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We had our first meeting of the of the 2023-2024 Program Year on October 25. John McCardell made an interesting presentation on the Memoirs of U S Grant. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 29 at Hidden Cypress in Sun City.

Due to financial constraints the LCWRT Executive Committee decided to reduce the number of meetings from eight to six each Program Year. In addition, the Annual Membership fee has been reduced from \$30 to \$20. A membership renewal form is included this month.

Our website is www.lcwrtsquarespace.com.

Our e-mail address is LCWRT-SC@gmail.com

President's Letter

In my last letter, I asked some questions about what you wanted. Some of you responded with a phone call and some more people responded at our recent Club Fair. So, we decided to continue the exploration into meeting times and places.

I do not like to drive at night and I know others who feel the same. These people would like to meet earlier in the day. Others like to play golf and would not want to give up their tee times. Some people still work or volunteer. Others are retired and more open to when they can meet.

Would some of you like to have lunch or dinner meetings? We are somewhat controlled about when and where we can meet by Sun City Lifestyle regulations. Some people do not drive and need rides to meetings and this determines when they can meet. Some of the possibilities would be to change to a meeting earlier in the day; we could also combine this with a lunch. Possibilities are: Jameson's, Frankie Bones or Lulu's at Rose Hill. Lunch would be around \$20 and would be a soup or salad, an entrée, and a dessert. Bar drinks and wines would be available. We will be working on a ballot that you can send in and will probably also be passing out a paper ballot at our next meeting. We want your input. Look for more details in this newsletter.

Two individuals brought books to our previous meeting. You could pick out ones you wanted and make a small donation for them. These books can be exchanged at our next meeting. If others have books they would like to turn in, please plan on bringing them in November. If you need help, let me know.

And lastly, my two terms as LCWRT President will be ending in April and we will need a new president. Our bylaws limit the president to two consecutive terms, so we will need someone

to take over. Please start thinking about this. We have to have a president to continue with our meetings. Some groups have co-presidents and this would be a possibility. Someone will need to step forward.

Sandi Schroeder, President
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LCWRT Assistance

We very much need some additional help. Without additional volunteers, it is questionable that the LCWRT can continue to function. If you have a couple of hours a month we can use help in program development, website management, membership, financial assessments, help writing the **Minié Ball Gazette** newsletter, and help on program nights. Please contact any member of the Executive Committee if you can help.

Honorary Members

The Executive Committee has decided to make several “friends” of the LCWRT an “Honorary Member” as a result of their long-standing contributions to the Round Table. They are: Dr Stephen Wise; Jack Rabbitt; Jerry Morris; Jack Davis, and; Ron Roth. Please join in a hearty “thanks” for all their contributions.

Book Exchange

The Book Exchange table at the October meeting was a great success! Many folks were able to get popular copies of Civil War authors and topics. We will have a table set up in November Bring your books, browse and take new ones.

Potential Changes to Meeting Times/Location

A proposal has been made to seek membership interest/support/approval for changing the time/location of program meetings. Would you be interested in: 1) a lunch and program (1 pm-ish) meeting at a local restaurant? 2) An afternoon (1 pm) meeting at Sun City? or, 3) No change (continue the 6:45 pm meetings in Sun City.) Please ponder the options and send an e-mail to Gene Sullivan (etinscsc@gmail.com) with your vote. We will discuss them at the November 29 program meeting at Hidden Cypress.

This Month's Program

The November program features historian John McCardell speaking on “The Civil War Memoirs of James Longstreet.” John has written numerous books on the Civil War and US History. Please note that the meeting is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY November 29** at 6:45 pm at **Hidden Cypress** in Sun City.

2023-2024 Program Year Schedule ---- THE PROGRAM STARTS AT 6:45 pm

	DATE	ROOM	SPEAKER	TOPIC
Wed	Oct 25, 2023	HC	John McCardell	General Grant's Memoirs
Wed	Nov 29, 2023	HC	John McCardell	General Longstreet's Memoirs
Wed	Jan 24, 2024	HC	Jack Rabbitt	Antietam: Landmarks Bathed in Blood
Mon	Feb 26, 2024	HC	Stephen Wise	The Civil War in the Low Country
Wed	Mar 27, 2024	MH	Jerry Morris	Reminiscences of a Confederate Soldier
Thur	Apr 25, 2024	HC	Jack Davis	A Partnership That Worked: Davis & Lee

HC = Hidden Cypress Ball Room

MH = Magnolia Hall

LOWCOUNTRY CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE, INC.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 to AUGUST 31, 2024

Annual Membership for all household members: **\$20.00**

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

CURRENT MEMBER _____

NEW MEMBER _____

Please **Print** All Information Below

Last Name First Name

Last Name (Additional Household Member) First Name

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____ Additional Phone () _____

Sun City Residents Only

CAM number _____ Additional Household Member CAM number _____

E-Mail _____

Additional Household member E-mail _____

We always need volunteers to continue making the LCWRT successful.

Please check the area(s) for which you are willing to volunteer:

___ Program Committee: help select topics & speakers ___ Assist in Production/Distribution of the *Minie Ball Gazette*

___ Assist on Program Night (Greeter, Collect Tickets or Guest Fees, Tally Program Attendance)

___ Historian ___ Maintain Membership Roster ___ Work at Sun City Club Fair ___ Web Site Maintenance

Please Make Check Payable to: **LCWRT Inc.**

Mail to or leave in "lower" box: **Ed Flanagan, 1043 Serenity Point Drive, Bluffton, SC 29909**

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