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Greetings to all as we proceed into March. David Davenport has been busy arranging for the programs through the summer. I think we will all be delighted with the offerings. Thanks you, David.

Weren't our February speakers excellent? Robert Fitzpatrick and Stephen Foster, Jr. reviewed the history of our currency and coins with authentic materials from the colonial period to the present day, with some emphasis on the Civil War years. Fascinating aspect of life in those times. See Ron Vaughn's review on page 2 if you missed the February meeting.

This month Wayne Scott will serve up a complicated aspect of the war - northern legal entanglements. It should be very interesting to learn more about Abe Lincoln's handling of constitutional issue during wartime.

There are interesting presentations going on in Sacramento these days. See Pattie Spencer's report if you like to travel. Hope to see everyone well at the next meeting.

Brian Clague, President

Gleanings from P. S.

Special thanks to Pattie Spencer for forwarding George Foxworth's glowing review of our West Coast Conference efforts in November. Read it on page 3.

Thanks to Pattie's report at our January meeting Tom Rosedahl, who was in the Sacramento area on business, went to the Sacramento Round Table's February meeting when Professor Brian Wills spoke on CSA General Forrest.

Sacramento's April 19th meeting will feature Gettysburg National Park Ranger Scott Hardwick. They meet at 7 PM at the Hofbrau on the NE corner of El Camino & Watt Ave.

RSVP for dinner reservations for our Thursday, March 30th meeting featuring Wayne Scott, aka Abe Lincoln, at the Ramada Inn at Shaw and 41 contact Secretary Phyllis Mann at 229-3778, afternoon or evenings.

AFTER ACTION REPORT

SJVCWRT Meeting on 23 February 06

We had a great turn out of 24 persons to our meeting. Robert Fitzpatrick and Stephen Foster Jr. brought in 3 large display cases filled with coins and currency from their collection. They displayed and passed around everything from Continental coins and currency, paper fractional money, state printed money, modern currency oddities, and a number of specimens of Confederate money. Many of the CSA bills were printed on one side only, and they were individually signed and hand numbered. I thought the CSA bill picturing a Southern "Lady Liberty" stabbing a US Liberty figure, was interesting.

Today, a well preserved CSA bill can be worth more than its face value. If only those people who burned "useless" CSA money in 1865 had known! The early cent and 1/2 cent coins were as large as a modern quarter, but in 1858 they started making the smaller Indian head pennies, due to the rise in the price of copper. Today it costs more to produce a penny than it is worth!

By Ron Vaughan

Minutes of Board Meeting of SJVCWRT March 16, 2006

The board of the SJVCWRT met at 6 PM at Popolo's on March 16th. Present were: Pattie Spencer, Tom Carr, Phyllis Mann, David Davenport, Shaun Ardemagni, and Bob Quist. President Brian Clague was unable to be present because of a back problem. Members present signed a get well card for long time member Ken Moats.

David Davenport informed the board of the following speakers:

March: "President Lincoln," a.k.a. Wayne Scott, will speak on constitutional rights, secession, freedom of the press, and habeas corpus.

April: Zoyd Luce will speak about Alexander Stephens CSA Vice President

May: Ron Vaughan will speak on Prairie Grove

June: Evan Jones will speak on Confederate Soldiers

David is trying to get Victor Hansen to talk about the march through Georgia for our September or October meeting. He suggested that President Brian Clague ask Neil Kuykendall if he'll host the June picnic again. David and Tom Carr felt that Mike Carter should be asked if Neil declines, and Tom would consider being backup.

Pattie Spencer reported that Popolo's has a new policy that a \$25.00 deposit will be required of organizations requesting use of the meeting room, and that food orders from the using group must total at least \$50.00. They are willing to waive the deposit for us, as we have been there so often, but they do expect us to meet the minimum food order amount.

Pattie reported that our bank balance is \$2,864. She said we have received a membership card from the Civil War Preservation Trust and an acknowledgment of our contribution from Richmond Battlefield, but that nothing has been as yet received from Civil War Alcatraz, Drum Barracks, or Central Virginia Battlefield Trust.

Pattie reported that Scott Hardwick, Park Historian at Gettysburg, will be speaking April 19 at 7 PM in Sacramento. She will get the address and have it available at our March meeting.

Bob Quist will start work on the next issue of *Bugle Call Echoes* on Friday, and it will be mailed in the coming week. Tom Carr will update the membership list and give it to Bob, but the current list will be used for the March newsletter mailing.

There was a brief discussion of the need to get new members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Mann

Sacramento Round Table's Newsletter praises our West Coast Conference efforts*

by George Foxworth, Sacramento Round Table Treasurer

The following appeared in the Sacramento Round Table's December newsletter Battle Cry. Thirteen members at the 21st West Coast Conference November 4-6, 2005, in Clovis were from the Sacramento club.

The Conference was hosted by the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table and the Civil War Round Table Associates of Little Rock, Arkansas. 'The Civil War and the Southwest' was the theme and many enlightening presentations by the distinguished speakers filled the weekend. The speakers were Dr. Jerry Thompson, Gene Armistead, Dr. David Paul Smith, Michael Sorenson, Edward T Cotham Jr., Dr. David Paul Davenport, Wayne Sherman, and Zoyd Luce. Also in attendance were Jim Stanbery, Ted Savas, Shelley Jones, Lee Meredith, Charles Christian, and other Civil War buffs throughout the West.

All presentations were excellent. Dr. Jerry Thompson spoke on 'Writing Southern Biography: The Career of Henry Hopkins Sibley'; 'General Sibley's 1861-62 New Mexico Campaign'; and 'Santos Benavides and the War on the Rio Grande'. Gene Armistead spoke on 'The Los Angeles Mounted Rifles'. Dr. David Paul Smith spoke on 'Defending the Texas Frontier'. Michael Sorenson spoke on 'Californians in the Civil War'. Edward T Cotham, Jr. spoke on the 'Battle of the Bay: The Struggle for Galveston' and 'Sabine Pass: The Confederacy's Thermopylae'. Dr. David Paul Davenport spoke on 'Texas Unionists'. Wayne Sherman spoke/acted on/as 'A Visit with Charlie Jenkins of the California 100'. Finally, Zoyd Luce spoke on the 'Civil War in the Indian Territory'.

Steve Bogdan was scheduled to speak but due to a family emergency, he was not able to attend. His topic would have been 'Fort Yuma: Bastille on the Colorado River'.

The Conference began on Friday night with musical selections, compliments of the American Legion Band, Post 509, Association of the United States Army Band. All participants were very pleased.

On Saturday night we were entertained by Mr. Ray 'the Harmonica Man' Silva with various selections of Civil War era music. At times the audience participated with singing. Again, all were pleased.

The final highlight was a challenge from various Round Table Presidents to work on a new system to host conferences each year. This is a measure to continue the Annual West Coast Civil War Conference maybe due to the burnout of Round Tables, or even the death of Jerry Russell. Later in 2006, a model will be introduced to the California Round Tables.

The Conference was a complete success and the SJVCWRT is to be commended for their excellent work. The Rex Phebus Veteran's Memorial Building was an excellent venue in this emergency situation since there was almost no conference this year. In addition, congratulations and thanks are due to Major General Ron Markarian for the venue and the American Legion Post 147 for all of the meals.

Civil War Preservation: The Battle Still Rages

The Spring 2006 Civil War Preservation Trust issue of *The Honor Guard* listed a snapshot of 2005 CWPT accomplishments. Significant battlefields saved or portions there of included the following:

Harper's Ferry, WV - 37 acres

Daniel Lady Farm, Gettysburg, PA - 145 acres

Peebles Farm, Petersburg, VA - 369 acres

Aversboro, NC - 125 acres

Bentonville, NC - 157 acres

Franklin, TN 110 acres

Wilson's Creek, MO - 142 acres

Ft. Donelson, TN - 69 acres

Parker's Crossroads, TN - 40 acres

Appomattox, VA - 100 acres

Saltville, VA - 106 acres

This represents very good use of contributed funds during 2005. SJVCWRT has contributed on several occasions and individual members have also contributed. Please keep up the good work as we are running out of time to save hallowed ground.

Tom Carr

P. S. You can check out the CWPT web site at <http://www.civilwar.org>

2006 West Coast Conference in Sacramento

Looking ahead to 2006, the 22nd Annual West Coast Civil War Conference is scheduled for Nov. 10-12, 2006. This conference will be hosted by the Sacramento Civil War Round Table in Sacramento. The theme is 'Aspects of the War on the Waters' and all are invited to attend.

MEMBERSHIP FORM - The 2006 membership year is from January to December

Please begin/renew my membership in the San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table

___ INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY membership - \$25.00*

___ STUDENT membership - \$12.50*

___ NEWSLETTER ONLY - \$12.50*

*\$5.00 of each membership goes toward Civil War Battlefield Preservation

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Bring this membership form and your check to our next monthly meeting, or mail it to our P.O. Box address listed in the box below:

CIVIL WAR HUMOR (From "*Blue & Gray Laughing*")

A Southerner was visiting the town of Lumpkin, Georgia... and someone asked him how he liked the war news. He replied, "Very well." "Are you to go [into the army]?" he was asked. "Yes," he replied. "Are you afraid?" "No. If I should see a Yankee with his gun levelled at me.... I would draw out my pocketbook and ask him what he would take for his gun, and right there the fight would end!"

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