

Dutch Colonial Society

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Dear Members and Friends,

Since our Annual Meeting last April 2014, this Society has experienced a number of changes in our officers and patroons due to death and family illness. In accordance with our Article IV, Section 3, of our By-laws, I have filled those positions. In addition, pursuant to Section 5D of Article IV of the By-laws, I have appointed several committees.

Loss of a Member and Patroon We are saddened by the loss on 16 October 2014 of John Paul Daddysman, Sr. John was a Member and a Patroon. Please keep John's family in your prayers.





New Patroon

Katherine "Kitti" Julia Eaton Michalowicz has agreed to fill the vacant Patroon position. Kitti joined the Dutch Colonial Society in 2013 with a Colonial Ancestor through descent from Lambert Jochemse Van Valkenburg(h) who is her eighth great grandfather. Kitti is the current President General of the National Society Saints and Sinners, and an officer and member of several dozen other lineage societies. Kitti was born in Baltimore, Maryland and raised in upstate New York. Following graduation, she began a teaching career. She and her husband Ron were married in 1969, and they moved to southern California in 1979 where they lived for the next 20 years. After retirement, they moved to eastern North Carolina.

Nominating Committee

I have appointed a Nominating Committee to present a slate of Patroons for election for the term of April 2015-2018. Those three members of the Nominating Committee who have served are as follows:

> Maurene Gayle Mast Coan Marilynn Alice Mast Long Henry Coggeshall Howells, IV

By-laws Committee

Our Vice President, Robin Redfearn Towns, was appointed as Chairman of the By-laws Committee. One small change is proposed to be made to our By-laws to include some language consistent with the Daughters of the Holland Dames, which will include as "Colonial Members" those whose ancestor resided in New Netherland prior to the Treaty of Westminster, 1674.

Robin's husband Robert "Bobby" Towns left for his heavenly home on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Flag Protector

Dr. John Pogue is a Patroon whose term is expiring in April 2015. He has been responsible for keeping our flag, and presenting it for annual meetings, and functions such as for the Flag ceremony at St. Thomas Church in NY. I have officially named him as our "Flag Protector" until such time as the By-law Committee is able to draft an appropriate provision for our flag.

Auditor

I have appointed Melissa Fischer as our auditor to review the books and records of this Society from April 2014 with our Treasurer, Janet Muriel Lewis Downing.

Resignation of Genealogist

Our genealogist, R. Allen Brahin, Jr. resigned his position due to extended illness in his family. We appreciate Allen's efforts. Allen's wife, Stephanie Marson Brahin, has continued serving this Society in her position as a Patroon.

New Genealogist

I have appointed Carole Jean Drake Belcher as our genealogist and registrar. Carole's information will appear on our web site link within the next few weeks. Carole and her husband of 50 years, William, moved to Texas from California in 2013. They have two children Jon and Katryna. Katryna is married to Gus Gonzalez and Carole has a grandson named Maxx. Carole belongs to 31 hereditary societies, and is a Professional Registered Parliamentarian, member of P.E.O., currently Governor General of Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims and holds several other National Offices. Carole is a graduate of Mansfield University in Pennsylvania with a B.S. in Library Science.



Membership Growth

Membership growth has been one of our primary goals since the April 2014 meeting. If you have any friends with Dutch ancestry, please invite them to attend our meeting.

Forty eligible persons who are descendants of Governor William Bradford were sent invitations to join the Dutch Colonial Society. Mrs. Harry Clark Boden, IV (Marguerite duPont DeVillers Ortiz) first organized the Dutch Colonial Society in 1962 and served the Society as its President and driving force until her death in 1977. Mrs. Boden was a Bradford descendant, and she was uniquely qualified to lead the Society.

The Dutch Colonial Society of Delaware was founded on the occasion of the Tercentenary of the first Dutch settlements in the Delaware Valley by the Historical Society of Lewes (formerly Zwaanendael), Delaware. The late Rev. Dr. Dixon A. Barr had the vision to reactivate the Society in 2008 in commemoration of the 400th Anniversary

of the arrival of Henry Hudson in his ship The Half Moon, just as the original Society was created by Mrs. Boden to commemorate the 300th Anniversary of the founding of the first Dutch settlements in the Delaware Valley.

We have had five new members who were approved since our April 2014 meeting, and they are listed in the Directory.

Mr. Brett Michael DECKER Hendrick Westerkamp	14 Sep 2014 Life
Miss Eva Caroline HENDERSON Wilhelm Pereboom	14 May 2014 Life
Miss Sarah Yvonne HENDERSON Wilhelm Pereboom	14 May 2014 Life
Mr. Douglass Mather MABEE Pieter Casparzen (Van Naerden)	14 Sep 2014 Life
Mrs. Carl D. MIZELL (Linda Anne Sperry MIZELL) Cornelius Melyn	14 Sep 2014 Life

Several more new members have been approved by our able Genealogist, Carole Jean Drake Belcher. Thank you to all who have proposed prospective members. *Please spread* the word about our society and encourage those who are eligible to become members. If the applicant has a recently approved lineage paper from another recognized hereditary society, it may be used as documentation. All documentary proofs shown on that society's application must be listed on this application.

Special Thanks to Denise Hall, who is responsible for our beautiful directory!!

Directory 2014-2016

Denise Hall, our Directory Chairman, produced the beautiful Directory for our Society with meticulous attention to detail. Denise is one of the Staff Genealogists at NSSAR Her job is to review new-member applications to determine if they are properly documented in proving the applicants' descent from a Revolutionary War Ancestor.



Denise has worked at the SAR for almost nine years in several different first, briefly positions: Administrative Specialist, next as Staff Registrar, then as Communications Specialist (which involved publishing a quarterly, national, leadership newsletter, in addition to designing and producing varied print and online pieces - a merchandise catalog, among them, and MANY pieces for the new SAR and educational library programming), then for the last three years as Staff Genealogist.

Since the Directory was produced, members have made us aware of their changes. A list of changes follows below. Please remember to contact either Denise Hall, Janet Downing, Carole Belcher, or me, whichever is convenient, with your changes in telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, or physical addresses.

Directory Corrections

Change in status of Membership From Annual Members to Life Members

Sharon Elaine Williams GARRISON Daniel Brian McLAUGHLIN Linda Anne Sperry MIZELL (Mrs. Carl D.)

Dropped for failure to pay annual dues

Mrs. Ann-Marie COOK Carole Ann Walcutt CORNELL Mr. James Paul HESS

Member Address omitted from the Directory in Error

We did not mean to overlook Thomas Stansfield Hansen from the directory. Thomas was the chairman of our men's regalia committee from which service a beautiful tie and rosette were created. Please add Thomas' name to your directory.

Mr. Thomas Stansfield HANSEN 82 Dover Road Wellesley, MA 02482-7325 thansen@wellesley.edu Dirck Jansen Hoogland, NY 781-237-7133 24 June 2013 Life

Changes in address:

Ms. June Arlene Williams AHRENS 4008 Palomino Drive Benbrook, TX 76116 817-386-3871

The Rev. Robert Todd GIFFIN 24019 Seven Winds San Antonio, TX 78258-7266

Henry Coggeshall HOWELLS, IV 2842 Cleary Blvd. Unit 2711 Plantation, FL 33324 Cell 804-615-3161

Change in telephone number

Ms. Mary Ann Wilkinson OHARA

302-365-6414

Change in address honorifics

Mr. changed to Dr. Sean Michael HEUVEL

April 15, 2015 Annual Meeting and Breakfast

All Members and their Guests are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting and Breakfast which begins at 8:30AM on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 in the John Paul Jones Room of the Army and Navy Club, Farragut Square, Washington, DC. The Bylaws Committee has a bylaws change to bring before the membership; the change is set forth below and was previously e-mailed or mailed to Members. In addition, our Nominating Committee has proposed a slate of Patroons for the period 2015-2018 for your approval. The reservation form for the Annual Meeting and Breakfast is attached. We hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting and Breakfast in Washington, D.C. when the cherry blossoms are there to welcome us. **The reservation deadline is Tuesday, March 31, 2015**

By-law Change

Proposed By-Law Change is to add the language in red below.

Section 2: Invitation and Status

- A. Membership is by invitation and shall be extended by the President. Membership inquiries are welcome.
- B. Eligibility categories for members who have attained the age of 18 or above:

COLONIAL MEMBER: Proven direct descent from a Dutch settler (i.e. born in the Netherlands) in any settlement (Dutch or non-Dutch) in the United States no later than 19 April 1775. Also eligible are descendants of selected non-Dutch ancestors who **resided in New Netherland prior to the Treaty of Westminster, 1674 or** settled in what is now the continental United States no later than 19 April 1775, and have proven significant service in the Netherlands and/or the United States to Dutch heritage in business, cultural, military or political affairs furthering Dutch heritage.

NON-COLONIAL MEMBER: Proven direct descent from any native of the Netherlands who settled in the United States of America after 19 April 1775.

HONORARY ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Those persons who have made a significant contribution to the study and genealogy of early Dutch ancestry or Dutch history, or who have been a significant benefactor of the Society, on rare occasions, may be elected by the general membership. Lineal descent is not a requirement. Honorary Associate members may attend all social functions of the Society, but may neither vote nor hold office.

- C. Both Colonial and Non-Colonial members have the right to vote and hold office.
- D. Any member may resign from membership at any time by submitting a letter of intent to the Genealogist. The Life Membership fee shall be wholly retained by the Society.

Program

Ms. Jerlin Jackson Weiss and her sister, Tiffany Monique Hebron Medina, were scheduled to speak to our membership on the topic of Pella, Iowa: Dutch City of Refuge, which will need to be rescheduled due to the death of their father. Please keep Jerlin and Tiffany in your prayers.

This year, we are fortunate to have another member of the Dutch Colonial Society, George J. Hill, speaking about

"The U.S.A. as We Know It Today Really Began in New Amsterdam."

Dr. Hill's program will focus on why, historically, the Dutch Colony of New Netherlands is more important to the history of our country as a new nation than the Puritans of New England, the Quakers of Pennsylvania, the Cavaliers of Jamestowne, and the Border People of the Appalachians.

Dr. Hill reasons that the book by Russell Shorto, "The Island at the Center of the World," which was in his opinion one of the most important books in American history in the past decade is in contrast with the conventional history of the importance of the Puritans and Pilgrims, or of the four strains from the British Isles that are discussed in David Hackett Fisher's book, "Albion's Seed."

Please make your reservations for this exciting meeting using the form below.

The Army Navy Club increased their rates for the cost of our meeting room, the John Paul Jones Room, and the cost of the buffet (with gratuities), and the District of Columbia has increased taxes. We hope that all of our members will understand that we cannot have the Dutch Colonial Society subsidize any portion of the cost of our meeting and breakfast.

We have ordered the All American Breakfast buffet. Seasonal Fresh Fruit & Berries
Assorted Breakfast Breads, Muffins & Croissants
Whipped Honey Butter, Fruit Preserves
Scrambled Eggs
Bacon and Sausage Links
Breakfast Potatoes
Chilled Orange, Cranberry and Tomato Juices
Coffee, Tea



President, Patricia Porter Kryder, and the Executive Council of Officers and Patroons cordially invite all members, guests, and prospective members to the Annual Meeting and Breakfast of the Dutch Colonial Society

Celebrating its Fifty-Third Year

Wednesday, 15th April 2015 8:30AM John Paul Jones Room, The Army and Navy Club, 901 Seventeenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006

\$40.00 per person Reservations required

RESERVATION FORM-

Return this portion. Your check will serve as confirmation. One form per person.	
NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE:	EMAIL:

Check one: Member Guest

Please submit this form with your check in the amount of \$40.00 made payable to: Treasurer, Dutch Colonial Society; mail to the address below.

Janet Muriel Lewis Downing, 3835 9th Street, #PH1E, Arlington, VA 22203-1993 telephone: 703-527-5833; <u>ildowning@comcast.net</u>

RESERVATION DEADLINE - Tuesday, March 31, 2015