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President's Message - Fredrea Cook

Ladies,

As summer kicks into full swing, we are looking ahead with anxious excitement towards our Annual Meeting Events scheduled August 5 - 6, in Baxter Springs. It is my hope that all of you will be able to attend our 3rd Annual Meeting.

It is with deep sorrow that I report to you the loss of one of our active Organizing Members. Joyce Gibson passed away in June. She will be sorely missed. The Cowskin Prairie Chapter will hold a Memorial Service at the Annual Meeting.

At our Chapter Meeting on June 18th, we were happy to greet two new Members and began getting acquainted with them. A special Welcoming Ceremony and

presentation of their UDC Certificates will be a part of our Annual Meeting in August.

Our Program in June was presented by Jim Bob Ridenour of the Newtonia Battlefield Preservation Association. He also joined us for lunch at Angels on the Route, prior to the meeting. Jim Bob gave an interesting Program detailing the work of the Preservation Association as they attempt to get the Battlefield site included in the National Park System. Also of interest to many attending was their upcoming Christmas Open House.

In the interest of moving the Chapter forward, I ask again that you bring the files and materials from your tenure

as an Officer, Director, or Committee Chairman to the Annual Meeting so that you may pass it on to whoever succeeds you in that position. Our new year begins September 1st so let's do all we can to assure a smooth transition within Chapter Leadership .

One last reminder to all of you who plan to attend the Annual Meeting...Your reservations are due to our Treasurer, Sherry Rollins, by July 25th. You will find the reservation sheet and information in the Call which was mailed to you in May.

Onward & Upward!!

Fredrea



Chapter Officers

**President - Fredrea Cook
1st Vice President - Carrie Cook
2nd Vice President - Dana Hutton
Recording Secretary - Kay Fleming
Registrar - Jean Bohannan
Treasurer - Sherry Rollins
Historian - Jacquie Cartmell**

Recorder of Military Crosses - Cheyhoma Dugger

Appointed Chapter Officers

**Chaplain - Carrie Cook
Corresponding Secretary - Kathy Robinson
Parliamentarian - Barbara Crew-Hutton**



SAVE THE DATES

- July 25 Annual Meeting Reservation are Due
- July 28 Lunch at Ingrid's German Kitchen, Noon, OKC
- August 1 All Year End Reports and Copies of General Reports are due to President (please email)
- August 6 Annual Meeting (all reports due on August 1st)
Baxter Springs Museum
Awards Banquet
Cooper Home, Baxter Springs, Kansas
- September 1 All Chapter Dues Must Be Paid As The New Year Begins. Dues are \$25. Make check payable to Cowskin Prairie, CWND # 2702

ANNUAL REPORTS

If you are an Officer, Director and/or a Committee Chairman, please be reminded to email your verbal report to the President at fredrea@aftonhistory.com no later than August 1st. These are most important to the smooth function of our Chapter.

Also, Officers, Directors and/or Committee Chairman, please send, to the Chapter President, a copy of the report you mailed to your General counterpart. You have been asked to do this by August 1st, as well.

The Chapter President suggested to all, at the beginning of our year, that each of you can go online to the UDC Website and download your report forms in order to plan your year. Therefore, since you may type directly into those forms, it should not be difficult to complete, print out and mail. IF, for some reason, you have lost your form or failed to get your report form, simply go back online and download it. If you are having difficulty please contact the President ASAP and she will assist you.

We have all labored together for the past three years and it is now time to transfer to new leadership. A smooth transition will work to the benefit of this Chapter which each of us has worked so diligently to organize and preserve.





Joyce Mae Gibson

August 20, 1944 - July 17, 2016

Daughter of Ed and Frances Gibson, she maintained a business in Delaware County, Oklahoma. Joyce was an Organizing Member of the Cowskin Prairie Chapter and took an active part in the affairs of the Chapter. Her Chapter Scrapbook won 1st place at the General Convention 2015. She will be greatly missed.

The Memorial Service is set for Saturday, July 30, 2:00 pm at the Worley-Luginbuel Funeral Home Chapel in Grove, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations in Joyce's memory to:

Grove Education Foundation for Excellence (GEFFE)

P.O. Box 45335

Grove, Oklahoma 4345

www.GEFFE.org



Keynote Speaker
Chapter Awards Dinner
Barry Linduff



The keynote speaker for the Chapter Awards Dinner is noted historian and reenactor, Barry Linduff. He has been a lover of history all his life, particularly local Civil War History. He has a Masters Degree in History from Pittsburg State University and a Master's Degree in Education from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

He has been a reenactor/living historian with Holmes Brigade USV and 3rd LA Historical Infantry Regiment since 1987, and has portrayed the unit at Pea Ridge, Wilson's Creek and Ft. Smith National Historic Site. He is a Speech Language Pathologist of 20 years employment in Kansas and Oklahoma.



Election Time !!!

Please remember that the Chapter will conduct election of officers during the Annual Meeting. Do plan to attend and do your part to help move the Chapter forward.



Awards Dinner

The Chapter Awards Dinner on August 6th should be very interesting, as we will be presenting at least four Military Service Awards. Naturally there will be other awards during the evening, where we will honor our Southern heroes and our flags through recognition of true Southerners in Service. Plan to attend and take part in this special recognition evening.

Meet Our New Members



Mary Jane Parmele



Julie Turlington



Chloe Goff

“Be A Good Citizen”

By

Mary Moore Williams, Ex-President General

With the whole world in turmoil and change, we ask what can we do? Questions arise, what can we do now to keep our Nation, so dearly bought with the blood of our forebears, a safe and democratic place to live and work? Refresh your memory by rereading the Constitution and teaching our young people of its meaning. Let them know there are many places in the world where the privileges we take for granted in the Constitution are denied. Be aware of current events and cast your voice and ballot as a responsible citizen. Now is a good time to make ourselves knowledgeable of current events and historical facts. Make it a new beginning with the history of our past in the forefront. Be a good American Citizen.



Report Information

Benevolent Activities: Barbara Crew-Hutton

- Donations of Time and Talent - Total Number of volunteer hours contributed and list of locations
- Donation of Items - Food, Clothing, etc.
- Donations of Money - Who and How Much

Benevolent Activities can include: child care centers; hospices; hospital; disaster relief efforts; nursing homes; shelters; soup kitchens; Goodwill; Habitat for Humanity; Meals on Wheels; Red Cross Salvation Army; Special Olympics; Libraries

Music of the Confederacy: Nancy Calhoun

- Number of music items donated. List type, title, composer or artist and where donated.
- If there are events, activities or a special manner in which you have used Southern Music.

Patriotic Activities: Cheyhoma Dugger

- Number of patriotic programs presented to non-UDC groups; amount of money contributed; number of service hours to citizenship activities; service hours to naturalized citizens; number of members flying U.S. Flag outside their homes; number of days flags are flown; events that you carried U.S. Flag; any other patriotic activities
- Number of service hours to active-duty military personnel; number of cards/letter mailed to active duty personnel; value of items donated
- Number of service hours to VA hospitals; number of cards/letters mailed to hospitalized veterans; amount of money contributed to VA hospitals; value of items donated to VA hospitals

Southern Literature and Arts: Nancy Calhoun

- Literature and Arts must relate to the South during the period of the Confederacy, either wartime or pre-/post war years
- Donations of money; programs
- Southern/Confederate books, CDs, DVDs, tapes donated to libraries
- Southern/Confederate books read or reviewed by members including fiction, nonfiction, poetry
- Southern/Confederate writings by members
- Southern Arts include creation; program; lecture; donation; exhibition; maintenance; preservation; research; restoration; includes historic and new drawings, jewelry, objects d'art, paintings; sculptures and textile pieces. Include cost, value, funding, location and dates.



Take Care of Our Monuments

By

Mary Moore Williams, Ex-President General

Any time of the year is a good time to take care of our monuments. It is especially important to examine them for cracks and damage after the winter weather. Small repairs now may prevent the need for major repairs later. There are many who would like to remove these symbols of our history and the deeds of the brave people they commemorate. It is important to maintain proper care year round to let people know the monuments represent important events in the development of this Nation. We must take care of our monuments; they are part of who we are.



Slightly more than a year after it was vandalized in the wake of the Emanuel AME Church shootings, one of Charleston's most prominent Confederate Monuments has been restored.

Once the graffiti was removed from the monument, the power washing partly erased the lettering around the base of the statue. On July 14th two coats of acrylic paint was applied inside the engraved letters. Well done Charleston !!!!



Isabell Wolfe Baruch

Isabelle Wolfe, born March 4, 1850, in Winnsboro, Fairfield, South Carolina, was the daughter of Sailing Wolfe, a young merchant and planter of Winnsboro, and Sara Cohen, daughter of Rabbi Hartwig Cohen of Charleston. Isabelle, known as "Belle", married Simon Baruch, who had emigrated from Schwersenz, near Poland, in East Prussia, to Camden, South Carolina. At the time of his immigration to America in 1855, Sailing, who came to America to avoid Prussian conscription, was fifteen years of age. America was unfamiliar to him and he knew only one man upon his arrival. That man was Mannes Baum, who was married to one of his mother's aunts. Mr. Baum was the owner of a general store in Camden.

For a number of years, Simon worked as a bookkeeper in Baum's store and, with Baum's help, learned English. With the support of the Baum's, when Simon was old enough he attended South Carolina Medical College and later the Medical College of Virginia where he received a medical degree.

Just prior to the Battle of Second Manassas, he entered the conflict serving as a physician in the 3rd South Carolina Battalion. Simon Baruch eventually served on the staff of General Robert E. Lee and became Surgeon General.

Prior to the War, Simon fell in love with, and became engaged to a young Isabelle Wolfe. While Simon was away serving his country during the War, Isabelle painted a portrait of him. On Sherman's infamous "March to the Sea", his men raided the family home and set it on fire. Belle managed to save the portrait. One of the Union soldiers became outraged when he saw her with it, slapping her and ripping it with his bayonet. A Union officer witnessed the event and beat her attacker with his sword.

After the War, Simon Baruch, who was now a resident of South Carolina and also an ex Confederate soldier, was not welcomed into his and Isabelle's marriage by her father, Sailing Wolfe, however the couple eventually married and after some time moved to New York City where Simon practiced medicine on West 57th Street.

Always patriotic to the south, Dr. Baruch was known to show his patriotism by bursting out with a Rebel Yell, sometimes to the embarrassment of the family. Dr. Baruch, who was normally very reserved, enjoyed giving a good old "Rebel Yell" during a performance of Dixie's Land, or at the opera. Besides enjoying the opera, Mrs. Baruch became very active in the UDC and joined New York Chapter 103.

Bernard, the couple's second oldest son, became a very successful financier. During the 1st and 2nd World Wars and in between, he served as advisor to the U.S. Presidents and became a close confidant to Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It is because of him that the Mrs. Simon Baruch University Award, which is given biennially by the UDC General Organization, became endowed. This award is presented to the author of a previously unpublished monograph or full-length book manuscript dealing with Confederate history, including the antebellum period, the causes that led

to secession and the War Between the States. The award is presented in even-numbered years and consists of a \$500 author's award and a \$2,000 publication award. It is considered as a grant-in aid for the purpose of encouraging research in Southern history.

The award traces its origin to 1904, when the UDC's University Prize committee began an annual Confederate history contest at the Teachers College of Columbia University in New York City. The essay contest continued until 1921. In 1923, at the suggestion of the committee chairman, Miss Armida Moses, the UDC established fundraising for a \$10,000 endowment for Southern history award studies to be given at any university in the United States. In 1925, a well-known philanthropist by the name of Bernard Baruch gave the UDC the entire amount in order to endow the award in memory of his mother, Mrs. Simon Baruch, the wife of a Confederate veteran, member of the UDC and general financial supporter of UDC projects.

Isabelle Wolfe Baruch died in the home of one of her sons in New York, New York, on November 24, 1921. An obituary published in *The Wichita Daily News*, Wichita Falls, Texas stated she died of grief over the loss of her beloved husband.

Isabelle and Simon were parents of four sons, Herman Benjamin, Bernard Manness, Hartwig Nathaniel and Sailing Wolfe. Isabell Baruch's legacy lives on through her family and the UDC.

Shirley Woodlock, Historian General



Simon Baruch

~ Why I Am a Daughter of the Confederacy~

I am a Daughter of the Confederacy because I was born a Daughter of the Confederacy. A part of my heritage was that I came into this world with the blood of a soldier in my veins...a soldier who may have had nothing more to leave behind to me and to those who came after me except in heritage..a heritage so rich in honor and glory that it far surpasses any material wealth that could be mine. But it is mine, to cherish, to nurture and to make grace, and to pass along to those yet to come. I am, therefore, a Daughter of the Confederacy because it is my birthright.

I am a Daughter of the Confederacy because I have an obligation to perform. Like the man in the Bible, I was given a talent and it is my duty to do something about it. That is why I've joined a group of ladies whose birthright is the same as mine...an organization which has for its purpose the continuance and furtherance of the true history of the South and the ideals of southern womanhood as embodied in its Constitution.

I am a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy because I feel it would greatly please my ancestor to know that I am a member. It would please him to know that I appreciate what he did and delight his soldier love to know that I do not consider the cause which he held so dear to be lost or forgotten. Rather, I am extremely proud of the fact that he was a part of it and was numbered among some of the greatest and bravest men which any such cause ever produced.

I am a Daughter of the Confederacy because I can no more help being a Daughter of the Confederacy than I can help being an American, and I feel that I was greatly favored by inheriting a birthright for both.

Written by Mary Nowlin Moon (Mrs. John)

A member of Kirkwood Otey Chapter 10, Lynchburg, Virginia

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