



MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

AUGUST 2010

ABOUT OUR SEPTEMBER PROGRAM & SPEAKER

On Wednesday, September 8, at 6:45pm, 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." Those who recall Chris Weatherhead's earlier appearance at our Round Table will attest that this is a performance not to be missed. She says her portrayal of Chesnut is based on a play by Kenneth Graham. After Chris had finished that effort, she began her own research on Mary Chesnut. "Playing Mary Chesnut is like playing 50 women at once," Weatherhead said, "She was a genius at a time when it was not an easy thing for a woman to be a genius." She's quoted Chesnut as saying, "The war was taken by us (the Confederacy) to shake off the yoke of foreign invaders." She also mentioned that to buy butter and eggs in Columbia would cost \$200 (Confederate Money). Mary Chesnut also called the Emancipation Proclamation, "Hypocrisy, why not call for freedom everywhere?" since the Proclamation only called for slaves to be freed in the Confederacy.

Weatherhead, along with her husband, Clarence Felder, now run the Actor's Theater of South Carolina which is based in Charleston. Together they have produced and star in, "All for Liberty", a film set in the American Revolution.

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

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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 Crises 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

Here we are in midsummer, and this means back to work on your Roundtable. I am so energized about this upcoming program season, which I believe will be one of the best. In order to keep these great programs coming, we need you to reenlist for the upcoming campaign by sending in your membership dues as soon as possible. If you have any questions about membership, please call Johanna Verwer who is our new Membership Chairperson or visit our Website.

We will begin our first program in September with a blockbuster program by the famous Charleston actress, Chris Weatherhead, who will portray the preeminent Civil War diarist, Mary Chesnut on the eve of secession. By securing a new caterer, the British Open Pub, and greatly upgrading our dinners, we believe these changes will revitalize the members' participation, which languished last season.

As a complement to the eight programs, we are putting the final touches on the December field trip. This year we will visit two Civil War forts in the Savannah area—Fort Pulaski and Fort Jackson—with a luncheon at Paul Dean's restaurant, "Uncle Bubba's", on the beautiful marsh near Fort Pulaski. More details will follow.

The LCWRT has joined with a number of other Lowcountry organizations to plan for the upcoming Sesquicentennial celebration of the Civil War. We are committed that your Roundtable should and will take a leading role in the planning and sponsorship of this five-year celebration.

Finally, as everyone knows, we are in tough economic times. We, along with other worthwhile charitable organizations, are financially strapped and need an increased flow of revenue. As a legal 501 (C) (3) Corporation, we need tax-exempt donations in order to continue. If you are able, please consider the LCWRT as one of the organizations for your charitable contributions for 2010.

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 (**DISCOUNTED ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO NEW ENLISTMENTS**):

Single: _____ One Time Initiation Fee \$25.00 + Annual Membership \$30.00 = \$55.00 _____

Household: _____ One Time Initiation Fee \$35.00 + Annual Membership \$45.00 = \$80.00 _____

Reenlistment - - Current Members Only:

Single: _____ Annual Membership: \$30.00 _____

Household: _____ Annual Membership: \$45.00 _____

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
21 Trescot Lane, Bluffton, SC 29909

Any question, please call
Jim or Nancy Alt at 705-3974

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

SEPTEMBER "MORNING AFTER" PROGRAM

The Thursday, September 9th, "Morning After" program featuring Chris Weatherhead (Mary Chesnut) is to be held at the Palmetto Electric Cooperative facility at the New River Center on Hwy 278 near the Hardeeville Walmart at 10:00 a.m.

Hospitality News

After the difficulty we had this past year in meeting the monthly number of dinner reservations required by the Golden Corral, we decided to find a new caterer. Our Roundtable is unique in that our organization provides for a meal and social time as well as our lectures. The survey of our members showed that most of them still enjoy that special social evening once a month. We are very pleased to announce that we have secured a new caterer known to many of us in the Hilton Head and Sun City areas---**The British Open Pub**---and our minimum requirement has been reduced by almost half! There will still be a choice of two entrees, a side, a salad, rolls/bread, dessert, and drinks. The food will be delivered, there will be two servers, and the gratuity will be included for a total of **\$16.00** per person. We are planning a few other new things that will hopefully make our social/dining hour even more enjoyable! The biggest change will be that our reservations must be called in to the caterer by the Friday before the meeting. This means **we need to have your reservations by the prior Thursday, September 2, 2010!!!**

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of fun and education.

BRITISH OPEN PUB'S DINNER MENU for WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010
SEPTEMBER DINNER

- Pork Tenderloin with Honey Glaze
and Tilapia Picatta
- Green Beans Almondine
- Twice Baked Potato
- Mixed Green Salad with Ranch or Vinaigrette Dressings
- Dinner Rolls with Butter
- Strawberry Shortcake
- 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, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010.**

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

DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, September 8, 2010

THIS RESERVATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

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 charge at the door]

Guest: _____ [Please pay guest charge 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:

Jim Hamilton
15 Walden Lane
Bluffton, SC 29909
Telephone: 843-705-7575

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

VOLUNTEER POSITION AVAILABLE

We are looking for a volunteer to 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. If you are interested, 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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