

Huguenot Happenings

Newsletter of the Huguenot Society of Georgia



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Mary Robin Redfearn Towns
PRESIDENT

Dear Huguenot friends,

Your Board members have been working on scheduling our Spring meeting. With the interruption of our normal schedule - due to weather, lockdowns, renovations, and various other issues, our normal meeting times have been scrambled. Hopefully, our schedule will return to normal in the Fall of 2023. You are receiving your Save-the-Date notice for the Spring meeting in this issue of *Huguenot Happenings*!

Our Spring Meeting, will be held on **Saturday, April 29, 2023**. We will be sharing the Program and Luncheon with the members of the *Order of Descendants of Ancient Planters*, followed by our business meeting. Dr. C. Martelia Cunningham will present our Program.

During our “Fall” Meeting (held in January), we announced that we, the *Huguenot Society of Georgia*, will be hosting the National Huguenot Society’s *National Congress, October 19-21*, here in Georgia, in lovely Macon! Since that time, Committee members have been working on preliminary plans for Congress. We will need lots of member support and attendance in order to hold a successful meeting. The National Congress of 2023 will be the final Congress of our own President General Janet Walker’s administration. Let’s make it a fabulous Congress!

Many of you have signed up to serve in various capacities. More about that later . . . For those details, *see PAGE 4*. This message concerns the immediate needs for the upcoming CONGRESS! Numerous items are needed to express our *Southern Hospitality* to our Huguenot guests from around the nation. A list detailing exactly what is needed is provided on page 4. Be sure to let this officer know what you can provide, donate, seek donations of, make, or wrap. We will put your generously donated items to good use!

In the *Good News* department, due to the diligent work of Registrar Ginny Griffith, our Georgia Huguenot Society has enjoyed excellent growth this year. Join me in welcoming nine (9) new Members! (*See page 3*)

Georgia Huguenot Society will elect our new Slate of Officers for 2020-2025. Please plan to attend our Spring Meeting on **Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Idle Hour Country Club in Macon, at 11:30 am**, for an enjoyable and productive time together!

In Huguenot Faith,

Robin



Huguenot Moments ... Fall Meeting HIGHLIGHTS Friday, January 27, 2023 Idle Hour Country Club, Macon



Speaker Tom Poland &
Dr. Cheryl Hunt-Clements, Curator



Marjorie Wilson, Jane Faulk,
and PG Janet Walker

The Huguenot Society of Georgia	
Friday, January 27, 2023	
Idle Hour Country Club - Macon, Georgia	
Call to Order and Welcome	Robin Towns, President
Invocation	Lynne Tate, Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States	Marjorie Wilson, Corresponding Secretary
Huguenot Pledge to the United States	Freida Boyles, Treasurer
Society Ritual	Joyce Patton, First VP
Salute to the Huguenot Flag	Dr. Cheryl Hunt-Clements, Curator
Introduction of Guests & Welcome New Members	Robin Towns
Welcome & Introduction of President General	
Introduction of Honorary State Presidents	
Introduction of Officers	
Introduction of Speaker	Joyce B. Patton, First Vice President
Tom Poland, of Columbia, SC, a native of Lincolnton, Georgia	
Author and Columnist	
"The lost town of Huguenot, Georgia, and the South Carolina Huguenots who migrated into the east Georgia region"	
<i>Luncheon</i>	
Approval of Minutes	
Treasurer's Report	
Officer Reports	
Unfinished Business	
New Business	
Announcements	
Benediction	Lynne Tate
Adjournment	Robin Towns



President Towns welcomes
new member Cynthia Davis



Our beautiful Huguenot Banner



President Towns and First VP Patton
present Speaker Tom Poland with a
Certificate of Appreciation and an Honorarium



APRIL Meeting Speaker: Dr. C. Martelia Cunningham

of Quitman, Georgia

National President, *Order of Descendants of Ancient Planters*
Pharm.D., Lineage Society leader, and avid genealogist

Telia will present her enlightening and entertaining story of
“*Early Marriage and Courtship Customs.*”

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

38-429	Michael Maxwell Black, Hahira, GA	Ancestor: Jacques Billebeau
38-430	Brittney Nicole Kean, Gonzales, LA	Ancestor: Benjamin B Hubert
38-431	Cynthia Darlyn Grantham Davis, Kathleen, GA	Ancestor: Pierre LeGrand
38-432	Darlyn JaNell Davis, St Simons Island, GA	Ancestor: Pierre LeGrand
38-433	Marquita Grantham Crews, Warner Robins, GA	Ancestor: Pierre LeGrand
38-434	Jinanne Bennett Parrish, Thomasville, GA	Ancestor: Pierre Prevatt
38-435	Penny Sue Bryant Crouse, Conyers, GA	Ancestor: Jean Souille/Souillet
38-436	Karen Lynn Lumpkin Kivette, Acworth, GA	Ancestor: Henri Cabinis

Youth Registration:

477 (38-429) Matthew Maxwell Black, Hahira, GA Ancestor: Jacques Billebeau



Huguenot Society of Georgia OFFICERS 2021 - 2023



President - Robin R. Towns
First Vice President - Joyce Patton
Second Vice President - John Trussell
Chaplain - Lynne Allen Tate
Treasurer - Freida A. Boyles
Recording Secretary - Sara Sims
Corr Secretary - Marjorie Wilson
Registrar - Virginia Soth Griffith
Librarian - Tina G. Peavey
Curator - Dr. Cheryl Hunt-Clements
Historian—Capt Roger W. Coursey



Georgia Officers with NHS PG Janet Walker

2023 Meetings *Please make a note!*

Spring 2023 - SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023, 11:30 am, Idle Hour Country Club

Autumn 2023 - to be announced



The National Huguenot Society
2023 NATIONAL CONGRESS
 Hosted by **THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF GEORGIA**

Our CONGRESS COMMITTEES (so far . . . we need more members to help!)

- **Registration, Hospitality & Greeters** ~ Tina Peavy, Joyce Patton, Cheryl Hunt-Clements, Ginny Wolf, Natalie Barfield, Cynthia Davis
- **Decorations** ~ Robin Towns, Ginny Griffith, Cynthia Davis
- **Ditty Bags** ~ Glenda Harkins
- **Door Prizes** ~ Robin Towns, Pat Mercer, Marjorie Wilson, Ginny Griffith, Joyce Patton
- **Favors** ~ Robin Towns, Pat Mercer, Marjorie Wilson, Ginny Griffith, Joyce Patton
- **Field Trip Volunteers** ~ Cynthia Davis, Robin Towns

Our Needs:

1. **Welcome/Ditty Bags** - Glenda Harkins has graciously offered to supply and assemble the “Welcome Bags.” Many thanks to Glenda!

2. **FAVORS** - We will need nice items for table favors for **Three Events**:

- * Welcome Dinner
- * Formal Banquet
- * Congress Luncheon

Quantities of **60 - 75 items** are needed. Examples: *Pecans, handmade items, luggage tags, Candy or baked item (i.e. pralines, peanut brittle, gourmet jelly beans, cookies), writing pens, pads, Bargello/needlepoint hotel room key holders, purse mirror, etc.*

* *Again, please inform a committee member if you are able to donate, or to solicit donations of any of these favor items.*

3. **DOOR PRIZES** - We will need nice, *gift-y* items, so that each attendee will receive **ONE DOOR PRIZE** during Congress events.

To find Door Prizes, PLEASE check your “Gift Drawer/Closet” for:

- * Nice items that you may have purchased on sale, to keep on hand for gift giving;
- * Items received as a gift that you do not need, and/or will never use;
- * New items never used.

Examples: *Silk scarf; insulated travel cup; lotions; scented candles; small make-up case; handkerchiefs/mens & ladies; tea towel; 2024 pocket calendar, nice costume earrings, bracelet, or brooch; travel items; nice writing pen in case; and any other nice gift items.*

. . . you get the picture!

Please bring any and all of these items, unwrapped, to our Spring Meeting. The committee will later wrap them appropriately in coordinated gift bags for presentation as *Door Prizes*. Thank you very much for donating nice, unique items that you have on hand or items that you can obtain to help make our National Congress a huge success!