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Dues and Paperwork Each Year

Dues are due by December 1st every year because paperwork and documents must be completed and turned into the Illinois C.A.R. and the National C.A.R. by their deadline. Reminders go out in October.

Paperwork that needs to be completed by officers include the current membership list with all information, State dues notice with donations in December, National dues notice with donations, Local Society Annual Report in February, and the State report in March.

If you do attend any functions or send photos, please fill out the photo release.



The Changes of 2020

What could we do during a Pandemic?

There have been many changes this year in the Mary Chilton Society. Officers have changed hands, and we lost two members due to aging out. We currently have 15 members, with two waiting applications. The new slate of officers is Natalie Piemonte, President; Ryan Alba, Treasurer; Gianna Piemonte, Registrar; and Andrew de Leon, Recording Secretary. The new Senior President is Jessica Piemonte, Senior Treasurer is Carol Uhl-Alba, and Senior Registrar is Donna Benshoof. We still have officer openings, including 1st and 2nd Vice President, Chaplain, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Librarian, and Curator. So please let us know if you are interested in any of the positions! We also have all age groups and some who live out of state, so we understand our limitations. With Zoom, you don't need to live in-state to participate!

Over the past year, our activities were limited because of COVID-19 restrictions. But we were able to do some things from home that could benefit our Veterans and Servicemen overseas, and we could do some things in a socially distant manner. Activities we were able to participate in include making cards for the veterans for our Pie Party at the DuPage Convalescent Center in Wheaton, making posters and bringing treats to our Glen Ellyn Police Department to show appreciation for Day of Service with Anan Harmon Chapter, and participating with the Anan Harmon Chapter for the highway cleanup on St. Charles Road in Glen Ellyn. We brought our pumpkins to the SCARCE for recycling, and we worked on our garden, having it certified as a pollinator backyard. Members made 76 homemade cards with greetings that were sent to four Veterans homes in Illinois through the "Words of Thanksgiving for our Veterans" project. We received a thank you card from Carolyn Berning, Service to America Chairman, ISDAR, in support of the I.L.C.A.R. project. We ordered 20 pins for the "Packages for Patriots" in "Operation Support Our Troops." If you are interested in supporting us, you can purchase a pin for \$10, and I will mail it to you. We also donated a wreath to be placed at a grave of an Illinois military service person this Christmas.

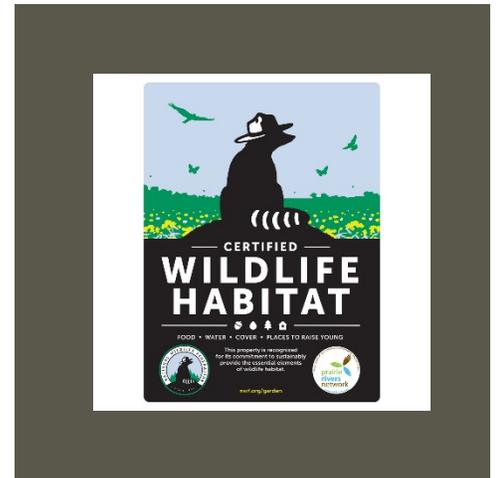
-Jessica Piemonte, Senior President

Things to Think about

Currently there is a need for patriotic cards to send in the boxes overseas for the Illinois State Project, "Packages for Patriots." My family began collecting cards and patriotic stickers and paper after Christmas. We try and dedicate one day/afternoon a week to working on the cards after schoolwork was completed. (Photos to come!)



Spring is coming! Think about gardening in the yard or even planting herbs or vegetables in pots. Learn about different conservation efforts in your area. Consider certifying your backyard as a pollinator backyard that is friendly to bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. We saw so many more of these this past year after our efforts to transform our yard. There is a checklist of things you need to have in your yard, and you do not need a large area, because mine is small. We have blackberries, blueberries, and strawberries, spring perennials, and summer perennials. Natalie (top) is planting peppers, zucchini, tomatoes, greens, cucumbers, pea pods, scallions, and herbs. Gia (below) is planting large sunflowers that we grew from seeds in the house, as well as some herbs. Here in Illinois, wait till after Mother's Day to start planting outside.



Think about donating to your local Veterans shelter. They can use all types of items including toiletries, socks, paper products, women's needs, new coats, and jackets. Due to the virus, they only want new items currently. Or bring some treats to your local V.F.W., American Legion, or other organization and let them know how much we appreciate them!

Whatever you do, please let me know, so I can document and include your work in our next newsletter and in our reports, including pictures!

Highway Clean-up >>>

Helping to keep our Environment Clean

Anan Harmon Chapter does the official highway clean-up and C.A.R. helped in a safe manner. We do not allow the kids to go close to the roadway, and an adult is always there to monitor. Masks were worn as well due to the pandemic.



finalthoughts...

So, what is in store for us in 2021? We are open to any ideas from community service to learning experiences, taking field trips, or going to cemeteries to take pictures of grave markers, recording data, and preservation. Please contact me with any suggestions. We are also going to try and participate in upcoming I.L.C.A.R. events.



Guest speaker and Illinois State C.A.R. President Jacob Shadinger at an Anan Harmon Chapter meeting in 2018. He explained the state project Brave Hearts, Riding Freedom's Trail.

coming soon this summer >>>

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Updates on what we are doing

Updates on I.L.C.A.R

The history of Mary Chilton Society

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