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"The mission of the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation is to preserve the Colonel Davenport House and site, and foster knowledge of the history and development of the Quad Cities region through tours of the house, exhibits, and educational programming"

A NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW FACES TO CDHF

With the summer season fast approaching, CDHF is springing into action. Many changes are taking place within the Foundation - some you may be noticing, others you may not. First of all, the Board of Directors adopted a new mission statement to better reflect the mission and outreach of CDHF. Focusing the mission on educational programming we do is an important part to highlight.

In January, a new tool for reaching audiences was unveiled. With the help of Avolux Media, "The House That Courage Built - The Story of George Davenport" was produced on DVD. It is currently being distributed to libraries, schools and groups for viewing and educational programs.

In addition to the DVD, our website was given a new face. Please check it out at www.davenporthouse.org. It is now updated with current events, new photos, a volunteer opportunity sheet and the 2007 Annual Report. Lastly, a new board of directors was elected in January at the Annual Meeting. Meet your new officers on page 2.

CDHF NEEDS YOU!

New volunteers are constantly needed. CDHF is an all-volunteer led organization. There are no paid staff or board members. The Foundation's success relies solely on your support financially and your generous donation of time. There are several ways to become involved.

- Volunteer to be a guide or gift shop attendant at the House
- Take admission at events
- Help at Ghost Tales
- Make phone calls to members to tell them about upcoming events
- Serve on a committee
- Speak to groups about CDHF
- And much, much more

Everyone has a special talent or interest. Call Sharon Heinze at (309) 756-1082 to find a place at CHDF today!



Cornucopia is a quarterly publication for CDHF members, volunteers and Board of Directors. To submit a story for publication, contact Jessica Waytenick, Editor at waytenik@winco.net or call (563) 322-3911 Ext. 103.

CDHF ANNUAL MEETING RECAPS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

CDHF held their annual meeting on Sunday, January 28th at the Butterworth Center in Moline, IL where reports were given by each standing committee. A summary has been provided below:

2006 was a year of change for CDHF. A new educational DVD was produced and was unveiled at the Annual Meeting. Two open houses were held with great success. The first was the season's opening in May and the second was in appreciation of Arsenal employees in September.

Building and Grounds: Improvements have been made to the House with the new siding on the front of the House and plans to complete the project on the back side are underway for 2007. A grant was secured from SCRA by Joy Thompson for \$12,000. These monies will help with the rear siding project and new handicapped accessible ramp project.

Public Relations: Members were notified that the Annual Report was available for viewing online at the newly redesigned web site. www.davenporthouse.org.

Volunteers: Sharon Heinze gave a special recognition to the many volunteers who have supported CDHF this year. A special cake and flowers were given to each volunteer to celebrate their efforts over the past year.

The **Nominating Committee** announced that several new individuals were nominated to be part of the board of directors. They include Ginny Bauersfeld, Beth Carvey-Stewart, Bob Karwath, Jack McDonald, Judge John D. O'Shea, Keri Pleasant, Jessica Waytenick and Sue Wolters. An unanimous vote from the membership elected these individuals.

In addition to the business meeting, the new **CDHF DVD** "The House That Courage Built - The Story of Colonel George Davenport" was shown to the membership. Script writer and producer, Mick Elliott of Avolux Media, provided a brief summary of how the material was gathered and answered questions.

A CHANCE TO MEET....YOUR NEW BOARD OFFICERS

CDHF introduces the 2007 board of directors and officers. In the "Chance to Meet" section, you'll learn a bit about each of them. Please share your thoughts, ideas and suggestions with them.

John Norton, President, enjoys hobbies of historic research, photography, hiking and jogging. He and his wife Janet, a graduate of St. Olaf College, and recently retired Associate Professor at Trinity College of Nursing, have two grown children and one grandchild. John currently volunteers for several historical societies and works to preserve Swedish Heritage.

Sharon Heinze, Vice President, has been with the CDHF for nine years. She served as board secretary, volunteer coordinator, and as a tour guide. She and her husband Ken are both "history nuts" and enjoy antiquing when they can and visiting historical places on vacations. Ken is a great-great-grandson of George through his daughter, Elizabeth Davenport Ferkel.

Kathy Peck, Treasurer, is a lifelong resident of Moline. She is the oldest of eight children and the favorite aunt for 16 nieces and nephews. Kathy graduated from Alleman High School, Black Hawk College and Illinois State University. She has been a docent with the House since the early 1990's. She is active in the Catholic Singles of the Quad Cities and enjoys travel, movies, and spending time with friends and family.

Janice Peterson, Secretary, has enjoyed being a guide at the House for 15 years. She is the mother of four grown children and seven grandchildren. Her husband, Dr. C.L. Peterson, is a recently retired physician who was in family practice in Davenport. Her hobbies include traveling with her husband, church activities, and taking trips to visit her children. She and her husband are both graduates of Truman University in Kirksville, MO.

VOLUNTEERS REPRESENT CDHF AT HERITAGE FAIR



Janice Peterson, Sue Wolters and Jessica Waytenick volunteered at the QC Heritage League Fair in February. They shared upcoming programs, events and local history with attendees. The display board and TV/DVD combo shown here were recently purchased through grant monies to promote the newly unveiled DVD "The House That Courage Built - The Story of Colonel George Davenport."

CDHF WILL PARTICIPATE IN BIRDIES FOR CHARITY 2007

Our Birdies for Charity number is 1372. Watch your mailbox for information coming soon. Make your pledge to CDHF through Birdies for Charity. Last year, more than \$500 was raised through this program.

LOCAL FOUNDATION CHALLENGES MEMBERS, MATCHES DONATIONS

Most of us have a "rainy day" fund for emergencies and to help plan for the future. The Colonel Davenport Home Foundation is no different! The good news is that we already have one, in the form of a permanent Endowment, now operated in cooperation with the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, a wonderful partner in endowment-building and management.

What's an endowment? It works like a permanent savings account, with prudent investments by the Community Foundation for our long-term future. The Endowment is presently valued at over \$20,000. Eventually, with an annual 5% distribution rate, it should grow to support between 10% and 25% of our annual budget, dedicated to special opportunities and program growth.

Our work to maintain, restore and interpret the Colonel Davenport historic site 20, 30, 40 or 50 years from now can benefit from your action today, and from the income of this permanent fund tomorrow.

The Community Foundation of the Great River Bend is challenging CDHF to build our endowment fund. The \$150,000 Challenge Matching Program will be in effect until December 31, 2007 or until the match is exhausted.

The Community Foundation will match gifts to CDHF's endowment fund on a one-to-two basis. If \$10,000 is raised for CDHF, the Community Foundation will match it with \$5,000. To donate to the Endowment Fund, please mail your gift to Susan Skora at 111 E Third Street Suite 710, Davenport, IA 52801 by December 31, 2007. You may also give online at www.cfgrb.org.

In order for your gift to qualify for the match, you must direct your gift to CDHF's endowment fund at the Community Foundation. For more information on the Challenge Matching Program, visit www.cfgrb.org or call Susan Skora at (563) 326-2840.



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Be a History Buff!

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY, MAY 5 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Visit the Colonel Davenport House on Saturday, May 5th from Noon to 4:00 p.m. for the grand re-opening celebration. The Davenport House is a great place to bring your friends, neighbors, family and out-of-towners. Rich with local history and a scenic view of the Mississippi River, this is one stop you won't want to miss this May. Join us for refreshments and snacks. Last year nearly 50 people toured the House on opening weekend. Let's make this year even bigger and better. See you on May 5th!



Visit the Open House Saturday, May 5th from Noon to 5:00 p.m. **FREE ADMISSION.** Refreshments and snacks will be served. All attendees will also receive \$1.00 off coupon for a return visit.

Receive special savings on sutlery (gift shop) merchandise all day on Saturday. As part of the grand re-opening celebration,

CHDF is offering 10% off all items in the shop.



Share the Story of Colonel George Davenport To schedule a program on the House or to bring the new DVD to your church group, work or civic group, please contact John Norton at (309) 736-3131 or e-mail jnorton785@sbcglobal.net.

Tour the House beginning in May. The House is open Thursday - Sunday, Noon to 4:00 p.m. until October. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students, or \$10 for a family. Special group tour pricing is available. Call Sue Wolters at (563) 388-9657.