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“The mission of the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) 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.”

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LETTER FROM CDHF BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Friend,

This year has brought us some challenges as we continue to get back to normal and host our annual events that have become a major funding source. Now more than ever we need to reach out to our friends and the Quad Cities community for both financial support and new volunteers.

We have not had the financial capability to replace the roof or siding on the west wing. As the exterior of the house continues to deteriorate, we have had to move our priority from the roof replacement to replacement of the Sutlery exterior walls

- In June, we held our two-day Pioneer Days once again.
- Visitors are still skeptical of access to the Island which remains a problem for tours and our event attendance like Ghost Tales.
- We participated in the Arsenal Welcome Club’s Tour of Homes and Armed Forces Day in honor of the Arsenal’s 160th anniversary.
- We partnered with Green Tree Brewery in LeClaire and Pour Bros. in Moline for small, yet successful, charity fundraising opportunities.
- Gratefully, we have been able to add a few new names to our volunteer list.

Our 2022 operating revenue looks to be approximately equal to our operating expenses. This means we can’t make needed capital expenditures, such as repairs to the west wing. Additionally, a down stock market resulted in losses to the value of our investments which has further impacted our ability to make the necessary repairs.

In order to save the house, we will need the financial support of generous individuals and businesses in our community. Your continued donations and support are critical to the preservation of The Colonel Davenport House as we continue to look towards our 200th Anniversary in 2033.

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Cornucopia is a publication for CDHF members and volunteers. To submit an item for publication, contact Jessica Waytenick at 309-737-4280 or jessica.waytenick@gmail.com



Thank you to the United Way Day of Caring volunteers from John Deere for their help doing a deep clean at the house and for fixing the touchscreen.



Thank you to the members of the Tri-City Garden Club for maintaining the historic garden at the house. It is the first thing visitors walk by and it is a beautiful welcome.



The CDHF will be the charity of choice at Green Tree Brewery in LeClaire on Tuesday, January 24 for the Euchre tournament. Come and play euchre and get great raffle baskets.



Two Illinois Humanities Road Scholars were part of the Pioneer Days in June. Brian “Fox” Ellis talked about Black Hawk and Cynthia A. Clampitt took us through corn’s history.

YOU CAN MAKE THE CDHF PART OF YOUR RMD



People aged 72 or 70½ (if they turned age 70½ before Jan 1, 2020) and who have to make required minimum distributions (RMD) from their IRA, 401(k), profit-sharing, 403(b), or other defined contribution plan can exclude any part of the distribution of the RMD made directly from the retirement account to the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation.

Although it may be too late in the year to make a new distribution to the CDHF, you can start next year’s tax planning by reducing their taxable RMD with a donation in January.

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We would be especially thankful if you would include the 501(c)(3) Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation (CDHF) in your current year-end giving donations so the all-volunteer CDHF can move forward with the exterior projects and preserve the Colonel Davenport House.

Additionally, new members and volunteers are always welcome and needed. If you aren't already volunteering, please consider being a sutler, docent, or assisting us at our events. Also talk to your neighbors, family, and friends about becoming members and volunteers.

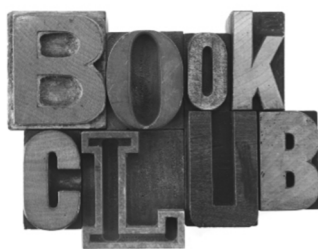
I'm hoping that 2023 ushers in better times. The reopening of the redesigned Rock Island Arsenal Museum should result in larger numbers of visitors to Arsenal Island and, subsequently, the Colonel Davenport House. We want to be ready for these increased guests by the making necessary repairs to our house and having more volunteers available to greet them.

If you have any questions about this project or the CDHF, please contact me at 563-823-0792. I would be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Jolene Keeney
CDHF Board President

BOOK CLUB ANNOUNCES ITS FIRST BOOK OF NEW YEAR



On Tuesday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Orchid Room of the Butterworth Center, the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation Book Club will discuss *The Orphans of Davenport: Eugenics, the Great Depression, and the War over Children's Intelligence* by Marilyn Brookwood.

The book club meets every other month to discuss a book related to local/regional history. If you'd like more information, please reach out to Bill Hampes at 309-792-1769.

WE NEED SUTLERS

Before we open next May, we could use more sutlers. If you, or someone you know, likes greeting people, can count money, and available 1-2 afternoons per month, contact Jessica at 309-737-4280.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our former board member Carla Rutin for her years of service on the board and volunteering at the house. Carla recently moved out of the area to be near her daughter and new grandchild.

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