

# Gunter Mountain Chapter NSDAR Newsletter

## February, 2012

### The Gunter Mountain Chapter Learn about the Richard's House Museum

The Richard's House is one of Mobile's finest examples of the Italianate style. The house is famous for its cast-iron facade depicting the four seasons. Lavish iron lace decorates the Richards – Daughters of the American Revolution House Museum. This beautiful Town House of the Italianate style tells the story of Mobile during its antebellum period. Steamboat Captain Charles G. Richards and his wife, Caroline Elizabeth Steele, built their dream house in 1860.

The Ideal Cement Company purchased the house from Richards' descendants in 1946. After being turned over to the city of Mobile in 1973, the following five Mobile Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution leased the home: Mobile, Virginia Cavalier, Tristan De Luna, Nedham Bryan, and D'Iberville. The organization is responsible for furnishing and administering it as a Period House Museum.



January Program



Richard's House Museum front door



Carolyn Chandler admiring the beautiful Centerpiece



Chapter members at the January meeting

Martha Knott and her daughter Laura Buley provided the beautiful Orchid Centerpiece and a beautiful Star Dish as January Doorprizes. Helen Lopez was the lucky winner of the Orchids and Sherry Spurlin won the Star Dish. A special thanks to Martha and Laura!

## American History Essay Commemorates 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the War of 1812

2011-2012 Topic of the American History Essay: Pretend you were alive during the War of 1812 and had a friend who has become famous in history because of standing up for America during that exciting but dangerous time. Describe the person how he or she stood up for American. Explain why it is important to honor such heroes when we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the War of 1812.

The essay title should read “Young America Takes a Stand: The War of 1812”

### And the Winners are .....

	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Alex Trevor Satterfield	Caitlin Wright
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Brendon Meeks	Madison Pendergrass
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Kelly Ivy	Emily Kathryn Wilson

	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Keegan Joseph Allen	Dalton Parks
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Samuel McGwire Allen	Samantha Loïselle, Seth Warren
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Gabriel Liam Gipson	Anna Lee Murphy

A special thanks to American History Essay Contest Chairman Betty Moore and all her volunteer judges for all their hard work!

### Christopher Columbus Essay Contest

2011-2012 Topic- Christopher Columbus: In the time, in the history, and today. Describe Christopher Columbus as he understood in three different time periods: What did 15<sup>th</sup> century people think about his accomplishments? How did 19<sup>th</sup> century historians view him? How did Columbus, who had primitive ships and no computers or modern navigation equipment, affect our lives today?

Title of essay: “Christopher Columbus: In his own time, in history, and today”

### And the Winners are .....

1st place - McKayla Edmonds  
2nd place - Noah Wright  
3rd place - Justen Rhyne

A special thanks to Christopher Columbus Essay Chairman Carrie Ann Myers for all her hard work!

Please plan to attend the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to hear all these incredible essays given by the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners!

Which first lady saved historical artifacts during the War of 1812?  
Come to the meeting on Saturday, February 4th at 9:00am to hear the answer.

## **Treasurer's Report**

**The Balance for the Gunter Mountain Chapter as of 01/13/12 is \$5,549.90. However, checks have been sent to the State Treasurer for required donations for Chapter Achievement, a donation was made to Tut Fann Veterans Home, and a required donation was made to the Alabama Society CAR totaling \$472.00.**

## **Gunter Mountain Committee Minutes**

### **February Indian Minute**

Cherokee and Creek tribes sat between the English, French and Spanish in the early struggle for dominance, and played one power against the other. In the Revolutionary War the Cherokee allied with the English, only to suffer retaliation. Then with a man named Sequoyah among the warriors- they fought beside Andrew Jackson at Horseshoe Bend in the Creek War of 1813-1814.

### **Conservation Minute from Chairman Jean Jackson**

**Shorten Showers. Take short showers instead of baths, and consider using a shower timer. To make it fun for kids, turn it into a game to see who can get the most "squeaky clean" in under three minutes!**

### **Women's Issues Minute from Chairman Carrie Beard**

**February is American Heart Month! Did you know that Heart Disease is the #1 cause of death for women??**

**You will receive more information about Heart Disease in Women and the Go Red for Women Campaign at the February Program. Please make plans to attend!**

**Remember to wear Red as the Gunter Mountain Chapter celebrates the energy, passion, and power we have as women to band together to wipe out heart disease and stroke. (Go Red for Women Movement)**

**Pictures will be made immediately following the meeting!**

### **Sunshine News**

**Our incredible Chaplain Alma Kingsbury needs your prayers as her husband recovers from surgery.**

**Please email Sunshine News to Alma Kingsbury, our chapter chaplain and copy to Regent Tammy Clemons.**

**Please remember to renew and gift the *American Spirit* magazine. You can renew and gift online at the members website [www.members.dar.org](http://www.members.dar.org) for only \$18. Contact Vivian Mason with questions.**

## **Delegates Elected to Alabama State Conference**

**Delegates elected to the State Conference at the February meeting were Susie Keller, Betty Moore, Martha Knott, Libby Bevel, Sheila Barbuck, Sherry Spurlin, and Alma Kingsbury.**

### **Regent Request**

**Please bring your Box Tops, Soups Labels, and ink cartridges to each meeting and place them in designated containers at the front of the room. Please place your count of the paper clipped Box Tops and Soup labels in baggies with the number you counted visible on the bag. This is going to help me enormously and I will be most grateful. Email me when you buy a pin of any kind starting in March. I need the number of hours you volunteer categorized. For example, number of hours you cleaned the cemetery in March 2 hours, number of hours you spent carrying a neighbor to the doctor in March 3 hours, and number of hours you spent picking up litter in March 1 hour, etc. I again, will be most thankful.**

### **Announcements**

**February Meeting**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 9:00am  
Remember to wear RED!!!!!!**

**Program Topic**

**Go Red for Women, Heart Disease and Women  
Carrie Beard, Chairman Women's Issues**

**February Hostesses'**

**Teresa Ballard, Lou Ann Poole, and Syble Whitaker**