



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

The Official Newsletter of the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table, Inc.

JANUARY 2011

ABOUT OUR FEBRUARY 2011 PROGRAM & SPEAKER

On Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 6:45pm, join us for a slightly different but very interesting program meeting. First from approximately **7:00pm - 7:50pm**, there will be the **formal presentation** on “The Nullification Crisis and the Bluffton Movement.” Dr. Jack Davis will cover the antebellum period from the end of the War of 1812 to the election of Lincoln. He will discuss the Nullification Crisis of 1832-34 and the growth of the secession movement in South Carolina. This will be followed from approximately **7:50pm – 8:00pm** by a **brief intermission**. We will then reconvene from **8:00pm – 8:30pm** and will host a **“NIGHT AFTER” Question and Answer session** with Dr. Davis.

Dr. William C. “Jack” Davis is author of “Rhett: The Turbulent Life and Times of a Fire-Eater” and the editor of “A Fire-Eater Remembered: The Confederate Memoir of Robert Barnwell Rhett.” In addition to his duties as Professor of History at Virginia Tech, Jack is program director for the Virginia Center for Civil War Studies. You may have seen him as the on-camera consultant for the 52 episodes of the Arts & Entertainment Network/History Channel series “Civil War Journal.”

THE 2010 – 2011 LECTURE SERIES

The Program Committee is pleased to be able to offer the following presentations during the current program year:

September 8, 2010-6:45pm--Mary Chesnut on the Eve of Secession

Renowned Charleston actress Chris Weatherhead returns to reprise her one woman show based on the Civil War diary of Mary Chesnut. Her subject on this visit to the Lowcountry will be "Mary Chesnut on the Eve of the Civil War."

October 13, 2010-6:45pm--The Evangelical Origins of the Civil War

Dr. David Goldfield will present a program on “The Evangelical Origins of the Civil War”. This presentation will discuss the very important impact that 19th century religion had on this country and its impact on the causes of the war.

November 10, 2010-6:45pm--Confederate Envelopes and the Stories Behind Them

James L.D. Monroe has an extensive collection of Confederate envelopes and has put together an award winning exhibit which has been displayed throughout the United States. He will share with you his research and the interesting stories behind many fascinating envelopes.

January 12, 2011-6:45pm--John Brown...The First Terrorist

Bud Robertson will present a timely lecture on the incredibly controversial figure of John Brown. You will be able to follow this most famous Abolitionist from his Connecticut childhood to the bloody activities in Kansas to his final confrontation with Col. Robert E. Lee in Harpers Ferry, Virginia.

February 9, 2011-6:45pm--The Nullification Crisis and the Bluffton Movement

Dr. Jack Davis will cover the antebellum period from the end of the War of 1812 to the election of Lincoln. He will discuss the Nullification Crisis of 1832-34 and the growth of the secession movement in South Carolina.

March 9, 2011-6:45pm--The North Prepares for War...the First Battle of Manassas

Ed Bearss will discuss the “The First Battle of Manassas, Virginia, July, 1861. Lincoln had called up 75,000 men to put down the rebellion. The North expected the war to be over in a few months. Manassas showed how unrealistic that expectation would be. The second part of tonight’s program will be a true Round Table with Ed answering questions from the floor.

April 13, 2011-6:45pm--The Firing on Fort Sumter

Professor Kyle Sinisi from the Citadel will speak on the events leading up to and including the firing on Ft. Sumter. The Cadets at the Citadel were involved in this very interesting and history making event.

May 11, 2011-6:45pm--The Lowcountry Prepares for War

Professor Mary A. DeCredico from the US Naval Academy will discuss the various opinions on how and why the South lost the Civil War. Was it the strength of Northern industry and the ability of the economy to mobilize rapidly?

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I cannot believe that we are already at the halfway point for this season’s campaign. We have enjoyed four outstanding programs and had only one mishap--a power failure. I will take that! Bub Robertson returned in January and as expected captivated everyone at the Program and Morning After. For those who were unable to attend them, Bud shared with us in his most endearing fashion his thoughts, beliefs, and opinions about the era we so enjoy. And for those who were unable to attend the dinner, it was an excellent one!

I am so energized by the successes of our organization and anticipate that our last four programs will build to a crescendo that will finish the best season in our history. I must sincerely welcome our 82 new members and am confident that they will really enjoy participating in the nation’s best Round Table. Do not forget that we are now in our discount window where any new or reenlisting member will enjoy a fifty percent discount in the membership dues for the rest of this program season. Spread the word to your friends, to your neighbors, and to all who love learning about the Civil War.

Finally, I wish to thank all those volunteers who worked so effectively and energetically to make this season possible. Without your help, we could not be all that we are.

As always, if you have any questions or want to express your opinions, call me at 843-671-2236 or e-mail me at jmonkaitis@aol.com. Thank you. *John Monkaitis*

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011

Please **Print** All Information Below

Last Name First Name Badge Nickname

Additional Member Last Name First Name Badge Nickname

Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____ E-Mail _____

Your E-Mail is very important to us and we will keep it confidential.

Check YES & Help us save money! I want my monthly Newsletter **E-MAILED** to me rather than Delivered/Mailed YES _____ NO _____

New Enlistment:

Single: _____ One Time Initiation Fee \$25.00 + Discounted Annual Membership \$15.00 = \$40.00 _____

Household: _____ One Time Initiation Fee \$35.00 + Discounted Annual Membership \$22.50 = \$57.50 _____

Reenlistment - - Current Members Only:

Single: _____ Discounted Annual Membership: \$15.00 _____

Household: _____ Discounted Annual Membership: \$22.50 _____

We always need/solicit volunteers to continue making the LCWRT successful. **Please check the area(s) for which you’d like to volunteer:**

____ Program Committee: select topics & speakers ____ Maintain Membership (requires a computer) ____ Editor of the Minié Ball (requires a computer)

____ Assist Minié Ball Editor ____ Prepare Membership Pamphlet ____ Help distribute the Minié Ball ____ Historian ____ Work at Club Fair

____ Treasurer ____ Secretary ____ President ____ Collect dinner reservations ____ Hand out dinner tickets ____ Collect Dinner Tickets

____ Hospitality Greeter ____ Check in New Members & Guests ____ Tally Program Attendance ____ Set up Dinner menu

Mail to or Leave in "lower" box:

Jim and Nancy Alt

Any question, please call

Make Check Payable to: **LCWRT Inc.**

21 Trescot Lane, Bluffton, SC 29909

Jim or Nancy Alt at 705-3974

THERE IS NO FEBRUARY 2011 "MORNING AFTER" PROGRAM

FROM "BOOKSELLER BOB" EBERLY

The LCWRT Book Sale Table will reopen at the February program meeting. We will be continuing our fundraising efforts for the erection of a permanent monument commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War in the Lowcountry.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEWS

We want to thank everyone for making our previous dinner meetings such a success. It is wonderful seeing everyone enjoying the dinners and mixing with all of our new members. **DON'T FORGET THAT YOUR RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE THURSDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING – IN THIS CASE FEBRUARY 3, 2011.** Also note that there is a change in address for your reservation to be mailed or dropped-off.

BRITISH OPEN PUB'S DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011

- London Broil
- Southern Fried Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Lowcountry Green Beans with Bacon, Onions, and Peppers
- Mixed Green Salad
- (Served with Ranch and Vinaigrette Dressings)
- Dinner Rolls
- Apple Cobbler
- Unsweetened Iced Tea and Coffee

The Cost for dinner is **\$16 per person**, which includes taxes and gratuities.
An Additional guest charge of \$10 per person to attend the lecture is due and payable at the door.
Reservations are required **ONLY** for dinner
and must be received by **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011.**

-----Clip & Submit with your check-----

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2011

THIS RESERVATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011

Meal service promptly beginning at 5:45 pm

Total Number of Dinners Ordered: _____ @ **\$16 each** = _____ Member Phone #: _____

Member # 1 Name _____

Member # 2 Name _____

Guest: _____ [Please pay guest charges to attend

Guest: _____ the lecture at the door]

List Guests on additional paper if necessary.

Make check for *dinner only* payable to **LCWRT Inc.** and mail together with this form to: **LCWRT-Mike Vezeau**
3 Sundome Court
Bluffton, SC 29909-5092
Telephone: 843-705-5847

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VOLUNTEER POSITION AVAILABLE

We continue our search for a volunteer to come forward and take over the responsibilities of the LCWRT Historian. It involves a minimum of time and will allow the good things we do to be memorialized for the future. Please contact the President, John Monkaitis, by phone at 843-671-2236 or by e-mail at jmonkaitis@aol.com.

We thank Palmetto Electric Cooperative and Honey Horn Plantation for the use of their facilities for our "Morning After" sessions.

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