

Chapters Have Special Ways to Raise Funds for their Projects



The VASSAR leadership is frequently asked how a Chapter can raise some funds to support a special project. So, we asked the Chapters that do a lot in the community how they raise their funds. We received a few responses. The answers were varied.

A popular response was to hold a 50-50 raffle at all meetings. This is a good way to raise small amounts to support a specific low-cost project. The Col. James Wood Chapter added a wrinkle to this by holding a 52-50 raffle.

Each Chapter member was asked to sell 10 tickets at \$25 each. This resulted in about \$4000 being in the kitty. Each month, four or five numbers were drawn and the winners received \$50 each. The total number of tickets drawn was 52.

The project was designed to provide financial support for youth awards and to help the first ten members who joined the Chapter Color Guard purchase their uniforms.

The Thomas Jefferson Chapter supports most of its projects ... and they are vast and varied ... by three funds established by various members. The Howard Hamilton Fund (not to be mistaken for the VASSAR Howard Hamilton Fund endowed by the same person) was established to augment working capitol for the operations and Chapter awards program.

The Arnold Smith Food Fund provides a \$7 subsidy to the cost of meals for each member attending a Chapter meeting.

The Steve Bredin Patriot Fund gives the Chapter President some discretionary funds for non-budgeted items, such as speaker honoraria.

Some Chapters have produced special pins which they have sold to their members and others to raise funds for a special project. On a larger scale, The Virginia Society has done this with its First Virginia Regiment project. To date, about \$15,000.00 has been raised by that project with distribution to the VASSAR Trust Funds.

One avenue for funds that Chapters in other State Societies have successfully explored is Walmart. Every year Walmart stores give money to 501(c)3 organizations in the community. But, you need to apply early in the year. Visit your local Walmart for details.

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