



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

MAY 2012

MESSAGE FROM THE "OUTGOING" PRESIDENT

It is always nice to end the season with a bang! I thought the presentation by Dennis Canady was one of the most interesting I have heard in quite a while. Dennis told me that he presents the Robert Smalls history at the Osher Lifelong Learning Center (OLLI) in two parts for a total of four hours. He managed to compress his material to one hour and twenty minutes...but, as we learned at the Thursday Morning Round Table, there is still a lot more. For example, Robert Smalls, in the post-reconstruction period was convicted of bribery. We discussed this with Dennis on Thursday, and I asked him if he has a presentation on reconstruction. The Program Committee has always had difficulty finding a speaker that can appropriately address this very controversial period in America's history. Dennis said he would be delighted to do so, and we can look for that program in the future.

The past year has been very exciting and rewarding. During the Executive Committee meeting on May 11, 2012, I handed over the reins to Ron Roth. I am confident that he will guide this Round Table in the way that you, the membership, expect. I am sure he will maintain the standard of excellence we have come to expect of the largest and most popular Round Table in the country.

As you know, I will be the chairperson of the Program Committee. I have been on that Committee from the first day I joined the Round Table and was Chairperson for four years. It will be a real challenge to maintain our standard of excellence.

Finally, I want thank all of you who have contributed to the smooth running of our organization by working as Officers, Committee Chairpersons and volunteers...THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP.

Chris D. Clayton

THE 2012 – 2013 LECTURE SERIES

The Program Committee is pleased to be able to announce the following presentations during the next program year:

September 12, 2012-6:45pm—President Abraham Lincoln and Emancipation
by Jim Getty (Nationally known President Lincoln impersonator)

October 10, 2012-6:45pm—No-Man's Land: Crowley's Ridge and the Mississippi River
by Jeannie Whayne, Professor of History, University of Arkansas

November 14, 2012-6:45pm—Battle of Antietam by Reverend Jeff Miller,
St. Helena Episcopal Church, Beaufort, SC

January 9, 2013-6:45pm—Clara Barton Visits In Person
by Carol Neumann-Waskie, R. N. (Living History Interpreter)

February 13, 2013-6:45pm—Topic to be Determined presented
by William C. "Jack" Davis, Professor of History, Virginia Tech

March 13, 2013-6:45pm—Siege of Vicksburg by Edwin Cole Bearss,
former Chief Historian of the National Park Service

April 10, 2013-6:45pm—Topic to be Determined presented

by Dr. James "Bud" Robertson, former Professor of History, Virginia Tech

May 9, 2013-6:45pm—Battle of Chancellorsville by Scott Walker, Fredericksburg, VA

NOTE: There is a \$10 Guest/Nonmember fee for any individual lecture. STUDENTS ARE FREE.

MESSAGE FROM THE "INCOMING" PRESIDENT

I am honored and delighted to have been elected the incoming President of the Lowcountry Civil War Round Table. Our Round Table is one of the premiere Round Tables in the United States, with a proud tradition of providing our region with educational and entertaining presentations by some of America's leading authorities on the Civil War.

And what an exciting new season we have in store for you for our upcoming 2012-2013 series of programs! We know our members especially enjoy living history presentations, and we are kicking off our new season on September 12 with a visit from Abe Lincoln portrayed by Jim Getty, one of the most in-demand Lincoln re-enactors. Later in the season, the "Angel of the Battlefield", Clara Barton, will pay us a visit, portrayed by Carol Neumann-Waskie. This American heroine spent considerable time in the Lowcountry during the Civil War, and you will be fascinated by her story.

And there is much more in store for you. When you come to the Round Table, bring a friend to enjoy the Round Table experience. It's a great evening that includes dinner catered by the British Open Pub, good fun and fellowship, and an educational opportunity. To take advantage of these experiences, I encourage you to complete and submit the below

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM. See you at the first program meeting in September!

In the future, if you have any questions or want to express your opinions, please feel free to call me at 610-207-5532 or e-mail me at patronroth@hargray.com. Thank you, *Ron Roth*

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD September 1, 2012 to AUGUST 31, 2013

Please **Print** All Information Below

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Badge Nickname _____

Additional Household Member Last Name _____ First Name _____ Badge Nickname _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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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 + Annual Membership (to Aug 31, '13): \$30.00 = \$55.00 _____

Household: _____ One Time Initiation Fee \$35.00 + Annual Membership (to Aug 31, '13): \$45.00 = \$80.00 _____

Reenlistment - - Previous Members Only:

Single: _____ Annual Membership (to Aug 31, '13): \$30.00 _____

Household: _____ Annual Membership (to Aug 31, '13): \$45.00 _____

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

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

____ Assist *Minie Ball* Editor ____ Prepare Membership Tri-fold and Forms ____ Tally Program Attendance ____ Historian ____ Work at Club Fair

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

____ Hospitality Greeter ____ Check in New Members & Guests ____ Tally Program Attendance ____ Set up/Break down Dinner tables

Mail to or leave in "lower" box: **David McColloch, 42 Concession Oak Drive, Bluffton, SC 29909**

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Any question, please call **David McColloch at 705-3060**

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CHAIRPERSONS FOR 2012-2013

We are pleased to announce that the below slate of officers for the Executive Committee was presented to and unanimously accepted by the membership at the **May 9, 2012** program meeting. Prior to the voting, the “floor” was opened for nominations but none were offered by the attendees. We really appreciate the efforts of the Nominating Committee consisting of Paul Bucklin, John Monkaitis, Ron Roth and Dale Conrad in securing this full slate of candidates for the coming year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - OFFICERS

President - Ron Roth
 Vice-President - Joe Roney
 Treasurer - William Creighton
 Secretary - Michael Sweeney
 Past President - Chris Clayton
 Member-at-Large - Andre Nougaret

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Program - Chris Clayton
 Communication - Gary Welsh
 Membership - Charlie Burns
 Hospitality - Gwen Bucklin

FAREWELL FROM THE EDITOR

It has been my distinct pleasure to have served the LCWRT as Communications Chairperson and Editor of the Minie Ball Gazette during the last three program years. And with this, my twenty-seventh Minie Ball Gazette, being finished, I am pleased to be able to put the future Communications Committee actions and Minie Ball Gazette publications effort in the very capable hands of Gary Welsh. Gary has stepped forward to volunteer his time and vastly superior technology skills to continuing the efforts in assuring that the LCWRT message gets to our membership and to the greater community. I would be remiss if I didn't take the time to thank all of the Officers and Chairpersons who have assisted me by providing the necessary input on which our newsletter and broadcasting/advertising efforts depend. I want to particularly thank Elaine Monkaitis (and her always handy *Style Manual*) who has been my “savior” in assuring there were no spelling, grammatical, or sentence structure issues. As soon as I sent the draft to Elaine, I was assured I'd get a very timely telephone call with the needed corrections and suggestions for making the newsletter one in which the organization could take pride. Thanks also to John Monkaitis for assuring that the Civil War aspects of the newsletter were technically accurate. Thanks again to all and take care, *Mike Vejean*

DINNER CATERER FOR LCWRT WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS

You'll be pleased to know that we plan to continue with the British Open Pub as our caterer for the 2012 – 2013 program year. Once we secure their commitment, we will be working with them on each month's menu to include a specialty menu for appropriate months. During this program year, each month we received mostly positive comments about the menu and outstanding performance of British Open Pub to include the competence and very pleasant attitude of the servers. This causes us to believe that continuing with this caterer for our dinner programs is in our best interest. I want to thank Barbara Bardon, Paul Bucklin, Pete Cilli, Dorothy & Bob Englund, Margaret & Don Hubsch, Helen & Jim Johannes, Sue Kieny, Mike Lovejoy, Michelle & Max Mauldin, Carol Mock, Hilde & Mike Peragine, Diane & Joe Roney, and Martin & Mary Ellen Spahr for assisting me in providing an outstanding experience on Wednesday evenings. Looking forward to seeing you next year, *Gwen Bucklin*, Hospitality Committee Chairperson

VENUES FOR OUR LCWRT EVENTS

Thanks to Palmetto Electric Cooperative for allowing us to have our Thursday Morning Round Table sessions and our Executive Committee meetings during most of this program year at their facility before they closed it for remodeling. We were extremely fortunate to have secured the use of the **Sea Island Room at Coastal Discovery Museum in Honey Horn Plantation** for the Thursday sessions. For your information, future Executive Committee Meetings will be held at *Stooges Cafe* in Bluffton.

LCWRT JUNE 1, 2011 – MAY 31, 2012**Executive Committee**

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