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Hi there! C.A.R. Buddies:

This will be a busy year for you and me. I can guarantee that. But let's make this a successful year, not just a busy year. One basic thing needed to make this year great is E-N-T-H-U-S-I-A-S-M. Did you know that in the past six years we have been loosing approximately 1,000 members a year (N.S.C.A.R.)? If we continue this rate of loosing members there will be no C.A.R.'s. We can ask ourselves: Whose fault is it? Why is it happening? What can we do about it?

We can blame this tragedy on no one but ourselves. It is happening because there is no enthusiasm among the members and the Senior leaders. We must work together if we want C.A.R. to become a great organization. Because without C.A.R.'S there will be no DAR'S and SAR's. The only way we can renew the strength in C.A.R. is if we work in unity and create enthusiasm among all the members, in order that the members can go and spread the enthusiasm to everyone else.

If you are going to do anything just don't do it, do more. Reach further in anything that you do. Especially in C.A.R. It is and unpleasant thought to think that we as an organization are declining, but it is true. The truth always stands out in the end, so we cannot hide from this truth. Let's realize this truth and do something about it. Reach further in C.A.R., do more than just be a member--GET INVOLVED. Here is a saying that reflects the idea of reaching further in anything you are going to do:

Reaching Further

Do more than exist live.
Do more than touch feel.
Do more than look observe.
Do more than read absorb.
Do more than think ponder

Do more than talk say something.
Do more than hear listen.
Do more than listen comprehend.
Do more than attend

. CREATE E-N-T-H-U-S-I-A-S-M.

"Do more than attend...CREATE ENTHUSIASM." Yes create ENTHUSIASM at all of the C.A.R. meetings that you go to. Without enthusiasm C.A.R. will die, but if we stand up and fight, not with the weapons of our ancestors, but with their enthusiasm and their will to live, C.A.R. will live on forever and ever and ever.

I was glad to see so many at Eastern Regional. Start to plan for an exciting, successful, and busy year.

Love in C.A.R.,

Susie King

State President

Dear C.A.R. Members and Friends:

Here we are--ready to start another year for C.A.R. What a year we have to work for in C.A.R.---the 200th birthday of our Country. Let each member try hard to get some new active members and keep our American Heritage alive.

We will soon be gathering materials and ideas from the National Packet. If you attended Eastern Regional you got many good ideas on how to develop outstanding meetings.

JUST A REMINDER: I have not received a list from all Societies on their officers for the coming year. This means there will be a blank under your Society name. This also means no one will receive mailings. Don't let this happen to your Society. The following is a "Good Memory Lesson" for our year.

Forget each kindness that you do
As soon as you have done it;
Forget the praise that falls to you
The moment you have won it;
Forget the slander that you hear
Before you can repeat it;
Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer
Wherever you may meet it.

Sincerely

Mrs. Mohr, Sr. State PRES.

THIRTY-FIRST STATE CONFERENCE

The thirty-first annual State Conference of the Children of the American Revolution was held Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15 at the Johnstown Sheraton-Inn. Friday evening a poolside supper was held for the members. A senior dinner-meeting was held prior to the opening session.

Friday night session began at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Donald Mohr, Sr. State President presenting the Pennsylvania State Society's President, Miss Deborah Whitaker, who presided at all meetings during the two-day conference.

Greetings were brought from the National Society President, Rodney Schmidt, DAR State Regent, Mrs. Corray Miller, and SAR State President, Mr. Frank Strickland, Mr. Joseph Remavich, Assistant Manager of the Sheraton Inn, and Mr. Kleinmeyer, President of Johnstown City Council.

Reports of the State Chairmen were given and awards made to societies, and individuals for outstanding work completed during the year. Kitty Engstrom presented the slate of candidates for State offices.

Endowment pins were received by Deborah Whitaker, State President, Betsy Whitaker, President of Conemach Society, and Mary Jean Wilson, President of Brandywine Society. SAR State Good Citizenship medal was awarded to Deborah Whitaker, State President, by Mr. Frank Strickland, Penna. State President SAR.

Candidates Party immediately followed the closing of the business session. It was held in the Pool Area, music furnished by the "Hot Gossip", dancing, swimming and electioneering was enjoyed by all.

Saturday morning's session began at 9:00 a.m. State Band concert wakened all members that were still a little sleepy. Reports of all State officers were given, followed by a report of the Credentials committee. State Chorus concert kept the meeting on a lively mood. Voting began at 10:00 a.m. During voting, reports of Society Presidents were given. Group singing was enjoyed by all until the results of the voting was tallied.

The Memorial Service was held at 2:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church, Locust St. Johnstown, Gregg Hartenstine, State Chaplain, officiated. The Rev. Park Allis gave the sermon.

At 3:00 p.m. dedication of the State Project, an outdoor identification plaque, was held at the Johnstown Flood Museum, a National historic museum. State President Deborah Whitaker presided, acceptance by Mr. Costello, President of the Museum. All members attending the conference participated in this service.

Photographs at 6:30 p.m. Dinner-dance began at 7:00 p.m. Concluding remarks by Deborah Whitaker, out-going State President. Rodney Schmidt, NSCAR President installed all newly elected state officers except the State President, who will be installed during the National Convention.

Television coverage was tremendous. Registration was shown on the 6:15 news, the business session shown at 11:00 p.m. dedication of the State Project was shown at 6:15 Saturday, and again at 11:00 p.m. A lengthy article appeared in the Johnstown Tribune, Monday, March 10.

Even though we had a heavy snow fall Friday and Friday night attendance was good.

National officers attending were Rodney Schmidt, National Society President C.A.R., Frederick Johnson, N. V. P., New England Region, John Clayton Chianese, N.V.P. Eastern Regional; Clare Smyth, Natl. Assistant Registrar, Shelley Loughry, National Recording Secretary.

Deborah L. Whitaker
Hon. State President

Read carefully the contests set-up by the state chairmen: They have worked with their seniors to have challenging and exciting contests.

AMERICAN INDIANS

Societies can create, using any and all available reference material, types of arts and crafts used by the American Indian, OR make BY YOURSELF (bought items will be disqualified) copies of authentic American Indian weapons. A small paragraph explaining it should accompany it. If at all possible try to present the program to another group.

All items should be brought to State Conference where they will be put on display. Judging will take place there. If you, or any member of your society, are unable to attend the Conference please send me a color photo (as large as possible) and a summary about it including size, shape, detailing etc.

Judging will be based on originality, thoroughness of research, and effort.

Please include society name. Do NOT BRING OR SEND REFERENCE MATERIAL.

PRIZES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1st prize \$5.00
2nd prize \$3.00
3rd prize \$2.00
Honorable mention-ribbon

Stephanie Heydt, Ch. of American Indians
Mrs. Knute T. Rondon, Sr. Ch. Am. Indians

HISTORIAN CONTEST

The state Historian's project for the year is:

#1. Each society write a brief history giving the reason for the name given their society.

#2. The members of each member family of each society write a paragraph stating the services their ancestor performed for the cause of freedom.

#3 Each society make a Bicentennial Flag of original design. Use your imagination. Make it 3'X5', and attach it to a rod. These flags should be ready to use at State Conference.

Items 1 and 2 will be put in a separate Bicentennial scrapbook. The society who enters, participates, and does the best job will win a Bicentennial Prize. Help make Pennsylvania #1.

John Hartenstine, State Historian
Mrs. Jesse Stoner, Sr. St. Hist.

PUBLICATIONS

In submitting material for the Kapers please remember to have your NAME, AGE, AND SOCIETY accompany any article, poem, cartoon, or riddle you wish to submit to the "Keystone Kapers" You may submit anything you feel will be informative or entertaining. There will be a prize to the person and society who contributes the most to the "Keystone Kapers." There will also be a prize awarded to the best article written on the Natl. President's theme, "The time is Now."

PRIZES:

\$10 Society who submits the most
\$ 5 Person who submits the most
\$ 5 Best articles on the National President's theme "The Time is Now."

PUBLICITY

The publicity committee will award three prizes to the society using the most originality involving all means of publicizing their activities. Judging will be based on the report submitted with sustaining material. The contest will be judged the same as the National contest.

Please send all materials to me no later than February 15, 1976 so that I may make a scrap book on publicity to be displayed at STATE CONFERENCE.

PRIZES:

\$5 first prize
\$3 second prize
\$2 third prize

WILL CHAIRMEN AND OFFICERS WHO HAVE CONTESTS PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND YOUR CONTEST BEFORE SEPTEMBER ISSUE.

PENNSYLVANIA --THAT'S OUR STATE

Do you know :

...the lands of Pennsylvania bordering the Delaware River were, at various time, occupied by the English, the Dutch, and the Swedes

... The Swedes made the first permanent settlement at what is now Chester

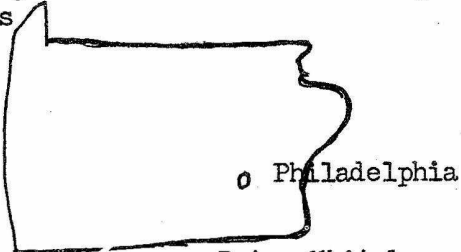
...in 1655 the settlement of Chester passed under the control of the Dutch

...William Penn became interested in American as a haven for persecuted Quakers

...in 1680 William Penn petitioned Charles II, King of England for a land grant

PENNSYLVANIA (Con't)

. . . William Penn named his land grant Pennsylvania Pennn for Penn's and sylvania for woods
. . . Penn's charter allowed him to proclaim absolute religious freedom
. . . Penn dealt fairly with the American Indians living in Pennsylvania
. . . The Second Continental Congress was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
. . . for ten years Philadelphia was the seat of the Federal Government
. . . Pennsylvania was one of the original 13 colonies



Betsy Whitaker

TIDBITS

Mary Jean Wilson won the 6th grade Essay Contest Her topic was Dr. Benjamin Rush.

Brian Malloy, new president of Brandywine Soc. won 2 ribbons for track, and the President's physical fitness award, which by the way is signed by President Ford.

Sally Roberts member of the Downingtown Softball team won the district championship. Good luck in the Regionals.

Helen McCahon won first prize at the Science Fair for the 3 and 4th graders at St. Joseph School

First prize at the Flower Show in the Junior Division, sponsored by the Downingtown Women's Club was won by Debbie McCahon

MANY OF OUR PENNSYLVANIA MEMBERS WILL BE SOON LEAVING FOR COLLEGE. PLEASE INFORM US WHERE YOU ARE. A FEW WE KNOW

Susie King--Westminster College

Kitty Engstrom--Boston

Gregg Hartenstine--Penn State

Debbie Whitaker--Indiana University at Indiana

Beth Ruh --Ohio

We would like to continue our Tidbit column please send Mark Zortman or Mrs. Whitaker awards won, or outstanding accomplishments.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 23, 1975 - Central District at York Col Thomas Hartley Soc.

October 5 -- C.A.R. Sr. Board Meeting Wm. Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa. \$9.50 - Reservations to Mrs. Mohr

October 18 - Eastern District - Location and Soc. to be announced later.

October 19 - Valley Forge Memorial Service.

March 5 and 6, 1976 --State Conference Falling Springs Society at Gettysburg

April 16 -17, 1976 National Convention

State Dues

ALL NEW MEMBERS regardless of when they are accepted, are required to pay STATE DUES immediately.

SENIOR STATE DUES of \$1.00 for each Sr. State Officer, Sr. State Chairman, Sr. Society President. (One fee for those serving in a double capacity) Payable to - Pa. State Society C.A.R. and sent to Sr. State Treasurer, Mrs. William R. Jacob, Star Rt., Pottstown, Penna. 19464

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Your Keystone Kapers staff learned "by way of the grapevine" that Col. Thomas Hartley Society has planned a Colonial Day for our district meeting. Dress will be Colonial costumes, so get out your books, encyclopedia etc. find out how teenagers dressed back in 1776. Don't stay away because you can't come up with a costume. More information will be sent you closer the date.

A very special thanks to all Penna C.A.R. members and Seniors who made my year such a greetone. I shall never forget it.

Debbie Whitaker
Hon. State Pres.



Front Row--left to right: Mardel Beckley, Anne Sweeney, Mrs. Mohr, Sue King, Betsy Whitaker, Liz Bowen; Second Row--Gwen Alsworth, James King, John Hartenstine, Caroline Herald, Douglas Mohr, Samuel Wilson, Beth Hartenstine, Mary Jean Wilson, Donald Mohr.

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AN OFFICER'S CREED

I believe in the duties I am to assume, in the organization I am working for; and in my ability to get results. I believe in working, not weeping; in boosting, not knocking; and in the pleasure of my job. I believe that a man gets what he goes after, that one deed done today is worth two deeds tomorrow, and that no leader is down and out until he has lost faith in himself. I believe in today and the work I am doing, in tomorrow and the work I hope to do, and in the sure reward which the future holds.

I believe in courtesy, in kindness, in generosity, in good cheer, in friendship and in honest competition. I believe there is something doing somewhere, for every member ready to do it. "THE TIME IS NOW"

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EASTERN REGIONAL -- GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND

Congratulations to Debbie Whitaker, Pennsylvania's own Eastern Regional Vice President. Debbie did a great job presiding over our Eastern Regional meeting held at Gaithersburg, Maryland on June 27 and 28, 1975. Sorry more members couldn't make it, but Pennsylvania again had the largest state attendance. Pennsylvania had 9 State Officers, 5 Senior State Officers in attendance, and 7 Societies were represented.

Those from Pennsylvania who helped with the Regional Meeting were Sue King, State President, Betsy Whitaker, State Chaplain, Sam Wilson Jr. St. Organizing Secretary, Mary Jean Wilson, Eastern District Vice President, Douglas L. Mohr, State Treasurer and Donald L. Mohr, Jr. 2nd Vice President. In the absence of the 1st V.P. Donald L. Mohr served as Pennsylvania's representative and served as Regional Registrar.

We received copies of the National Packet and broke into different groups for discussion of the packet. These discussion groups allowed us to get new ideas and exchange ideas with other Societies. Let's have all Societies in Pennsylvania enter the different National Contests and why not all Societies try for National Merit Award. Wouldn't that be a pleasant surprise for Pennsylvania at National Convention? THE TIME IS NOW to act and increase our participation and membership.

Donald L. Mohr Jr.
Regional Representative.

CHIEF CATFISH NEWS:

The Chief Catfish Society entered the Pennsylvania Youth Conservation Week Contest. This was sponsored by the Penna. Federation of Women's Club and the Penna. Bureau of Forestry. Chief Catfish Society was honored to place in the Conservation Project with their entry of their Environmental Library. Also, Donald L. Mohr Jr. was Chosen as outstanding Youth in his District.

Donald L. Mohr Jr. Mrs. Dana Brown
Society President Sr. Society Pres.

M E M B E R S H I P

Friends -- C.A.R. -- Members
How many of your friends are members
of C.A.R.? If you haven't introduced
all your friends to the world of C.A.R.
do so by bringing them to the next
meeting. Enlighten everyone with
the interesting, fascinating, WON-
DERFUL WORLD OF C.A.R. Susie

NOTICE TO ALL SENIOR SOCIETY PRESIDENTS:

Due to lack of time, and distance between the Editor and the Senior Editor of the Keystone Kapers, it is impossible to mail individual subscriptions to members. We are asking that all Sr. Society Presidents distribute the Kapers when they are mailed to you in bulk. Let us know how many subscriptions you need, we will send that many in bulk. No individual mailings. If you have out-of-town members, we suggest you have a member of your society mail the Kapers to them. We will mail individual Kapers to State Officers, National Officers, State Promoters, and Life Promoters.

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November 24 - Mailing Date

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January 31 -- Mailing Date
(Candidates pictures in this issue)

Dates are subject to change. Watch the Kapers for change.

NO!!!



We fought
for our freedom
Don't dispose
of it !!!

