

CONNECTICUT SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

CAPT. MATTHEW MEAD BRANCH #11

2015 REPORT

The Matthew Mead Branch held its 85th Annual Meeting and luncheon on Saturday, 11 April 2015 at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich, Connecticut. Sixteen members and guests attended. President Marc Clapp Robinson presided. Reports were delivered – including a robust financial report – and the slate proposing the re-election of the current officers was approved. The vote was unanimous.

With the recent passing of our esteemed Mead Branch member and Registrar, Timothy Field Beard, the registrar position will remain vacant until such time as we can find a qualified replacement. The Chaplain position has been vacant since former Branch President Kelly Loyd Stewart resigned and moved to Illinois.

The branch membership remains at 42, same as last year. We have four new members; one member resigned, two were dropped for non-payment of dues, and, of course, Compatriot Beard passed away this winter. Among other business, the Branch also voted unanimously to donate the sum of \$250 toward the fund celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Connecticut Society.

2015 marks the 375th Anniversary of the founding of Greenwich in 1640. To start the year's festivities, members of Mead Branch, together with the Putnam Hill Chapter DAR, participated in the installation and ceremony celebrating a new steel sign (replacing one that was stolen decades ago) depicting Maj. Gen. Israel Putnam's famous escape from the British. The sign was made and donated by Putnam Hill DAR member Annie Gorin. A blacksmith and artist now based in Vermont, she is a daughter of the Secretary and Past President of the Matthew Mead Branch. In September we expect to participate in the big, 375th Anniversary Parade.

The membership is also looking forward to a summer membership gathering at the historic Queen Anne Cottage at Greenwich Point Park, the wonderful, 150-acre, town beach and park, formerly known as Tod's Point.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Bartley Gorin

Secretary

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