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ROUND TABLE TOPS $1M IN DONATIONS! TOTAL OF ACTUAL & MATCHING FUNDS NOW AT $1,143,821.66!

2012 DONATIONS

1. **Gettysburg Foundation - $250**
2. **CWT – $250 for Tom's Brook for 17:1 match yields $4250**
3. **Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway Project - $350 worth for auction**
4. **CWT - $1000 for Appomattox CH, Sailor's Creek, Kelly's Ford for 56.42:1 match yields $56,420**
5. **New York State Archives Partnership Trust - $500**
6. **CWT - $2500 for Wilson's Creek, Chancellorsville, Bentonville, South Mountain, Cool Spring, VA for 109:1 match yields $272,500**

$334,270 for 2012

Although this was never a goal when the CDCWRT first started donating monies for preservation activities, by 2003 it became an unofficial goal to top one million dollars in actual funds plus matching funds. We had hoped to do this during the Sesquicentennial, and we have achieved that target by the end of 2012. Over the years, many people have contributed their time and energies to attain this goal. At the national level, the efforts of the Civil War Trust in brokering matching deals, has contributed to the lion's share of this figure. The estimated cash value of the Round Table's donation is $188,684, which is still very impressive. The match average is 6 to 1.

JANUARY MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2013
WATERVLIET SENIOR CENTER
1541 BROADWAY
WATERVLIET, NY

POTPOURRI MEETING

CDCWRT MEMBERS

Social Hour	**6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
Business Meeting	**7:00 – 7:30 p.m.**
Presentation	**7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**
Questions & Answers	**8:30 – 9:00 p.m.**
More Socializing	**9:00 – 10:00 p.m.**

CDCWRT MEETING

The January meeting Onual electiof the Capital District Civil War Round Table will be held on Friday, January 11, 2013. This meeting will be held at the Watervliet Senior Center, 1541 Broadway in Watervliet. Our speaker will be CDCWRT members and guests with short presentations.

Our first presenter will be local author, Lisa Potocar, who will talk about writing her first historical novel, **Sweet Glory.** ***This is a Civil War novel about some of the more than 400 women who disguised themselves as men, and enlisted in the Union Army. Lisa hated history in school, but emerged herself in Civil War history when she decided to make her protagonist, Jana Brady, a woman who seeks to fight for her country. The background research for the novel changed her attitude about history and instilled in her a desire to try to convince young adults that history is not just dates.***

Our second presenter is a young adult who does <u>not</u> need convincing that history is dull and is just dates. Lindsay Davenport is a history major at Siena College and she will talk about her research topic: the mutiny in the 20th NY Volunteers. No, this is not the 3rd Maine & the 20th Maine of Michael Shaara's **Killer Angels,** ***although the circumstances were similar. Lindsay will tell you about what happened to the men of the 20th New York, and it did not get made into a movie.***

The third speaker is CDCWRT member, Stu Lehman. He does a variety of things that include Civil War living history, Revolutionary War medicine, tours of the Capital Legislative Building staircases and weaponry. Stu will demonstrate and talk about the Greene breech-loading, bolt-action rifle which was the first bolt-action rifle used by the U.S. military. The second weapon is the Colt Revolving Rifle, a good idea at the time, but……..?

New member Tom Baker will bring his collection of photos of the Gettysburg monuments.

ANNUAL ELECTION

The election of officers for the 2013 year will occur at the January meeting. Any member in good standing (dues paid and not morally bankrupt) can have they name submitted from the floor for any position on the Board. The nomination must be seconded.

The Nomination Committee has proposed the following slate of candidates for the Board.

President: Rosemary Nichols
Vice-President: Gene Gore
Treasurer: Fran McCashion
Secretary: Mary Ellen Johnson
Program Chair: Matt George
Membership: Mike Affinito
At-Large: Art Henningson
At-Large: Steve Muller
At-Large: Erin Baillargeon

UP-COMING EVENTS

The following list of up-coming events is provided to help Round Table members plan their long term calendars. These are events that involve our Round Table, especially events that provide opportunities to raise funds for our preservation activities. Some events may change as the year progresses, so members should check the list monthly. Details of Sesquicentennial Civil War events can be found on the web-site: www.nycivilwar150.org.

On February 8, 2013, Tom Craughwell, author, will talk about "Stealing Lincoln's Body." This is a perfect topic for Lincoln's birthday.

On March 8, 2013, Wayne Mahood will talk about the 126th Day, March All Night."

On April 12, 2013, Tony Zarnecki will talk about Mr. Lincoln's secret visit to West Point in 1862.

On May 10, 2013, Wayne Mott will speak on the Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA, and will bring some fascinating artifacts to see.

On June 14, 2013, Ben Dixon will talk about a photographic study of the Gettysburg Battlefield. His presentation is entitled "Remembering America's battlefield from 1863 to today."

BOARD MEETING – 12/18/2012

The Minutes of the November board meeting were approved. The Treasurer reported $2,596.39 in the regular account and $10,243.40 in the Preservation account. The remaining bills for the conference were paid as well as the bills associated with the production of cachets for the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam.

End of year donations were discussed, and the Board decided to donate $2500 to the Civil War Trust which organized a 109:1 match to preserve 1,424 acres on five battlefields, including Wilson's Creek, Chancellorsville, South Mountain, Bentonville and Cool Spring. However, the donation deadline date was December 31st.

July will mark the 150th anniversary for Gettysburg and Vicksburg. The two new postage stamps to be issued will be for these two battles. Gettysburg activities will cover a 10 day period from June 28 to July 7th. The Board decided to hold back funds to purchase supplies for commemorative cachets that will be sold at Gettysburg.

DUES, DUES, DUES

This is just a reminder that annual dues of $25 are payable in January 2013. Regular dues are used to cover any speakers' expenses for regular meeting, meeting refreshments, web site charges, and for the mailing of newsletters. This account is separate from the preservation account, the revenues of which are generated by the sales of books, t-shirts and commemorative cachets, as well as the monthly book raffles.

Postage rates will increase again on January 1, 2013. Our dues have not increased in almost 10 years now. This is in great part due to the ability of our program chairs to seek out excellent speakers whose charges have been generally minimal or have been waived by the speakers. Our printing costs have been minimal and printed newsletters have been donated to the CDCWRT because we are a 501c3 educational organization. If you wish to receive your newsletter by email, please contact any board member. This saves us postage, and allows you to receive the newsletter several days before the regular mailed newsletter arrives.