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Happy New Year!

Welcome to a brand new year, ladies and gentlemen! We've had a lot of good times in the past year, but it's time to close the book on that chapter and forge ahead into a new one.

First off, there is no meeting for the month of January. The temps are dropping, and snow is on the ground. We all love history and historical properties; it's safer to stay inside and stay off those icy roads as much as possible.

New Business: Tentative Schedule 2017

One of the most exciting things about something fresh is the brand new experiences that it brings. To give you taste of things to come, the Society has come up with a tentative outline of meeting events for this year. They are:

- A lecture at the Bettendorf Public Library about important Iowa women in history for Women's History Month.
- A Tour of Rivermont Collegiate
- A Tour of U.S. Bank in the heart of downtown Davenport.
- A tour of the oldest wine cellar in Iowa by owner Steve Grubs. Included with this tour will be a wine tasting, so you must be at least 21 to attend!
- A picnic in Davenport's Schuetzen Park.
- A tour of the Round Barn in Scott County
- A botanical tour of Vander Veer Park in Davenport
- Black Hawk Park in Rock Island, Illinois concerning the CCC projects
- The old Kahl Home restoration

As stated, this is a tentative schedule only. If you have any ideas on tours, lectures, or any other suggestions, please contact me at jbrassardjr@yahoo.com with your thoughts and ideas with the tagline "SCHPS." Remember – if it's interesting to you, than it may be interesting to someone else.

A Night in Old Germany

Last month, we had our Society Christmas Party at the German American Heritage Center in downtown Davenport. Delicious dishes were served and wonderful desserts were had by all. A special thanks to Kelly Lao, the executive director of the GAHC, who was both a gracious host and gave an informative presentation on the history of German-Americans in Davenport.

The night concluded with a tour of the building and the German-American history exhibit.

Thank you to all of those who helped make the SCHPS Christmas Party a resounding success!

Ongoing Projects for the SCHPS

The Rock Island County Historical Society, the Civil War Roundtable of the Quad Cities, and the Rock Island County Sheriff's Department are currently raising funds to repair the Civil War Soldiers' Monument in Rock Island, Illinois. The monument is located on the northeast corner of the Rock Island County Courthouse grounds. Over the years, the monument has fallen into severe disrepair and is in immediate need of restoration.

The Scott County Historic Preservation Society, in conjunction with Victory Enterprises, has submitted a grant to develop a virtual reality program that teaches basic home restoration techniques for owners of old and historic homes.

The Campbell's Island State Memorial Preservation Project is seeking to restore a war monument dedicated to the Battle of Campbell's Island, a battle that took place on Campbell's Island, Illinois, during the War of 1812.

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