

CAROLINA CHAPTER
Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation
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President's Note

Happy New Year! Clara and I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas season and your new year is going well. The outlook for our chapter is very good. All our meetings last year were well attended and included entertaining and informative programs. For this year, we have an excellent program scheduled for our winter meeting in February and plans are being made for our spring meeting in May. The national meeting will be held in Clarksville, Indiana, July 29 - August 1 and will be near enough to North Carolina that, hopefully, many of us can attend.

I ask every member to think about what contributions you can make to the success of our chapter this year. First, we are in need of a treasurer. Jesse Alford has indicated that he will step down from this position. We do not have a large treasury so this is not a huge job. Also, we need members who will step up and take on the jobs of president, newsletter editor, and program chairperson. Please let me know how you feel about these issues and what position/task you would like to help with.

Our national organization went through some very difficult times this past year. Four of our national officers - Stephanie Ambrose Tubbs, Bryant Boswell, Dick Presholdt, and Jim Mallory - resigned at the same time. I understand that Lorna Haineworth also resigned. In addition, the staff person, Catherine Avery, resigned and moved to Washington State to take a new job. The good news is that the above mentioned officers who resigned are continuing as members of the Foundation and several volunteers have stepped forward to help the Foundation "proceed on." The national board has filled the vacant positions with Jay Buckley serving as president and our own Bob Gatten as president-elect. The next year may be difficult and I urge all members to join and support the national organization. I am optimistic about our future because I know so many committed, passionate members of the Foundation who will not let it fail.

Trent Strickland, president

Winter Meeting

Our winter meeting will be held on Saturday, February 18. Lorna Hainesworth will be our speaker and will present a program on Meriwether Lewis at Cumberland Gap. Lorna, a resident of Randallstown, Maryland, is a member of our chapter and has served until recently as a Board member of the national Foundation. Lorna presented at our November, 08 meeting in Sanford and at our February, 2010, meeting in Charlotte. She was the chief planner for the 2008 regional meeting held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and for the 2010 regional meeting held in Cumberland Gap, Tennessee. For several years Lorna has worked to share information among chapters. The newsletters from other chapters that we receive on a regular basis are the result of Lorna's good work. In 2010 at the national meeting in Lewiston, Idaho, Lorna received a special award for her outstanding work for the Foundation.

Lorna will be traveling from her home in Maryland to be with us on February 18. We are indeed fortunate to have Lorna as our winter meeting presenter.

The meeting will begin at 11:00 am followed by lunch and the program at 1:00 pm. The location of the meeting has not been finalized. The plans are to hold the meeting in the Raleigh area. As soon as the location is determined, all members will be notified.

Spring Meeting

The spring meeting will be held in May at TPC Piper Glen Golf Course, Charlotte. Our speaker will be Bob Gatten, president-elect of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation (LCTHF). Bob is a charter member of our chapter and also served as the first president. Prior to helping to start our chapter, he served as president of the LCTHF for two terms in the 1990s. Bob is a true Lewis and Clark expert and long time member and supporter of the Foundation. At the May meeting, he will share a program on Lewis and Clark and will give an update on the work of the national board.

The date of the May meeting has not been finalized but it will be a Saturday and will begin at 11:00 am. All members will be notified when the date of the meeting has been set.

Summer Meeting

The summer meeting for our chapter will be the national meeting that will be held July 29 - August 1, in Clarksville, Indiana. The meeting will be hosted by the Ohio River Chapter. Clarksville is located across the Ohio River from Louisville, Kentucky. The meeting theme will be "Lewis and Clark at the Falls of the Ohio, Departure and Return." This meeting is much nearer to us than most national meetings and all chapter members are encouraged to make plans to attend.

Boy Scout Patch

All chapter members are encouraged to contact the Scout troops in your area and inform them of our Carolina Chapter patch. A copy of the guidelines/requirements that include the application form will be sent to all members in a separate email attachment.

Loss of a Member

I'm sorry to share the news that one of our members, C.L. (Chuck) Bliss of Asheboro, has passed away. Trent proposes that we make a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the national organization in honor/memory of Chuck. Please let Trent know how you feel about this proposed donation.

Dues for 2012

If you have not already done so, please forward your dues for this year to: Jesse Alford, 6932 Mitchell Mill Road, Zebulon, N.C. 27597-8419. Yearly dues are \$10.00 for an individual and \$15.00 for families.

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