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"Let your heritage not be lost, but bequeath it as a memory,
treasure, and blessing, and preserve it for your children."

— Christian Metz, 1846

A Bit'O Cheer at the LeClaire House...

...and what a treat it will be! Music, dancing, history, refreshments and a chance to learn about plans underway to honor Davenport's Irish emigrants. The plans call for a center in Hibernian Hall on Brady Street, across from the library parking lot. Our presenter, Ragene Gwin, is a leader in the effort to identify local landmarks important to establishing an Irish trail. Some of them, such as Cork Hill Park and Sacred Heart Cathedral are near to the Antoine LeClaire House. Gwin is a teacher of Celtic dancing and will give us lessons. We'll have musicians present and can practice, practice, practice. You won't want to miss this meeting!!!



Left: Sacred Heart Cathedral, 10th St Top Right: Cork Hill Park, Farnam St Bottom Right: Hibernian Hall, Brady St

March 2005 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting
March 10, 2005 • 7pm
630 East 7th Street, Davenport

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Could this be you on Thursday?



German American Heritage Center Update

Your president just received her membership renewal letter from the GAHC and will respond with enthusiasm. The GAHC's outreach programs at schools and their in-house exhibits expanded last year. The parking lot will be improved this year and museum and exhibit space expanded. The Infoblatt is an award winning quarterly.

WELCOME!!

H. B. Simon of Rock Island

Long time member Carolyn Doran brought Mr. Simon to SCHPS, when he expressed interest, she gave him a membership as a Christmas gift. Great idea, Carolyn!

Plaques In Production!

See the enclosed order form with photo. You can see the Colthart Cottage plaque at Aunt Rhodie's, 2012 E. 11th Street. Or see the plaque at Amazon Dry Goods, 411 N. Brady Street. If you have questions, call Ella, 441-0698 and we'll check to see if your home is eligible.

Frank Beiwel has worked on this project for the past four+ years and is now turning it over to Vern Wriedt. Thanks, Frank and Vern!

SCHPS Mourns

Jean Bennett, long time SCHPS member, passed away Feb. 11. She will be sadly missed. A committed preservationist, she was a member not only of SCHPS, but also the German-American Heritage Center, the Putnam Museum, the Society for the Preservation of Lighthouses, Preservation of Williamsburg, and the Schleswig Holstein Society.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 10, 2004-

FEBRUARY 10, 2005

KAREN ANDERSON, CHAIR

January 12, 2005

Met with Davenport Park's Director and Alderman Steve Ahrens to discuss long range plan for Indian Springs Park. This park is located near the Village of East Davenport.

January 18, 2005

See your last newsletter for pictures of the meeting at the LeClaire House with Chief Alfred Red Cloud and friends. After the meeting, a religious ceremony followed at the Camp Kearney Indian Prison Cemetery in McClellan Heights.

January 29, 2005

LeClaire House tour/program for the family of Ned LeClaire Young. Mr. young lived in the LeClaire House and has been helpful in the restoration, Funeral for Mr. Young followed at Trinity Cathedral. (Ned's grandfather, Louis Alexis LeClaire, was Antoine's adopted nephew.

February 6, 2005

LeClaire House tour for Dick Tabor and local antique dealers. (Dick helped us secure the dining room table and donated the Victorian end table.)

February 8, 2005

Set up photo exhibit at the Hampton, Illinois Historical Center. Exhibit will run from Feb. 8 - Mar. 8

February 17, 2005

Met with Bucktown Arts Center staff to plan exhibits and tours.

February Meeting Recap

Our February meeting was held at the Davenport School Museum. We saw exhibits such as girl's phys ed bloomer outfit, textbooks, high school annuals, photos of early schools & teachers & students as well as early office equipment. Bob McCue, museum board president, knows his subject thoroughly and has a great sense of humor. If you missed the meeting, call the Administration Center at 1606 Brady Street and find out when volunteers will be working.

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