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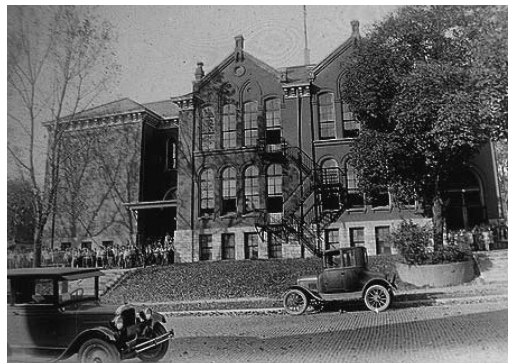
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History of Davenport Schools and Old Davenport School Buildings~

Schools are an anchor of every community! They keep it alive and vibrant, and often determine where newcomers to an area will reside. Come and learn about the History of the Davenport Public Schools. The program, presented by Jim Schebler, will consist of a slide show of digitalized pictures and digitalized lantern slides of buildings and activities in the Davenport schools from the late 1800's and early 1900's. The digitalized slide show was prepared by Jim and Maureen Schebler, and will be presented with notes prepared by Bob McCue, the Davenport School Museum Board President. An introductory video about the Davenport School Museum will also be shown.

The program will be held at the Davenport School District's Central Administrative Building, the old Brenton Bank Building, located on corner of Brady St. and E. 16th St. (just south of Aldi's and directly across the street from where Kirkwood Blvd. T's into Brady St.). **ONLY THE WEST (Main St.) ENTRANCE WILL BE UNLOCKED**, so to enter the building, use the west, (Main Street side); inside the building take the elevator to the basement level. As you exit the elevator on the basement level, the Museum and our meeting site is to your left Punch and cookies, provided by SCHPS, will be served after the presentation.



Lantern slide of Polk Elementary School - built in 1878 at what is today the northwest corner of 8th and Marquette Streets. The slide was taken ca. 1924; Davenport Schools used the building until 1940. The site today is now the site of Zion Lutheran Church.

Summary of October meeting~

A very special thank you is extended to Mr. Rod Ossowski of Family Resources, Inc., for his guided tour of the Annie Wittenmyer grounds on October 9th. The buildings are used today much as they were when the Annie Wittenmyer orphans were housed there. Examples of this are the Annie Wittenmyer School built in 1913 that is still being used as a school for some of the children who now live at the complex. Another example is the cafeteria located in the administration building. Mr. Ossowski showed us through the brick Tudor Revival cottage and explained the renovations that were done.

There are presently 110 children living on the campus ranging in age from 5-18. Mr. Ossowski told the group about all of the services that are provided for the children who are cared for in this historical setting.

Also interesting was the Indian Burial Mound on the site that dates back to 500 B.C. The evening ended with the members sampling delicious cookies baked by some of the students who reside at this special place. Thanks to Rod, his staff, and the students for a very enjoyable and informative evening! The cookies were delicious!

November 2008 Newsletter

November 13 at 6:00 P.M.
Tour of Davenport Schools' Museum and learn the early history of the Davenport Community School District

Dec. 11th Meeting – 7:00 P.M.
SCHPS Holiday Party at 20 River Dr., Bettendorf,

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Thank You~

SCHPS would like to extend a very special thank you this month to Gay Foster, Jaan Sturgis, and Cheryl Draeger for their generous contributions toward Ella’s bench on the grounds of the Antoine LeClaire House. SCHPS now has the funds needed to pay for the bench, get it properly installed on a concrete slab, and put a plaque on the bench in memory of Ella. Thanks to all who contributed so generously toward this project and made it become a reality.

SCHPS members were greatly saddened by the death of Suzi Rynn~

Suzi, long time member, former board member, treasurer, and volunteer for the organization, died on October 2, 2008. SCHPS board would like the organization to consider making a purchase for the Antoine LeClaire House in memory of Suzi. More details will follow in the next newsletter. Suzi’s guidance, leadership, and friendship will be greatly missed!

Thank You

During the recent Parade of Homes Tour, five SCHPS members volunteered on behalf of the Col. Davenport Historical House Foundation. They assisted realtors by supervising shifts at various open house locations during the tour. As a result, the Col. Davenport Historical House Foundation receives a charitable contribution for their help, and will in turn give SCHPS a donation for its assistance in providing additional manpower. It is hoped that next year this partnership will continue.

December 11 meeting of SCHPS -7:00 P.M.~

Don’t forget to mark your calendar for our next meeting which will be our Annual Holiday Party at the beautiful home of Phyllis and Gene James located at 20 River Drive in Bettendorf. Phyllis and Gene go all out decorating their beautiful home, and attending our Holiday Party will put you in the holiday spirit! Please bring a snack or bottle of wine to share and come and join us for an evening of socializing. We look forward to seeing you, and we are crossing our fingers for good weather!

Upcoming Events~

check www.molinepreservation.org for time and details
~Thursday, November 6, Downtown Moline Pub Tour presented by Curt Roseman
~Monday, December 8, Moline Preservation Society’s holiday dinner and program at the Butterworth Center

Quad City Heritage League~

~Thurs. Nov. 6, 6:00 dinner and 7:00 program by Bill Wundram- The board of the QCHL invites all of its constituent members to attend the League’s annual meeting at the Rock Island Arsenal Club (formerly the Officers’ Club). Dinner is \$11.50 (chicken marsala , beverage, and dessert). For reservations contact K. Krewer **immediately** dcnkrewer@gmail.com or by telephone (309) 236-3288. The QCHL will be presenting its first annual Pioneer Award, designed to recognize an individual who has made contributions of lasting significance toward the promotion and preservation of the Quad Cities’ rich heritage. The recipient is Bill Wundram, columnist for the Quad City Times, who has agreed to speak, presenting some of his favorite history-related fun stories.

German American Heritage Center~

~Sun. Nov. 16 at 2:00 P.M., Tom Wahl from Red Fern Farm in Wapello, Iowa, will give a talk on chestnuts, a popular holiday treat in Germanic countries. The GAHC is located at 712 West Second Street in Davenport, at the foot of the Centennial Bridge.

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society

~Nov. 6, Clam Button Manufacturing in the local region presented by Jim Schebler

Rock Island County Historical Society - meets at 11:30 at the First Congregational Church – 2201 7th Ave, Moline Cost is \$6.50 and meetings are open to the public

~Nov. 17, topic is Marx Detlev Hauberg, 1837-1928, immigrant, settler, farmer, raconteur and author presented by Steve Scott

~Dec. 15, John Donald O’Shea & George Eaton “1857 Lincoln-Douglas Debate Reenactment” (50th Anniversary of Debates)

For Rent~

The restored 1872 Wulff Hahn house (624 W. 5th Street) is available for rent. Please call Duane at 563-323-4077 for more information and/or showing.

Annual Dues~

Thanks to all of you who have already renewed your annual SCHPS membership or have recently joined our group. Dues are \$15 annually per household and our membership year runs from July 1 through June 30. You are in good standing if you did not receive a dues envelope in this newsletter. A membership form is attached at the bottom of this newsletter if you would like to join our organization.

JOIN US!

Membership fee: \$15 per household per year (July 1-June 30)

Members receive:

- ~ 10 newsletters per year
- ~ Opportunities to participate in meetings, special events, and guided tours
- ~ A chance to meet and share with other people interested in historic preservation

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We want everyone to be informed of our meetings and activities.

Please check how you wish to receive your newsletter~

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Areas of Interest (please check all that apply):

- Serving on Board
- Editing Newsletter
- Presenting a program of Historical Interest
- Tour Guide for LeClaire House
- Researching a Project
- Fundraising
- Being a host at meetings
- Having SCHPS tour your house/business
- Hands-on Labor
- Staffing a merchandise table
- Advocate at City Council meetings
- Ideas for Programs
- Other: _____