

### *From The Chairman's Heart*

Happy August from your DAR School team! It seems like school just ended and now it is starting again. I am seeing children at bus stops and hearing families figuring out their new routines. School is starting at our DAR Schools as well! Visit their websites and see if they have an Adopt a Classroom program or an Amazon Wish List! Little bits of help add into large bits and the schools are always grateful.

Congress was fantastic! The Education Awards luncheon was extremely well attended and full of information. I feel certain that the Education Awards luncheon lived up to its name as not only did we honor our various opportunities in supporting education, but also educated attendees as to what DAR does nationwide. Much of this newsletter will be about the luncheon. Talk to your chapters about it! They may want to attend next year!

And... it was WONDERFUL meeting so many members who came to the DAR School Committee table on Friday night. Hugs, handshakes, hand outs, candy, putting faces with names, all of it was worth the preparation and the time. The committee members who worked the table had truly a magnificent time and we look forward to next year!

As we start our new DAR year, I want to thank the members of this committee for their help in getting us launched last year and making it all happen. From the National Vice Chairs who meet with me frequently and brainstorm new ideas and fresh content for this newsletter, to our Division Vice Chairs communicating within their divisions and the State Chairs, keeping their members in the loop... all are invaluable and appreciated as members of the DAR School committee team. So... THANK YOU!

Sparkle on!

Dawn Crumly Lemongello  
National Chair, DAR School



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## 2022 Daughters with Big Hearts!

Congress is our big celebration of all that Sparkled during 2022. Navigate to the DAR School section on the DOC or the Members' Only website to locate a file that lists more information about these Daughters who are being recognized for their 2022 achievements.

Congratulations to the Outstanding State Chairs:

- Northeastern Division **Glena Larson**, NY
- Eastern Division **Jennifer Thorpe**, PA
- Southeastern Division **MaryDe Heckman Elliston**, TN
- East Central Division **Mary Ann Devolld**, OH
- North Central Division **Peggy Corrington**, IA
- South Central Division **Geni Holmes**, TX
- Northwestern Division **Dana Langworthy**, WA
- Southwestern Division **Sharon Hagenbuck**, NM

Congratulations to the Outstanding Chapter Chairs:

- Northeastern Division **Sandra Swallow**, Fort Halifax Chapter, ME
- Eastern Division **Catherine Jacoby**, Francis Hopkinson Chapter, NJ
- Southeastern Division **Charlotte Dunkin**, Fayette-Starr's Mill Chapter, GA
- East Central Division **Julie Boggess**, Kanawha Valley Chapter, WV
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**See These Chairs Smiling Faces with State and Chapter Kudos on Pages 5 and 6.**

# Continental Congress Education Awards Luncheon Distributions

## Friends of DAR Schools and Ella Atwell Amounts

The DAR School committee was proud to distribute the Friends of DAR Schools donations at the Education Awards luncheon.

We distributed \$198,096 from the Friends of the DAR Schools Fund as follows: \$50,000 to Berry College for the purpose of funding the Health Sciences Building (\$50,000); \$44,000 to Crossnore Communities for Children for the purpose of funding Youth Independent Living Program (\$27,000), Bridging Families Program (\$12,000) and Trust-Based Relational Intervention® training (\$5,000); \$44,500 to Kate Duncan Smith DAR School for the purpose of funding the 1st installment of two for the Centennial Campus Commons (\$12,500); Fine Arts Enrichment Program for Elementary Students (\$18,000); Educational Support for Post-Secondary Students (\$7,000) and for the Children's Fund (\$7,000); \$23,096 to Hillside for the following items: Multipurpose Room (\$12,296) and Fitness Center Equipment (\$10,800); and \$36,500 Hindman Settlement School for the following items: Dyslexia Scholarships (\$25,000) and Kitchen Classroom (\$11,500).

**Thank you, Daughters, for your generosity in your donations!**

Additionally, we gave KDS and Crossnore their 1st Quarter 2023 distribution from the Ella Atwell Fund. KDS and Crossnore each received \$60,649.74 as the total distribution was \$121,299.48. Crossnore's distribution is for the purpose of summer programming for their foster youth (\$30,000.00), Founding Foundations (\$28,000) and for Marjorie Williams Academy to purchase a high quality DSLR camera and lens (\$2,649.74); and KDS's distribution is for funding maintenance and repair expenses (\$3,954); quarterly utilities (\$8,529) and for partial funding labor expenses (\$48,166.74).



## 2022 DAR School Committee - Our Giving Hearts

The year 2022 shaped up to be a year of generosity from the Daughters to the Schools.

**In total, we gave the schools \$732,385.38!**

This amount is the grand total of scholarships awarded plus Ella Atwell Funds distributed plus Friends of DAR Schools donations raised. As a reminder, Scholarship winners are notified in May, Ella Atwell Funds are distributed quarterly, and Friends of DAR Schools is presented at the Education Awards luncheon during Continental Congress.

The schools received the following amounts:

- Kate Duncan Smith School \$310,144.69
- Crossnore Communities for Children \$306,644.69
- Berry College \$50,000.00
- Hindman Settlement School \$36,500.00
- Hillside School \$29,096.00

The Schools are one of DAR's biggest success stories. The generosity of our society continues to help the students at these schools and the schools are appreciative!

## DAR Member Spotlight

Kathy Marsh, National Vice Chair, Junior Membership - Berry College

Growing up outside Chicago and as an active member of the Children of the American Revolution, I signed my DAR application to become an Illinois Daughter as soon as I turned 18. I remember attending C.A.R. national conventions and hearing about the southern states and all they were doing to support the "Mountain Schools Committee," aka the DAR schools and approved schools, through fundraisers, thrift shop collections, cleanup days, and cottage sponsorships. I was jealous of the proximity and how easy it was for them to connect locally to these schools. Fast forward 10 years and I found myself and my husband moving to Georgia! It's so wonderful being able to talk to students and directors at our state conference and fall meetings to create that more personal connection to the schools each year.



My first trip to Berry was a dream. The campus is truly one of the most beautiful places and getting to see Martha Berry's home (and take a picture in the closet where Reese Witherspoon hid in Sweet Home Alabama) had me hooked! When I was asked to serve in a new position this administration under the Junior Membership committee as the Berry College Representative, I knew I was making that 20-year-younger C.A.R. me proud.

In this new role, I started to think about ways the northern and western parts of the country could feel connected with Berry College, aside from raising money for the Gate of Opportunity Scholarships. I'm excited to say that I have been working with Scott Breithaupt to develop a list of students and their home states, so that chapters in states with a student at Berry College could "adopt them" and send them cards or care packages. What a great service in seconds project!

Thank you to all the ladies I spoke with at the Committee Showcase at Continental Congress that have reached out. I should have the official list for the new school year shortly and will be getting you names and the development office address so we can flood these students with so much DAR support they won't know what hit them! Last year Berry students called 40 different states home, so if you would like to find out if there are students from your home state, please reach out at [patrioticmarsh@gmail.com](mailto:patrioticmarsh@gmail.com).

## A Summer DAR Schools Social

Suzanne Shaughnessy, Towamencin Chapter Regent

This July the Towamencin Chapter in Pennsylvania held a Summer DAR Schools Social. Thirty ladies attended to hear Will Anderson, Executive Director Hindman Settlement School, zoom with us to talk about what Hindman offers its students and community, see photos of the campus after the flood and after recovery and hear about the vending book project. Our ladies raised \$700 to be sent to Hindman to help with recovery and the vending book project. We had lunch together, played games about the Presidents and had a fun photo shoot.



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## Take a Minute to share the DAR School Committee with your chapter ...

Shop now for Holiday gifts from Crossnore Weavers!

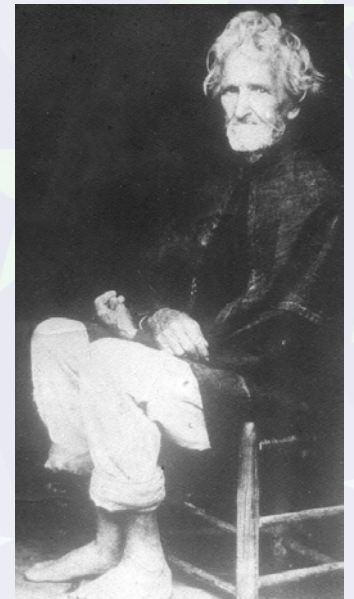
Looking for an exquisite gift for a special someone? Crossnore Weavers' online store has elegant garments, kitchen linens, and home decor gifts woven at their Crossnore, Avery County, North Carolina campus. According to Crossnore, the Crossnore Weavers program was created in 1923 "to preserve the Appalachian art of hand-weaving, to give an economic opportunity to women, and to promote Crossnore Communities for Children through the sale of beautiful hand-woven goods all over the world." The Weaving Room was built in 1936, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Classes are available to the community, and the weaving studio includes museum exhibits. A Fine Arts gallery "represents regional painters, sculptors, and fine craft persons who want to take part in benefiting the children of Crossnore Communities for Children." Visit the online store <https://www.crossnore.org/online-store/> to purchase a beautiful gift, get a head start on the holidays, or treat yourself!

Jacqueline Riddell, National Vice Chair, Friends of DAR Schools

### A Desire For More and Better Education for the Youth of Hindman

Uncle Sol's Cabin is an iconic fixture on the Hindman Campus. The school's maintenance team is hard at work continuing the removal of the structure attached to the rear of the Cabin. When removed, this will return the cabin to its original layout. But, who was Uncle Sol? Appalachian Heritage Magazine has this to say about him:

"In the summer of 1899 eighty-year old Solomon Everidge, barefoot, bareheaded, with a great shock of white hair, dressed in homespun, walked the 22 miles from Hindman to Hazard. He had heard about the "doings" of the ladies in their summer camp school and had come to "sarch out the truth of it." He may have been encouraged to come by words of his son-in-law, Lewis Hays, and others. After watching the activities for hours in silence, he finally rose and introduced himself in something of the following manner: "Women, my name is Solomon Everidge. Some calls me the gran'daddy of Troublesome. Since I was a little shirt tail boy hoeing corn on the hillsides, I have looked up Troublesome and down Troublesome for somebody to come in and larn us something. My childhood passed, and my manhood, and now my head is blooming for the grave, and still nobody hain't come. I growed up ignorant and mean, my offsprings was wuss, my grands wusser, and what my greats will be if something hain't done to stop the meanness of their maneuvers, God only knows. When I heard the tale of you women, I walked the twenty-two mile acrost the ridges to sarch out the truth of it. I am now persuaded you are the ones I have looked for all my lifetime. Come over to Troublesome, Women, and do for us what you are doing here." The "women" were deeply impressed by the earnestness and dignity of the patriarchal old man and agreed to come. The journey of "Uncle" Solomon that memorabile, mid-August day in 1899 resulted in the founding of The Hindman Settlement School."



Sammy Lackner, National Vice Chair

## News From The Schools

### Kate Duncan Smith School



Join the Staff and Students of Kate Duncan Smith and your fellow DAR members for the 99th KDS Dedication Day, October 12th and 13th! There is a block of rooms for DAR members at the Hampton Inn in Guntersville for Wednesday and Thursday nights. Thursday you will enjoy programs, meetings and tours. There will be an evening meal. On Friday, we will participate in the Dedication Day Program, enjoy the famous KDS "Basket Lunch", and then depart after lunch. You won't want to miss this wonderful event! <https://www.kdsdar.org/dedication-day>

### Hindman Settlement School

We here at the Settlement School are extremely humbled and appreciative of the outpouring of generosity shown to us by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution this year at the 132nd Continental Congress!

Read Justin Brown's article on the Hindman Online News:

<https://hindman.org/2023/07/01/132nd-nsdar-continental-congress-contributions/>



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