

The Spinning Wheel

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*National Theme 2022-2025 - "Celebrate Stars & Stripes Forever -
Rejoice in our DAR Ties of Service & Friendship"*
State Theme 2024-2027 - "Let us Serve with Purpose and Joy!"

News from Our Chapters

Carter Braxton

In March 2024, Carter Braxton Chapter Players presented the play *The Gift of Marian Anderson* in words, photos and recordings to members and guests at the MSSDAR Chapter House. Ms. Anderson was denied access to perform in DAR's Constitution Hall in March 1939 because of her race. At the request of President Roosevelt, her concert at the Lincoln Memorial on Easter Sunday before an integrated audience of 75,000 was considered the first civil rights rally in America.

The play's title refers to the positive change that began in DAR and in America as a result of this incident. After the play, Chapter Regent Patricia Moore introduced State Regent Mernie Crane, who provided a history of DAR tributes, including the recent Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship. DAR National Vice Chair for the Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship Taryn Kennedy encouraged Professor Janice Jackson and her UMBC Music Department students to apply for the \$5,000 yearly prize.



Inset: Marian Anderson

*Seated L to R: Professor Janice Jackson, Thomas Jackson
Second Row L to R: State Regent Mernie Crane, Regent Patricia
Moore, Akellia Bernard, Charis Grant, Taryn Kennedy
Third Row L to R: Isaac Patterson, Jady Hackley, Elijah Cox*