



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

August 2014

The September Program

**The Actors' Theatre of South Carolina's production of
"MARY CHESNUT: FLIGHT FROM RICHMOND & ESCAPE FROM COLUMBIA"**

Starring Chris Weatherhead

Directed by Clarence Felder

Mary Boykin Chesnut was the daughter of a South Carolina governor and wife of a United States senator. She was an enigma; ardently against slavery and a passionate believer in states' rights and yet also a feminist who loved her husband. Mrs. Chesnut was a brilliant observer of humanity, a philosopher, and a humorist.

Mary is remembered today for her brilliant and poignant masterpiece; a journal of the rise and fall of the Confederate States of America. Published in 1905 as "A Diary from Dixie", it has been hailed as "the finest work to come out of the Civil War".

Dr. C. Vann Woodward of Yale published his edited version of Mary Chesnut's book in 1982, MARY CHESNUT'S CIVIL WAR, which won the Pulitzer Prize in history, indirectly giving Mrs. Chesnut the highest literary honor one can receive in this country. Unfortunately, it was nearly a hundred years after her death. Ken Burns' hit PBS series, CIVIL WAR, was so popular when it first ran that it has re-aired many times, and Mary Chesnut, the controversial brilliant writer, is one of the most quoted in Burns' six-hour series.

Film, television, and theater star Chris Weatherhead brings Mary Chesnut vividly to life in this wonderful stage production. With her portrayal of the extraordinary South Carolinian, the actress has been praised throughout the Southeast over decades. Noted historian, William Scaife, announced Ms. Weatherhead had accomplished "what many notable historians fail to do in a lifetime of writing. She presents a clear overview of the Civil War with both historical integrity and dramatic excellence!" Chris Weatherhead appears courtesy of Actor's Equity Association.

THE 2014- 2015 LECTURE SERIES

September 10 @ 6:45 P.M.

Actress Chris Weatherhead; "*Mary Chesnut: The Fall of Richmond and the Escape from Columbia*"

October 8 @ 6:45 P.M.

Dr. Mark Wilson, UNC Charlotte; "*The Business of Civil War in the North*"

November 12 @ 6:45 P.M.

Dr. Stephen R. Wise, Director of the Parris Island Museum; "*The Battle of Honey Hill*"

January 14 @ 6:45 P.M.

Dr. James "Bud" Robertson; "*The Civil War Centennial and Sesquicentennial: Partners or at Odds?*"

February 11 @ 6:45 P.M.

Jack Davis, Professor, Virginia Tech; "*Grant and Lee: The Men That No One Knows*"

March 11 @ 6:45 P.M.

Ed Bearss, Historian Emeritus, National Park Service; "*General William T. Sherman's March Through The Carolinas: January – April 1865*"

April 8 @ 6:45 P.M.

John C. Waugh, Journalist and Civil War author; "*Surviving the Confederacy – The Story of How a High Rolling Confederate Couple Survived the War*"

May 13 @ 6:45 P.M.

Ron Roth, Consultant to the Historic Beaufort Foundation; "*Undaunted Valor: The Beaufort Volunteer Artillery and the Civil War in the Lowcountry*"

NOTE: There is a \$10 Guest/Nonmember fee for any individual lecture. Students and teachers with ID are free.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now is the start of a great new season of programs. Our kickoff is September 10, 2014 with the nationally known actress, Chris Weatherhead, who will portray the South Carolina lady, diarist Mary Chesnut in: "The Fall of Richmond and Escape from Columbia".

As an organization, we exist for and by our members and I urge each of you to bring a non-member or 2 to this September program. I know they will enjoy it and we will recruit some as new members.

In order to keep these great programs coming we need **you** to **reenlist** by sending in your dues as soon as possible.

In addition to our 8 programs this season, we have plans to start a scholarship offering to a Bluffton High School Senior student. I will explain the details at our meetings.

We have a great group of officers and committee members this year and I look forward to working with them. If you wish to volunteer or have any questions feel free to contact me at jvrjersey@gmail.com

Respectfully, your obedient servant,
Joe Roney
President

CARRABBAS DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

SEPTEMBER DINNER AT 5:45 P.M.

CAESAR SALAD

GARLIC BREAD

SHRIMP SPEIDINO

(SHRIMP COATED WITH ITALIAN BREADCRUMBS, WOOD GRILLED, TOPPED WITH LEMON BUTTER SAUCE)

GARLIC MASHED POTATOES

GREEN BEANS

CANNOLI

ICE TEA OR COFFEE

The Cost for dinner is **\$13.00 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 **on or before SEPTEMBER 3!**

*Don't forget that your reservation must be received by the **WEDNESDAY** preceding the meeting – in this case **SEPTEMBER 3, 2014.***

*Any reservation received **AFTER** this date will not be accepted!*

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

Meal service promptly beginning at 5:45 pm in the Bluffton High School Cafeteria

Total Number of Dinners Ordered: _____ @ **\$13.00** each = _____

Member Phone #: _____

Member # 1 Name _____

Member # 2 Name _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

I would like to sit with other new members _____ I would like to sit with other solos _____

List Guests on additional paper if necessary.

[Please pay guest charges to attend the lecture at the door]

Make check for **dinner only** payable to: **LCWRT, Inc.**

Mail check and this form (or leave in lower mailbox) to:

LCWRT – Sandi Schroeder

23 Camilla Pink Ct.

Bluffton, SC 29909

Telephone: 843-705-9779

MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3!

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LOWCOUNTRY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE, INC

NEW/RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 to AUGUST 31, 2015

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 _____
Phone () _____	E-Mail _____	(We will keep confidential!)
Referred by _____		

Check Yes & help us save money! I want my monthly newsletter E-MAILED to me YES _____ NO _____

New Enlistment:

Single: One-Time Initiation Fee \$25.00 + Annual Membership (to Aug 31, 2015): \$30.00 = \$55.00 _____
Household: One-Time Initiation Fee \$35.00 + Annual Membership (to Aug 31, 2015): \$45.00 = \$80.00 _____

Reenlistment - - Previous Members Only:

Single: Annual Membership (to Aug 31, 2015): \$30.00 _____
Household: Annual Membership (to Aug 31, 2015): \$45.00 _____

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

- ___ Program Committee: select topics & speakers ___ Editor of the *Minie Ball* ___ Assist *Minie Ball* Editor
___ Assist on Program Night (Greeter, Collect Dinner Tickets or Guest Fees, Tally Program Attendance)
___ Historian ___ Maintain Membership Roster ___ Work at Sun City Club Fair ___ LCWRT Web Site

Mail to or leave in "lower" box: **Don Welch, 48 Herons Bill Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909**
Make Check Payable to: **LCWRT Inc.** Any questions, please call **Don Welch** at **705-7633**

_____ **Please Clip and Return with Check** _____

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