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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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JANUARY MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

WATERVLIET SENIOR CENTER

1541 BROADWAY

WATERVLIET, NY

Potpourri Meeting

1. Dave Hubbard & Melissa Swanson: "Grant Cottage History"
2. Rosemary Nichols: "G.W. Nichols of the 60th Georgia"
3. Paul Spofford: "Artifacts from a member of the 97th NYI"

Social Hour 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Presentation 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Questions & Answers 8:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of the CDCWRT will be held at the Watervliet Senior Center on Friday, January 12, 2018. This is the annual members' meeting where round table members will do short presentations on a Civil War topic. The slate for officers and board members of the round table will be voted upon at this meeting.

Dave Hubbard and Melissa Swanson are members of the Friends of Grant Cottage at Mount McGregor near Saratoga. They will talk about the events at the cottage during this upcoming year. This is where President Grant did the final editing of his book on the Civil War, and where he died

with throat cancer. Rosemary Nichols will speak unapologetically about her relative who fought as a member of the 60th Georgia infantry in the "Late Unpleasantness." This regiment was part of Gordon's Brigade that attacked the Union 11th Corps at Barlow's Knoll at Gettysburg on July 1st.

Finally Paul Spofford will display and talk about some artifacts that belong to his ancestor who was Lt.-Col. of the 97th New York Infantry. The 97th also fought at Gettysburg on July 1st. Col. Spofford was captured, but the regiment took the flag of the 20th North Carolina regiment. Could this be the artifact to be displayed??

BOARD ELECTIONS 2018

The proposed slate of officers and board members for 2018 are as follows:

President: Erin Baillargeon

Vice-President: Mark Koziol

Treasurer: Steven Muller

Secretary: Rosemary Nichols

At-Large: J.J. Jennings

At-Large: Fran McCashion

At-Large: Art Henningson

Voting will occur at the January 12, 2018 meeting of the CDCWRT.

DUES! DUES ARE DUE!

This is a reminder that the annual dues of \$30 is due in January 2018. Checks may be mailed to Treasurer, at the CDCWRT address in the newsletter letterhead. Cash or check may be given to Fran directly at the December or January meetings. Payment in gold, greenbacks or Confederate money is also acceptable.

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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Created in 1984, the Capital District Civil War Round Table is an incorporated non-profit educational organization. Meetings are held monthly in various locations in the Capital District. This newsletter is published eleven times per year. Annual dues are \$30. The purpose of the organization is to promote, educate, and further stimulate interest in, and discussion of, all aspects of the Civil War period.

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