

Good Citizens make case for preserving our heritage

HUDSON—Six high school seniors from Columbia County received Good Citizens Awards from the Hendrick Hudson Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution during a ceremony on December 11, 2016.

The program took place at the historic Robert Jenkins house, the chapter's headquarters.

The overall winner was John Wallace of New Lebanon High School. He went on to represent the chapter at the District III competition.

Other winners were Lydia Gleason of Chatham High School, Kassie Shaffer of Germantown High School, Thomas Gallean representing Hudson High School, Mary Bartkus of Ichabod Crane High School and Benjamin Fasciano from Taconic Hills High School.

Created in 1934, the DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship encourages and rewards qualities of good citizenship to high school seniors from accredited high schools, both public and private, throughout the U.S. This award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their homes, schools and communities.

Part of the scholarship requirements ask the students to write an essay. The title for the 2016 competition was “Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility For Preserving It,” with the focus question “How do the combined actions of many good citizens keep our nation moving forward?”

In 2015, chapter winner Erin Clark of Chatham High School won the District III competition.

Chapter member Cecile Haber was Good Citizens chairman and Sharon Sheridan was co-chairman.

