President's Notes:

Congratulations J.B. Kershaw Daughters for the wonderful donation of food and items for the needy this holiday season. We collected a very large amount and variety of canned goods, paper products, and other necessary items to go to the County Home to help with their Thanksgiving celebration.

Our speaker, Mrs. Wilkerson, gave a wonderful presentation of her great grandfather's diary which is in book form now. Several of us purchased signed copies for our libraries, and I have really enjoyed reading it and recognizing several familiar names.

We have several activities planned for the month of December, and I hope everyone will try to be at our scheduled meetings. With our growing and active chapter, we are able to accomplish much more in the way of community service, education, benevolent and patriotic activities.

During the upcoming holiday season, I hope that all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving. As we enter into the Christmas season, let us all remember the reason for the season, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we share the message of the season, we are also honoring our ancestors and our wonderful Christian heritage.

Treasurer's Notes:

Currently we have $825 in our treasury. However, the General and Division dues are due in February 2010. Perhaps one or two of you have overlooked this important deadline. Please try to pay dues ASAP. Anyone who has not paid by then has to be dropped from our rolls. Anyone owing dues from last year may have been carried over, but will have to pay last year and the current year in order to be a member in good standing. We received a Thank You note from Hospice concerning Kim C. Lambert’s mother’s memorial gift that our Chapter sent from Linda Brown. We hope that Kim will return to us soon.

Our account is in good shape, but we need everyone to take care of this so that in February we will have everyone in good standing.

Kim Verdin, Treasurer
We had a wonderful meeting on November 14 with Lilibet Wilkerson as our guest speaker. It was so informative and inspiring as it was all her family history. Thanks to Lilibet for her time. We also brought many canned and boxed articles for the Thanksgiving gift for the Laurens Memorial Home. These will be delivered on November 24, about the time this newsletter comes out. Thanks to all who made this possible.

Our December 12 meeting will be at 9 AM rather than 10 AM. December is very busy of course, and this meeting will be informal and a work meeting. We will put together Christmas gift bags for the veterans living at NHC in Laurens. Attendees at the last meeting signed up for items to bring including scented bath gel and lotion, puddings, jellies, and socks. These are items suggested by the staff of NHC. If you were not at the meeting and would like to participate by donating items, please contact me by email jtemeraldview@yahoo.com or phone 864-998-5025 by December 10. All are invited to join us at 9 AM on December 12 to put the bags together and then carry them to the veterans at NHC. It will be a warm and welcome Christmas gift from us to them.

Since we are not having a regular business meeting on the 12th, I am planning a fun activity for Friday night, December 18, realizing that many will have other things to do that night. However, those that can are invited to join my husband and I for "Christmas in Dixie" at the Confederate Museum in Greenville. We will leave from Welcome Baptist Church on Hwy. 14 at 4:30 PM, arriving in Greenville around 5:30. That will give you time to tour the museum before the 7 PM program. Bring your spouses, children, and grandchildren. A children's story hour is at 6 PM, followed by a great time of music presented by "Joyful Harps" of Taylors. We all gather around the 1860's piano to sing carols, also. There will be refreshments and period decorations. Everything is free. I will be in touch with all later to see who would like to go.

Just a note in advance, our January 9 meeting will be at 3 PM at Eloise Verdin's home rather than 10 AM at the library. Our business meeting will consist of committee time for the Monument Re-Dedication and Sesquicentennial committees, as well as making favors for our Lee-Jackson luncheon on January 30. A Flag Retirement Service will be our historical program and will be carried out by the Children of the Confederacy after our meeting. More details and directions will come out in the December newsletter.

If you are not active in our chapter, please get involved. We have wonderful and exciting things going on. Your officers are working hard to provide educational and worthwhile opportunities and we have several persons with pending applications. Your newsletter editor works hard to keep you informed of everything, so we all know what is going on each month.

Hope to see you December 12, 9 AM. Jennifer Sawyer, Historian

I want to restate this… Please make a note that any articles to be added to the newsletter needs to be emailed or mailed by post to be before the 24th of each month. If you have a photo of yourself to be attached with your article and any other pictures to be attached, please send those also with your article.

I'd like to put birthday dates in our newsletter … would love to help celebrate your birthdays… Do not put the year you were born, but the month and the date. My phone number is: 864-682-5600 or my e-mail: david.maritom@prtcnet.com My address is: PO Box 592, Laurens, SC 29360.