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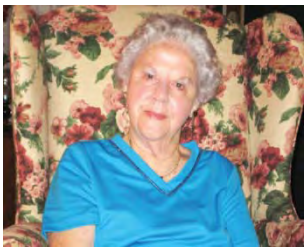
The President's Message



Dorothy M. Lee,
National President

Thank you for the privilege of serving as National President of Southern Dames! Much appreciation is due to all of the North Carolina Southern Dames for their hard work in meeting the needs of those who attended the 48th Assembly of Southern Dames of America. One has only to attend an annual Assembly to realize what is gained by meeting other members, gaining ideas for one's chapter, hearing excellent programs and just having a good time.

This president continues to emphasize membership growth in this Society and for the increase in our membership this past two years you are doing just that. The new organization "just a wee bit north of the Mason Dixie line" the New Jersey Society, is up and growing. The reorganized Virginia Society will have its charter meeting October 3 in Charlottesville, VA. Georgia State Society is adding an additional Chapter, Alabama is reorganizing and now has 29 members, Arizona and Missouri are in the beginning stages. It is evident that through these new and reorganized chapters they desire to share the ideals and purposes for which our Society is known.

Societies and chapters are urged to continue their programs of having speakers from local Eye Bank Centers and Eye Research Centers as eye research is never ending, also an added program of interest might be having a trainer of Seeing Eye Dogs at your Society/Chapter meeting.

The financial support by Southern Dames of America to ophthalmic eye research centers is always well received. This year, due to economic concerns, only two states, Tennessee and Texas received $1000.00 each from the National Society.

Of much importance: in an endeavor to cut the cost of mailing the Journal, consideration is being given to sending the Journal via email to those who use email. If you would prefer receiving the Journal through US Mail, please advise your Society/Chapter, giving your name and she in turn will advise the National Recording Secretary.

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New Jersey Dames Organize

The New Jersey Society of the National Society Southern Dames of America organized on June 8, 2010. Members and friends enjoyed a lovely luncheon at the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Clinton, New Jersey, followed by a guided tour of the Red Mill Museum which specializes in Victorian period history. The luncheon began at noon and after the opening ritual, each member was presented to the group, having her name and national number called. She was pinned with a silk magnolia flower representing the flower of the National Society. The New Jersey members thank Mrs. Carla Odom, President of the new Virginia Society, for sharing the idea of the silk magnolia flower.

The New Jersey ladies appreciated the recognition and enjoyed the luncheon which was filled with good Southern food and fellowship. The tour of the Red Mill Museum was a delight for all and completed a nice afternoon. The New Jersey Society currently consists of fourteen members including two junior members. Four prospects have their papers pending at National. The New Jersey members look forward to their fall meeting and inviting more ladies to join Southern Dames!

Our "New" New Jersey Society enjoying the day at The Red Mill Museum.

New Members Since Spring 2010 Journal

ALABAMA

Judith Kaye Kennedy Arthur	#2503
Bernice Elizabeth Clay	#2519
Carolyn Plummer Drennen	#2505
Jo Ellen Cauthen Flournoy	#2549
Mary Anne Bates Gibbons	#2497
Linda Josephine Standridge Graham	#2513
Roberta Haden Greene	#2557
Helen Haywood Hahn	#2511
Kathryn Roberta Buckels Hardman	#2515
Martha H. Howard	#2512
Laura Nelle Clark Howell	#2516
Ruth W. McDaniel	#2514
Kathryn Hicks Porter	#2556
Mary Ethel Cauthen Potts	#2532
M. Gail Massey Pugh	#2496
Laura Dean Ramsey	#2504
Rita Louise Haywood Reid	#2502
Lois Marie Robertson	#2525
Phoebe Donald Robinson	#2555
Linda Lee Williams Shabo	#2531
Karen Coopwood Shallenberg	#2558
Annette Edgeworth Smith	#2501
Carol McAdams Thomas	#2533
Shelby Dean Ward	#2498
Davie Ann Thomas Williams	#2500
Lucy Clamp Willis	#2499
Sandra Scott Wilson	#2495
Evelyn Diana Smith Wynn	#2535
Martha Ann Cauthen Young	#2534

ARIZONA

Yolanda McDonald	#2506
Glydie Nelson	#2507

GEORGIA

Lexie Madison Carter (Junior)	#2485
Elizabeth Anne Wigzell Clay	#2528
Seleta S. Culpepper	#2545
Mary Margaret Sullivan Hart	#2546
Linda Overstreet Harvey, Ph.D.	#2530
Sarah Inez Wood Hlavay	#2470
Carolyn Neill Cripps Latimer	#2464
Lynda Paulette Ayedelott Moreau	#2482
Agnes Elizabeth McCannon Newton	#2489
Amelia Rogers Pelton	#2492
Charlotte Lynn Taylor Seefeldt	#2474
Katherine Burgsteiner Stevens	#2524
Artie Mae Mims Taylor	#2473
Sarah L. Thurmond	#2471
Beth Ferguson Usry	#2544
Frances Cecelia Whiddon	#2486

FLORIDA

Joann Wilcoxson Bragg	#2527
Carol Leigh Chapuis Canales	#2539
Sonya Lee Behling Eason	#2526
Patricia Hall Eppler	#2490
Alice Gay Harlow	#2538
Donna R. Chapuis Matthews	#2491

KENTUCKY

Marjory Johnson Diamond	#2547
Patricia Green Saddler Hughes	#2548

LOUISIANA

Merle Edwards	#2477
Janie Watson Keller	#2508
Elizabeth Gant Libbers	#2480

NEW JERSEY

Sally Wienges Symmes Abbott	#2494
Sally Gilmore Tullis de Barcza	#2455
Shirley Bove	#2467
Linda Joan DeVane Boyd	#2469
Rhonda Sue Spivey Florian	#2475
Lee Strom Guerra	#2517
Barbara J. Hencheck	#2456
Elizabeth Ann Jackson Kempton	#2457
Deborah M. Kessler	#2479
Bridget Lomax (Junior)	#2521
Morgan Lomax (Junior)	#2522
Nancy Marie Beam Pexa	#2458
Margaret McKean Speas (Junior)	#2488
Martha Bell Speas (Junior)	#2487
Aline Jones Wankow	#2468
Stephanie Suzanne Smith Wilkins	#2459

NORTH CAROLINA

Doris Shoe Bame	#2493
Glenna Brinkley Brendell	#2543
Nanelle Edmundson Congleton	#2551
Phyllis Jean Yelverton Edmundson	#2554
Nell Dixon Garner	#2481
Elizabeth Martin Hardison Hamer, Jr.	#2476
Tracey Dianne Edmundson Ivey	#2553
Deborah Ann Yelverton Marm	#2552
Robbie Sewell Moye	#2540
Katherine Shipman Schoellhorn	#2559
Joan Kelly Smiley	#2542
Leslie Weil	#2541
Marian Jones Westbrook	#2550
Hazel Ruth Hill Yarbrough	#2529

TENNESSEE

Rheva Ann Arnold Keller	#2483
Sandra Jo Hancock Miles	#2510
Patsy Ruth Houston Starnes	#2518
Carolyn ReeseTempleton	#2536
Carol Mae Snith Tombras	#2537

TEXAS

Margaret L. Williams Jones	#2523
Kathleen Graham Lomas	#2520
Shelia Kay Mathis	#2509

VIRGINIA

Diane Marie Bradshaw	#2466
Janet Muriel Lewis Downing	#2478
Donna Jean Calliston Hall	#2465
Rachel Little Hill	#2460
Joan Crump Kanter	#2463
Kathryn Ann Kelly Murray	#2472
Virginia H. Rouse	#2461
Sadie Maxine Verlander Singley	#2462

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LEST WE FORGET:

- ***All societies/chapters are required to fill out form 990N within 30 days of the Society's year end date.*** Notification should then be sent to the National Treasurer.
- Please report any changes in officers to National Officers.
- When printing a yearbook please send a copy to all National Officers and past National Presidents.
- Necrology reports should be sent to the National Chaplain along with a copy of the obituary and name and address of next of kin, and ...

PLEASE make your plans now to attend the

Forty Ninth Assembly of Southern Dames of America
to be held in
Athens, GA June 2-4, 2011

Ann Craft Creative Contest Winners 2010

PAINTINGS

1st PLACE - Foxy Lady Watercolor – Barbara Murphy – NC/ Southport

2nd Place - St. Simon's Glory - Autumn Strickland – GA

CRAFT

1st Place Quilt - Betty Stevens – TN

CHINA PAINTING

1ST Place - 3 tiered plates with gold trims- Ruth Groome – NC/Pinehurst

KITTING

1ST Place Cape - Betty Stevens – TN

EMBROIDERY

1ST Place Table cloth - Fritzi Martin, LA

2nd Place - Crewel Picture (Hand Embroidery) Adele Streeck, LA

OLDIES BUT GOODIES

Honorable Mention

"Dancing on the Water" – Watercolor Painting – Barbara Murphy – NC/Southport

Coat of Arms – Hazel Carr – FL/Society of Palm Beaches

2010 Annual Meeting Attendance

1. Nora Hickam
2. Carolee McKinstry
3. Sam McKinstry
4. Nelly Shearer
5. Frederick Leadbetter
6. Dr. Sue Comerford
7. Bettie H. Johnson
8. Doris Thompson
9. Gabrielle Hadyka
10. Marilyn Smith
11. Telia Cunningham
12. Carla Odom
13. Fritzi Martin
14. Adele Streeck
15. Charlotte Lachicotte
16. Margaret Perks
17. Mary Ann Hepler
18. Ray Hepler
19. Mae Cooper
20. Elane B. Griffin
21. Nancy B. Counts
22. Emily Weil
23. Betty W. Stevens
24. Rachael Hill
25. Jim Hill
26. Evelyn Pate
27. Katherine Michalowicz
28. Sarah Baucom
29. Camille R. Baxter
30. Sharon Stine
31. Jackie Oakley
32. Charlotte P. Kelly
33. Barbara Willis Murphy
34. Trudy Tanzillo
35. Mary Ellen Lowe
36. Mary B. Mitchell
37. E. Anne Ratcliffe
38. Catherine Ford Brister
39. Jean Haislip Clay
40. Tommie Elaine Shattuck
41. Dorothy M. Lee
42. Bonnie Lashley
43. Carol Moore Ballard
44. Robbie Lou Ray
45. Robin Towns
46. Brenda Hamilton
47. Amanda Moore Ladd
48. Duke Ladd
49. Bill Perks
50. Bill Clemmons
51. Mrs. Clemmons
52. Virginia Sparks Barnard
53. Kay Schoellhorn
54. Sarah R. Hiatt
55. Margaret L. Cleetwood
56. Lucinda Casey
57. Mary L. Rever
58. Jane Barbot
59. guest of Jane Barbot to help with talk
60. guest from Southport
61. Guest on tour

MINUTES OF THE 48TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
Friday, JUNE 11, 2010
9:00 A.M.

ATTENDEES: ROBIN TOWNS, NELLY SHEARER, FRITZI K. MARTIN, DOROTHY LEE, BETTIE H. JOHNSON, MARY REVER, GABY HADYKA, CATHERINE BRISTER, SUE COMERFORD, BETTY STEVENS, CAROLEE McKINSTRY.

President Shearer called the meeting to order.

The recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the Budget for 2010-2011as tendered by National Treasurer Sue Comerford was presented. The Executive Council approved and it will be presented to the Board of Management for approval.

The Endowment Committee recommendation that since the earnings on our endowment investment were down last year, we give two (2) $1,000 grants this year to Tennessee and Texas, respectively, was presented. The Council approved and this recommendation will be presented to the Board of Management.

President Shearer gave a report on the progress with new and reinstated societies. Virginia is up and running with a membership of 47. Alabama also is coming along with a membership of 13 and prospects of up to 25 members soon. New Jersey is organizing with a membership of 13. Both Arizona and Missouri are in the beginning stages. Georgia has decided to initiate a state society with 2 chapters, Oconee in north Georgia, and Wiregrass in south Georgia. Work still needs to be done with South Carolina.

Carolee McKinstry presented the proposed Bylaw revisions. These were approved by the Council and will be presented to the Board of Management.

President Shearer discussed the change from J.E. Caldwell to their replacement, Hamilton Jewelers. She also gave an update on efforts to find a supplier for ribbons for past National and State Officers. Work continues in this area and more information will be given out at a later date.

Charms and branch pins are available for $15 and $23, respectively. Many have been sold and Council members were encouraged to promote these sales in their state societies and chapters.

President Shearer expressed concern about communications between national officers and state societies. There needs to be emphasis given to having societies send up-to-date yearbooks on a regular basis.

The website is continuing to be an excellent communications tool. President Shearer suggested that every society provide information to Barbara Doody, Webmistress, so that all societies will have their information available on our webpage. Further instructions about how to do this will be provided at a later date.

Camille Baxter gave information about the 49th Assembly to be held in Athens, GA, June 2-4, 2011. The 50th Assembly will be held in Tennessee, probably Nashville, in 2012 and should be very specialfor all of us.

President Shearer discussed at length a list of material presently residing in the Atlanta History Center. She also has a multitude of material which has been passed from President to President. Some of this is needed by the succeeding President, but other parts of the material need to go to the Archives. Gabrielle Hadyka moved that President Shearer be authorized to review all the material, sending to the next President those items which she will need, and then providing to Camille Baxter the remaining items which need to go to the Atlanta History Center. Bettie Johnson seconded the motion and the group approved.

Camille Baxter has agreed to review the material in the History Center and to begin the task of preparing a history for our 50th Assembly. The Council expressed their gratitude to Camille for undertaking this sizeable task. She will report to the 49th Assembly Council Meeting on this effort.

Timely reporting of address changes to the National Treasurer was stressed so that our expense with the mailing of the Journal can be as reasonable as possible.

It was suggested that new handbooks and bylaws need to be printed in 2011. This will be determined at next year's Assembly.

President Shearer thanked the members of the Executive Board for their dedicated efforts after which the meeting was adjourned.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE
Tribute to Anne Bright Bradford, Past National President, 1992-1994 National #699, East Tennessee
January 11, 2010 By Carolee McKinstry, Past National President

GEORGIA
Hallie Bowen Holmes, National Audit Chairman, National #1926, April 7, 2010

LOUISIANA
Oberia Price, Charter Member Louisiana Society, National #1113, April 26, 2009
Ione Pearl Paul, National #1623, October 6, 2009
Marjorie Hammond Lessentine, National #1625, October 29, 2009

MARYLAND
Julia Ann Guffy, National #2033, June 4, 2009
Katherine Street Davis Scarborough, National #1297, August 10, 2009

MISSISSIPPI
Roberta Stamps Hudyma, National #1631, July 8, 2008
Betty Cleere, National #1723, November 2008
Anita Coleman Crigler, National #2079, July 15, 2009
Patricia Ann Roebuck. National #2042, October 26, 2009
Lois Ross Caldwell, National #1634, May 5, 2010

TENNESSEE
Mary Margaret Munn, Middle Tennessee, National #1872, June 4, 2008
Gloria Jones. West Tennessee, National #1690, January 26, 2010

TEXAS
Jimmie E. Dowell, National #1872, June 4, 2009
Mary Aline Austin, National #1876, November 9, 2009

MINUTES OF THE 48TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
3:00 P.M.

ATTENDEES: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, STATE PRESIDENTS, ALL NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

President Shearer called the meeting to order after which Camille Baxter, President of the Georgia State Society, gave the invocation.

President Shearer welcomed all the societies, including the newly reinstated Virginia Society. She reported that both Virginia and Alabama have reorganized and a New Jersey Society has organized as well. Both Arizona and Missouri are in the process of organizing.

National Recording Secretary Betty Stevens presented the following three recommendations from the Executive Council:

The Budget as presented is recommended for approval. Copies of the Budget were distributed. Mary Rever moved that the Budget be approved, Camille Baxter seconded the motion, and the Board of Management approved.

Since the earnings on our endowment investment were down last year, it is recommended that:

Two (2) $1,000 grants be made this year to Tennessee and Texas, respectively. Gabrielle Hadyka moved that this recommendation be approved, Mary Rever seconded the motion, and the Board of Management approved.

All societies are required to fill out the 990N within 30 days of the Society's year end date. Notification of such filing should then be sent to the National Treasurer. Bettie Johnson moved that this recommendation be approved, Marilyn Smith seconded the motion, and the Board of Management approved.

Carolee McKinstry presented the proposed Bylaw changes. Submission of these changes at the Plenary Session was approved.

The Benediction was given by Camille Baxter and the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE 48TH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
FIRST PLENARY SESSION
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2010

ATTENDEES: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, STATE PRESIDENTS, ALL NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, ALL DELEGATES.

President Nelly Shearer called the meeting to order.

Dorothy Lee, National Second Vice President, gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Sue Comerford, National Treasurer. The Salute to the Flags of the Southern States was led by Gabrielle Hadyka, National Historian. The singing of the National Anthem was led by Emily Weil, Vice President, Southport Society, accompanied by Jean H. Clay from the Southport Society.

President Shearer introduced the National Officers and the Past National Presidents.

Mary Ann Hepler, North Carolina Vice President, presented the initial Credentials Report: Total attendance of 61 with 51 of those voting delegates.

Bettie Johnson, First Vice President, presented the Assembly Standing Rules and the Assembly Program and moved the adoption of same. These were approved with the addition of the Creative Arts part of the program.

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Betty Stevens, National Recording Secretary, presented the following recommendations from the Board of Management:

- The Budget as presented is recommended for approval.
- Since the earnings on our endowment investment were down last year, it is recommended that two (2) $1,000 grants be made this year to Tennessee and Texas, respectively.
- All societies are required to fill out the 990N within 30 days of the Society's year end date. Notification of such filing should then be sent to the National Treasurer.

Reports attached to these minutes were given by all National Officers and State Presidents.

FINAL PLENARY SESSION
Saturday, June 12
3:00 P.M.

The National President called the meeting to order.

Mary Ann Hepler presented the final Credential Report : National Executive Board- 8 in attendance; Past National Presidents -4 in attendance; State Society Presidents- 7 in attendance; members registered -34 registered (53 paid registrations of 50 members and 3 husbands). Guests-8 in attendance for a total of 61 with 50 entitled to attend business.

Recording Secretary Betty Stevens read the minutes of the First Plenary Session.

President Shearer reported that the Auditing Committee made up of Gabrielle Hadyka and Catherine Brister, has reviewed the Financial Statement and recommended its approval. The delegates voted to approve same.

Carolee McKinstry presented the recommended Bylaws changes and all were approved.

The following recommendation was approved: Since the earnings on our endowment investment were down last year, it is recommended that two (2) $1,000 grants be made this year to Tennessee and Texas, respectively.

The following recommendation was approved: All societies are required to fill out the 990N within 30 days of the Society's year end date. Notification of such filing should then be sent to the National Treasurer.

Dorothy Lee reported that the committee to provide recommendations for special awards had prepared new forms for use when a state or local society determines that it wishes to present such an award. Should this award be given at a state or national meeting, the nominating society is responsible for all expenses. The Second Vice President will have the necessary forms and will be most helpful. She thanked committee members Mae Cooper, Robin Towns, Camille Baxter, and Carolyn Van Helden for their assistance.

National Treasurer Sue Comerford presented the Budget for approval as recommended and the group approved.

Carolee McKinstry presented the report from the Nominating Committee:

President – Dorothy Lee - Louisiana
First Vice President – Robin Towns -- Georgia
Second Vice President – Sue Comerford – Florida
Recording Secretary – Gabrielle Hadyka – Texas
Treasurer – Betty Stevens – Tennessee
Corresponding Secretary – Marilyn Smith – Texas
Registrar – Camille Baxter – Georgia
Chaplain – Virginia Barnard – Florida
Historian – Doris Thompson – North Carolina

There were no nominations from the floor. Mary Rever moved that the slate be adopted by acclamation. Bettie Johnson seconded the motion, and the group approved.

Camille Baxter, Georgia State Society President, gave the invitation to the 49th National Assembly, to be held in Athens, GA, June 2-4, 2011.

The meeting then recessed at 3:00 p.m. until the Ann Craft Leadbetter Creative Arts Banquet.

At the Banquet, Mrs. Sarah Baucom, Chairman for the Banquet, presented awards to Barbara Murphy, Autumn Strickland, Betty Stevens, Fritzi Martin, Mrs. Croon, Adele Streeck, and Amanda Ladd. Mrs. Baucom expressed the hope that even more members would bring items for display and judging next year.

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National Registrar Robin Towns and National Treasurer Sue Comerford presented awards to the state societies who have gained members this past year.

President Shearer stated that the committee to approve the Minutes for this Assembly is composed of Robin Towns, Bettie Johnson, and Camille Baxter.

President Nelly Shearer thanked the outgoing national officers for their work during the past two years: First Vice President Bettie Johnson, Second Vice President Dorothy Lee, Recording Secretary Betty Stevens, Treasurer Sue Comerford, Registrar Robin Towns, Chaplain Mae Boyer-Cooper, Corresponding Secretary Shirley Jones, and Historian Gabrielle Hadyka.

Officers for 2010-2012 were installed by Past National President Fritzi Martin as follow:

President – Dorothy Lee - Louisiana
First Vice President – Robin Towns - Georgia
Second Vice President – Sue Comerford – Florida
Recording Secretary – Gabrielle Hadyka – Texas
Treasurer – Betty Stevens – Tennessee
Corresponding Secretary – Marilyn Smith – Texas
Registrar – Camille Baxter – Georgia
Chaplain – Virginia Barnard – Florida
Historian – Doris Thompson – North Carolina

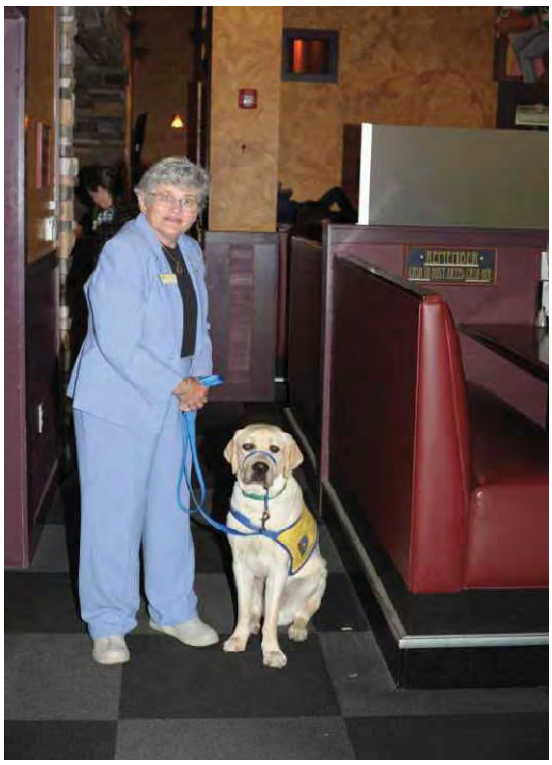
The Silent Auction raised a total of $615.50 for the Helen Keller Gazebo. President Shearer again thanked the North Carolina Society, made up of the Pinehurst, Wilmington, and Southport Chapters for their excellent work in holding such an outstanding National Assembly. All attending had a wonderful time and look forward to next year's Assembly in Athens, GA.

The group joined hands and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". Bettie Johnson gave the benediction and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Stevens, Recording Secretary

Thanks to all who participated in our Annual Silent Auction raising $615.50 for the Helen Keller Gazebo! These funds will be held in trust until needed for the Gazebo's care.

CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE



Seen at the Charter Meeting of the Virginia Society on Oct. 3rd, is Jane Johnson, LA Society, shown here with "Kevin" a Canine Companion and one of Jane's trainees. Jane has trained 12 such service animals for Canine Companions. Read about Jane and Kevin in the Spring Journal, 2011.

Mrs. Dorothy M. Lee, *National President*
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SDA Executive Committee 2010-2012