

Daughters of the American Revolution highlights Harford County residents with awards

At the fifth annual awards brunch, the Governor William Paca Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, presented awards to people they believe did outstanding work in the county.

About 160 honorees and invited guests were in attendance, including the vice-regent of the Maryland State Society DAR.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, non-political women's service organization. The Governor William Paca Chapter is based primarily in Bel Air and has over 120 members who carry out tasks of promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism. Membership to DAR is open to any woman who can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War.

Those honored during the ceremony included:

■ Women in American History: Dr. Sandra Rhodes Wallis

■ Women in Arts: Joanna Barnum

■ DAR Conservation Medal: James Pritchard

■ Literacy Champion Award: Jackie Schnell, volunteer for the Harford County Public Library

■ Good Citizens Awards: Gianna DeBrigida (John Carroll School), Grace Donovan (Fallston High), Waverly Iriarte (North Harford High), Lia Lucas (Aberdeen High)

■ Outstanding Teacher of American History: Adam Fletcher, Patterson Mill Middle School

■ Flag Certificate Award: ShopRite Corporation

■ Distinguished Citizen Award: Jennifer Rousseau

■ DAR Youth Citizenship Award: Georgia Lentis (Bel Air Middle School), Gregory Garden (Bel

Air Middle School), Iris Bauer (Patterson Mill Middle School), Henry Giordano (Southampton Middle School)

■ DAR Outstanding Cadet Silver Medal: Cadet Om Patel (Civil Air Patrol)

■ DAR Community Service Award: Karen Matthews (Evergreen Garden Club), Reginald Bishop (African-American History)

■ DAR Excellence in Media: Robert Parker

■ Historic Preservation Recognition Award: Grace Fielder, Daniel Coates

■ Excellence in Historic Preservation: Julie Brasch

■ DAR Historic Preservation Medal: Dr. Iris Leigh Barnes