



NATIONAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN DAMES OF AMERICA

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## The President's Message

Dorothy M. Lee,  
*National President*



As I write this, I am very excited about plans in the making for the Forty Ninth National Assembly of Southern Dames of America. Although this Journal is late, you will have information from all state presidents and from the SDA web page where registration copies can be obtained.

Members and guests are asked to arrive on Thursday by 3:00 p.m. as the bus will be leaving promptly at 4:30 for a tour of an historic home followed by a supper one doesn't want to miss. Members and guests are asked to plan to stay until Sunday morning so as to not miss any of the events planned. It is very important that the **deadline of May 17 for hotel reservations** be met. There are very explicit directions for traveling by car to the Holiday Inn. There are also instructions for those planning to fly.

As this is being written, the many activities of the Southern Dames continue. Our membership is continuing to grow and the state societies and their chapters continue to meet their challenges. We look forward to hearing the reports of each State Society and for the National Eye Report. We also hope to hear from the newly organized Alabama chapter, from our Arizona Organizing President, from our New Jersey Organizing President and from the Virginia Society who has had to move to a larger site so as to accommodate the increase in the Virginia membership.

**Necrology reports should be sent to the National Chaplain**, Virginia S. Barnard, 2611 Cortez Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33901, **by May 10<sup>th</sup>** or as soon as possible so that they can be memorialized during National Assembly.

Please make your plans to attend the Forty Ninth National Assembly of Southern Dames of America now. I'll see you there!

## VIRGINIA SOCIETY'S FEBRUARY 27 MEETING

The Virginia Society of Southern Dames of America held its February 27, 2011 meeting at the Wyndam Virginia Crossings in Glen Allen, Virginia. This National President together with Honorary National President Mrs. Fritz Martin and Louisiana member Ms. Telia Cunningham was privileged to attend this meeting.

On Saturday evening Mrs. Carla Odom and her husband Robert hosted the group for dinner and on Sunday Morning, Ms Sharon Stine, Virginia Society's First Vice President, hosted the guests for breakfast. Following the National President's talk a lovely luncheon buffet and a time for fellowship was enjoyed by everyone. Honorary National President Mrs. Fritz Martin made a donation to the newly reorganized Virginia Society. The three honored guests were each presented with a book "Our Virginia."

The Virginia Society was reorganized in Charlottesville on September 13, 2009 with forty four members and was chartered on September 13, 2010. Of that number, thirty four of those Virginia members were in attendance at this February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Their list of new members continues to grow.

The Virginia Society of Southern Dames of America met in conjunction with the Crown Charter Chapter, National Society of Colonial Daughters of the Seventeenth Century and was present at this February 27<sup>th</sup> luncheon.



## New Members Since Fall 2010 Journal

### ALABAMA

Jane Marlene Lee Lawley #2569  
Mary Nanette Jordan Vodde #2579  
Nettie Delores Leonard Wilkinson #2568

### FLORIDA

Sara Anne Greene Gann #2578  
Anna Ruth Keeling Hemmingway #2581  
Anne Belcher Swicegood Schwanda #2582  
Sheila Carlton Smith #2560  
Nancy Ellen Hemmingway Watkins #2580  
Shirley Ann Webb Wilkie #2573

### GEORGIA

Marjorie Doreen Carter Officer #2564  
Pamela Dee Officer #2565  
Lois Jan Gallagher Stancil #2575  
Kathryn Jane Leverett Towns #2574

### MARYLAND

Deborah Jan Gatton Kalmus #2576

### MISSISSIPPI

Pamela Claire O'Hara Huff #2572  
Berkeley Ware Sistrunk Ostrander #2577

### NEW JERSEY

Kathleen Graham Lomax #2520

### NORTH CAROLINA

Peggy Lou Davis Edmondson #2571  
Betty Lea James Slowinski #2566  
Joan Kelly Smiley #2542  
Janice Dellinger Whisenhunt #2561

### TENNESSEE

Marjorie Ragsdale Hernandez #2563  
Donette Clark Sellers #2562  
Evelyn Diana Smith Wynn #2535

### VIRGINIA

Betty Jean Scott Camp #2583  
Evelyn Marie Little Pate #2570  
Bonnie Kay Shank Shelton #2584  
Ginger Renee Stephens #2567

## THE FORTY NINTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY SOUTHERN DAMES OF AMERICA

### I. HOTEL: HOLIDAY INN OF ATHENS

197 East Broad Street, Athens, GA 30601  
Phone: 706-549-4433 or 800-HOLIDAY (800-465-4329)  
Request "SDA Block"  
Rates per night: Central Tower: Standard Room-two dbl beds \$ 92  
Executive Tower: Executive Room – two double or one king \$100  
**For block rates please reserve by May 25, 2011.**  
Please plan to arrive on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> by 3:00 p.m. and depart on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

### II. REGISTRATION AND MEALS:

Send your check, along with your registration fee of \$20.00 per person attending (member or guest) and completed reservation form to:

Ms. Bea Fischer, Treasurer,  
P. O. Box 1356,  
Gainesville, GA 30503-1356

**DEADLINE IS MAY 17<sup>th</sup>** and refunds will not be made after this date.

III. **LIST OF OFFICERS:** A current listing of State Officers, showing term of office, Names, addresses, phone and e-mail, should be delivered to the National President at the National Assembly or mailed to her if not attending the Assembly. Please use your given name with spouse in parenthesis.

### IV. ANNUAL REPORTS:

National Officers, National Chairmen, State Presidents shall file a copy of their annual report with the National President and National Recording Secretary before reporting at the National Conference. The report may be e-mailed to these officers two weeks in advance of the Assembly.

### V. DECEASED MEMBERS:

Names and date of death along with important information (such as obituaries) should be sent to the National Chaplain by May 10<sup>th</sup> in order to be included in the Memorial Service Program. If they are not received by this deadline, they will not be included in the service for this Assembly.

### VI. TOUR: T.R.R. COBB HOUSE

**\$36.00**

Thursday, June 2 will be a tour day. Festive casual dress.  
The Holiday Inn Courtesy Van and personal vehicles will depart from Holiday Inn Lobby **promptly at 4:30 p.m.** for a private tour of the T.R.R. Cobb House, the magnificent historic home of Confederate General Thomas Reade Rootes Cobb, followed by a Southern Supper featuring a menu of wild Georgia Shrimp and the famous Georgia dish "Country Captain." Musical entertainment by Ramona Lord "Georgia Musical Favorites"

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## ***Southern Dames on the Web!***

To access news and events or membership information on the NSSDA Website, go to:

**[www.nssda.org](http://www.nssda.org)**

Click on the Membership tab and you will be taken to the log in page.

Enter the **USERNAME: Southern**      **PASSWORD: membersda**

You will find many useful items in the Members Only area of the website so refer to it often!

**VII. GUESTS:**  
Your guests are welcome at all tours and all meals, but please remember that all business sessions are closed to all but members.

**VIII. PROTOCOL:**  
1. Cell phones should be off or be set on vibrate during all meetings. Those who do not comply will be fined \$10 and the money given to the Helen Keller Gazebo Project.  
2. Thursday tours will have classic casual attire.  
3. Meetings will be business attire.  
4. Banquets will be formal attire/gloves.

**IX. DIRECTIONS:**  
Airports serving Athens, GA

- Distance: 75 MI North East to Hotel
- Shuttle: Groome Transportation – Reserve 24 hours in advance  
Charge: \$34 (one way) \$83 (round trip)  
Call 706-410-2363  
<http://www.groometransportation.com>

Rental cars available

Greenville, SC (GSP)

- Distance: 95 MI South West to Hotel
- Rental cars available
- No shuttle available from Greenville, SC

**X. FUN EVENT:** Friday Morning, 9:30.  
Oconee Chapter Southern Dames will be entertaining those not attending morning meetings with a coffee and a private tour of the historic Ware Lyndon House Museum and Art Center. Depart from Holiday Inn Lobby **promptly at 9:30 a.m.** traveling by Holiday Inn Van or personal vehicles.

**XI. MENU SELECTIONS AND PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**THURSDAY – 4:30.**  
**Southern Supper** – Menu Wild Georgia Shrimp and famous Georgia dish “Country Captain.”  
Musical Entertainment by Ramona Lord “Georgia Musical Favorites.” **Cost - \$36.00.**

**FRIDAY**  
**Officers’ Club Breakfast** – 8:00 – 9:00 Presidents Room  
Past and Present National Officers. **Cost: \$13.00.**

**Georgia Luncheon** – 12:30 – 2:30 Georgia Ballroom  
Menu: Chicken Roulade, Peach Cobbler  
Entertainment: Mary Long, humorist “Special Southern Architecture” **Cost: \$24.00.**

Creative Arts to be taken to Georgia Ballroom at 12:30  
Items for Silent Auction for Helen Keller Gazebo are also to be taken to the Ballroom at 12:30.

Memorial Service	2:30	Athena Room
Reception and Receiving Line	6:00	Executive Tower Suite #277
<b>Georgia Banquet</b>	7:00	Georgia Ballroom
Menu: Marinated Pork Tenderloin, Pecan Pie		
Entertainment: Musical Ensemble		
<b>Cost: \$34.00.</b>		
Creative Arts Display and articles for Silent Auction for Helen Keller Gazebo.		

**SATURDAY**  
**Lunch – National Eye Luncheon** 12:30  
Menu: Heavenly Strawberry Chicken Salad, Cheesecake  
Speaker: Medical College of Georgia Representative  
Creative Arts Display and articles for Silent Auction for Helen Keller Gazebo.  
**Cost: \$22.00.**

**Dinner – Closing Banquet** 7:00 – 10:00  
Georgian Ballroom – Menu: London Broil, Peach Melba  
Entertainment: Musical Ensemble  
Awards & Creative Arts Display-items for Silent Auction for Helen Keller Gazebo.  
**Cost: \$38.00.**

**XII. NSSDA REGISTRATION SCHEDULE IN THE HOTEL:**  
Registration in Georgian Hallway (outside Georgian Ballroom)  
Thursday Afternoon 2:00 - 4:00  
Friday Morning 8:30 – 10:00  
Saturday Morning 8:30 – 9:15

**XIII. ART ENTRIES:**  
**Friday Luncheon** Georgia Ballroom 12:30  
Creative Arts to be taken to Georgia Ballroom at 12:00  
Articles for Silent Auction for Helen Keller Gazebo to be taken to the Georgia Ballroom at 12:30

**Georgia Banquet** Georgia Ballroom 7:00  
Creative Arts Display, also items for Silent Auction for Helen Keller Gazebo 7:00

**Saturday Luncheon** Georgia Ballroom 12:30  
Creative Arts Display also articles for Silent Auction for Helen Keller Gazebo

**Formal Awards Banquet** Georgia Ballroom 7:00  
Awards for Creative Arts, Silent Auction for Helen Keller Gazebo

**XIV. COMMITTEES:**

- Assembly  
Chairman: Robin Towns  
Co-Chairmen: Beulah Hennly, President – Wiregrass Chapter  
Bonnie Lashley, President – Oconee Chapter
- Creative Arts Committee  
Co-Chairmen – Betty Johnson  
Telia Cunningham
- Silent Auction for Helen Keller Gazebo  
Georgia State Society Members

*The President's apologies to....*

- Kathleen Graham Lomax whose name was inadvertently omitted from the list of New Jersey members in the Fall 2010 Journal.*
- Murle Edwards, the new Louisiana member, whose name was misspelled.*

*Southern Dames of America*  
*National Officers*  
*2010 -2012*

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*National Chairmen*  
*2010 -2012*

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Sue Comerford

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**FROM 85 SOUTH (Commerce, GA/North/South Carolina)**

Take 85 South to Commerce (exit 149) Highway 441 South. Take 441 South (Commerce Hwy) past Loop 10. 441/Commerce Hwy. Turns into Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. After you drive underneath Loop 10, take MLK Blvd. to North Ave. and turn right. North Ave. turns into Thomas St. Continue on Thomas St. and make a left onto Hull Street and an immediate left into the Holiday Inn parking lot.

**FROM 20 WEST (Augusta, GA/South Carolina)**

Take 20 West to Highway 441 North/129 North. Continue on 441 North until Loop 10. Turn right on East Loop 10. Take the 1st exit, Milledge Ave. Turn left onto Milledge Ave. Continue on Milledge Ave. until you reach Broad St. and turn right. Take Broad St. and continue past the Holiday Inn Express to Hull St. and turn right. Make an immediate left into the Holiday Inn parking lot.

**FROM 20 EAST (Birmingham, AL/West Atlanta)**

Take Interstate 20 East to Interstate 85 North. Take 85 North to exit 106, Highway 316. Take 316 into Athens. When 316 ends, it will feed into Epps Bridge Parkway. Continue on Epps Bridge Parkway and it will merge with Atlanta Hwy. (Business 78/Broad St.) Continue approx. 3 miles to Hull St. past the Holiday Inn Express and make a right onto Hull St. Make an immediate left into the Holiday Inn parking lot.

**FROM 75 SOUTH (Tennessee)**

Take 75 South to Interstate 285 East in Atlanta. Take 285 East to 85 North. Take 85 North to exit 106, Highway 316. Take 316 into Athens. When 316 ends, it will feed into Epps Bridge Parkway. Continue on Epps Bridge Parkway and it will merge with Atlanta Hwy. (Business 78/Broad St.) Continue approx. 3 miles to Hull St. past the Holiday Inn Express and make a right onto Hull St. Make an immediate left into the Holiday Inn parking lot.

**FROM 75 NORTH (Florida)**

Take 75 North to 129 North in Macon, GA. Continue on 129 North until it merges with 441 North into Athens. Continue on 441 North until Loop 10. Turn right onto East Loop 10. Take 1st exit, Milledge Ave. Turn left onto Milledge Ave. Continue on Milledge Ave. until you reach Broad St. and turn right. Take Broad St. and continue past the Holiday Inn Express to Hull St. and turn right. Make an immediate left into the Holiday Inn parking lot.

**FROM 441 NORTH (Macon, GA/Madison, GA)**

Take 129 North until it merges with 441 North into Athens. Continue on 441 North until Loop 10. Turn right on East Loop 10. Take the 1st exit, Milledge Ave. Turn left onto Milledge Ave. Continue on Milledge Ave. until you reach Broad St. and turn right. Take Broad St. and continue past the Holiday Inn Express to Hull St. and turn right. Make an immediate left into the Holiday Inn parking lot.

**FROM 129 SOUTH (Gainesville, GA)**

Take Highway 129 (Jefferson Highway) past Loop 10. After Loop 10 it becomes Prince Ave. Continue on Price Ave. until you reach Milledge Ave. Make a right onto Milledge Ave. Take Milledge Ave. to Broad St. and make a left onto Broad St. Continue on Broad St. to Hull St. past the Holiday Inn Express and make a right onto Hull St. and a left into the Holiday Inn parking lot.

**FROM 85 NORTH (Atlanta, GA)**

Take Interstate 85 North to Highway 316. Take 316 into Athens. When 316 ends, it will feed into Epps Bridge Parkway. Continue on Epps Bridge Parkway and it will merge with Atlanta Hwy. (Business 78/Broad St.) Continue approx. 3 miles to Hull St. (past the Holiday Inn Express) and make a right onto Hull St. Make an immediate left into the Holiday Inn parking lot.





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Shown (L-R) are the Organizing officers of the  
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Emmy Mitchell -	Secretary/Treasurer
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Jean Clay -	Vice President
Sandra Scronce -	Chaplain
Joan Smiley-	Registrar
Kitti Michalowicz -	Historian
Nell Garner -	Parliamentarian

