



***The Ladies' Auxiliary Times*: Ladies Auxiliary Pennsylvania Society Sons of
the American Revolution (LAPASSAR)**

Winter 2022 Newsletter



Becky Hudson Moyer, President LAPASSAR, 2020-2022

I extend my best wishes to all my LAPASSAR sisters for a healthy, happy 2022. Please plan to join your husbands in attending our February board of management meeting in Morgantown, Pennsylvania. Our speakers are accomplished scholars in their fields and have prepared informative presentations for you (see pages five-seven of this newsletter). We also welcome your ideas for our PASSAR-sponsored 2024 Congress in Lancaster, PA as well as your nominations for vacancies on our LAPASSAR board of management. I look forward to seeing you in Morgantown, ladies! Your input is important to me and to our ladies auxiliary.

Happy Birthday Wishes



Happy fifth birthday to us LAPASSAR members! President Becky baked muffins for the ladies to enjoy during their meeting in Lancaster, PA in November 2021. Ladies also enjoyed a festive birthday cake

Happy special birthday on December 25th to Jean Conroy who turned 90 years young.

Happy birthday, Betty Dechant –Founding Board Chaplain (March 7th)



LAPASSAR sends wishes for a healthy, happy year ahead to both ladies.

Please send your birthday and your anniversary dates to Jan Showler (contact information, page nine of this newsletter). We want to include birthday and anniversary greetings to you in future newsletters. Thanks!

Speaking of birthdays . . . Does your husband have a birthday, or do you have an upcoming anniversary that you want to mark in a special way. Please consider purchasing the 2024 PASSAR medal set for him that commemorates the 134th Congress of the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution hosted by our Pennsylvania Society. It is a special way to mark his birthday or anniversary and also to support PASSAR. Order form is available at PASSAR website (<http://passar.org>). Image of the medal is on page three.

The 2024 PASSAR Medal



**Commemorating the 134th Congress
of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
Hosted by the Pennsylvania Society**

Highlights from Board of Management Meeting: November 5, 6, 2021 at Wyndham Resort and Convention Center

LAPASSAR's first vice-president Cindy Mills will relocate to North Carolina. To acknowledge her service as first vice-president in charge of fundraising to LAPASSAR and also her work on membership, Cindy was awarded a certificate of appreciation. LAPASSAR wishes you joy as you begin this new chapter in your life, Cindy! Maribeth Wilt-Siebert has moved up to first-vice president on the LAPASSAR board. She will assist President Becky Moyer with selling Congress 2024 merchandise at various PASSAR functions as well as assume responsibilities for Becky should she not be able to fulfill these.

There is presently \$2,688.72 in the general fund of our treasury (including \$70.00 for quilt raffle tickets). The necklace/pin fund has \$3,056.34 (79 pins/necklaces were sold with only 41 more remaining to sell). The tee and polo shirt fund has \$950.23 (38 tees and 15 polo shirts have been sold). Total funds in the treasury are \$6,695.29. At this meeting, a motion passed unanimously that a separate account be designated for the 2024 Congress to be used for hospitality and other events for which we ladies are responsible.

Updated News about the 2024 Congress: Lancaster, PA July 11-16, 2024

Site: Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square (25 South Queen Street). Host reception at Rock Ford Plantation

Tours: Suggestions include Gettysburg and the Philadelphia Campaign; York (site of the Second Continental Congress, winter of 1777-1778, and focus on America's religious freedom)

To Be Determined: Site of memorial service and ladies tea (choice of First Lady Karen Dodd)

Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, July 11
Friday, July 12

Long tours and host reception
Memorial service, Rumbaugh finals and first-lady's tea

Saturday, July 13	Opening session, youth luncheon, Minuteman awards
Sunday, July 14	Second session, George Washington Endowment Fund Fellows, ladies luncheon, balloting, President General's banquet
Monday, July 15	Third session, short tours, installation banquet
Tuesday, July 16	Day tour of Philadelphia

Please bring any ideas you have to the board of management meeting in Morgantown to be held on February 4 & 5. Registration forms are available at <http://passar.org>. Click on *members* and then write the password *PASSAR2021* (regular font). **Hotel and meeting reservations are due no later than January 22, 2022.** Hope to see you in Morgantown!

After the business session of LAPASSAR was conducted, President Becky Moyer introduced our honored guest, Martha Wayler Skelton Jefferson (aka) Gina Aleo Gordon, pictured below.



If you missed the meeting, you can view Mrs. Jefferson at <https://www.youtube.com>

Luncheon speaker, Bob Fleck, presented an excellent talk on “The Oneida Tribe and Our Revolutionary War.”

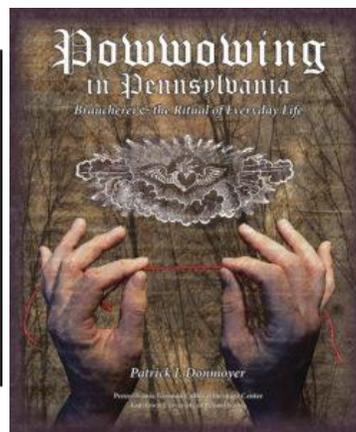
Board of Management Meeting: February 4, 5, 2022
Holiday Inn Morgantown
6170 Morgantown Rd, Morgantown, PA 19543
610-286-3000

Registration available:

<https://www.passar.org/Forms/2022%20Winter%20BOM%20Registration%20Form2.pdf>



Please join your husband in attending this board of management meeting hosted by Governor Joseph Hiester Chapter. Friday evening's entertainment will be from Broken Spokes. Saturday ladies' speaker will be Patrick Donmoyer, Site Director at the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center at Kutztown University, a folklife museum and research center on the Kutztown campus. He will speak on "Barn Stars: Myth and Meaning in PA Dutch Barn Stars." An advocate for regional folk culture, Mr. Donmoyer's work blends language, ritual traditions, and vernacular architecture in his ethnographic research. He is the author of numerous articles, and two books, the most recent of which is entitled "Hex Signs: Myth and Meaning in Pennsylvania Dutch Barn Stars" (2013), as well as "*Der Freund in der Noth*, or The Friend in Need: An Annotated Translation of an Early Pennsylvania Folk-Healing Manual" (2012). He also edited the posthumous work of Dr. Don Yoder, Father of the American Folklife Studies movement, entitled "The German Bible in America" (2016), as well as the 25th Anniversary Edition of Dr. Yoder's folklife manifesto, "Discovering American Folklife" (2015), as well as dedicated an exhibition catalog entitled "Powwowing in Pennsylvania" (2015) to the legacy of Dr. Yoder. He is currently completing a forthcoming book, lecture series, and traveling exhibition on the ritual traditions of the Pennsylvania Dutch (source: https://www.amazon.com/Patrick-Donmoyer/e/B01M286XM7%3Fref=db_s_a_mng_rwt_scns_share).



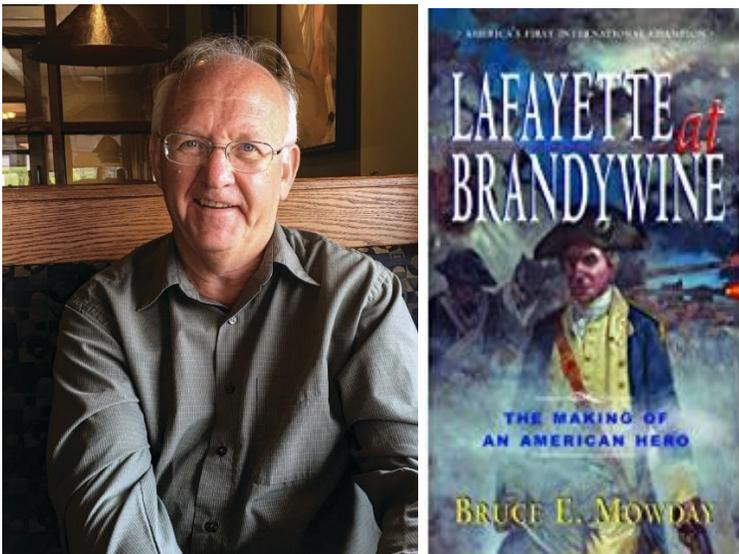
Patrick Donmoyer pictured (left) with two of his publications

"It's not just Pennsylvania Dutch, "said Donmoyer, "it's part of a regional experience."

See review of Mr. Donmoyer's book entitled *Powwowing* on page 7

PASSAR's luncheon speaker will be Bruce E. Mowday, investigative journalist for over twenty years, and author of more than twenty books on history, sports, business and true crime. Mowday has appeared on the PBS Emmy award-winning "Counter Culture," Discovery ID channel, Reelz network, C-SPAN, Pennsylvania Cable Network, Hollywood and Beyond, Whatcha Got, and Journey into the Civil War, Chronicles of the American Civil War. *Civil War Monitor* magazine published an article by Mr. Mowday on Gettysburg. He is a frequent speaker at various civic and historical groups. The Congress of Civil War Round Tables has named him a "5-Star" speaker. Mowday has hosted his own radio shows, has been editor of magazines, was chairman of the Chester County Historical Society, and president of the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates. He is a former board member of the Valley Forge Park Alliance and the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau (Source: <https://mowday.com/>).

Mr. Bruce E. Mowday, featured with his book on Lafayette



America's first international hero, the Marquis Lafayette, risked his life and spent his fortune in the fight for American independence from England. Without Lafayette and the assistance of France, America would never have been victorious during the American Revolution. While being celebrated in America in the 18th and 19th centuries – including a grand American tour that lasted more than a year – Lafayette's heroic deeds are fading from America's consciousness. The importance of the battle of Brandywine, where Lafayette was wounded on September 11, 1777, has not been recognized as a major turning point in America's independence. *Lafayette at Brandywine: The Making of an American Hero* redefines Lafayette's role in America's fight for freedom and the historical importance of the battle of Brandywine. Check out Mr. Mowday's talk on YouTube): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9jFyR8WRO4>

Also featured at this luncheon will be aspiring writer and second-place Knight Essay Award Winner Edison Tang. Congratulations, Edison! We look forward to hearing you read your award-winning essay.

Powwowing in Pennsylvania by Patrick J. Donmoyer

Written by [Joshua Brown](#) in the [Book Review](#) category and the [Winter 2019](#) issue Topics in this article: [folklife](#), [Patrick J. Donmoyer](#), [Pennsylvania Dutch](#), [Pennsylvania German](#), [powwowing](#)
Book Review presents reviews of recent publications on Pennsylvania subjects by noted scholars.

Powwowing in Pennsylvania Braucherei and the Ritual of Everyday Life

by Patrick J. Donmoyer

Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center/Masthof Press, 343 pp., cloth \$45, paper \$35

In *Powwowing in Pennsylvania*, author Donmoyer gives a fresh and comprehensive account of traditional ritual healing practices (largely) among the Pennsylvania Dutch. The book ties together years of solid research, ethnographic data collection, and even participant observation (Donmoyer himself apprenticed with a powwow doctor). He begins by tracing the European origins of the practice and how at its core is the performance of rituals. Over several chapters, he then describes the many artifacts used in powwowing including literature, botanicals and objects. Later, he traces the complex relationship between powwowing and outsiders — how it has interacted with the medical community, legal authorities, and the media. Importantly, the final two chapters show the everyday nature of powwowing and the vibrancy of its study as not merely an obsolete form of superstition.

Donmoyer's entire narrative is fascinating. The early chapters especially benefit from considerable and careful research. These chapters highlight Donmoyer's adeptness in conveying information from a variety of disciplines in a manner that is decidedly understandable. He has richly illustrated the book with photographs, mainly from his own Heilman Collection. In all, he shows that powwowing is far from obsolete and far from the sensationalized superstition depicted in media and promoted even within the community today. Donmoyer suggests at the end that powwowing "challenges us to become more fully cognizant of the ways in which ritual is still very much an active force in present human endeavor to heal existential concerns and satisfy hunger for meaning." Indeed, powwowing is a practice rooted in everyday life, relevant today as then, and tells us so much about the human experience by offering a window into our own hopefulness to heal.

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(Review from *Pennsylvania Heritage* Available at <http://paheritage.wpenline.com/article/powwowing-pennsylvania-patrick-donmoyer/>).

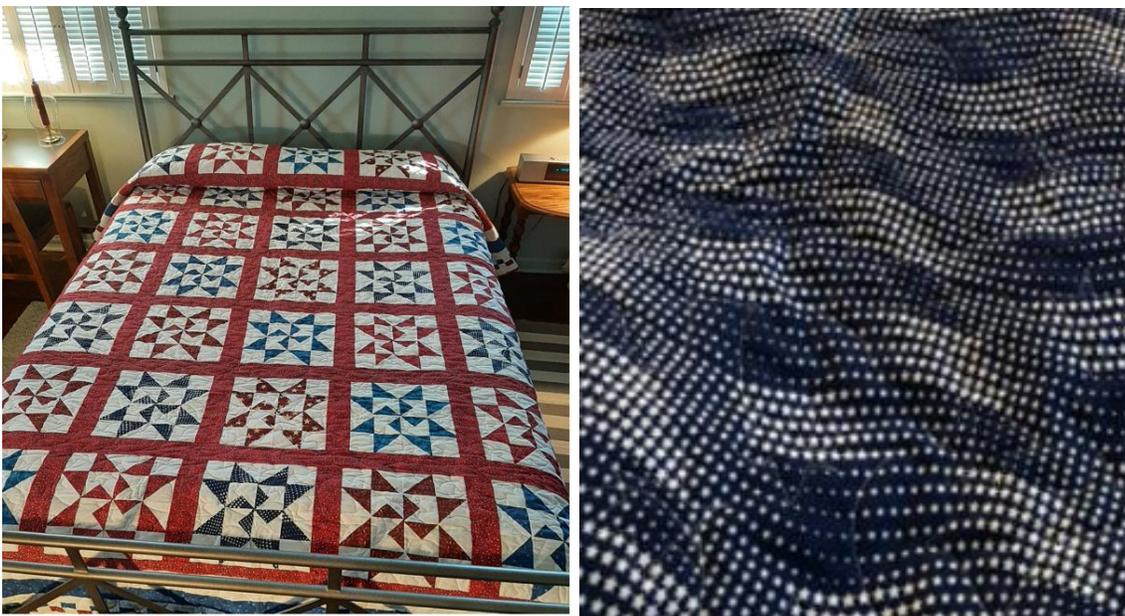
Tidbit: Where to find a hex signs in Pennsylvania?

Hex signs can be found throughout Pennsylvania and are especially prominent in Berks County. Donmoyer says people are still painting hex signs on their barns these days.

Speaking of folks crafts, there is still time to purchase Jane Miller's queen-sized, red-white-blue quilt to be raffled in support of the 2024 Congress in Lancaster, PA (\$10.00/ticket or three tickets for \$20.00).

Meet Jane Miller (pictured with husband Ron and Grandson Caleb below)

Jane attended her first LAPASSAR meeting (and joined) two years ago at the annual board of management meeting. She writes: "Upon hearing that the Ladies Auxiliary was looking for ways to fundraise for the 2024 Congress, I thought I could help by contributing a patriotic quilt to raffle. I actually started quilting 40 years ago when I made a crib quilt for my son, but during my working years (as a librarian), this hobby got moved to the back burner. Upon retiring, I resumed my interest in quilting, and in the last 10 years I have made many bed-size quilts, lap quilts, wall-hangings, table runners, and pillows. I enjoy attending the bi-monthly George Washington chapter SAR meetings with my husband Ron, who has been a member for 15 years."



Your fellow LAPASSAR members warmly welcome you and gratefully acknowledge your talents and generosity, Jane!

Pictured below Ron and Jane Miller in period garb with grandson Caleb.



Help Us Feed the Congress Fund



If you would like to donate to the 2024 Congress Fund, we will gratefully accept your donation. Those donations can be sent to our treasurer, Diana Watson, with a note on the memo line of your check stating that the donation is for the 2024 Congress fund.

Her contact information is as follows:

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303 South St
PO Box 311
Conneautville PA 16406

Join the LAPASSAR Board of Management: Many Hands Make Light Work



LAPASSAR has several positions on its board of management open for your consideration. They include second vice-president, secretary, and assistant treasurer (for Congress merchandise only). Please see the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the American Revolution website (<http://passar.org>) for duties for these positions listed in the LAPASSAR bylaws. Look at the top ribbon of the home page, click on “Chapters,” and “Ladies Aux” will be the second choice. That opens to a full page explaining our mission, listing officers, etc. If you scroll all the way down, the first option in blue is “By-Laws.” If you then click on that link all the by-laws will appear for you to peruse. The responsibilities for officers are included there.

Since attendance at meetings is important for the position of secretary, the board determined that we select two ladies to share that responsibility for the next two-year term: one from the western and one from the eastern part of the state. Since board of management meetings are scheduled for both parts of the state, that means that each secretary would be responsible for attending two of the four scheduled board of management meetings. The secretary also attends Zoom board meetings when scheduled.

Please consider taking one of these posts. If you are interested, send an e-mail with your interest and qualifications to either Denise Harry at denise.harry3@yahoo.com or Janice Showler at upenn92@outlook.com, Please note a new e-address for Jan Showler.

For your convenience, your officers for 2020-2022 are listed here with their contact information. Please don't hesitate to be in touch with questions, concerns, and ideas. **N.B. New e-address for Jan Showler**

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(corrected 1/20/22)

Please note that SAR and LAPASSAR holds four board of management meetings annually in February, May (annual meeting and elections), August and November. These meetings are scheduled the first Saturday of those months. The *LA Times* should be distributed to you a week before registrations are due by the middle of the previous month of the scheduled meetings. The newsletter is distributed through mailchimp.com.