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# LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



## NEWSLETTER

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“In the Spirit of Service for North Carolina!”

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### BIRTH OF OUR LADIES' AUXILIARY

This is the first newsletter of the LANCSSAR (Ladies Auxiliary of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution). Our group came into existence on Oct. 10, 2009 when the first meeting was held in Statesboro, NC. Six wives attended: Jo Thornhill, Dorothy Holt, Keitha Callanan, Sheila Wood, Diane Van Tassel and Maryellen Dunaway. They met to organize the group, construct the Bylaws and elect officers.

They elected Jo Thornhill as President, Maryellen Dunaway as First Vice President in charge of Programs, Sheila Wood as Second Vice President in charge of Membership, Karen Powell as Secretary, and Diane Van Tassel as Treasurer.

The second meeting of LANCSSAR was on March 20, 2009 in Raleigh. (See photo at top of newsletter.) Bylaws were approved. Three appointed positions were filled: Keitha Callanan as Chaplain; Helen Maxson as Historian and Dorothy Holt as Parliamentarian. The group discussed plans for the Ladies Tea to be held during the SAR State Convention which will be in Charlotte on April 23-25, 2010. All Ladies are invited to the Tea in the Style of 1775 on Saturday starting at 10:00 in the morning.

### LADIES' PACKETS

This year at the convention there will be a special packet at the Registration table for each lady. Be sure to stop by and pick it up.

### LADIES TEA

We hope to see you all at the convention and that you will attend the 1775 Style Tea in order to get to know each other better and for some great conversation. For fun we have planned a raffle or auction. If you can, please bring one or two items for the raffle/auction that will appeal to a woman. The monies collected will be used for the LANCSSAR toward the National Convention to be held in North Carolina in 2011.

### HISTORY

A little history... The SAR was first organized as the Sons of the Revolutionary Sires in San Francisco, CA on July 4, 1876. At that time they also had authorized a ladies auxiliary. But in 1889 the name was changed to the Sons of the American Revolution and no ladies auxiliary was mentioned. The Ladies Auxiliary did not come into existence until April 23, 1983 with the formation of the first auxiliary in California. The

National Ladies' Auxiliary was formed in 2003. Our state is the 17th state to form an auxiliary.

According to the website of the National Ladies Auxiliary SAR, membership in the Auxiliary is open to the wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, nieces and other women relatives of members of the Sons of the American Revolution who are in good standing. Membership cost \$10 per year.

## NEWSLETTER AND SCRAPBOOK

As the Historian of the Auxiliary, I (Helen Maxson) will be collecting materials for the scrapbook. I will also be doing the newsletter. The main purpose of the newsletter is to highlight the activities of the Ladies as they support their husband's SAR activities by participating in SAR events. These may be grave markings, commemoration of battles or historical events, etc.

## KEEP HISTORY ALIVE

Whenever someone takes part in an SAR event, please send me information about it for the newsletter. Please include the name of the event, date and location of the event, the patriot or patriotic occurrence which is being remembered, and the names of the auxiliary ladies who attended with you. Please send that to me by email. For the scrapbook please send me, by regular mail, the program pamphlet which was handed out at the event and a few labeled photos. If the event was in the newspaper, send a clipping of that, along with a clipping of the name of the newspaper with the date. Thank you.

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## SOUTH PARK MALL

For those of you who love to shop, our convention hotel is located next to Macy's, a store in South Park Mall. This complex has great shops and restaurants, including a few with

outdoor seating. Eat beneath colorful umbrellas and enjoy Charlotte's spring flowers.



Double Tree Guest Suites at South Park  
6300 Morrison Blvd  
Charlotte, NC 28211  
(704) 364-2400

For more information on the convention, consult the SAR website:

[www.mecklenburgSAR.org](http://www.mecklenburgSAR.org)



One of the restaurants at South Park.

See you at the Convention...  
The Spirit of 1775.