

Tucson Chapter 2022 – 2024 Term

Symbol: Statue of Liberty



"Cling to wisdom – she will protect you.
Love her – she will guard you.
Getting wisdom is the most important
thing you can do!
And with your wisdom, develop
common sense and good judgement."
– Proverbs 4: 6-7

Motto:

Some days are diamonds,
others are rocks.

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Regent's Message

Dear Tucson Chapter Members:

After spending 15 days away from Tucson in November this Regent was prepared to catch up on the things that needed to be done in December. It became a little more hectic than planned. Moving forward quickly was my goal.



Here we are at the end of another phenomenally successful Tucson Chapter DAR year. We gained new members, bid farewell to a few transfers out, had members complete Member Courses, New Horizons, and GEP Courses, participated in the Veterans Parade, made a presentation to Presidio School and came together to support an absolutely wonderful opportunity and provided our Lantern Chapter funds of \$2,720 for their Sottera program. Job well done ladies, congratulations.

How long have you been a member? Years? When you joined were the Members, Committee Leaders, and New Horizons courses available? What are these?

- Members Course – Explore the many aspects of DAR and what it means to be a Daughter.
- Committee Leaders Course – Learn what it takes to be a more effective committee leader, from the chapter level all the way up to national chair.
- New Horizons Course – Build confidence and leadership skills as an aspiring or current DAR leader.

These courses are available FREE, you do them at your pace at home in your bunny slippers. Please consider taking a course. It's a great way to learn about DAR.

There are also GEP courses – the Genealogy Educational Program. These courses help you to become a better researcher and guide you to prepare supplemental applications more efficiently.

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Celebrating Our New “Stars”

We’re so excited to welcome our new members (*and their Patriots*) who joined our chapter from August 6 through November 5, 2023.

Welcome to the Tucson Chapter!

Jenifer Crutchley

Jean Chrysostome Dessaint Dit, CD

Lauren Graffam*

Jacob Barnitz, PA, ENS

Linda Head

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**denotes Junior Member*

Congrats to Those Earning New Certifications

Members Course

Sherry Hardy

GEP I

Kathleen Carter

Rachael Charboneau

Linda Matola

GEP II

Kathleen Carter

Linda Matola

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Bonus time – don’t forget the Tucson Chapter will reimburse you for the courses when completed. We have the Anna Rutherford Scholarship fund to support you and help increase your knowledge.

Looking forward to 2024, this Regent hopes that we are able to spend more time together doing service projects and having fun developing new friendships. Some of the things that could be done are field trips to local museums and art galleries, all followed by lunch at one of many ethnic restaurants. It would be wonderful to be of service to Beads of Courage, Ben’s Bells, and so many others. It just takes someone to step up to make the arrangements. *Is it you?*

Your Board of Directors are looking forward to a continually active 2024, we encourage you to help us make 2024 a banner year. As our State Regent’s motto says, “Teamwork makes the dream work.” So, let us dream big.

We wish you much joy and happiness in the new year – in the company of those whom you love.

In DAR Friendship,
Jocelyn “Jo” Clark

Save-the-Date for the Southeast Arizona Cluster Meeting



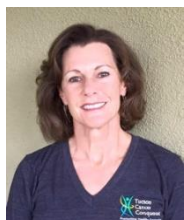
We've Had Some Great Meetings and Events This Fall – In Case You Missed Them, Here's a Recap...

September Focused on Chapter Committees

Our September General Membership Meeting highlighted the work of our Committees. Committee Chairs gave a brief overview of their committee charters and presented highlights of work done and work to come!

A committee needs to have more than one member to be a committee...***won't you be a committee volunteer?***

October Speaker Liz Almli, MD Founder of Tucson Cancer Conquerors (TCC)



Tucson Cancer Conquerors is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to provide social activities and support to those affected by cancer, or caring for someone with cancer, by offering them wellness and wholeness for the journey.

Their stated mission: "Empowering Cancer Survivors & the Communities that Support Them to Achieve Optimal Wellness," underscores their goal to make all of their programs available to anyone wishing to participate and to be affordable and accessible to those interested in participating.

Dr. Almli, herself a cancer survivor, never imagined that she herself would someday be faced with that very diagnosis. After a year of challenging treatment, she realized how important it is for patients to surround themselves with positive people who can offer support throughout the cancer experience, helping them regain control and be proactive about taking charge of their health.



Sarah Ziker Visits as Guest Speaker at November Meeting

Sarah Ziker, Arizona State Society Vice-Regent, visited Tucson Chapter in November and delighted us with her presentation on "The DAR Museum Comes to You."



A member of the Daughters of the American Revolution since 2002, Sarah is the daughter of art and antique collectors and spent most of her childhood going to auctions and antique stores throughout the Midwest. She loves the history and stories that objects tell us about times gone by. Sarah fell in love with the DAR Museum and was thrilled to become a correspondent docent. Sarah's presentation showcased how the interiors of American homes have changed since the 1600s. Rooms in our NSDAR "House Beautiful" in Washington D.C. depict the changes of the periods.

Sarah remarked that the DAR website has useful lessons on period rooms. The Arizona Room has a Navajo rug and mission furniture.

She also shared different artifacts such as a candle maker, butter press, and coffee grinder and invited attendees to call out what they were to win a U.S.A. scarf.

A donation to the DAR Museum was made in Sarah's name as an honorarium.



December Holiday Luncheon at the Lodge at Ventana Canyon

Again, we changed up the venue and celebrated our holiday luncheon at the lovely setting of the Lodge at Ventana Canyon. Thank you to Regent Jo Clark for sponsoring us at the Lodge.

We played some reindeer games (the Christmas sweater contest emceed by Carrie Foust), bought some toys from Santa's Workshop (aka Curt Winchester's woodshop, Karen's HODAR), and heard from Jan Cleere whose presentation based on her book, *Levis & Lace: Arizona Women Who Made History* was a fascinating look back at some very influential Arizona women.



Thursday, January 4
Book Club @ 2:00pm

Thursday, January 11
Board of Directors Meeting @ 10:00am
St. Alban's Church, Rm 10

Thursday, January 18
Membership Meeting @ 11:30am
St. Alban's Church, Parish Hall
Vietnam: In Their Own Words
Suzanne Ryan & Z Saenz

Thursday, January 25
DARling Bees @ 10:00am
El Camino Baptist Church

Thursday, February 1
Book Club @ 2:00pm

Thursday, February 8
Board of Directors Meeting @ 10:00am
St. Alban's Church, Rm 10

Thursday, February 15
Membership Meeting @ 11:30am
St. Alban's Church, Parish Hall
109th Birthday of Tucson Chapter
Young Composers Project
Andrew O'Neal, TSO Dir of Education

Thursday, February 22
DARling Bees @ 10:00am
El Camino Baptist Church

Saturday, March 2
Southeast Arizona Cluster Meeting @ 11:00am
Tirrito Ranch, Willcox, AZ

Thursday, March 7
Book Club @ 2:00pm

Thursday, March 14
Board of Directors Meeting @ 10:00am
St. Alban's Church, Rm 10

Thursday, March 21
Membership Meeting @ 11:30am
St. Alban's Church, Parish Hall
"Who Was Mercy Otis Warren"
Pat Brutscher

Thursday, April 4
Book Club @ 2:00pm

Thursday, April 11
Board of Directors Meeting @ 10:00am
St. Alban's Church, Rm 10

Thursday, April 18
Membership Meeting @ 11:30am
St. Alban's Church, Parish Hall
Honor Flight & DARling Bees Boutique

Thursday, April 25
DARling Bees @ 10:00am
El Camino Baptist Church

Friday, April 26 – Sunday, April 28
Arizona State Conference
Casino del Sol – Tucson, AZ

Two Members Share Ancestors' Stories of Courage

(Tucson Chapter Members Jo Clark and Linden Hickey share profiles of their courageous matriarchs – it's interesting how their different experiences led to Jo and Linden becoming friends and DAR sisters in Tucson from such divergent paths.)

Penelope's Story

by Jo Clark

My 10th great-grandmother was indeed a woman of courage, Penelope Van Princis Kent Stout. She was born in Amsterdam, the Netherland in 1622. She married John Kent about 1640, and the newlyweds left for New Amsterdam.

Many stories have been written about this woman called by many "The First Lady of Middletown, New Jersey." Like many of today's women, she was one of the early strong women that settled this country. Penelope and her husband John Kent boarded a ship and headed to a new country. Mr. Kent became ill during the trip. The ship was driven ashore near what is now Highlands in Monmouth County, New Jersey. With much difficulty, the passengers got ashore helping Mr. Kent and Penelope. He was too sick to go any further; they were left on the beach with the promise that help would be sent as soon as possible. Of course, there was the fear of an Indian attack.

I walked that beach on a rainy overcast day. Imagining how afraid she must have been.

What happened to Penelope and her husband after the others left is the beginning of many stories of what happened next. Those writing in the early 1700s have the best accounting as they were told to them by Penelope herself and later, her children:

They had survived the trip and the shipwreck and were now alone on an unknown beach. Not long after the others had left, a company of Indians came down to the waterside discovering the couple. Mr. Kent was killed and mangled. Penelope suffered a partial scalping, apparently taken as a trophy. She wore a head covering for the remainder of her life. She had a fractured skull; her left shoulder was so hacked that she could never again use that arm like the other. She was cut across the abdomen so that her bowels could be seen. She was left for dead. With courage she had enough strength to creep into a hollow tree where she

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Eliza's Story

by Linden Hickey

Many of you may not know that a lot of my more "recent" family history centers on my roots in the Hawaiian Islands. While I cannot claim even a smidgeon of native Hawaiian blood (23&Me agrees there is none), I am fourth-generation Hawai'i born on my father's side of the family and am a life member of the [Daughters of Hawai'i](#) lineage society. I am proud share the pioneering spirit of my adventurous great-great-great grandmother Eliza with you.

The story of my strong link to the Islands begins with the wife of a Scottish sea captain named Elizabeth McHutcheson Sinclair. Elizabeth, or Eliza as she was better known, was born on April 26, 1800, in Glasgow, Scotland – one of six children born to William McHutcheson (sometimes spelled McHutchison) and Jean Robertson. Eliza married Captain Francis W. Sinclair of the Royal Navy on January 13, 1824. They had three sons and three daughters (George, Jane, James, Helen, Francis, and Anne). Captain Sinclair was considered a master navigator, who was best known for saving the life of the Duke of Wellington in rough seas while escorting him on his return from the Battle of Waterloo in 1815.

Eliza was a Scottish homemaker, farmer, and plantation owner in Scotland, New Zealand, and Hawai'i. Shortly after the birth of all of her sixth child, the Sinclairs moved to New Zealand, arriving in 1841. In 1843, they settled at Pigeon Bay on the Banks Peninsula in the Canterbury region of South Island. Eliza's husband and her oldest son George disappeared at sea in 1846, during a business trip headed towards Wellington. Her husband was carrying all the family's cash and produce supplies. After the disappearance of her husband, Eliza and her remaining five children were left to survive on their own in Pigeon Bay. With her children marrying and producing grandchildren, the Sinclair clan needed more land, and Eliza's son Francis helped plan a new voyage towards that end. They sold their property in New Zealand and sailed on the *Bessie* to the Pacific Northwest of North America with the goal of relocating and acquiring property in British Columbia.

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remained for several days. She lived on eating the excrescences that grew from the tree and sipped on the dew from plants.

Several days later two male Indians, one older and one younger found her. She hoped they would put her out of her suffering. The two Indians had a debate as whether or not to kill her. The younger thought it was the thing to do, but the older picked her up and put her over his should and took her back to his camp. He and his wife took care of her and returned her to health.

At some point the Dutch in New Amsterdam found out there was a white woman living with the Indians. I cannot be sure if the Indians took her to New Amsterdam or if a group from there came and got her, but she returned to New Amsterdam. As with many stories they are varied. One story I like the most is that the older Indian took her to New Amsterdam and was rewarded. But what is the most important thing about this entire adventure? Penelope and the older Indian became long-time friends, he visited her many times over the years when she was in the Long Island area.

Penelope settled into the life of Gravesend, New Jersey, among the Dutch. Little is known about her life during those years, but she met Richard Stout who had become a large landowner in the area. No marriage documentation has been found (but that is often the way it was at the time). They probably married around 1648. She chose well in Richard Stout; he was wealthy and liked by the community. It is obvious that the marriage worked well as they had 10 children, three girls and seven boys.

After the English took over the rule in New Amsterdam in 1664, Penelope, her husband and others moved across the Lower Bay to what is now eastern New Jersey, near the village of the Indian Chief who saved her life. It is here that the Indian Chief visited her and at one time warned her of a plan to kill the families. He advised her to leave the area and provided her with a hidden canoe. Penelope advised her husband of the plan. The men prepared

for a fight and were ready. They were safe as Penelope and the children floated away; the men talked their way out of the insurrection.

Penelope died 1732, probably at 100-years-old in Middleton, New Jersey. It is said she was buried in the Stout Farmland Cemetery in Monmouth County, New Jersey. I found the house and on the front was a sign identifying it as the Stout Farm. The owner greeted me and welcomed me to walk the area as long as I wanted. My 10th great grandmother and I spent time together that morning.

Many years ago, after this experience, I was on a cruise reading about Penelope and her travel to the new country in the ship she was on. Obviously, no comparison. I am resting in my cabin reading about her conditions on that old ship with absolutely no luxurious accommodation. My voyage was calm, clean, good food and drink. Penelope's was **not**.

More recently I took another cruise and another book on Penelope. Again, the difference between our accommodations is quite different. But this time I looked and researched the Indian Tribe. Who were they? They were the Lenape Indigenous people of Northeastern woodlands. They were hunters and sometimes went to war to protect their families. They lived in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, and Delaware.

In 1626, the Lenape "sold" Manhattan to Peter Minuit, director of the Dutch settlement, for sixty guilders or about \$24.

A woman of courage, you bet, she traveled to a new country, survived the trip, was abandoned on an unknown beach with a sick husband, attacked by Indians, saved by other Indians, returned to the Dutch New Amsterdam, married a second time, bore 10 children, remained friends with her Indian friend, lived a long and fruitful life.

Thanks to you, my courageous great-grandmother, I believe you passed some of that down to many of your line.

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In early June 1863, the *Bessie* arrived in Victoria, British Columbia (Vancouver Island). The Sinclairs found the land wild and undeveloped with thick forests, making the effort required to clear land for agriculture close to impossible with their limited labor resources. Eliza set her sights on California, but an acquaintance named Henry Rhodes recommended that they avoid the rough oceans during the winter as it would make anchorage difficult. Rhodes suggested that they sail to the Sandwich Islands (Hawai'i) instead, since his brother lived in Honolulu. The Sinclairs agreed, and they boarded the *Bessie* one last time.

At the age of 63 years, Eliza led 13 members of her family to Hawai'i, arriving in Honolulu Harbor on September 17, 1863, on the *Bessie* captained by her son-in-law, Thomas Gay. The 300-ton barque arrived fully provisioned, with Merino sheep, one cow, hay, grain, chickens, a grand piano, books, and clothing.

Eliza purchased the island of Ni'ihau from King Kamehameha V, the King of Hawai'i, for a mere sum of \$10,000 in gold (plus the grand piano to allegedly seal the deal). But there was one condition – the king wanted Elizabeth to preserve the *kahiki* or native Hawaiian culture and protect the island and its residents from outside influences. She gave her promise, and it still stands today.

Eliza passed away of "old age" on October 16, 1892, at her beloved Makaweli, Kaua'i, where her descendants still maintain land holdings.

In the present day, the island of Ni'ihau remains under the care of the descendants of Elizabeth Sinclair and her family. These descendants have continued to keep the island completely private and worked to protect the land from any outside influences that may try to encroach on the island. Ni'ihau, commonly known as

the "Forbidden Island," is the only place in the U.S that has survived without electricity, running water, internet, shops, restaurants, paved roads, cars, or hotels for over 100 years now.

As my distant cousin Bruce Robinson, the current owner of the island, says, "Over a hundred years ago, a king asked our family to take care of the people. We're here today for that fulfillment of that promise." Today the forbidden island is the only place where native Hawaiian is the most-used language. And the reason why it survived lies in its isolation from mainland Hawai'i where the English language began to spread and replaced the native dialects.

The Robinsons are likely to never sell Ni'ihau. Rumor has it that it was considered a possible location for the United Nations headquarters by President Roosevelt and that at some point, the family was offered up to \$1 billion from the US government for the island. But for the descendants of Eliza Sinclair, who maintain it as a cultural and nature refuge where time stands still, Ni'ihau remains priceless.

The Robinson and Gay families operated a sugar plantation (Gay & Robinson, Inc.) on Kaua'i for 119 years, harvesting its last sugar crop in August 2010, it was the last remaining sugar cane processing plant on Kaua'i. The company's focus has now shifted to producing ethanol for energy and leasing its land for other agricultural use.

The "Forbidden Island" of Ni'ihau on the northern end of the Hawaiian island chain



Eliza McHutcheson Sinclair

Other Fall Activities

San Simon School Receives 72 New Books From Chapter Members

A huge thank to everyone that participated in the New Books Drive for the San Simon School on the Tohono O'odham Nation. We delivered the 72 new books, which totaled \$917.41 in book value. Another service well done.

Madonna of the Trail Commemoration in Springerville



Day of Service at East Lawn Palms Cemetery



Busy Weekend at the End of October



- Six members Shared History with Presidio School at their History and Humanities Festival
- Three Tucson Chapter members attended the Missing in America Ceremony at the AZ Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Marana



- Two members sold beer at Nam Jam
- Three members hosted guests at Fisher House

Decorating Fisher House Making the Season Bright

- Decorating Fisher House for the holidays was ably managed by Tucson and El Presidio Chapters this year. Thanks to all, including our HODARs, who helped!



Wreaths Across America

Beautiful ceremony at East Lawn Palms Cemetery. 17 members attended with two HODARs. Carole Wothe played the keyboard while husband Jerry sang the National Anthem. Suzanne Ryan provided the opening remarks. Bart Magellan attended and we were so pleased to see him.



Veterans Day

Well-represented in the annual parade.

