

ISSUE #3 WINTER 2024

THE ORANGE BLOSSOM

FEBRUARY 11TH, 2024



STATE PROJECT

This year's State President Project is to raise \$5,000 for the Right Whale Program at the Clearwater Marine Institute. With less than 350 right whales left, the goal is to prevent boating accidents and finish entanglement. The State President's Theme is "Being A Kid Is My Superpower." The point of this is to promote kids in C.A.R. to learn leadership skills and promote independence.



NATIONAL PROJECT

This year's National President Project is to raise \$15,000 with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum to restore The First Report of the United States of Department of Agriculture and Abraham Lincoln's Leather Portfolio. The second part of this project is to connect local societies to N.S.C.A.R. with a goal of 30,000 volunteer hours. This year's National Theme is "Cultivating Tomorrows Leaders."

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Hello Everybody!

I am Sydney Wagnstrom and I am the 2023-2024 Florida Society Children of the American Revolution State President. A project is chosen every year by the state president. The state then focuses on supporting and raising money for the organization chosen. This year I hope to educate people on the Right Whales with the theme "Project Conservation Right Whale." Right Whales help to benefit Florida by bringing nutrients from the bottom of the ocean to the top which helps feed fish. There is a need to educate people on not only the importance of these whales, but also their possible extinction. The fact that there are less than 340 Right Whales left should encourage individuals to take action in saving them.

My goal is to raise \$5,000 for the Clearwater Marine Research Institute. Adding on to this, I hope to help empower kids throughout the state to participate in volunteering with the saying, "Being a Kid is My Superpower." Because I am president at such a young age, I hope to boost kids in realizing they can lead too. I cannot wait to see how my project helps others to learn more about the Right Whales, while encouraging kids to speak up and become more involved.

I am so excited for State Conference! I want to congratulate everyone for all the hard work this year. I am looking forward to seeing everybody and all the amazing things that have been accomplished. The packet meeting was so fun getting to work with everyone. I cannot wait to do it again at State Conference! I hope everyone has had a wonderful year with "Project Conservation Right Whale" and "Being a Kid is My Superpower."

I hope to see you soon,
Sydney Wagnstrom
F.S.C.A.R. State President 2023-2024
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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

SENIOR PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Hi everyone!

I am very excited that State Conference is coming up. We have been preparing for a great time and I look forward to seeing you there. I am especially proud of all of our societies and all of the work you have done this year. You are truly an integral part of our success as a state.

As my administration comes to a close soon, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support for me and all of our leadership team. It has been a true pleasure serving! We have been through so much in these four years. I started with Emma Glazener (2020-2021) and we weathered through COVID-19 together. We helped homeless heroes during 2021-2022 with Sydney Rigaud. In 2022-2023, we were Kids Helping Kids C.O.P.E. with James Hamilton. And now, we are learning about Right Whales and finding our inner superhero with State President Sydney Wagnstrom. What an amazing year, and previous three years serving the state with these amazing State Presidents.

While my term doesn't officially end until April, I am here to help however I can to help you succeed for the year and to set you up for success going forward. I know that you will continue to do well as we continue moving forward. You are all important to our success. We are approaching 100 years as a state society and also working to get our America 250! commemorative marker in place. My understanding is that we will be the FIRST C.A.R. society (state or local) that will place one. I hope you will help us accomplish this.

There is so much more I can say and that I am proud of but for now, I will end this with a "See you at State Conference"! I can't wait to celebrate YOU and all of your hard work. We have so much fun planned and I am really looking forward to seeing you all. Thanks for all that you do!

Holly Hamilton
Senior State President (2020-2022,
2022-2024)
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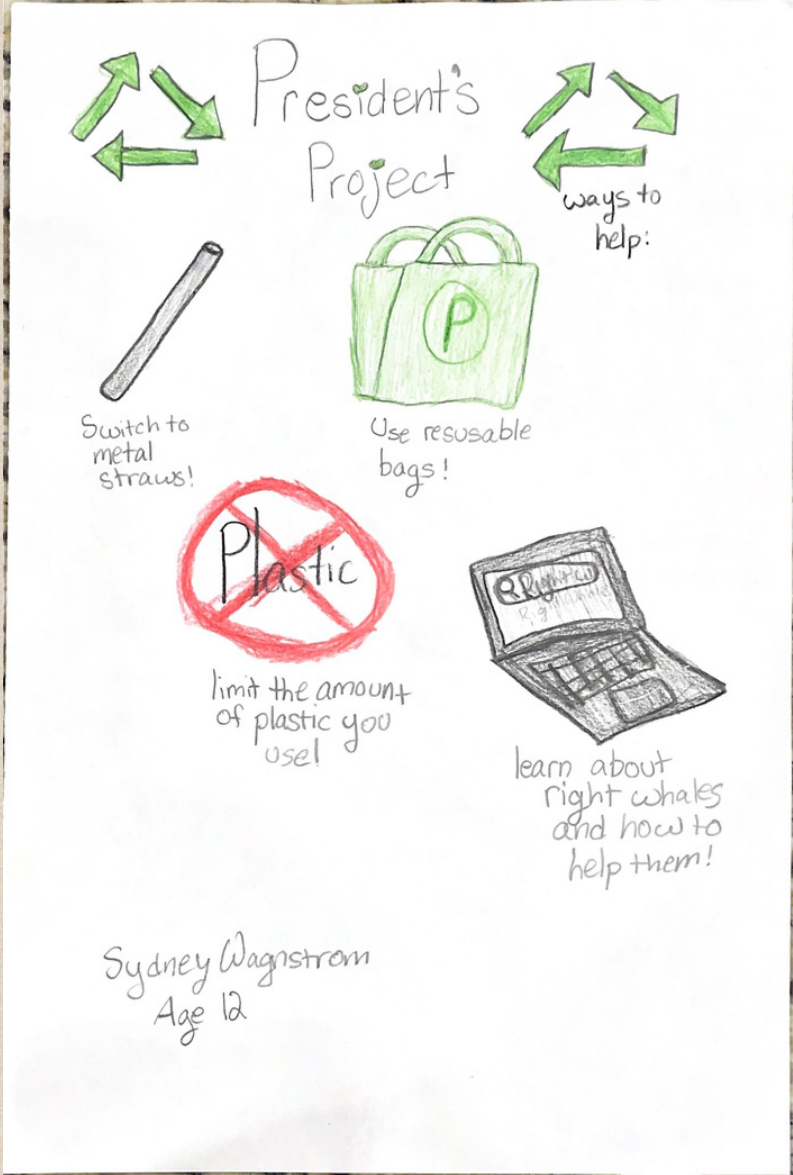
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Member: Samuel Coventry; Senior: Fran Whiteman

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F.S.C.A.R PROJECT
CONSERVATION RIGHT WHALE
VAUGHAN-LATHAM SOCIETY



Member Sydney Wagnstrom
Age 12



NATIONAL THEME: CULTIVATING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

VAUGHAN-LATHAM SOCIETY

During the beginning of the year, I helped work the National Honor Society concessions for The Little League baseball in Fernandina Beach. While I had already learned a lot about food service through my two years of Culinary and gaining my ServSafe Certification, the Little League concessions were their own story. I believe it was a good experience for people my age to learn what goes into preparing and serving the food I eat.

This opportunity has pushed me into paying more attention as to how I should prepare my own food and what I should look out for when it comes to dangers in food poisoning.

The people who participated in it and I all enjoyed the experience and look forward to next season so we can volunteer again.



CHICHI-OKOBEE SOCIETY

On Saturday October 14th, the Chichi-Okobee society explored Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. The Downtown Sarasota campus features 15 acres located along Sarasota Bay where we were able to take in rainforest, desert, native Florida, and display garden areas plus stroll along a bayfront mangrove walkway. Members enjoyed the children's area which features an elevated garden that gives the sensation of traveling through the treetops. Climbing up to the swinging bridges was a favorite activity for our adventurous group! Children also used chalk in the cave areas of the rainforest where they played on animal structures.

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**Sarasota
Honey Company**

Hear how bees played an important part in our victory during the Revolutionary War!
We'll get a private tour to learn about the bees, see bees & pollinator friendly garden, taste honey, and make honey cakes

**Saturday, April 22nd
at 4pm**

**2227 University Pkwy
Sarasota 34243**

**RSVP: Erin Alton
mrs.erin.alton@gmail.com
818-201-7995**



On Saturday, April 22th, our local society recognized Earth Day by hosting the Sarasota Honey Company at Arlington Park. Bees play a vital role in conservation and an important part in General George Washington's battle plans during the American Revolution, so it was a perfect program for our group. We learned about how honey is made before sampling some "hoe cakes" which are a honey centric treat which has been enjoyed for generations. As a special privilege for our group, the cornmeal came directly from Mount Vernon.

Our program speaker described "the Battle of the Bees" at McIntyre's Farm in Charlotte, NC where 14 hidden patriots outsmarted 400 foraging British troops by utilizing swarming bees on October 3, 1780. Earlier that year, young Charity Crabtree (a true Child of the American Revolution!) of Philadelphia beat her beehives with a stick to attack the incoming Redcoats while she rode to Washington's camp to inform him of their presence. Washington never forgot the importance of bees in these battles and even kept hives at his residence when he became our nation's first president!

Then, we were able to sample three different varieties of fresh, local honey - collected just the day before our meeting! It was a tasty time for our members and their families as we linked today's local conservation to our proud American history.

Chichi-Okobee Society



MEMBER ACTIVITY

SNOWDEN-HORNE SOCIETY

Members of the Snowden-Horne Society C.A.R. assisted with the Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter NSDAR in a project known as "Cookies for Kindness" during the holidays. After baking six dozen cookies, the group delivered them to the Fisher House on Eglin Air Force Base. A tour of the "home away from home" for military families who have loved ones in the hospital completed the educational and gratifying experience.



TREASURE COAST SOCIETY

The Treasure Coast Society participated in the Wreaths Across America event held at the Fellsmere Brookside Cemetery on December 15, 2023. The members lead the singing of the National Anthem and helped with the wreaths that were placed in memory of all the soldiers from each branch of the Military. The members also laid wreaths at the graves of each veteran that was interred at the cemetery. This is the same cemetery that we clean as part of our conservation project and have cleaned a lot of headstones as well.



Treasure Coast Society volunteered with the Pelican Island Chapter DAR for the "Portrait of a Bride" event held on 1/13/24. Members helped set up, serve food, and also participated in the event.

MEMBER ACTIVITY

FORT BROOKE SOCIETY



Lulu attended honor Flight at the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport. She gave 8 dog tags to Vietnam Veterans.



The Rambis family participating in Wreaths Across America.

CHICHI-OKOBEE SOCIETY

On December 2nd, the Osceola chapter of DAR gave a presentation on C.A.R. and invited our local Chichi-Okobee society to join them! We were represented by our Society President Nathan Putnam (age 14) and Society Vice President Luke Rush (age 12) who answered questions from their membership after a slideshow. This featured general information about our organization as well as photos and video interviews with our society members, senior leaders, and their families. After the presentation, members then enjoyed an afternoon of problem solving at an escape room!

We also collected donations for our Christmas Care Package to deployed troops. These items included non-perishable foods, such as beef jerky, nut mixes, and drink mixes. Members created Christmas cards to express holiday greetings and gratitude for their service. We were able to receive financial support from corporations as well as from our sponsoring DAR chapters.

Chichi-Okobee Society



On Saturday November 11th, our society joined the Sara de Soto DAR and Saramana SAR chapters in the Sarasota Veterans Day parade. Chloe Westerberg (age 5) is our society's flag bearer and she took a place of pride representing us to the local community.

MEMBER SOCIETY

CHICHI-OKOBEE SOCIETY

On Saturday, March 25th, the Chichi-Okobee Society of C.A.R. met at Philippi Estate Park for History Day in the Park. This event was organized to acknowledge the history present in Sarasota in a community setting while showcasing groups that help us succeed. As a part of our National Day of Service recognized on April 5th, our local society volunteered at the children’s game booth. We were joined by members of four DAR chapters who supported us in our cause.

After volunteering, we inducted three new members into our society which included two pee wee patriots. Then, our group explored the event which had a variety of entertainers and activities ranging from butter-making to boondoggle-weaving. Along the way, we learned how steam-driven farm machinery worked, explored antique cars, talked to local authors, and peeked inside a Civil War tent. There were even antique toys and dolls for the children to see.

This event was a wonderful opportunity to promote our society within the local community while supporting historic preservation. Members first served as volunteers before taking them to join in the fun themselves.

Thank YOU to all of the Daughters who volunteered with us for a successful National Day of Service. We truly appreciate your support!

Chichi-Okobee Society

HISTORY DAY IN THE PARK

Saturday, March 25th at 11am

PHILLIPPI ESTATE PARK
5500 SOUTH TRAIL
SARASOTA 34231

\$5 PARKING
FREE ADMISSION

Participate in our annual
National Day of Service
before learning about our
local history with hands-on
activities including Civil War
reenactors, butter-churning,
traditional musicians, and
more



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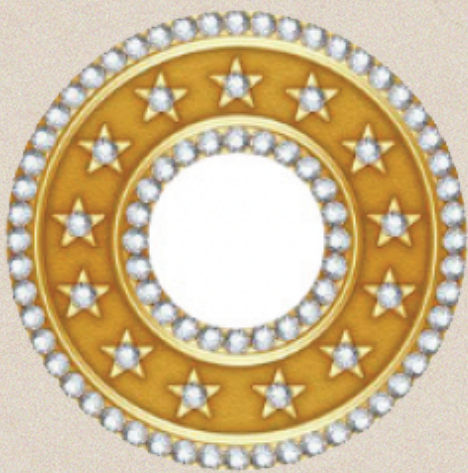
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