chapter will serve as the hostess chapter for the Fifth District Conference to be held in Chesterfield County on March 23. Additional information will be available at a later date.

As we approach the Christmas season, let us remember the true meaning of Christmas, as well as our service men and women who serve in many dangerous places in the world. May all of our daughters have a blessed and peaceful Christmas Season.

SIXTH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Susan Carraway

It was great seeing everyone at the Virginia Division Convention in Roanoke this year. If you have never gone to Convention, please plan to go next year. It is a great experience. You get to meet your UDC sisters from across the state and hear what great things they are doing.

'Tis the season. While we are hustling and bustling to get ready for Christmas, shopping, hanging holly and mistletoe, let's not forget our veterans in the nursing homes. They love to get cards, magazines and all the necessities that the rest of us take for granted. A lot of them don't have family around anymore to take care of them and need a little TLC. We need to take care of our veterans and let them know we appreciate everything they have sacrificed for us.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY ..."

DATES TO THE WAR.

Martha M. Boltz, Fairfax Chapter



Many musicians and poets will admit that some of their finest work comes when they have experienced a death or a tragedy of some kind, that the writing of poetry has an almost cathartic effect on the writer.

Such is the case of one of the best known carols associated with Christmas, "*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*," which came from the pen of American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882), and was written on Christmas Day, 1864.

His had been a tortured last few years. On July 11, 1861, his wife Fanny had clipped some long curls from the head of her seven-year-old daughter, Edith, and wanting to save them, melted a bar of sealing wax with a candle.

His wife's fatal accident

Somehow the thin fabric of her clothing caught fire, and she quickly ran to Longfellow's nearby study. He immediately tried to extinguish the flames with a small rug, and when that failed, he threw his arms around Fanny to smother the flames, causing him to sustain serious burns on his face, arms and hands. His heroic act did not suffice and Fanny died the next morning of her injuries. Longfellow was unable to even attend the funeral.

Photographs of Longfellow taken or made after the fire usually show him with a full beard, since he was no longer able to shave properly due to the burns and scarring.

The coming of the holiday season in the Longfellow house became a time of grieving for his wife while trying to provide a happy time for the children left at home. It was at Christmas of 1862 that he wrote in his journal, "A 'merry Christmas' say the children, but that is no more for me."

Also his oldest son, Charles Appleton "Charley" Longfellow, quietly left their Cambridge, Mass. home, and enlisted in the Union Army much against the wishes of his father. He was 17 years old and had gone to Capt. W. H. McCartney, who was in charge of Battery A of the 1st Mass. Artillery and asked to be allowed to enlist. McCartney knew the boy did not have his father's permission. He contacted the senior Longfellow to see if he could obtain it on his behalf. Longfellow conceded the point and acceded to the request.

Still wanted his father's approval

In mid-March, Longfellow had received word from Charles, saying, "I have tried hard to resist the temptation of going without your leave, but I cannot any longer." The determined young man continued, "I feel it to be my first duty to do what I can for my country and I would willingly lay down my life for it if it would be of any good."

It was only a few months before Charley came down with typhoid fever and malaria, and was sent home to recover, not rejoining his unit until August 15, 1863.

Following the Gettysburg battle, which he had luckily missed, the conflict made its way into Virginia, and it was at the Battle of New Hope Church, in Orange, VA., part of the Mine Run Campaign, that young Lt. Longfellow sustained injuries which seriously disabled him. He was hit in the shoulder and the ricocheting bullet removed some portions of several vertebrae. It was reported that he missed being paralyzed by less than one inch. Again Longfellow traveled to where the injured son was hospitalized, and brought him to Cambridge to recover. And the war for Charley was over.

And the poem was written...

And so at Christmas of 1863, a reflective and sad poet sat down and began to write the beautiful words that we sing each Christmas:

*I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.*

*I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.*

*And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."*

*Till, ringing singing, on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!*

Remembering that this was written during the War Between the States, and not published until 1872, it shows that the concerns of the War were much on Longfellow's mind and heart. Thus there were two other verses that appeared in the original as numbers four and five, and are not used today, since they emphasize his feelings surrounding the War:

*Then from each black accursed mouth
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound, The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn, The households born
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

Longfellow's heartfelt words of loss and hope were published and well received. John Baptiste Calkin (1827-1905), an English composer, was similarly affected by the poem, and it was he who penned the music that we know and sing today, slightly rearranging the verses or stanzas as he did.

It is a glorious carol, and provides the enduring concept that despite tragedy, loss and even warfare, there is within most of us the hope and wish for "peace on earth, good-will to men!"

A very Merry Christmas to all of you good friends and readers, and may the coming year of 2013 be filled with good times, good books, good friends, and good health! And peace on earth.

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DEATH OF PAST PRESIDENT



It is with sadness and a heavy heart that we report the death of our Virginia Division Past President **Nellie Catherine Motley Sours (Mrs. Archer H.) Overbey** on 28 October at the age of 103. **Mrs. Overbey** was Virginia Division President from 1965–1967 and had served many other offices in the UDC as well as other organizations. She was a member of

Rawley Martin Chapter and at the time of her death she was a member of the Board of Trustees for the Virginia Division. While serving as Chapter President and Third Vice President, she organized **CofC Cody Bachman Chapter** in 1961 and during her Division Presidency she organized **William Henry Ramsey UDC Chapter** in Gretna.

Mrs. Overbey was a lifelong resident of Pittsylvania County and spent her adult life in the town of Chatham. She was survived by her daughter **Mary Catherine Sours Plaster**, a granddaughter, a grandson and five great granddaughters.

PAST CONVENTION CHAIRMAN

Dolores Smith

I just want to thank all of the Chapters in **First District** for their hard work, contributions of time, money and talent! You made the Convention the success it was! **First District** you are the Best! Love, Dolores

INVITATION TO 2013 VIRGINIA DIVISION CONVENTION

Please plan to attend the 2013 Virginia Division Convention.

DATES: October 3-6, 2013
LOCATION: Dulles Marriott
45020 Aviation Drive
Dulles, VA, 20166-7506
PHONE: (703) 471-9500
ROOM RATE: \$94 + tax
Reference the Virginia Div. UDC room block for the special rate
A website for reservations will be provided in January 2013.
HOSTESS CHAPTERS: Black Horse 9
Loudoun 170
Manassas 175

This is a reminder that 2013 is an election year in Virginia Division.

ORGANIZATION of NEW CHAPTERS

Mary Vial-Chairman

Anyone interested in chartering a new Chapter, or re-chartering a defunct Chapter, please contact me. You only have to have 7 new members, but transfers from another Chapter do not count as new members. If you would like some information on the process, or if I can help you in any

way, I am always available. Mary Vial – e-mail John_v23294@yahoo.com Tel. No. 804-270-1517
315 Huron Ave. Henrico, VA 23294-5425

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Mrs. Fran Towberman, Chairman

CONGRATULATIONS TO **HENRY CARTER STUART CHAPTER, HONAKER, AND PRINCESS ANNE CHAPTER, VIRGINIA BEACH, FOR BEING CO-WINNERS OF THE 2011-12 MEMBERSHIP AWARD.**

This is a unique situation –never has there been a tie. I think it's interesting, and wouldn't it be something if there were always ties for having the most new members? Since it's almost a new year let's **RESOLVE** to seek additional members! It should be our priority, agree?

Membership and fellowship is a simple idea of having 'things' in common. They are words that mark realization of unity in purpose and in effort. *So as we begin a new UDC year let us resolve* that we also have responsibilities in common and if there is any failure in this relationship it is in us. Are we in fellowship as children or grown-ups~~~ this question is for your heart to answer. Responsibility is a state of mind whereby we commit ourselves to maintaining the integrity of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Our honor and reputations is tarnished by moments of indiscretion that cannot be reversed. Responsibility is vital to any thriving organization; without it members succumb to apathy and work suffers at minimum or at maximum ceases. All we do is a reflection of our organization and ourselves. How do we look in that mirror? Honesty is the fiber of each member's soul. It is crucial to establishing lasting results, developing leadership, and acquiring true, noble success. Civility should be defined as a courteous and respectful manner toward each other. Let us avoid decisions and actions that diminish our personal and our organization's potential. Let us promise to exemplify the traits of **R. E. Lee** and all Confederates who worthily served the cause. Let them not be ashamed of us. Thus we go forward doing our best and seeking those that will join us in the worthy services and activities of OUR UNITED DAUGHTERS' CHAPTERS/VIRGINIA DIVISION.

VIRGINIA SHOULD BE LEADING THE WAY IN MEMBERSHIP INCREASE AND IN WINNING AWARDS IN EACH OBJECTIVE FIELD. WE WERE A LEADER IN THE WBTS YEARS. WE STILL HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO BE IN A LEADING and LEADERSHIP POSITION. This opinion is mine---your Membership Chairman, **Fran Towberman**

GRANDDAUGHTERS CLUB

Mrs. Sarah Stinnett, President

We would like ALL Chapter Registrars to please mail or email me the granddaughters names, addresses, phone and email etc. so we can plan some activities for the year. Some chapters never sent me sheets with this information on it in August and we really need it to help our Club to continue to grow.

Jean Frawner was elected secretary for General Granddaughters Club for the next two years. The General Club donated \$500.00 for the restoration of the Botetourt Dragons Flag project and our Va. Division Granddaughters Club donated \$200.00 to this project to add to the donation of \$200.00 last year.

At General Club meeting we were asked to donate for our deceased members this year a "donation in memory" given to General Treasurer. A discussion was also held regarding resurrecting the project "*Facts of History Told Me/By My Grandfather's Confederate Service.*" Each granddaughter is to prepare something about their grandfathers and it was decided to discuss this further among the officers and to also to put it in the newsletter, which the president will send out before the end of the year. "*Facts of History told me by /of my Grandfather's Confederate Service* should be sent to: Brenda Latham - 8808 Three Chopt Road #205 Henrico, Va. 23229 Please contact me if you have any questions.

GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTERS CLUB

Mrs. Myrna Sharon, President

Sixty-five great-granddaughters attended our luncheon at the Division Convention in Roanoke. It was voted on that we donate \$500 to the Snedden Scholarship Fund and \$250 to our President's project "*Preserving the Voices of Our People*". Dues were raised to \$6 a year to go along with General also raising their dues by \$1. Election of officers was held and the following were elected: **Mrs. Myrna Sharon**, President; **Mrs. Linda Tyree**, Vice President; **Mrs. Sharon Crockett**, Secretary and **Mrs. Suzanne Townsend**, Treasurer.

Any member wishing to join can go to the Virginia UDC website, print out the application and send it to the treasurer. We would love to have you become a member!

GREAT-GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTERS CLUB

Mrs. Mary Vial, President

Do you have a Great-Great-Grandfather? If so, the VA Division Club is strong and growing. Please join us. The Application and info is on the UDC Website, dues \$7. You automatically will join the General Club. Both the VA Division and the General Club have pins. Honor your Great Grandfather, and join the Club.

GR-GR-GR-GRANDDAUGHTERS CLUB

Mrs. Mary Vial, President

Do you have a GGGGrandfather? If so, then please join the GGGGranddaughters club. We now have 22 members, and I am sure that there are many more eligible members in VA Division. The Application and information is on the UDC website and dues are \$6 per year. When you join VA Division GGGDClub, you will also be joining the General Club, and will be able to purchase a beautiful pin. This form is on the General website. Looking forward to hearing from you.

NEW GENERAL VAVS COMMITTEE

Charlotte Clinger, General Chairman Committee

At Spring Board, **President General Martha Van Schaick (2010-2012)** announced that she had appointed a new Special Committee, the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Committee. For Division Patriotic Activities Chairmen that means that all things relating to the VAVS, particularly reporting and appointment of VA Medical Center VAVS Committee UDC Representatives, Deputy Representatives, Associate Representatives and Deputy Associate Representatives will go through this new Committee, as well as donations to VA facilities, VAVS volunteer hours, and VAVS Committee reports. The Division may wish to appoint a new VAVS Committee for the Division. A Committee form will be available soon.

I have been asked to chair the General Committee, primarily because, as a longtime National Advisory Committee, VAVS, UDC Representative or Deputy Representative, I am familiar with procedures and requirements of the VAVS. I look forward to having a wonderful report from Virginia Division. Please feel free to contact me with questions at fairfaxbelle@earthlink.net or by telephone at 703-978-5617.

SESQUICENTENNIAL PRESS BOOK

Mary Vial, Chairman

I am compiling the General Sesquicentennial Press Book. and am working on my 5th album. Anything you see in newspaper articles, magazines or flyers, concerning the Sesquicentennial-1861-1865, please send to me. All information is needed so that in the future, we will be able to see what was written, and photographed about the time period. Do not let this important period be forgotten. Please help, Mary Vial 9315 Huron Ave. Henrico, VA 23294-5425

News of Our Members and Chapters

Leslie Mehaffey, Chapter President for **Bedford Chapter** had surgery in August.

Betsy Spencer, Recorder of Military Service Awards, had surgery in October.

Congratulations to **Hilda Bradberry** upon her award of the SCV Ladies Appreciation Award for her many efforts on behalf of the SCV and Southern history and heritage.

Mary Jo Lunoe, **Caroline Grays Chapter** was in a serious auto accident on 7 November with major injuries. We wish her a speedy recovery.

FINCASTLE CHAPTER

Debra McClane, Second Vice President

Fincastle Chapter celebrated its third year as a re-chartered chapter this past March. Seven of our eight members attended

the Division Convention in Roanoke in October and one member attended the General Convention in Richmond.

On April 9 the Chapter undertook a significant project in honor of the Sesquicentennial by notifying the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond that the group would sponsor fundraising for the conservation of the 1861 Botetourt Dragoons flag. The flag was presented by the Ladies of Fincastle to the Botetourt Dragoons as they left for the war in

1861. In 1907, the flag was donated to the Museum, which listed it among its "Top 12 Flags in Need of Conservation." Textile Preservation Associates estimates that the conservation will cost \$21,000.

Through generous donations from the Virginia Division, Division and General Clubs, and individuals, the Chapter has raised \$2,500 to date. We are endeavoring to reach out to local individuals whose ancestors fought with the Dragoons (Company C of the 2nd Va. Cavalry), as well as local historical groups and corporate sponsors. Two Chapter members have ancestors who were members of the unit. **Linda Newcomb's** great-grandfather, **George Henry Layman**, was a Dragoon and was wounded in action at the Battle of Second Manassas. **Harriet Brewbaker Francis** had three great-uncles who were in the unit: **Achilles Mooreman Hayth**, **Edward Pendleton Hayth**, and **George Hammone Hayth**, who died in 1863 from wounds received at Boonsboro, Md. **Harriet** and her sister, **Sarah Brewbaker Stinnett (President Davis Chapter)**, are members of the Virginia Division Granddaughters Club, which has donated generously to the project.

The Chapter envisions this project extending through the Sesquicentennial observance, but hopes to complete its efforts by April 9, 2015—marking 150 years after the end of the war.

Donations may be made to the **Fincastle UDC Chapter 797**, Bank of Fincastle, P.O. Box 107, Fincastle, VA 24090. Checks may be made to "**Fincastle Chapter 797, UDC**" and include "**Botetourt Dragoon Flag Fund**" on the memo line. Credit card donations may be made directly to the **Museum of the Confederacy** via their web site: www.moc.org. Check for updates on this project and other chapter activities on our website: www.fincastlechapter797.org.

We wish our fellow Daughters and their families a very blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

FARMVILLE CHAPTER

Kay Powell, President

Farmville Chapter is anxiously awaiting delivery of their newly approved Chapter pin. We are proud of **Susan Reynolds** first place essay entry about General Robert E. Lee which was announced at the Virginia Division Convention. Each month members are given a question to answer at the following meeting. Questions are derived from the UDC Catechism. This has been a learning experience and is also fun for everyone.

Two members attend the Virginia Division Convention in Roanoke and General Convention in Richmond. Vice President **Deborah Lundeen** was a Page at General. In November several members attended the Thanksgiving dinner meeting held by SCV High Bridge Camp and were entertained by Gen. Robert E. Lee portrayer **Mr. David Palmer**.

LANCASTER COUNTY CHAPTER

Mrs. Jo Ann Fickling, President

At the November Chapter meeting a 25 Year Pin and Certificate was presented to **Virginia Boudreaux**. The Pin was given by the Chapter to thank her for the years of devoted service for the Chapter and UDC. **Virginia** has held several Officer positions including 2 terms as President. She continues to help in keeping the Chapter history with her beautiful scrapbooks.

GENERAL STUART CHAPTER

Mary Vial, President

On September 15 **Gen. Stuart Chapter** dedicated the graves of two Confederate Veterans in Hollywood Cemetery. The chapter had agreed to help with a service for an ancestor of UDC member **Mrs. Mary Ellen Shugart** from **Pensacola Chapter 298**, Pensacola, Fla., and also chapter member **Mrs. Patricia Conner** on the grave of her ancestor.

The Flags were presented by the William Latane Camp SCV, and the salutes were led by Chapter members. **Mrs. Mary Vial, Chapter President** led the service, and **Mrs. Jeannie Booth** and **Mrs. Karen Sale, Isle of Wight Chapter**, who were in period mourning dress, represented the family of the two Confederate veterans.

Mrs. Shugart spoke on the life of her Gr.Gr.Uncle, **Private Thomas Spratt**, and **Mrs. Conner** told us the story of her Gr.Gr.Grandfather, **George Washington Yager**. **Mrs. Shugart** was also in period mourning dress, and all three ladies carried flowers for the grave site. Soil from the home place of the ancestors was sprinkled on the graves, and the tombstones were unveiled. Following the service the assembly gathered under the trees for refreshments furnished by Chapter members.

Skylark CofC Chapter members attended the CofC Va. Division Convention in Fredericksburg **Maggie Joyner** was elected Chaplain, **Laurel Anna Joyner** was elected Custodian and **Noah Joyner** was elected Chairman of the Nominating Committee. In July, while attending the CofC General convention, **Audrey Joyner** was elected Chaplain General and **Jordan Joyner** was elected Third Vice president General.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, Skylark's Director **Lorraine Gibson** held a pumpkin patch meeting for 5 members and 15 prospective members, at Meadow Farm Park in Richmond. They had a picnic, discussed the meaning of the UDC and CofC, and had a Catechism Quiz. All of the participants were given a pumpkin. **Skylark Chapter** members work to uphold the goals and ideals on which the Children of the Confederacy was founded.

JANET RANDOLPH CHAPTER

Mrs. Patsy Anne Bickerstaff, President

A few months ago, **Janet Randolph Chapter** received a donation of upholstery and drapery fabric samples and bolt-ends. Seamstresses in the chapter have been working on tote bags, wheelchair bags and walker bags to be combined with the gifts we expect to take to McGuire Veterans Hospital in December.

Our November function was the dedication of a bronze plaque, which our chapter had arranged to have made and attached to the headstone of **Evelyn Matheny**, our last Real Daughter. The plaque indicates that **Evelyn** was the daughter of **Pvt. George Dransfield**, Company A, 22nd Virginia Infantry, Confederate States Army. The dedication, including a Scripture reading and dedication prayer by **Division President Mrs. Floyd M. Townsend**, was attended by chapter members, several of our Division Officers, a past Fifth District Chairman, and **Evelyn's** two daughters, **Mrs. Lois Barker** and **Dr. Judy Matheny**, who unveiled the plaque. The ceremony was followed by a buffet luncheon prepared by chapter members and held at the home of the chapter president.

FORT LOWRY CHAPTER

Mrs. Gay Packett, President

A Charter presentation ceremony was held 9 September at Cobham Park Church in Warsaw for the newly organized **Fort Lowry Chapter**. The Chapter was chartered on 1 August 2012. The sixteen Chapter Charter members in attendance were **Gay H. Packett, Katherine Stout, Marilyn Susa, Barbara McCrean, Pat Pugh, Hillary Pugh, Alyson Pugh, Jennie Hawkinson, Cindy Packett, Edwina Dawson, Mickey Teese, Pat Given, Marguerit Mahoney, Lynn Settle, Lisa Workman and Shirley Smith**. Each member was presented with a certificate by **Division President Mrs. Suzanne Townsend** and Division Organization of New Chapters, **Mrs. Mary Vial**. We appreciate all of the assistance given by them. Many of our Confederate ancestors served at Fort Lowry guarding boats on the Rappahannock River.

CENTENNIAL-MAURY CHAPTER

Mrs. Jeanne Hughes, Vice President

Centennial-Maury is pleased to have a display case showing reproduction Civil War period dresses and accessories at Hanover Tavern, which is located in Hanover, Va. The President of the Chapter, **Jean Frawner**, worked with this project. She also loaned historical family collections of Civil War artifacts, pictures and letters for the Civil War Museum, which is at the Tavern and is open to tourists, as well as county residents.

The Chapter is continuing to take Christmas cards to McGuire Veteran's Hospital. The cards, which number over 400, were contributed and signed by the members at the November meeting. This year C-M is also collecting underwear for

ladies who are being treated or undergoing rehabilitation at the Veteran's Hospital. These items will be taken to the hospital by Benevolent Committee members, **Faye Barnes and Suzi Robinson**.

The November meeting ended with a delicious "Holiday Luncheon" which was prepared by all the members. Guests included Virginia Division officers, **Barbara Joyner**, 2nd Vice-President; **Lois Bailey**, Corresponding Secretary; **Pat Bryson**, Past President and **Betty Jean Giragosian**, Honorary President of General.

FREDERICKSBURG CHAPTER

Miss Jacqueline Descaro, President

The **Fredericksburg Chapter** has been very active since the end of summer starting with an Iron Cross Dedication in September for George Washington Newton Co. A. 47th Virginia Infantry at Historic White Oak Primitive Church in Stafford County. Descendants from South Carolina also attended and many were in period dress. It was a beautiful ceremony and the weather was perfect as we had fellowship and refreshments afterwards under an old cedar tree.

In October Ladies from our Chapter volunteered to help with the Stonewall Jackson Ambulance Run, a twenty mile run through the battlefields of Spotsylvania and Chancellorsville. In period dress, water and gatorade was handed out to the runners. "*Why time your run when you can run through time*" was the motto. We all had so much fun doing this event.

In Honor of Alexander Dandridge Spottswood Co .C, 30th Virginia Infantry, an Iron Cross Dedication was held at the Spottswood Cemetery in Lake of the Woods. It was yet another well attended ceremony and we were again blessed with a beautiful October day.

The **Fredericksburg Chapter** was chartered November 11, 1897 - 115 years ago! We celebrated our Anniversary on Historical Evening, November 26th by honoring Vietnam Veteran **Marvin Alvin Newton** with the Vietnam Conflict Service Cross of Military Service. Also in attendance was Boy Scout **Joseph Lawrence** who received a donation from our Chapter for his Eagle Scout project to build bench seating and other needed improvements for the Spotsylvania Confederate Cemetery. **Lt. Col. Eric Buckland, Ret.** author of several books about Mosby's Rangers provided a power point discussion with the topic "*A Few Mosby Men and Their Ladies*". It was very interesting and one of the ladies he mentioned was Past Virginia Division President **Mrs. Norman V. Randolph** in whose memory the Mrs. Norman V. Randolph Relief Fund honors. Delicious refreshments were served along with a special Anniversary cake.

As Christmas time is near **Fredericksburg Chapter** is looking forward to our joint Christmas Party which will be held at the Fredericksburg Country Club with **King George and Caroline-Grays Chapters**. We have had a wonderful time thus far doing what we do best, honoring our beloved Confederate Ancestors, our rich Confederate history and look forward to the coming New Year.

PETERSBURG CHAPTER

Mrs. Nellie Ashby Collins, President

The **Petersburg Chapter** will celebrate the holiday season with a Christmas Luncheon at The High Street Inn, Bed and Breakfast. Located in Old Towne Petersburg, this beautiful Queen Anne Mansion, circa 1891 has operated as a Bed & Breakfast since the late 1980's. **Mr. Henry Kidd**, a local artist and author of many books pertaining to The War Between the States will be our guest speaker.

The Veteran's Day Service at the Old Chesterfield Courthouse Green was attended by **Mrs. Barbara Jernigan, Mrs. Beverly Cook and myself**. As President of the **Petersburg Chapter** I placed a wreath made of Magnolia Leaves. Virginia Division President **Mrs. Suzanne Townsend** attended and placed a wreath on behalf of the Virginia Division.

Mrs. Townsend is a member of the **Petersburg Chapter**, chartered in the General Division, November 11, 1897. She has served the **Petersburg Chapter** as Past President 2003-2007 and is currently Treasurer of our chapter.

Our November meeting was held at the Masonic Building in Petersburg. We welcome **Mrs. Tommy Peters (Ginger)** as a new member and **Mrs. Cheryl Brown Davis** as an Honorary member of our chapter.

President Mrs. Townsend and I attended the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Tom Smith Camp #1702, meeting at Bethlehem Christian Church, in Suffolk on November 19. It was the 18th Annual Marion Joyner Watson Award Ceremony. **Mrs. Katheryne Boone Hamilton** was Honoree on behalf of her Confederate Ancestor **Jason Boone**. He served in Co. K, 41st Virginia Infantry. We had a wonderful evening with friends and associates in both the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The chapter is expecting another year of service and remembrance. Our commitment will carry on into the New Year 2013. As members of the UDC we are proud women of this organization. We will continue to pay homage to the memory of our Confederate ancestors.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from **Petersburg Chapter**.

RICHMOND STONEWALL JACKSON CHAPTER

Fran Hudgins, President

Our Chapter has had a positive beginning this year with the Executive Board meeting in August and making plans for the coming year. We have already implemented some of our suggestions, with our goal to make us better at what we do and the things that we hope to accomplish.

We are happy to report that we have had several new members to join our Chapter this year. We look forward to working with them and teaching them more about our organization and how they can become involved to be a part of our work and

meeting our goals. We also have prospective members with known ancestors that qualify them to become members.

The Yellow Tavern is one of our treasures. Those grounds are special and we hold a high regard for the very place General J.E.B. Stuart was mortally wounded on May 11, 1864. In an effort to show our honor and respect for that sad day, we attempt to keep the area clean and cared for. We recently had some dead trees removed and added some benches to invite visitors to sit and reflect if they so desire. Although we don't have a record of visitors, a report from the area residents have advised us that there are many visitors throughout the year. All are welcomed to visit this historic site at any time. Our Chapter has our meeting at the site on May 11 to honor our fallen General.

Our Chapter attended the Candlelight Service on Veterans' Day at Huguenot Springs in Powhatan, Virginia. The President of our Chapter presented a wreath at the wreath-laying ceremony. The service was well attended.

At our November meeting, a motion was carried for our Chapter to initiate a project to address needs of the female patients at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Richmond. Members were asked to donate sweat suits, undergarments, toiletries, tooth brushes, tooth paste, etc., and bring to the December meeting for delivery before Christmas. Prior to this project, the Chapter had already donated many items in five ditty bags containing shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, pens, pencils, notepads, stamps, socks, lap rugs, etc. There are so many needs.

We are proud to report that all of our elected delegates attended the Division and General Conventions in October and November, respectively. They provided a very thorough report at our November meeting. The information was very helpful and informative.

Following our December meeting, we had our annual Brunch for Christmas. While we work steady and hard throughout the year, we enjoy fun and fellowship at our party. It is great to spend time with each other and get to know everyone better. While we are daughters, we are "sisters" with a common bond.

TURNER ASHBY CHAPTER 184

Debbie Thomas, President

Turner Ashby Chapter 184 is sad to report the passing of **Ms. Cheryl Groves Hummel**. **Cheryl** was a fourth generation member of our chapter, and owner of Bernard F. Groves Monuments, Inc. With **Cheryl's** help and the expertise of her company, we were able to clean the "Monument to the Unknown" and all the state monuments in Stonewall Cemetery. During our 133rd annual Confederate Memorial Day Service on June 6, 1999, she presented and unveiled a new monument recognizing the devotion of Winchester women to the memory of Confederate veterans. The etched black granite monolith displays the emblem of the Virginia Division, colorized images of Generals Robert E. Lee and Turner Ashby, and a group of ladies in period dress placing flags on the graves of the Confederate dead. The inscription reads:

In Honor of the Women of Winchester
The Ladies Confederate Memorial Association
Organized in 1865
And
Turner Ashby Chapter 184
United Daughters of the Confederacy
Chartered in 1897
For five generations they have cherished
The memory of the soldiers
Who lie in the Stonewall Cemetery
"Love Makes Memory Eternal"
Dedicated June 6, 1999

Cheryl described her gift as: "...a memorial to those who have passed, an honorarium to my fellow members of the chapter who so lovingly serve, and a willed legacy for generations to come."

JUBAL EARLY CHAPTER

Linda Stanley

Jubal Early Chapter is busy with several projects. Of sentimental and historical importance to us, we are cooperating with Franklin County Historical Society to restore the damaged 1910 Confederate Monument that stood on the county courthouse lawn until June 2007 when it was virtually destroyed by a pickup truck. We helped plan and led the program to dedicate the replacement statue in August 2010. Our chapter was actually formed to fund and secure the original monument. It is with pride that we are working to restore it. The old statue stands on the porch of Franklin County History Museum in Rocky Mount.

Another of our new projects is a holiday decoration event modeled after the national "Wreaths Across America" program. We will be honoring Confederate veterans resting in High Street Cemetery, the municipal burial ground in Rocky Mount, with a ceremony and wreaths. Next year, we hope to expand this program to include veterans of other wars. Eventually, we plan to decorate graves of military veterans from both peace and war time in other local public cemeteries.

We continue to honor our real daughter, **Isabell Hammock Hodges**. We wish a healthy and happy 2013 to everyone, especially those who lead the UDC in our common endeavors.

MARY CUSTIS LEE-17th VIRGINIA REGIMENT CHAPTER

Debby Mullins, President

On December 1, 2012, our chapter held its annual Christmas luncheon and program at the Mount Vernon Country Club. We are always their first event of the Christmas season. The country club was magnificently decorated with gorgeous trees and other items. We were privileged to have **Virginia Division President Suzanne Townsend, Virginia Division 2nd Vice President Barbara Joyner, Virginia Division Corresponding Secretary Lois Bailey, Past Virginia**

Division President and Past Recorder General Military Service Awards Pat Bryson, and Past Recorder General Military Service Awards Charlotte Clinger in attendance. Additionally, **Ann Calanni** was our guest. She was one of the last docents on duty when the Robert E. Lee Boyhood Home closed in 2000. Ann has been a great friend to our chapter and a supporter of our museum.

Certificates of Merit were presented to members for jobs well done this past year. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to non-members who have greatly served our chapter. Members brought donations to the causes we support: Grace Episcopal Church Food Pantry, Wounded Warriors, KOINONIA, VAVS (it took several trips to **Charlotte Clinger's** car to get all the donations for the veterans in)! We also bring coupons for military families serving outside the U.S., and stamps for Bath Abbey, England's outreach project. This year, we participated in Holiday Sharing Alexandria. Members donated gift certificates to local grocery stores for senior citizens and other retail establishments for teenagers in foster care.

Our chapter Historian **Rita Holtz**, Music of the Confederacy co-chair **Sandra Edgar** and her husband **Richard Edgar** presented a program on *Christmas during the War*. **Rita** told stories of parents attempting to provide Christmas cheer for their little ones in difficult time. She included the story that following one battle on Christmas Eve, Confederate and Union soldiers were camped on opposite sides of the river. Each side had a band. A sort of Battle of Bands was going on. One side would play "*Hail Columbia*," the other would play "*Dixie*." Finally, one band played "*Home Sweet Home*." Both sides joined in the singing until finally, there was just silence. Several in the audience were seen teary eyed yesterday.

A wonderful lunch with much fellowship followed.

TURNER ASHBY 162

Eleanor Price, President

Happy Holidays!! We have a new POW pin!!! They are \$25.00 and are to be worn off the official ribbon, as a way to remember any ancestor that was a POW. Please contact **Ann Youell**, annyouell@verizon.net to order one. We will be selling them at our annual Lee, Jackson, Maury Dance on January 26, 2013 being held at the Spotswood Country Club from 11:00 - 4:00. This is the annual big one!! And, yes, Lee and Jackson will attend. If you want to set up a booth let me know. For more information e-mail me at leap@msn.com. We will have a silent auction and a wonderful big lunch for you to enjoy. Please plan on attending this annual event and join with **Division President Suzanne Townsend** who is planning to attend.

Wouldn't you like to have your own subscription sent directly to you? **YOU CAN!** Send a \$6.00 check made payable to *Treasurer, Virginia Division* and mail to the Corresponding Secretary, Virginia Division. Be sure and give your e-mail address.

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Our Condolences to Our Chapters And Members for Their Losses

Thoughts and prayers were sent to the following:

Diane Scott, Isle of Wight Chapter, in the passing of her mother on 16 August.

Janet L. Holaday in North Dakota on the death of her mother and **Fairfax Chapter** member **Alberta B. Holaday** who passed away 27 August.

Ginnie Storage, Fredericksburg Chapter, and **Mackie Storage, Nannie Seddon Barney CofC** and Past President Virginia Division CofC in the passing of their father-in-law and grandfather **Sam Storage** on 16 September.

Betty Thompson, Albemarle Chapter, on the passing of her husband **Edwin “Joe”** after a long and courageous battle with cancer on 26 September.

Sharon Crockett, Kirkwood Otey Chapter, on the passing of her mother on 28 September in Wichita, Kansas.

Fredericksburg Chapter on the passing of their long time member **Beverly Williams** on 10 October.

Barbara Byrd and Betty Smith, Caroline Grays Chapter, on the passing of their sister **Brenda Farmer Horton** on 4 October.

Nancy Gum, Past Virginia Division President and member of Turner Ashby Chapter 162 in the passing of her husband **Dr. John H. Gum, Sr.** on 28 October. **Dr. Gum** is also survived by his sons **John and Edward**.

Chesterfield Chapter on the passing of their member **Dorothy Dudley Scarberry** on 4 October.

Harriet Hunter, Suffolk Chapter, on the passing of her husband on 26 November.

Turner Ashby 184 Chapter in the passing of a fourth generation member of their Chapter, **Ms. Cheryl Groves Hummel** on September 27th.

Ex-President General Jane Durden on the passing of her brother in late November.

Mrs. Margaret Harris, President Williamsburg Chapter, on the passing of her mother on 27 November.



Congratulations and Welcome to our New Members

Real Daughter Charter Member *CofCTransfer*

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| Mary Carolyn Hylar Fitch | Anne Eliza Johns |
| Mary Edith Hamlett Stutts | Anne Eliza Johns |
| Denise Lola Clemens Wierzbecki | Fredericksburg |
| Cynthia Renee Abbott-Bedsaul | Jefferson Davis |
| Anita Jean Aldred Roberts | Jefferson Davis |
| Joyce Ann Fluharty | Luray |
| Patricia Ann Poindexter | Southern Cross |
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2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Jan 14 | Birthday of Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury |
| Jan 18 | Lee-Jackson, Maury Commemoration , Old House of Delegates Chamber, VA State Capitol at 6 p.m. |
| Jan 19 | Birthday of General Robert Edward Lee. |
| Jan 21 | Birthday of General Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson |
| Feb 15 | Chapter obligations due to Division Treasurer |
| Mar 1 | Deadline for submitting information for March Issue of <i>Old Dominion Bulletin</i> |
| Mar 2 | Division Executive Board Meeting |
| Mar 9 | General Spring Board, UDC Memorial Building |
| Mar 23 | Fifth District – Chesterfield |
| Apr 6 | Second District – Sara Price Pryor |
| Apr 13 | Sixth District – Peninsula Campaign |
| Apr 20 | First District – Southern Cross |
| Apr 27 | Fourth District – Thirteenth Virginia Regiment |
| May 4 | Third District – Halifax |
| May 27 | Memorial Day |
| Jun 1 | Deadline for submitting information for June Issue of <i>Old Dominion Bulletin</i> |
| Jun 1 | Annual Massing of the Flags, UDC Memorial Building, Richmond |
| Jun 2 | Confederate Memorial Day – Arlington Cemetery |
| Jun 3 | Birthday of Jefferson Davis |
| Jun 14 | Flag Day |
| Jun 8 | Virginia Division CofC Convention – |
| Jul 18-20 | General CofC Convention, Jackson, Mississippi |
| Jul 20 | Commemoration of the Battle of First Manassas |
| Aug 1 | Chapter Reports due to District Chairmen |
| Aug 1 | Deadline for submitting information for August Issue of <i>Old Dominion Bulletin</i> |
| Aug 15 | District Chairmen reports due |
| Aug 31 | End of UDC year |
| Sep 1 | Deadline for submitting information for September Issue of <i>Old Dominion Bulletin</i> |
| Oct 3-6 | 118 th Virginia Annual Division Convention, Dulles, VA |
| Nov 7-11 | 120 th Annual General Convention, Tulsa, Oklahoma |
| Dec 1 | Deadline for submitting information for December Issue of <i>Old Dominion Bulletin</i> |

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