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Captain Molly Corbin local chapter honors community leaders, students and husbands

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TROPHY CLUB — The Grapevine-based NSDAR Chapter of the Captain Molly Corbin organization held its annual awards ceremony at the Trophy Club Country Club on April 9.

The Captain Molly Corbin Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) belongs to a national organization founded in 1890 with the mission of promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism.

The evening consisted of honoring local community leaders, teachers and students.

Honorees from the event included:

Westlake artist **Trish Biddle**, Women in the Arts Award; **Charlie Shiner**, **Bob Jones Nature Center and Preserve**, DAR Conservation Award for his efforts teaching the local community the art of composting; **Charles N. Simpson**, DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal Award; and **Lori Stevens**, founder of Patriot Paws Organization, Community Service Award.

Stephen Thornton, president of the Westlake Historical Preservation Society, Historic Preservation Recognition award; and **Johnnie Yellock**, Vietnam Veteran Recognition Award.

Four DAR Good Citizen High School Seniors received scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. Winners were **Kathryn Anderson**, Grapevine Faith Christian School; **Victoria Ochoa**, Colleyville Heritage High School; **Hawley Young**, Grapevine High School; and **Riley Wilson**, Keller High School.

Seventh-grader **Chloe Russell**, Fossil Hill Middle School in the Keller school district, won the American History Essay Award.

Local teachers recognized DAR Good Citizen judges **Pat Huster** from Colleyville Middle School and **Sherry Mason** and **Debra Nix** from Heritage Middle School in Colleyville.

Janay Hunt, a fifth-grade teacher from Eubanks Intermediate School in Carroll school district located in Southlake, received a State Award, placing second in the state among 200 DAR chapters as Outstanding Teacher of American History.

Kathleen Van Trees Simpson, Public Relations and Media Award; **Bonnie Kurtz**, American Heritage Award in Fiber Arts; **Julie Schellen**, state recognition for excellence in Chapter Membership Growth exceeding national goals; and two husbands of Captain Molly Corbin members, **Greg Hidalgo** and **Sean Partee** received HODAR Award for their roles in volunteering and supporting their wives activities.

Mary Fae Kamm received the Women in American History award and **Dr. Liza Ting-Glenn** received the Americanism medal, the highest award for a foreign born American citizen given by the NSDAR in recognition of outstanding service to others and leadership she displays to her community and state and love of her adopted country.

Many awards were granted from the NSDAR headquarters in Washington, D.C.

“Our local community has amazing volunteers and people,” said Melissa Neason, special events chairman for Capt. Molly Corbin, NSDAR Grapevine Chapter.

“It is very unusual for a community to receive so many national awards.”

Neason said the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is celebrating 125 years of service.

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