



# MINIÉ BALL GAZETTE

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

## **SEPTEMBER 2010**

### **ABOUT OUR OCTOBER PROGRAM & SPEAKER**

On Wednesday, October 13, 2010, at 6:45pm, Dr. David Goldfield will present a program on “The Evangelical Origins of the Civil War.” This presentation will discuss the very important role that 19<sup>th</sup> century religion had on this country and its impact on the causes of the war. He will also discuss the role of the “Second Great Awakening” on the political issues in mid-19<sup>th</sup> century America including the sometimes violent confrontations between Protestants and Catholics. The presentation will also include the antebellum splintering of evangelical denominations along sectional lines. Evangelical Religion morphs into Evangelical Politics and becomes a major roadblock in the unsuccessful resolution of the “slavery” problem.

Dr. Goldfield is the Robert Lee Bailey Professor of History at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC. A native of Memphis, TN, he grew up in Brooklyn, NY before attending the University of Maryland where he received his PhD. in History in 1970. Dr. Goldfield has authored or edited over fourteen works on the history of the American South and has been honored with numerous literary awards and citations.

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### **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*

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*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?

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

What a fantastic September Program!!! Thanks to your support, we had 95 members enjoy our dinner and a record breaking 379 attend our program. Kudos to the British Open Pub and to the fabulous actress, Chris Weatherhead, for her incredible portrayal of Mary Boykin Chesnut. Special thanks to Kathy Eberly, our Hospitality Chairperson, Bob Eberly, who arranged the program, and to all the volunteers who labored throughout the summer to successfully launch our 2010-11 Program Year.

Three areas of concern did develop during the program. First, everyone must enter Bluffton High School by the main entrance. No one should enter the facility via the back parking lot portal. Effective in October, these doors will be locked to guarantee that everyone will adhere to the established protocol. Second, your LCWRT membership expires every August 31st. Last season's yellow hangtags will no longer gain you admission to the Program. If there is a problem, please call me. Third, please have the courtesy to remain seated until the end of the Program. The rude and discourteous bolting for the doors before the end of the Program certainly does not display the courtesies expected of our mature audience. We definitely are better than this, and I trust it will cease immediately.

As you are aware, 50/50 raffles are now illegal in South Carolina. In lieu of it, we will offer to our members a used book sale, which will start at the October Program and continue every month thereafter. More details will follow.

I am very proud to announce that our membership drive was very successful. At the September meeting, we have 168 renewals and 45 new members. A hearty welcome to our new members and a sincere welcome back to our renewed members! Kudos to Johanna Verwer, Jim Alt, and all who prepared and distributed the Membership material.

Finally, the Morning After returns in October with Dr. David Goldfield. It will be held on Thursday, October 14th, at 10 a.m. at Palmetto Electric.

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](mailto: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 + 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**

Any question, please call

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

**21 Trescot Lane, Bluffton, SC 29909**

Jim or Nancy Alt at 705-3974

**OCTOBER "MORNING AFTER" PROGRAM**

The Thursday, October 14th, "Morning After" program featuring Dr. David Goldfield 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.

**ANNUAL FIELD TRIP**

The Annual Field Trip will occur on Wednesday, December 8th. This year we have arranged for special tours of Fort Pulaski and Fort Jackson and a lunch at one of Paula Deen’s restaurants, Uncle Bubba’s Oyster House. Attendance is limited to 50 members, and the all-inclusive cost is \$30 per person. So, please act quickly. Elaine Monkaitis will once again serve as the coordinator for the trip reservations and a complete description of the trip with reservation instructions will be sent to you via a separate mailing.

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE NEWS**

We want to thank everyone for making our first dinner meeting such a success. It was wonderful seeing everyone again and meeting so many new members. If you were at the September meeting, you know we took a poll to see what we should do about the October menu. The results were 51 for a fun Oktoberfest and 19 for a regular menu. So we are pleased to announce the following menu choice by popular vote. **DON’T FORGET THAT YOUR RESERVATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE THURSDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING – IN THIS CASE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2010.** 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, OCTOBER 13, 2010**  
**OKTOBERFEST DINNER**

- Bratwurst and Knockwurst (beef and pork wursts)
- Sauerkraut and Warm German Potato Salad
- Dinner Rolls with Butter
- Apple Strudel
- Unsweetened Iced Tea and Coffee
- Apple Cider

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, OCTOBER 7, 2010.**

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

**DINNER RESERVATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, October 13, 2010**

***THIS RESERVATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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 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:

**Mike Vezeau**  
**3 Sundome Court**  
**Bluffton, SC 29909-5092**  
**Telephone: 843-705-5847**

----- 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. Please contact the President, John Monkaitis, by phone at 843-671-2236 or by e-mail at [jmonkaitis@aol.com](mailto:jmonkaitis@aol.com).

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

**LCWRT JUNE 1, 2009 – MAY 31, 2010**

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