

**TENNESSEE DIVISION  
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!**

*As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may our hearts and minds turn to Him as our bright and Morning Star, guiding our lives in service to others. God bless you all.*

*Love, Barb Parsons, Tennessee Division UDC, President 2010-2012*

The Texas women graciously hosted the 2011 General Convention at the Hilton Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, November 3-7, 2011. Yes, this is the hotel where President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy spent their last night together. Tennessee UDC members attending included, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President General, Janet Johnson, Nelma Crutcher, Betty Hughes, Anne Wright, Laura Nunnelee, Jo Allen Phillips, Matilda Speck, Betty Aronson, Jeanell Kutterer, Division president, Barbara Parsons, and Division recording secretary, Donna Hamilton.

Dr. Donald Frazier's speech on Welcome and Historical Evening, "How Texas Won the War Between the States (and started it too)" was one of the most entertaining and informative that I have ever heard on the part Texas played in the War. With a complete re-vamp of our general bylaws to consider, business sessions began on Saturday morning, had a lunch break, a break for President's evening, began again at 11PM, and ended on Sunday morning at 2AM.

The Memorial Service was held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, on Sunday afternoon, and was a most impressive service to remember our deceased members from the past year. The "Denim and Diamonds" Friendship Dinner on Sunday evening, was entertaining to see all the women in various western dress. Our own Division recording secretary, Donna Hamilton, was among the most authentically dressed of the women, and the Texas ladies wanted to know where she got her beautifully beaded rawhide jacket. Donna and her family once lived on a Native American reservation, where she worked at a Native American school. The speaker for the evening, Rose-Mary Rumbley was outstanding as she addressed us on, "Texas Trails-Lighted by Diamond Tiaras Atop Those Terrific Texas Women." She gave a short description of famous and infamous women of Texas! After the dinner, we went back into business session until 12:30AM. On Monday the business sessions began again. The bylaws finally passed about 4PM on Monday afternoon. Knowing that there will be several changes in the bylaws as well as total new format for them, it would be good for all chapters and interested members to have a copy of the 2011 general minute books, which any member may pre-order through the UDC business office at this time. Form on the General website.

During President's Evening, the Tennessee Division won the award for best President's Report in divisions with 801-1800 members, these being, Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida, and South Carolina. Knowing that Nancy Todd had won this award last year, I went to the 2010 general minutes book and followed her format, listing the work done by Tennessee members in all categories this past year. Your reports to the division chairmen and the president's reports from each chapter were gleaned for information to be included. Our division did outstanding work in every objective of UDC, Historical, Benevolent, Patriotic, Educational, and Memorial. Working in every area and not just one objective is very important to showing a division's dedication to our overall objectives. This award is due to the hard work of all members of the Tennessee division, so congratulations to you all! This report will be included in the 2011 general minute book. As a whole, I would say that this year's General Convention was a rough ride, but we made it through and hopefully our UDC will be stronger for the work endured by these members.

**AWARDS WON BY THE TENNESSEE DIVISION & MEMBERS AT THE 2011 GENERAL CONVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**President's Trophy  
Best President's Report Category B  
Divisions 801-1800 members**

**First & Most Accurate  
Per Capita Tax Report Category B  
\$25.00 award**

**Division Purchasing the most #3 Pins  
Category B ; 3 way Tie**

**Division Purchasing the most #2 Pins  
Category B ; Tie**

**Division in Category B  
Securing the most new subscribers to  
The UDC Magazine on a percentage basis**

**Division Purchasing the most Cof C Insignia  
\$25.00 award**

**Division Director of C of C  
Making the best annual report  
Mrs. Sharon Cain, TN Division 3<sup>rd</sup> VP**

**Music of the Confederacy**

**Encouraging the use of Southern & Confederate Music**

**2011 Patriotic Award  
Best Patriotic Report with Narrative  
\$25.00 award**

**2011 Patriotic Award  
Service Hours/Active Duty  
\$25.00**

**Chapter with the greatest number of new members  
Between the ages of 16 to 40  
Capt. James Madison Sparkman 2363**

**Bachman Award\*  
Greatest Number of New members  
joining on the same ancestor (7-Henderson Morris)  
Joyce Wilkinson, Registrar  
Kirby-Smith 327**

**General Essay Winner  
“Almoden Quicksilver Mine Crisis, March 1863”  
Mrs. Charlotte J. Miller, Capt. W.Y.C.Hannum 1881  
\$25.00 award**

**\*Note: This award is given by the late Mrs. Robert Bachman Ex-President General. Mrs. Bachman was TN Division President from Johnson City, 1940-1941. She kept a home in Tennessee even when she moved to Washington, D.C. Evidentially she left money to fund this award as she has been deceased for a number of years. Her record of UDC service is outstanding. She was instrumental in naming a mountain in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, as well as establishing the Confederate Forest in Polk County. Her sister, Angela Ellis Smith, was in my DAR chapter, and I met Mrs. Bachman when she visited her in Crossville.**

**NEW INSIGNIA**

**There were several new insignia approved at the general convention. Among these were:**

**Chapter pin for Capt. W.Y.C. Hannum 1881, Maryville, Tennessee  
New 150<sup>th</sup> pin for a \$150.00 donation (Form on UDC General website)  
General Officer Pin  
General Committee Chairman Pin  
Division Officer Pin  
Division Committee Chairman Pin  
Chapter Officer Pin  
Chapter Committee Chairman Pin**

(Ex-Pins for each of above)

**Judah P. Benjamin Pin--A NEW pin**

The order form for the new pins is now on the General website. If you have already purchased a bar denoting service in one of these areas, you may purchase this pin in addition to the bar you already have. Judah P. Benjamin pin orders should be sent to Jeanell Kutterer who is General Chairman of this committee.

### **NEW CROSS OF MILITARY SERVICE**

Details will come from the Division Cross of Military Service officer as soon as all of the details are completed. This is for service in the Iraq War. Those who have been given another medal for this service MAY be eligible for this Cross also.

### **DEADLINE NEAR:**

Chapters, remember that we voted at the Division Convention to donate \$20.00 each chapter for the inside front cover of the May, 2012 UDC Magazine in full color. Please send to: Mrs. Rebecca Sardella, 1709 Tipton Station Rd. Knoxville, TN 37920

### **GREAT NEWS!**

We have received another donation for our TN Division Sesquicentennial project of cleaning, refurbishing, and repairing our UDC monuments. At the General Convention Mrs. Jeanell Kutterer, vice-president of the club, recommended to the Great-Granddaughters of General that they donate \$100.00 to the TN 150<sup>th</sup> project, and it was passed by the membership. At our division convention Phyllis Wilson announced that the TN Division Granddaughter Club was donating \$700.00 to the monument fund. Proceeds from the silent auction at division convention of \$1,099.00 also go to the monument fund.

As you can see, we are beginning to build this account before we receive bids for the work. I am doing research to determine the monuments location and needs, will formulate a "specks" sheet for companies to use to make bids on the work. So far I have contacted four contractors who have come recommended by the TN Historical Commission, The Hermitage, Chickamauga & Shiloh National Battlefield parks. All but one contractor is located in Tennessee. It will take time to get this information compiled to be ready for the bid process, but I wanted you all to know that things are being done toward getting this project going.

Ladies, this is going to be an expensive undertaking. Anything of value always costs. I'm asking you to remember how daunting it was for the women who raised the money to put up these monuments in their time. Let us insure their sacrifices were not in vain by seeing the monuments are stabilized into the next one hundred years.

### **NEWSLETTER NOTE**

The computer of Mrs. Betty Aronson, division newsletter preparer, has crashed (too

much UDC business, I guess), so this edition of the newsletter is being sent in just the note format. Betty hopes to have her computer back on line soon, and, believe me, I hope so too! Sorry not to have the usual quality work that Betty does for you this month.

### **Tennessee Division Great Granddaughter Club**

The General Great Granddaughter Club met November 07, 2011, 118<sup>th</sup> Annual UDC Convention, Ft Worth. The club voted to donate \$100.00 to the Alabama Division for the conservation of the 20<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry flag. \$100.00 to the Tennessee Division for their Sesquicentennial Project for the repair of Confederate Monuments throughout the state. \$100.00 to the South Carolina Division for the repair of the Martin's Guard flag. \$2,000.00 to the Museum of the Confederacy satellite location in Appomattox for benches to be placed in the garden.

As this was Bylaws year there were several changes made. **ARTICLE IV** *was omitted.* *There will be no Honorary Members in the General Great Granddaughter Club.* **ARTICLE VIII**, (now Article VII) Section 3 Terms of Office - a. Officers in the Great Granddaughter Club General shall hold office a term of two years. Change *With the exception of the Treasurer, who may serve a four year term.* **ARTICLE XI** (now Article X) Reads: Section 1. The Treasurer shall collect dues in the amount of **\$2.00** per member from each member of the Division Club, by June 30. Proviso: This increase in dues shall be effective with the dues for 2013. Section 2. These dues should be sent to the Great Granddaughters Club General Treasurer with a list of members, new members, dropped members and reinstated members. Section 3. A Dropped member maybe reinstated with payment of \$1.00 plus one previous and the current year's dues to the General Club.

The Tennessee Division Great Granddaughter Club donated \$100.00 to the Tennessee Division Sesquicentennial project of the restoration on Confederate Monuments, in October. The Tennessee Division Great Granddaughter Club voted not to raise the Division dues. The 2011-2012 dues will still be \$2.00. Dues for 2012-2013 will be \$3.00. I would like to suggest chapters collect the Granddaughter Club dues the same time as the UDC dues. If member's dues are not received by the General Club June 30 they will be dropped from the membership list.

Remember **next year** 2012-2013 the Great Granddaughter Club dues will be \$3.00. \$2.00 going to General and \$1.00 to the Tennessee Division.

Anyone wishing a copy of the General Bylaws email me at [tnhighland@twlakes.net](mailto:tnhighland@twlakes.net).

Matilda Speck, President

Tennessee Division Great Granddaughters Club