

## October 1-3 Fall BOM – Ladies Auxiliary Highlights



Friday morning started with setting up our Auxiliary table outside the meeting room. We had an assortment of things to purchase or just give away: SAR 2023 Congress Pins, the statue, lots of shell pins, COVID-19 masks, and the throws. Delores Wolff and Jan Myles-Brunelle showed off their new shell pins. Throughout the weekend others joined: standing Cara Elder, sitting on the left Billie Brock, and to the right Anne McGuire. And while we were there, prepared tickets for the baskets.



Becky Elam brought her friend Dolly to give a “Part 2” Program on the changes to the Hindman Settlement School.

**What’s the Imagination Library?** This project, conducted in collaboration with the Dolly Parton Foundation, exists to increase access to age-appropriate books and promote kindergarten readiness. Each month, children enrolled in the Imagination Library will receive a high quality, age-appropriate book mailed to their home. *But we’re more than just about simply delivering books – we’re here to inspire a lifelong love of reading and to promote home literacy practices!*

Eastern Kentucky isn’t traditionally known for large scale agriculture, but historically for self-sustaining homesteads. Recently, central Appalachia has seen a resurgence of mountain agriculture fueled by the local food movement. This resurgence brings a multitude of opportunities for producers, food crafters, and entrepreneurs. Hindman Settlement School is devoted in supporting our local food system through our Grow Appalachia program, the Knott County Farmers Market, The Cannery, and The Farm.

After explaining how Hindman teaches their students about their own history through art, Becky demonstrated part of this through playing her dulcimer.



Billie Brock gave us an update on the progress of the 2023 centerpieces. The little squares to be replaced by this candle on an upside down wine glass with shells. The larger cowboy hats were replaced by child size and otherwise remained the same. We now had a collection of 80 tea cup sets, but need 100 hardcover books. We approved her to go ahead with purchasing items and will assemble centerpieces at the Spring BOM. She will embroider cloth bags with our shell pin pattern to be filled as Welcome bags. Everything is under control and well within our approved budget.



We had two longtime members pass away this summer, Dorothy (Dot) Day and Doris Bridges. Charlie Day sent us Dot's Obituary, that was shared along with this beautiful picture. She was always by his side at meetings and Color Guard activities. Doris joined the Auxiliary in 2004, was active in the Miami Chapter, and remembered by several as one of the dearest souls. They will be missed.

Delores had brought door-prize bags. Names were drawn and Debi and Becky were two of the winners.





Everyone wanted a photo with Dolly. Front row L to R: Brenda Hayes Brown and Cara Elder. Second row: Jan Myles-Brunelle, Dolly Parton, Delores Wolff, Becky Elam, Marjorie Ramseur. Back row: Joni Laramor, Billie Brock, Laura Zavalia, Debi Allen, Martha Grove, Kerry Wicks, and Anne McGuire.

**Photo by guest Mary Addison**



Saturday afternoon we held an Auxiliary Board meeting to go over plans for the 2023 Hospitality Room, contents for the Welcome bags, and a timeline. It's not too early to volunteer.



Madonna Crame donated sixty tea cup sets for the Congress centerpieces. Billie will take them home to select just the right ones.



Saturday after the Board meeting, we set out seven baskets and made the centerpieces for the banquet. That evening, the hotel added little tea lights.

During the entire weekend, we used one of the tea cups to collect tickets for a throw. When four tickets were in the cup, we held a drawing. Three additional throws went to good homes. The last one was handed out, just before the basket tickets were drawn.



Through your generous donations, \$570.00 was made to support the Youth Awards in the Spring.

**Thank you**



Our shell pins are now available. These Pamela Wright Jewelers pins can be worn on a necklace or as a pin. Cost is \$45.00 plus an extra \$5.00 if mailed to you. To order, send a check made out to **LAFSSAR** to **Billie Brock, 2567 Karatas Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32246**. Please include email address and a phone number.

We are down to the last box of throws. With supplies of many Christmas items scarce or not available at all, this would make that perfect gift and can be mailed directly to you. Your throw can be ordered now. The cost is \$70.00 for the Throw plus shipping if you would like it sent to you. Send orders to: **Martha Grove, 38 Lakeview Dr, Fruitland Park, FL 34731-6362**. Make checks out to **LAFSSAR** for **\$70.00** to reserve one, add \$15.00 if you want it sent to you at a Florida address or \$20.00 for addresses outside of Florida (order two sent to the same address for the same shipping cost). Please make the Notation: **2023 Congress** on your check. Please include email address and phone number.



We have been collecting tea cups for the Congress centerpieces and now have enough. We now need 100 **hardcover** books for them to sit on. About 6"x8" is a good size. Please bring or send them to the Spring BOM.

