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November 10, 2016 Meeting
6:30 PM - Outing Club
2109 Brady Street
Davenport, Iowa

Thank you to Bill Ashton for the great program he put on about the bridges and so much information we were not aware of and bridges we did not know about before his talk.

“The history of the Outing Club spans more than 100 years. In 1891, three men — two successful businessmen, one a Civil War hero, the other a carriage and early automobile manufacturer, and a Unitarian pastor — drove across the unpaved roads of Davenport on a mission. They were embarking on establishing a club where families could bring their children to dine, where adults, teens and youngsters could enjoy tennis and lawn bowling.

From the very beginning, the focus was on families. The business and social benefits were there, too, but first and foremost — during an era when children weren’t allowed in restaurants — parents, and grandparents, aunts and uncles could share one another’s company.

Generations of families introduced their daughters to society at the debutante balls and garden parties, witnessed the marriage of their children, and celebrated in the ballroom with dining and dancing. It was a life of party gowns, tuxedos, and learned social behavior in a festive atmosphere.”

Rev. Arthur M. Judy, Major Morton L. Marks, & John L. Mason purchased the W. C. Brewster farm in 1891 for \$7,500 in gold coins — \$2,500 less than the asking price. The plan was to remodel the Brewster house to be used as a clubhouse until a new one could be built, and to equip the grounds for outdoor sports. [cont. next side...]

Other historical contacts we recommend you call for tours/lectures:

Butterworth Center/Deere Wiman House: 309-743-2700
 Figge Art Museum: 563-326-7804
 German American Heritage Center: 563-322-8844
 Karpeles Manuscript Museum: 309-788-0806
 Moline Preservation Society: 309-762-3058
 Putnam Museum: 563-324-1933
 RI Arsenal Historical Society: 563-355-2823
 RI County Historical Society: 309-764-8590
 Schuetzen Park (700 Waverly Road) in West Davenport: 563-322-5489

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In 1903 the new clubhouse was opened. It was designed by Clausen & Burrows and G. A. Hanssen and cost \$25,000. This showplace was destroyed by fire in April 1905. Temple & Burrows architectural firm was commissioned to rebuild. The grand opening & dedication was held July 1st, 1905. A high, broad porch, sixteen feet wide at the sides and twenty feet wide in front that extended entirely around the building was one of the club's most endearing features. In 1998 a new addition was constructed to this 1905 clubhouse.

Thanks to Connie Heckert's history of The Outing Club, entitled *More Than 100 Years of Fine Traditions: The Outing Club 1891-1999* — a pictorial history, with almost 200 photographs and illustrations, and many stories & memories of socializing at The Outing Club.

We have joined with Victory Enterprises to submit a grant to make a virtual reality program of basic old house repairs for new old-house owners. More information coming.

Looking for something to do? Try **John James Audubon's Birds of America** at the Moline Public Library. In partnership with the William Butterworth Foundation, the MPL has been thrilled to share the glorious work of John James Audubon with the public this fall. If you haven't seen the 1858-60 chromolithograph prints yet, you have just a few more days as the exhibit closes on November 18th.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF
BUCKTOWN
 DAVENPORT'S INFAMOUS DISTRICT TRANSFORMED

JONATHAN TURNER



Check out this new book written by Jonathan Turner, an arts and entertainment reporter for the the Dispatch and the Rock Island Argus in Moline, Illinois. With revitalized landmarks like the magnificent Hotel Blackhawk and the historic Redstone Building, the community is growing more vibrant as a place to live, work, and play. Author Jonathan Turner explores this dynamic history and transformation. It's available at local book stores and the German American Heritage Center & Museum.

Please remember our members who have businesses:

Duane Timm who makes hand screened antique wall papers, longtime resident of the Gold Coast.

Jackie Niles who has an antique jewelry store, DARJAC Rock Island on 14 Ave & 31 St.

Dr. Anne Taylor, Veterinary Clinic at 2167-53 St Davenport. She is making her home in the Gold Coast area.