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Thank you for the honor you have bestowed upon me as your President. I will work hard to serve you and to carry the State of Tennessee forward. This is an exciting time during the Sesquicentennial, which provides an array of opportunities for each chapter to shine with accomplishments. The Division has elected a great slate of officers who began working immediately.

The first item of business was a meeting of all new officers to address the coming agenda for the Division, the transfer of the Division bank accounts, followed with a meeting of the 2013 Convention Committee. I did have to leave on a trip but the invention of the smart phone allowed me the means to conduct Division business while traveling.

With the completion of all Committees and the Chairs of each Committee, all reports were filed on time to General. In the following days, the officers worked on various items such as designing forms, their agenda for the year, planning and executing CofC projects, and sadly,

reporting the loss of two dear Tennessee Daughters.

The officers and committee chairmen are working on the report forms for any additional information or revisions. These forms will allow the chapters to view what activities need to be reported come the first of July. I feel this will aid the chapters in planning their yearly agenda of projects and being able to report with the phrase, "No Report."

Please allow me to suggest an easy way to keep records of the chapter's yearly activities. At each monthly meeting, keep a running record of the chapter's educational, historical, benevolent, patriotic, and memorial events. This compilation of events makes filing and reporting easier and allows the chapter to receive the accolades they so deserve.

Please feel free to contact any officer with questions, suggestions, or concerns. Remember, all of us together make up the Tennessee Division United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Southernly yours,
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2012-2014 State Officers front row seated, from left, Lisa Thomas, Matilda Speck, Linda Fritz, Eleanor Satterfield, Rebecca Sardella; back row, Jennie Jo Hardison, Elizabeth Donnelly, Cindy Waters, Dore Dorris. Jeanelle Kutterer and Karen Emerson-McPeak.

Officer Reports

1st Vice President – Matilda Speck

It is an honor to be elected 2012-2014 Tennessee Division Vice President. I am looking forward to serving under the leadership of President Linda Fritz and working with all the newly elected officers.

At the 116th Annual Tennessee Division Convention, a Sesquicentennial pin was approved. This pin is only approved to be worn OFF your insignia. Wearing the Sesquicentennial pin is a great way to honor our Confederate ancestors, the UDC, and the Tennessee Division. Cost of the pin is \$25 plus \$2 shipping and

should be available in December. The order form will be posted on the Division website or you may request a form by emailing me at tnhighland@twlakes.net. This pin would be great to add to your Christmas list.

Chapter Vice Presidents, please make an effort to mail engraved and non-engraved orders, along with proof when required, within 24 hours of receiving the order. Turnaround time starts at the Chapter level. I have been told by General that the non-engraved orders should be received in 6 weeks; engraved orders should be received in 60 days, with the exception of the Number 40-44 engraved pins. These pins are still a work in progress. The engraving company is closed for two weeks in December and for four weeks during the summer; this will affect the orders placed during those times.

If you have not received your insignia order in a reasonable time, please feel free to contact me at any time. I will make every effort to help. Thanks for electing me Tennessee Division Vice President.

Matilda Speck

tnhighland@twlakes.net

2nd Vice President – Lisa Thomas

It is my great pleasure to be serving as your Tennessee Division 2nd Vice President. Education is very important to succeed in today's world. I can't think of a better way to reward our future Southern leaders than a UDC scholarship. If you know of any deserving students with a Confederate ancestor that could qualify for one of these, please contact me and I can send them the information. I will assist them all that I can. There are so many scholarships on Division and

General level. The deadline for entries is March 15. I'm looking forward to serving you these next two years. God bless the South!

Mrs. Lisa Thomas
lthomas647@gmail.com

3rd Vice President – Eleanor Satterfield

Ladies, if you have not heard from me, be looking and listening, I will be talking children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Come one, come all! The CofC is looking, needing, and wanting new members. We have lots of fun and learn about the War Between the States, and how to conduct a meeting. We work with Seth Cook, President General CofC and his project "WE CAN", his project for the Wounded Warriors which you will be hearing about. I need your help and support. Thank you in advance for all you are going to do.

Eleanor Satterfield
esatt@comcast.net

Chaplain – Karen Emerson-McPeak

Ladies, it's truly sad when we lose a member of our beloved chapters of the UDC. To honor these members who have passed away, I would love to send the family a sympathy card. But I need your reports forms to be able to do this. Please send me the names of your chapter's deceased members as soon as you can so that I can also get that information to the UDC magazine.

You may email the information to me but I also need a copy of the Chaplain's report page, and a copy of the obit if possible. (I'm hoping President Fritz can attach the form to the newsletter). If you have the ability you may return the form by scanning or email me directly and I'll send you a

Word document form of the report that you can fill out and return by email.

In UDC love,

Karen Emerson-McPeak
kem2limbo@att.net

Treasurer – Elizabeth Donnelly

I would like to remind all chapter treasurers that the 501c(3) annual financial report and ePostcard reports are due by November 1. If you have problems and need help with your form, please call me at (901) 754-2476 or email lizdonnelly@comcast.net. The per capita monies from each chapter will be due in January so start collecting your member dues now. All member dues should be collected by December 31st. I look forward to working with each chapter treasurer. Again, if you need help with your reports, please contact me.

Elizabeth Donnelly
lizdonnelly@comcast.net

Historian – Dore Dorris

After being at convention and hearing all the comments about the scrapbooks, I want to put the fun back into the scrapbooks. There will be more awards given out, even small Chapters will be recognized for their efforts in compiling their scrapbook. I hope that Chapters that have quit doing one will once again participate; remember, they are supposed to be a LABOR OF LOVE! This goes for Yearbooks and Newsletters, too. Here is my challenge for you: I would like for each Chapter to sponsor an essay on the topic of your choice. The deadline for essay topics is December 31, 2012. I will compile them as quickly as possible and get them out to you so you can begin writing. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Dore Dorris
dore@eaglerod.com

Registrar – Cindy R. Waters

Dear UDC Sisters,

I am looking forward to serving as your State Registrar for the next two years. New members are the lifeblood of any organization. During this exciting Sesquicentennial celebration, there is new interest in the War Between the States. Let's use that interest to find new members among our friends and family.

My contact information is Cindy R. Waters (Mrs. Dan), 207 Sunny Acre Drive, Mount Juliet, TN 37122 cindyanddanwaters@comcast.net

As soon as a new Registrar General is elected and in place, we can once again begin to send applications and supplemental.

Cindy Waters
cindyanddanwaters@comcast.net

Committee Reports

Patriotic Activities – Beverly C. Boyd

With Veterans Day and the holidays coming very soon, I know that many of you will be thinking of opportunities to support our veterans and military personnel. I look forward to hearing of the patriotic activities of your Chapter during this new term of the Tennessee Division.

Beverly C. Boyd
Chairman

Benevolent Activities – Phyllis Wilson

I am honored to have been asked by Linda Fritz to continue as the Benevolent Activities Chairman

for the Tennessee Division UDC. The effort put forth by all of you wonderful ladies this past year on behalf of Benevolent Activities was incredible. Let's continue to do as well for this term. You can contact me at: 203 Keeland Drive, Gray, TN 37615, email pnewilson@gmail.com, or call (423) 913-8144.

Phyllis Wilson
Chairman

Southern Cross of Honor – Cathy Wood

First, I would like to thank TN Division President Linda Fritz for asking me to chair this committee. It is an honor to serve the TN Division.

The Southern Cross of Honor was the idea of Mrs. Alexander S. Erwin of Athens, GA after attending a reunion of Confederate Veterans in Atlanta in July 1898. Mrs. Erwin and Mrs. Sarah E. Gabbett are credited with the design of the medal. Only a Confederate Veteran could wear the Southern Cross of Honor, and it could only be bestowed through the UDC. The Crosses were bought by loyal, honorable service to the South and given in recognition of this devotion – money could not buy them. During the first 18 months there were 12,500 Crosses ordered and delivered. The Cross was the highest honor any Confederate Veteran could receive.

I believe that if we can find the Veterans that received them it would be another honor to them – just to know who received them. Maybe your Chapter recorded the Veterans name, date it was bestowed, and so forth. Let's look in the old records and see who we can find. Our Chapter is fortunate to have a list of Veterans that received the Southern Cross of Honor. We need to find these men, if possible, and where the Cross might be. Maybe the descendants have the Cross or maybe it was buried with the Veteran.

I am looking forward to receiving your reports over the next 2 years. Please, if you don't have activity, go on and send your report in, marked

“No activity”. I would like to have 100% of the Chapters reporting.

God Bless the South!!

Cathy Gordon Wood
Chairman

Great Granddaughters Club – Jeannell Kutterer

President Matilda Speck called the meeting of Great-Granddaughters to order at 8 a.m. October 13, 2012 at the Tennessee Division 116th Annual Convention. The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$606.20 with a \$200 obligation from last year still to be paid. The Vice President informed the group of the increase in the cost of the club’s pins. New pins have been ordered and the cost will be \$40 at the close of the General Convention in November. At the Great-Granddaughters meeting at the General Convention, dues were increased from \$1 to \$2. Tennessee Division dues are \$1. Chapter Treasurers, please collect \$3 from your members belonging to the Great-Granddaughters Club and/or any new club members joining the group for the first time. The group voted to contribute \$100 to the Children of the Confederacy specified for use toward their division convention. A \$200 donation was contributed to the Tennessee Sesquicentennial Committee for Monuments and Restoration.

New officers were elected as follows:

President – Jeanell Kutterer
Vice President – Cindy Waters
Secretary – Carlene Johnson
Treasurer – Robin Ramsey

In the future, pay your dues to Robin Ramsey, 600 Sycamore Drive, Cleveland, TN 37312. Your pin order with verification of membership will need to be mailed to: Cindy Waters, 201 Sunny Acre Drive, Mount Juliet, TN 37122. Mrs. Waters

will forward the order to the General Vice President.

Jeanell Kutterer
Chairman

Records of Internment of Confederate Veterans –
Marissa Lemley Brown

The Records of Internments of Confederate Veterans Committee is responsible for recording information regarding the gravesites of Confederate Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Civil Officials, and others who served the cause. The basic information is entered into a database available on the Internet. The original forms are maintained by the Helen Walpole Brewer Library.

Tennessee has over 6800 veterans listed; however, I know that many more still need to be documented. This year, let’s make a goal to ensure that all of our ancestors and hometown Confederate veterans are listed in the database. This allows us to provide a reference for those researching their own genealogy as well as graves to recognize during annual events. You can download a form and instructions online or email me for further details. The database can be found on the following website:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~alicudc/index.htm>.

Marissa Lemley Brown
Chairman

Pages – Rebekah A. Lemley

Ladies:

Let 2013 be the year you mark *Paging at Convention* off your bucket list. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet women from across the Division. It is also never too early to plan your Page wardrobe. Many department stores are currently having fantastic sales on white attire as winter approaches. Remember,

white, winter white, and ivory are all acceptable shades for "Page wear".

My goal is to have an increased number of Daughters receive their Division Page pin. In order to earn this pin, you must serve as a Page at **eight** events over **two** conventions. Please contact me if you have questions about becoming a Page at rebekahlemley@gmail.com.

Warmest regards,

Rebekah A. Lemley
Chairman

In Memory of



Caroline Douglas Meriwether Goodlett

Founder of the United Daughters of

The Confederacy

Born: November 3, 1833, Todd Co. KY

Died: October 16, 1914 Davidson Co., TN

Mrs. Goodlett, a native of Todd County, Kentucky and the daughter of Charles Nicholas Minor and Caroline Huntley (Barker) Meriwether, lived on the Meriwether estate at "Woodstock," until after the war. Throughout the clash of arms she spent her entire income, amounting to thousands of dollars, in supplying the wants of the Confederates. She made clothing for them, and converted her large tobacco barns into sewing rooms, and there the ladies of the neighborhood would meet every day to sew for the soldiers. As a skilled horsewoman, she was enabled

to serve the Confederacy in securing information and many times entered the Federal lines.

In 1870, the Confederate women of Nashville organized a Memorial Association and bought a lot in Mount Olivet Cemetery, where they buried the remains of Confederate soldiers in the vicinity of Nashville. Mrs. Goodlett was a charter member of the Board of the Confederate Monumental Association that erected a monument over the Confederate soldiers buried in "Confederate Circle." In 1890, through her efforts, the State of Tennessee deeded part of the Hermitage tract for a home for needy Confederate soldiers. The Auxiliary of the Confederate Soldiers' Home was organized in Nashville and Mrs. Goodlett was elected President. Gradually, the Auxiliary began to operate as Daughters of the Confederacy on May 10, 1892. In 1905, the title of "Founder" of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was conferred upon Mrs. Goodlett at the General Convention in San Francisco.

She died in Nashville at the age of 80. Her obituary in *The Daily Herald* dated October 21, 1914 stated that "Mrs. Goodlett was universally known as the mother of the United Daughters of the Confederacy... She will be sorely missed by the U.D.C. to whom she has always been a tower of strength and an inspiration to them."

www.findagrave.com; www.hqudc.org/about/founder.html

Last year, each chapter contributed \$20 to allow the State of Tennessee to have the advertisement on the inside cover of the UDC Magazine. I would like to ensure that Tennessee holds onto this page in the Magazine and am asking each Chapter to again contribute \$20 for this purpose. ~ L. Fritz