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OUR ROUND TABLE DONATIONS TOP \$1,503,164 IN ACTUAL AND MATCHED FUNDS

2017 DONATIONS

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| 1. CIVIL WAR TRUST – Gaines Mills, Cedar Mountain, Cold Harbor | |
| \$1000 for a 10.48:1 match | \$10,480 |
| 2. Underground Railroad History Project | 100 |
| 3. CIVIL WAR TRUST – Harpers Ferry, Cedar Creek | |
| \$500 for a 14.96:1 match | 7,480 |
| 4. North Carolina Civil War History Center | 100 |
| 5. CIVIL WAR TRUST – Reams Station, Bristoe Station, Trevillian Station | |
| \$500 for a 76.26:1 match | \$38,130 |

TOTAL CASH DONATIONS TO DATE \$271,189

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UP-COMING MEETING/EVENTS

The February 9, 2018 meeting of the CDCWRT will feature Gretchell Hathaway who will speak about Moses Viney and Eliphalet Nott.

The March 9, 2018 meeting of the CDCWRT will feature Chuck Veit. His presentation is titled "Sea Miner – E.B. Hunt and the Navy's 1st Torpedo Development."

The April 13, 2018 meeting of the CDCWRT will feature Chris Mackowski, who will talk about Spotsylvania and the fighting at the Mule Shoe.

BUFORD'S VIEW – JANUARY 2018

Hope everyone had a great Holiday season and a good New Year's Eve. On December 7, I gave my Civil War presentation to Jeff Leahy's 11th grade class at Steinmetz Career Leadership Academy (a part of the Schenectady School District). The students were polite and there was a surprising degree of interest. I was invited back in 2018. If this comes to pass I'm thinking of inviting one of the student members of the UGRHP Young Abolitionist Group to accompany me.

I made reservations to attend Pat Schroeder's FREE Civil War Conference at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia on February 3. One of the speakers is 94 year old Ed Bearrs.....still going strong. Others speakers include Ralph Peters and Gary Gallagher. Perhaps the most unusual/ controversial topic is, "Sex and the Civil War: Soldiers,

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Pornography and the Making of American Morality" by Judith Giesberg. Hopefully the weather is good. I have a double room reserved at the Quality Inn in Farmville. Anybody interested in sharing the room with me, let me know.

Our January potpourri meeting will feature Dave Hubbard and Melissa Swanson from Grant Cottage who will discuss the history events at the Cottage this year. Our own Rosemary Nichols will talk about her ancestor, G.W. Nichols, who fought with the 60th Georgia Infantry, and Paul Spofford, who will display artifacts from his ancestor in the 97th New York.

On January 13th the Round Table will have a display table at the New York State Museum's "Great Places and Spaces" event from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Anyone wishing to join me let me know.

Finally, on a personal note: After 11½ years, 207,000 miles and a heater/defroster that didn't work, I finally decided to buy a new vehicle. Determined To remain young thinking and environmentally conscious, I took possession this past week of a new, 2018 Chevrolet Volt (Union blue, of course). It is both electric and gas powered when you need it (like on trips to Gettysburg). However, there are so many gadgets and dashboard displays dials and buttons that I'm sure it will take an old timer like me months to figure them all out.

I'm looking forward to a great 2018 filled with Civil War events and a rededication to our dual Round Table mission of Civil War preservation and education. Hopefully many more of you will decide to become involved.

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