

GEORGIA SAR LADIES AUXILIARY

Charter Membership Tea & Annual Meeting Friday April 4, 2008

The Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary met on Friday, April 4, 2008, at 3:00 pm, at the Wesley Foundation in Athens, GA, for the Charter Membership Tea, Annual Meeting, and Memorial Service. Auxiliary members enjoyed refreshments and fellowship prior to the Annual Meeting and Memorial Service. Twenty eight ladies were present.

President Robin Towns called the Annual Meeting to order and Chaplain Patricia Pugh gave the Opening Prayer.

Second Vice President JoAn Chewning led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. First Vice President Cilla Tomme led the Pledge to the National Ladies Auxiliary SAR.

Mrs. Towns welcomed the members to the Charter Membership Tea and Annual Meeting. Visiting dignitaries were introduced including Theresa Wilcox, wife of President General NSSAR Bruce A. Wilcox, Karen Bragg, wife of Genealogist General Charles F. Bragg, and Karen Powell, wife of the North Carolina SAR President Sam Powell. Mrs. Towns introduced the GA Society SAR Past Presidents' wives in attendance including Laurel Craft, Mary Jane Galer, Joyce Johnson, Sandra Lamb, Marty Thurmond, and Cathy Wheelless.

Secretary Camille Baxter read the appointed Slate of Officers, who were elected by acclamation. The Officers are: President, Robin R. Towns; First Vice President, Cilla L. Tomme; Second Vice President, JoAn J. Chewning; Secretary, Camille R. Baxter; Treasurer, Ashley T. Carter; Chaplain, Patricia K. Pugh; Historian, Nedra T. Johnson; and Parliamentarian, Laurel G. Craft. Theresa Wilcox, wife of the NSSAR President General, most graciously installed the Officers.

Mrs. Towns presented the President's Report, outlining the Auxiliary's mission. Officers Reports followed.

First Vice President Mrs. Tomme reported that the program for the Charter Membership event includes a get-acquainted social, the installation of Officers, and informing our members about our purposes and projects.

Second Vice President Mrs. Chewning reported that our Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary dues are donated to the NSSAR to support the National Ladies Auxiliary's project of purchasing of library tables and chairs for NSSAR's proposed Center for Advancing America's Heritage. The National SAR Ladies Auxiliary also is planning to reprint the very successful cookbook, which was on display.

Secretary Mrs. Baxter reported that the first set of Minutes is being recorded and pledged to help with newsletters and mailings.

Treasurer Mrs. Carter gave the Treasurer's Report.

Historian Mrs. Johnson displayed the Scrapbook and requested materials showing Auxiliary members' participation in SAR events.

Under new business, Parliamentarian Mrs. Craft presented the proposed Georgia SAR Ladies Auxiliary Bylaws, which were confirmed by the membership.

Mary Jane Galer, former National Officer of the National SAR Ladies Auxiliary, informed the membership that membership in the SAR Ladies Auxiliary makes the expenses of attending meetings associated with SAR events an allowable tax deduction, a valuable benefit SAR Ladies Auxiliary membership.

Chaplain Mrs. Pugh conducted a lovely Memorial Service for Diane Smith Gibson, a long-time member of National Ladies Auxiliary SAR.

Chaplain Mrs. Pugh offered the Closing Prayer.

Mrs. Towns adjourned the meeting and Mrs. Craft led the Recessional.