



Colonel John Alston Chapter Spring newsletter 2020

National Society Daughters of the American Colonists

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State Assembly—New state officers!

*March 13, 2020, saw a changing of the
DAC guard in Oklahoma City.*

The Colonel John Alston Chapter is well represented in our state officers selected to serve from 2020 until 2022. Dr. Orriene Denslow took the gavel as the new state regent. Susan Cole became the second vice-regent, and Debbie Barnes is the new state recording secretary. Congratulations, ladies!



Growing membership

Know someone who might want to join DAC? First, invite them to a meeting—we love having guests! Second, set them up with our registrar Susan Spies. Susan can tell them exactly what guests need to do to apply for membership. Third, assist them in finding documents. And just like that—new member!

Message from our State Regent Dr. Orriene First Denslow



April 2020

Dear Daughters:

This marks a new beginning for Oklahoma Daughters American Colonists. Our world is rapidly changing and how we interact with each other. I will never again take for granted our fellowship; the excellent health of all of you; or that we are connected as descendants of men or women who rendered patriotic or civil service to the American Colonies prior to 4 July 1776.

Get ready for oodles of Colonial blue and yellow colored items, sparklers, balloons, and festivities as we collectively celebrate 100 years of our National Society Daughters of the American Colonists in 2021. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the celebration Friday March 12, 2021 at the Quail Creek Country Club. Our Vice President Great Plains Section, Evelyn Kinkade, has tentatively accepted the invitation to celebrate with us.

You will have an opportunity to "plant in DAC where you will flourish" and participate through involvement in this state regent's project. The Denslow administration is excitedly making plans on a project to support a local female high school graduate who was accepted to the College of the Ozarks (that makes it personal for you). If you have ideas, please share them with me. The second part of the state regent's project will be historic preservation of a historic map or family portrait in the Will Roger's Museum. Understandably, the planning of the exact details halted March 19th so stay tuned.

I look forward to visiting with you in the Colonial John Alston Chapter and learning about your chapter's activities for gaining new members, projects for historic preservation, and involvement of your current membership.

In DAC Fellowship,

Orriene First Denslow
OK State DAC Regent

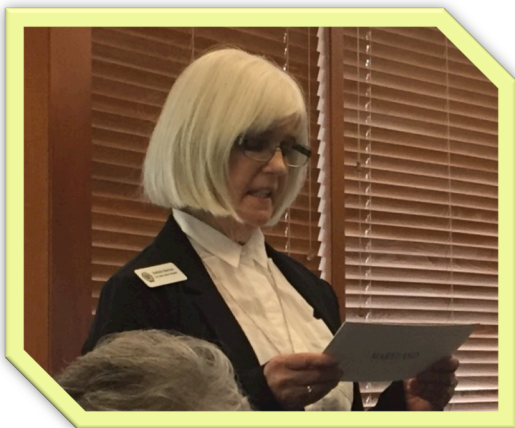


The highlight of any state assembly is the candlelight ceremony, which reminds all members that the mission of DAC is to focus on America's colonial history prior to 4 July 1776. Dr. Orriene Denslow, new state regent, led the ceremony.



Left: Colonel John Alston chapter member Carol Wilson presented one of the original 13 colonies as part of the candlelight ceremony.

Left, below: Chapter member Debbie Barnes shares information regarding her colony.



Above: Kathryn Albertson, National Honorary Vice-President, swore in the new 2020-2022 officers.

Focus on: National President Mary C. Armstrong

Theme: “Participation through Involvement”

Scripture: “Honor thy father and thy mother...” Exodus 20:12

National Object: Patriotic, Historical, and Educational

National Motto: Past, Present, and Future

National President’s Project: (from The Colonial Courier, Spring 2020 edition) The funding of signage along a new entrance way for Poplar Forest, Thomas Jefferson’s retreat near Lynchburg, VA, coupled with helping to fund an educational children’s book about the history and nature surrounding the area.

Committee emphasis: American Indian Scholarships, College of the Ozarks, National Defense, Public Relations, and the Flag of the USA.

One goal President Armstrong mentions is for chapters to purchase a copy of the book *Colonial Klaus in Thomas Jefferson’s House* and donate it to a local library.

Another goal is that we all support the College of the Ozarks by purchasing products made by its students.*

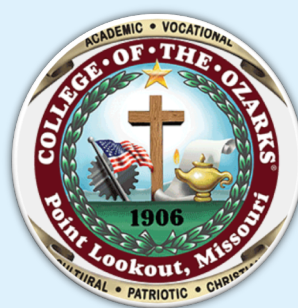
And, encourage everyone to vote in November.

*College of the Ozarks Provides Students with Unique Opportunities

The mission of College of the Ozarks is to provide the advantages of a Christian education for youth of both sexes, especially those found worthy, but who are without sufficient means to procure such training.

Students work on campus at any number of jobs, from grounds keeping to running the student store. The rest of their tuition comes from private donors.

Store website: store.cof.edu



Got a hot DAC tip suitable for the summer newsletter?
If you have photos, news, or just something of interest to say, send it via email to dexterjeanne@gmail.com

COVID-19 UPDATE

As we all take precautions to protect ourselves and others from the coronavirus, it is important to note that DAC is aware of the concerns you might have. While the next meeting of the Colonel John Alston Chapter is scheduled for September 24, please be aware it might be cancelled/postponed/rescheduled as situations warrant. Your safety and well-being is our main concern.

Until the “all clear” is sounded, when we do meet again we will adhere to the norms as suggested by our local health officials—possibly including the wearing of masks in public places, and social distancing at meetings. While this might not be as fun as previous meetings, we will all do what we can to stop the spread of this virus.

Thank you for your understanding and concern.

2020 meeting dates (tentative)

Thursday, September 24

Thursday, December 10

All meetings are held at Seigi’s Restaurant near the corner of 81st and Sheridan. Doors open at 11; meeting starts at 11:30.

2020-22 Yearbook now available on the OK DAC facebook page—if you are not looking at that page, you should be!

Object of the National Society

The object of this Society shall be Patriotic, Historical, and Educational; to make research as to the history and deeds of the American colonists and to record and publish the same; to commemorate deeds of colonial interest; to inculcate and foster love of America and its institutions by all its residents; to obey its laws and venerate its Flag—the emblem of its power and civic righteousness.

--Bylaws, Article II

Membership

Did you know..?

-One of our chapter members joined in 1968—52 years ago!

-Thirteen of our members joined before the year 2000

-Fifteen of our members joined between 2010 and now

-How many can we add in 2020?



*September 24 speaker—
State Regent Dr. Orriene
First Denslow*

Newsletter ideas!

Hope you enjoyed our first newsletter in awhile. If you have anything you'd like to add to it, let me know! This letter should reflect the interests and concerns of all our members, so don't be shy. It's more fun to have "local" content, so keep your eyes open for topics that might be of interest to our members.

Please forward this newsletter to anyone who might be contemplating membership in DAC.

This newsletter will be published once a season. Target date for the summer edition is late August/early September.

Send information for inclusion in the newsletter to dexterjeanne@gmail.com

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Newly revamped state website
- September meeting with the State Regent
- Next March—hosting the State Assembly—100-year celebration!



New 2020-2022 Colonel John Alston officers

*Regent: Jeanne Dexter
Vice-Regent: Becky Hold
Chaplain: Carol Wilson
Recording Secretary: Janis Evans
Registrar: Susan Spies
Treasurer: Peggy Edmondson
Historian: Melody Black
Librarian: Susan Cole
Parliamentarian: Janis Evans*

2020-2022 Committee Chairs

American Indian Scholarship:	TBA*
Bylaws:	Janis Evans
College of the Ozarks:	Lorma Denslow
Colonial and Genealogical Records:	Susan Spies
Colonial Courier:	Becky Hold
Flag of the United States of America:	Susan Cole
Golden Acorns:	Susan Cole
Historic Landmarks and Memorials:	Johnabeth Frost
National Defense:	Gale Smith
Patriotic Education:	Orriene Denslow
Technology:	Jeanne Dexter
Veteran Service:	TBA

*TBA = to be announced. Anyone wishing to serve as committee chair should contact Jeanne Dexter