

# **The Washington Volunteer ... PUGET SOUND CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE ... APR 2008**

**MEETING: Thursday, April 10, 2008**

**China Harbor**, 2040 Westlake Avenue North, Seattle, Washington

**MENU CHOICES: Mongolian Beef or Salmon**

Dinner includes: salad, vegetable delight, General Tao's chicken, fried rice and fresh fruit. Cost is \$21, payable at the door. Social hour at 6 p.m.; dinner served at 7 p.m.; program at 8 p.m. Call **Marty Wingate** at 206-782-3941 or email her at [martywin@earthlink.net](mailto:martywin@earthlink.net) to make reservations. **Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, April 8.** ☞

## **Dr. Thomas E. O'Connell ... on William Oates and Joshua Chamberlain**

Thomas O'Connell will discuss William C. Oates and Joshua Chamberlain. Oates's 15th Alabama and Chamberlain's 20th Maine clashed in the famous struggle at Little Round Top, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on July 2, 1863.

A rough man who pulled himself up by his bootstraps, Oates served as an Alabama congressman and governor after the war. Chamberlain was a Bowdoin College Professor, Colonel of the 20th Maine, Medal of Honor winner for Little Round Top, and served as the governor of Maine. Each was a fascinating man in his own right, and after the war they corresponded with each other about their fateful encounter.

Dr. O'Connell, a former president of Bellevue Community College, has taught American Literature, Spanish, and other subjects. He has talked to our Round Table several times in the past, and is an excellent speaker. We are honored to welcome him back. ☞

**NOTE: Remember to turn off cell phones before the meeting so there are no distractions for the speaker.**

## **Annual Auction ... April 10**

Don't forget to bring your donations, and your wallets, to the annual auction to be held at the next meeting. Civil War related books are always sought after; gift baskets and fun desserts add fun to the event. If you know of a business that has a charitable bent, ask the manager for donations. Gift cards, dinner coupons, and sports event tickets, are all popular items. Remember that this event is our annual fund-raiser, and we need lots of people to donate auction items, and lots of people to be on hand to BUY in order to make it a profitable event for the Round Table. Bring your spouse, a good friend, neighbor, or co-workers, and help make this a fun and successful evening! If you have questions contact Stephen Pierce or Leighton Wingate, who have all the answers! Ken Bertrand as agreed to help with auctioneering chores. Last year we had a record-breaking event. Can we do it again?

For those who volunteered to help with set-up, you will need to arrive early: about 5:30 p.m. Stephen Pierce will be your point of contact. (Call 425-640-8808, or email [horseless1@juno.com](mailto:horseless1@juno.com)) ☞

## **Genealogy and the Civil War**

Experts from Seattle Public Library and National Archives and Records Administration on using Civil War era documentation to uncover your family history, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 29, at the Museum of History & Industry, 2700 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue E., Seattle. Cost is \$15-\$25, and preregistration is required. (Call 800-838-3006 or go to [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com).) ☞

## **Nominating Committee Named**

Leighton Wingate, Mark Terry, Clarke Harrison and Pat Brady have been asked to take on the assignment of "nominating committee," to recommend officers and members of the Board of Directors for the coming year. If you are interested in serving in any leadership capacity in the Round Table, be sure to contact one of the above listed members and toss your name in the hat. The Board of Directors is also interested in hearing your ideas for projects, suggestions for speakers, or concerns about the Round Table. ☞

## Heritage Fair Postponed to 2009

The South King County Genealogical Society is postponing the Heritage Fair originally scheduled for Saturday, April 12, at the Federal Way Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Based on the number of exhibitors who had responded by the deadline, it was the consensus of the organization that the Fair should be postponed until next year. While a great deal of interest was expressed, we met with many conflicts in scheduling. We also felt that our planning did not start early enough to get the invitations out in a timely manner, nor to do an adequate amount of promotion for the event. We regret having to take this step, but to proceed with an inadequate number of exhibitors, would not accomplish the goals of the South King County Genealogical Society, nor provide the type of venue for exhibitors that we hoped to offer.

The Heritage Fair Committee is recommending to our Board of Directors that immediate planning begin for a Heritage Fair to be scheduled for March of next year. We have already laid a great deal of ground work, and believe we can anticipate a successful venture next spring. We'll let you know when we've settled on a new date and I hope you'll put us on your calendar. ☺

*Submitted by Sylva Coppock, Heritage Fair Coordinator*

## Jefferson Davis Park Dedication Scheduled

Dedication of the Jefferson Davis Park will be held on April 27, 2008, 11: am at 24024 Maple Crest Road, Ridgefield, Washington. The Sons of Union Veterans is donating the American flag for the park and will be taking part in the ceremony. A reception following the ceremony will be held at Ridgefield Community Center, 316 Main Street, Ridgefield, Washington. Join us as we celebrate a permanent home for a Washington State historical artifact. You can learn more on line at: <http://www.jeffersondavispark.org/>. ☺

*Submitted by Margorie Reeves*

### **DEADLINE FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER**

***Send any news items for the May issue of The Washington Volunteer sent to Sylva Coppock (SylvaCop@comcast.net) no later than April 21, 2008.***

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Puget Sound Civil War Round Table meets on the second Thursday of each month, September through May. The PSCWRT is a 501c3 organization, and as such, donations you make to the organization are tax deductible.

### **Membership Dues**

Dues are \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a couple. You can mail your dues to the PSCWRT, c/o Stephen Pierce, 8008 190th Street SW, Edmonds, WA 98026. **Questions?** Email is horseless1@juno.com, or call him at 425-640-8808.