



The Delaware Crossing Patriot

Kansas Society

Sons of the American Revolution

April 2017

Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960

CALENDER

NEXT MEETING:

When: April 15

Where: Hilton Garden Inn, 12080 S
Strang Line Rd., Olathe, KS, 9:00AM

Reservations & Cost: For reservations, email
Secretary@dxsar.com or call Ken
Ludwig (913) 897-0379 by 3:00 PM,
the Wednesday before.

NEW BREAKFAST PRICE: \$17.00

Program: Prof. Levy, KU School of Law, &
Student Rumbaugh Oration Contest

COMING EVENTS

4/12 - DXSAR EC meeting

5/6 Board of Gov. – Emporia

6/17 DXSAR Chapter meeting

7/6-13 Annual Conf. - Knoxville

Editor's Note (Greg Millican)

Send news about your ancestor patriots, special events, career changes, history trips, etc., that may be included in the *Delaware Crossing Patriot*.

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The President's Corner

By Stu Conrad

We had a very interesting presentation last month. The Zane sisters, both enrolled members of the Bear Clan of the Wyandot tribe (for which the county is named) made a presentation. The Zane sisters brought to our attention the contribution that their tribe had made to our country. Originating in Canada, the tribe migrated to the Ohio Valley and participated in the American Revolution. A matriarchal culture, the women “ruled the roost” and obviously had a major role in their culture and customs.

Their story was impressive. The tribe was an example of representative government and of religious tolerance that predated the role of our colonial ancestors in their struggle to retain the “rights of Englishmen.” Yet, often our predecessors labeled the indigenous folk as “savages” even though their culture and customs may have been superior, by their standards, to their own. The label was applied in many instances because of differences in dress and other cultural customs that were “different” than their own.

The tribes’ religious tolerance was refreshing to hear described and may well have served as a model for our country’s formative years. They also brought with them many skillfully crafted items of attire illustrative of not only the creative

nature of these indigenous people but their ingenuity in making use of items that were available to them.

I recalled an earlier trip I had taken to the Heard Museum in Phoenix. I would encourage each of you to include that institution on your agenda the next time your travels take you to Arizona. It is worth your time and houses, among other things, the extensive collection of former United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. The museum also tells the story of the Haskell [Indian Nations] University and its role in far-off Lawrence(!). It was valuable for our Compatriots to hear these tales from a different perspective than what we are used to hearing.

More years ago than I like to remember, my first job was as a motion picture projectionist in Appleton City, Missouri. The owner of the theater commented to my father (who was an SAR compatriot) that I seemed to have difficulty in bringing the picture into sharp focus. That resulted in a trip to the local eye doctor and, as he whirled the dials of his machine, I suddenly realized that I was the one with the blurred vision, not everyone else.

The Zanes were like that to me and it was most revealing to bring forward a different perspective for our examination. While the "rights of Englishmen" for which our patriot forefathers fought were originally secured at Runnymede, it is sometimes uncomfortable to recall that Magna Carta was not originally for the common man and was not even then (1215) an example of religious tolerance. Our Republic reflected a long evolution from Magna Carta and certainly was helped along by the example of those peoples that we termed "savages."

Our monthly chapter meetings have been benefitted by excellent programs through the outstanding efforts of Matt Brady. While I know that many of you have other things to do on a Saturday morning, I'd encourage you to come and

enjoy the breakfast, the fellowship and the excellent programs that we have been receiving. This coming month we will have, among other things, the Rumbaugh Oration contest and, depending on the number of submissions, we may be needed to serve as judges. Please turn in your reservation, and come and support your society.

(End of President's Corner)

Preview of Chapter Meeting Program, April 15:

Richard E. Levy, the J.B. Smith Distinguished Professor of Constitutional Law at the University of Kansas School of Law, will speak on the role of the judiciary in our system of government. Topics discussed will include *Marbury v. Madison*, in which the Supreme Court first asserted the power to invalidate legislative and executive action as unconstitutional, the importance of judicial independence for preserving the rule of law, and the politicization of judicial appointments and judicial decisions.

Program for March 18 meeting. Also, See President's

Corner (above):

On Saturday, March 18, 2017, The Zane Sisters, Kristen (*Yarónya?awi? = Voice that Floats from the Sky*) and Holly (*Wakoresatáhta? = She Who Extends Her Paw*), members of the Wyandbot Nation of Kansas (bear clan), shared cultural and historical information and artifacts about their tribe, and spoke about their tribes' (as well as neighboring tribes in Ohio) and the frontier Zane family's involvement in the American Revolutionary War.



I Program presenters, Zane sisters, Holly (left) & Kristen

(End of Patriot News letter)