



Officers and Members Of The Salt Creek Civil War Round Table Charter Year 1962-1963

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Marilyn Steele, a young wife and mother of two children founded the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table in 1962. Harvey L. Long, a member of the Chicago Civil War Round Table, became the first Chairman, or President. The round table was named after the Salt Creek, which runs through many of the communities where its members reside.

Presidents of the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table	
1962 - 1963	Harvey Long
1963 - 1964	Dr. Royal Schmidt (d.1983)
1964 - 1965	Edwin Pile (d.1986)
1965 - 1966	N. P. Luginbill (d. December, 30, 2011)
1966 - 1967	George Carlton
1967 - 1969	Donald Sikorski
1969 - 1970	Don Nixon (d. May 1984)
1970 - 1972	Roger Wilhelm (d. March 2006)
1972 - 1973	Ralph Baumheckel
1973 - 1974	Jay Perkins
1974 - 1976	Gale Pewitt
Sept. '76 - '77	No Permanent President
1977 - 1979	William Thomas (d. August 24, 2006)
1979 - 1981	Roger Carlson (d.1994)
1981 - 1983	Paul Neeson
1983 - 1985	Herman DeBoer (d. May 13, 2000)
1985 - 1987	Kurt Carlson
1987 - 1989	Douglas H. Smith
1989 - 1991	Daniel McCarthy
1991 - 1992	John Lapinski
1993	Jim Soens (d. Dec. 23, 2008)
1994 - 1995	Roger E. Bohn
1996	Kim Foster
1997	Cindy Intravartolo
1998	Don Sender
1999 - 2000	Janet Linhart
2001 - 2002	Brian Ruxton
2003	Tony Cichantk
2004 - 2007	Rick Zarr
2008 - 2012	Jan Rasmussen
2013	Art Foley
2014	Cindy Intravartolo
2015 - 2016	Kurt Carlson

Until the end of John Lapinski's term, presidents served from September to September. After John, in 1993, the term became the calendar year. (Joyce Clark, long-time member and former Newsletter Editor contributed this information).

- ◆ **March 29, 1962:** Fifty-five people attended the first meeting of the round table in Elmhurst's new YMCA. They came from Elmhurst (19), Elmhurst College (11), Glen Ellyn (7), Wheaton (4), Maywood (3), Geneva (3), Hinsdale (2) West Chicago (2) and 1 each from Bensenville, Downer's Grove, Lombard and Villa Park. Twenty-seven people remained for the executive session after the program. Four Chicago Civil War Round Table members were welcomed to the initial Salt Creek meeting. The last Friday of the month was set up as the meeting date. Initially, there were no dues - only donations for

expenses. The treasurer reported contributions of \$20 by 16 members at the first business session. Bills were paid for the rent of the meeting room and printing, amounting to \$17, leaving a balance of \$3.

- ◆ **November 1962:** By November a bank account was established and dues were set at \$5 per individual, \$1 per student. Dues remained at \$5 for over twenty years when in January 1983 it was decided to increase to \$6 per individual, \$1 per student. Dues increased to \$10 in 1988 and \$15 in 1992. Dues increased to \$25 in 2000 to cover the cost of the room fee at the College of DuPage. Another increase took place in January 2004 to \$30; however, those members who take the newsletter by email remained at \$25. In 2015 another increase took place to cover the increased cost of postage and envelopes for those receiving the newsletter by mail to \$35.
- ◆ **October 1964:** Mrs. Howard E. Steele, FOUNDER and 1st secretary, becomes the first newsletter editor.

Newsletter Editors	
Jan. 1965 – Oct. 1965	George Carlton
Oct. 1965 – April 1967	Harvey L. Long
Oct. 1967 – May 1969	Roger Wilhelm
Oct. 1969 – Sept. 1980	Don Sikorski
Oct. 1980 – Oct. 1988	Glenn & Joyce Clark
Nov. 1988 – Sept. 1991	Ralph Harmon, Adrienne Harmon Hanrahan
Oct. 1991 – Dec. 2003	Robert I. Girardi
Jan. 2004 – June 2009	Daniel McCarthy
Sept. 2009 – Present	Jennifer Warner

- ◆ **October 22, 1965:** The First Annual Dinner Banquet was held at the Student Center at Elmhurst College. Alice Hamilton Cromie, author of "A Tour Guide to the Civil War", was the speaker. Dinner cost \$2.75.

Annual Dinner Banquets	
October 28, 1966 Elmhurst College at Student Center. \$3	Dr. Glenn Williams, Dean of Student Academic Services at Eastern Ill. University, "Gray Wednesday – Blue Friday: The Battle of Gettysburg".
October 1967 Elmhurst College \$3.50	Warren A. Reader, past president of Chicago CWRT, "The Twenty-Seventh Indiana Regiment".
September 1968 Glen Ellyn Holiday Inn. \$5	Lloyd D. Miller, past president of Chicago CWRT, "The Second Day at Gettysburg".
October 17, 1969 Petersen's Stone Cottage (Elmhurst). \$5	Clyde C. Walton, current president of Chicago CWRT and Director of the Library Dept. at Northern Ill. University, "Illinois and the Civil War".
October 30, 1970 Petersen's Stone Cottage	Lloyd D. Miller, "The Battle of Franklin".
October 29, 1971 Holiday Inn (Oak Brook) \$6	Earl Kubicek, PhD, "Lincoln and the Fair Sex".
October 20, 1972 Holiday Inn (Oak Brook) \$6	Richard Blake, "A Look at Lincoln," first person presentation of Lincoln.
October 18, 1974 Glen Oaks Country Club (Glen Ellyn) \$9	Jerry Warshaw, "The General", film on the great locomotive chase.
November 19, 1976 \$9 Arley's Restaurant (Lombard)	Alice Hamilton Cromie, author of "A Tour Guide of the Civil War" and "Guide Book of the Old West".

November 18, 1977 Arley's Restaurant \$9	Rev. Alfred L. Perkins, Jr., "Lincoln in Indiana".
November 17, 1978 Arley's Restaurant \$10	Merlin E. Sumner, "The Spirit of U.S. Grant".
November 16, 1979 Branding Iron Restaurant (Downers Grove) \$10	Mrs. Pat Newman, wife of Ralph Newman, "The General's Lady" (Julia Dent Grant)
November , 1980 Morris Bryant Smorgasbord (Burr Ridge /Hinsdale) \$10	Joseph Eisendrath, past president Chicago CWRT, "Myths about Lincoln".
November , 1981 \$11 Morris Bryant Smorgasbord	Paul Beaver, History instructor at Lincoln College, "The Women in Lincoln's Life".
November 19, 1982 Seafari Restaurant \$14	Rev. Eugene Winkler, Religion in the Civil War, "From Harriet Beecher Stowe to General Polk".
November 4, 1983 Richard's Lilac Lodge \$12.50	Dan Lapinski, past president of Chicago CWRT, "The Mystery of the John Wilkes Booth Mummy".
November 2, 1984 Richard's Lilac Lodge \$12.50	William J. Sullivan, Vice President of Chicago CWRT, "Capt. James Waddell and the Voyage of the Shenandoah".
November 1, 1985 \$12.50 Richard's Lilac Lodge	Charles J. Shields, "Mr. Lincoln Goes to Gettysburg: The Mission and the Masterpiece".
November 7, 1986 White Fence Farm (Lemont) \$12.50-15	Carl G. Rumps, "The Medical Service of the Union Army, as seen by Dr. Daniel Meeker, Lt. Col., Reg Surgeon".
September 18, 1987 The Cypress (Hinsdale) \$16	25th Anniversary! Edwin C. Bearss, Chief Historian of the National Park Service, Washington, DC, "JEB Stuart vs. Nathan Bedford Forrest".
October 7, 1988 The Cypress \$16.50	Marshall D. Krolick, "Captain to Brigadier: The Promotion of Custer, Merritt, and Farnsworth".
November 3, 1989 The Cypress \$12.50-19.75	Kurt Carlson, past president of Salt Creek, "Major General Patrick R. Cleburne, CSA".
November 3, 1990 Hotel President (Lockport) \$9	Max & Donna Daniels (the Lincoln's), "An Evening with Mr. And Mrs. Lincoln".
November 2, 1991 White Fence Farm \$12.50	Arthur Budlong, "Diary of South Carolina Secession".
September 26, 1992 Cantigny Golf Course \$20	Peter Cozzens, author, "The Real Rock of Chickamauga: The 21 st Ohio at Horseshoe Ridge".
September 18, 1993 Cantigny Golf Course \$20	Bill Sullivan, past president of Chicago CWRT, "William Clarke Quantrill – A Story in Scarlet".
September 23, 1994 Allgauer's in Lisle-Hilton \$25	Marshall D. Krolick, "The Cavalry in the Chancellorsville Campaign".
September 1, 1995 Allgauer's in Lisle-Hilton \$25	Dr. Mary M. Abroe, PhD, past president of Chicago CWRT, "Antietam, An Overview".
September 5, 1996 Allgauer's Restaurant \$25	Dr. Gordon Dammann, National Museum of Civil War Medicine, "If a Collection Could Talk".
September 5, 1997 Allgauer's Restaurant \$25	Bruce Allardice, author of <u>More Generals in Gray</u> , "Civil War Generals: Poltroons, Patriots, & Politicians".
September 4, 1998 Café 59 (Naperville) \$15	Lance Herdegen, Director of the Institute for Civil War Studies at Carroll College, author of <u>The Men Stood Like Iron: How the Iron Brigade Won Its Name</u> , "Hail to the Chief, Little Mac and Old Abe".
September 3, 1999 Café 59 (Naperville) \$15	Gerald J. Prokopowicz, Lincoln scholar/Director of Public Programs at the Lincoln Museum, "Abraham Lincoln's Good War".
October 6, 2000	Ted Karaminski, author of <u>Rally 'Round the Flag Boys</u> ,

Café 59 (Naperville) \$17	"Chicago and the Civil War".
October 5, 2001 Allgauer's \$25	Charles Larimer, ed. <i>Love and Valor</i> , "Small Town Stories of the Civil War on the Home Front and in the Field".
March 1, 2002 Allgauer's \$30	40th Anniversary! Ed Bearss: Illinois and Wisconsin Personalities in the Civil War.
June 14, 2003 Allgauer's \$30	Terry Winschel, Chief Historian at Vicksburg: Vicksburg Illinois' Tribute: A Temple of Peace.
June 4, 2004 Concorde Banquets \$29-31	Richard McMurry, "A New Framework for Civil War History", banquet held with NICWRT
June 3, 2005 Allgauer's \$35	Thomas Cartwright of the Carter House, Franklin, TN.: Humor in the Civil War.
June 2, 2006 Allgauer's \$35	Patrick Brennan, "The Battle of Nashville". Due to health issues Mr. Brennan was unable to attend and at the last minute, Dr. Gordon E. Dammann of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, took his place and spoke on, "Civil War Medicine-An Overview".
June 1, 2007 Allgauer's \$35	Patrick Brennan: The Battle of Nashville
June 20, 2008 Allgauer's \$35	Cricket Bauer Pohanka: Fezzes and Battlefields: A Story of the Zouave Soldiers and the Stuff They Left Behind.
June 19, 2009 Allgauer's \$40	Donna Daniels (aka. Mary Lincoln): "MTL: The Last Years of Mary Todd Lincoln", a first person presentation.
June 18, 2010 Allgauer's, \$40	Daniel Weinberg: Dealing in History: Adventures Through Historical Artifacts
June 17, 2011 Allgauer's, \$40	Robert I. Girardi, Salt Creek Vice President, "Illinois Fights the Civil War".
June 15, 2012 Allgauer's, \$50	50th Anniversary! Edwin C. Bearss: Personal Milestones Along the Way: 50-years of Civil War Round Tables
June 21, 2013 Allgauer's \$45	Eric A. Jacobson: The Battles of Spring Hill & Franklin, TN.
June 20, 2014 Allgauer's \$50	Clark B. "Bud" Hall: General John Buford and the 8 th Illinois Cavalry at the Battle of Brandy Station.
June 19, 2015 Allgauer's \$50	Greg Biggs: Debacle on the Rivers: The Fort Henry-Fort Donelson Campaign.

- ◆ **November 1966:** The meeting changed to the 3rd Friday of the month. In December 1979 the meeting changed to the 1st Friday of the month at Mid-America Federal Savings and Loan in Wheaton.

Meeting Sites	
March 29, 1962	Elmhurst YMCA
Nov. 11, 1962	Lombard Community House
April 26, 1963	Glen Ellyn Public Library
1976	Glen Ellyn Civic Center
1977	Mid-America Federal Savings and Loan (Wheaton)
June 1986	Land of Lincoln Savings and Loans (Naperville)
Oct. 1987- Dec. 2003	College of DuPage
Jan. 2004-June 2005	Lisle Hilton of Naperville
Sept. 2005 – present	Oak Trace (formerly Fairview Village), Downers Grove

- ◆ **May 19, 1967:** Barbara Long, wife of E. B. Long became the 4th woman speaker. (Marilyn Steele, '62, Alice Hamilton Cromie '65, Dorothy Cashman '66.)
- ◆ **June 1, 1968:** One of the first tours was to Galena, IL during the centennial of US Grant's first presidential campaign. Lodging was available at Grant Hill's Motel (1 bed \$9, 2 beds \$15, 3 beds \$18)

Field Trips	
May 1970 Springfield, IL	Lincoln's Home and Tomb, Camp Butler Site, State Capitol Building, New Salem Village
1976 Indiana Tour	Cancelled due to poor response
September 21, 1981 Belvidere, IL.	Boone County Historical Museum, Gen. Stephen A. Hurlbut's grave
September 19, 1982 Bloomington, IL.	McLean County Historical Society Museum
September 7, 1985	Chicago Historical Society Tour of Civil War Memorabilia.
September 13, 1986 Galena, IL.	DeSoto House Hotel, Homes of Generals Rawlins & Rowley, Grant's pre-war home on High St., Homes of General Maltby and Dr. Kittoe, Washburne Home, Dinner with General Grant (Mr. Paul LeGreco) and following dinner a Gaslight evening tour of Grant's post-war home.
September 5, 1987 Kenosha, WI.	Civil War Museum at Carthage College
September 10, 1988 Rock Island, IL.	Rock Island Arsenal
September 9-10, 1989 Springfield Tour	Ill State Historical Society, Old State Capitol Building, Lincoln's Law Office, Springfield Railroad Depot, Lincoln's Home and Visitors Center, GAR Museum, Lincoln's Tomb, also Ann Rutledge's Grave (Petersburg, IL) and Lincoln College Museum (Lincoln, IL)
September 8, 1990 Crawfordsville IN.	Henry Smith Lane House, Lew Wallace Home, Crawfordsville Cemetery
September 1991 Kalamazoo MI.	Trip cancelled due to lack of interest
October 4, 1992	Chicago Cemetery Tour and Civil War Monuments
October 17, 1993 Madison, WI.	Wisconsin Medal of Honor Winners Memorial, State Capitol Building, Veteran's Museum, Camp Randall, Forest Hill Cemetery
October 1, 1994 Princeton, IL	Bureau County Historical Society, Owen Lovejoy House
October 12, 1996 Fort Wayne IN.	Lincoln Museum
October 18, 1997 Kenosha, WI; Waukesha, WI; Delafield, WI.	Frank A. Palumbo Civil War Museum, Carthage College; Institute for Civil War Studies, Carroll College; Civil War Library of W. Norman Fitzgerald; Waukesha County Museum; Cushing Memorial Park, Delafield
October 17, 1998 Galena, IL	U.S. Grant State Home, Elihu G. Washburne House, Grant Park, "Tea & Tarts" with Mrs. Grant, Original Grant Family Home, Galena Historical Society Museum, Dinner with General

	Grant.
October 2, 1999 The Civil War in the Fox Valley, IL.	North Cemetery (grave of Gen. John Farnsworth), Langum Park-Camp Kane (training ground for 8 th Illinois Cavalry), South Cemetery, Howard House, Eastside Cemetery (African-American Civil War Monument), Batavia Depot Museum, Bellevue Place, Westside Cemetery, GAR Memorial Hall and Military Museum.
October 29, 2000	Trip Cancelled to Madison, WI
September 23, 2001 Madison, WI.	Wisconsin Veteran's Museum, Capitol, Camp Randall, Forest Hill Cemetery. Dinner speaker, John Driscoll on "Wisconsin in the Civil War".
November 24, 2001 Franklin, TN.	Dedication of historical marker, "Federal Forward Line", along Columbia Pike. Tour of Spring Hill Battlefield, Rippavilla Plantation, Carter House, Collin's Farm, McGavock Cemetery, and Carnton.
October 6, 2002 Chicago	Jerry Feinstein led the Chicago Civil War Cemetery Tour to Oak Woods, Graceland and Rosehill and other Civil War related sites in Chicago
October 3-5, 2003	St. Louis Civil War Tour
October 15-17, 2004	Springfield, IL. Civil War Tour of New Salem, Lincoln Home and new Lincoln Library, Old State Capitol and Lincoln Tomb
2005-2007	None
October 11, 2008	Civil War Museum, Kenosha, WI
2009-2013	None
October 11, 2014	Civil War Museum, Kenosha, WI to see the new movie, "Seeing the Elephant" and the limited exhibit on Illinois and the Civil War.
2015	None

- ◆ **November 1969:** A flag fund was started to purchase standard size American and Confederate flags to be displayed at the meetings. The flags were first displayed at the December 1969 meeting. Salt Creek members Barbara Cochran and Dr. Ken Hiatt were recognized as major contributors to the flags.
- ◆ **November 15, 1974:** Mr. & Mrs. George Carlton became the first husband-wife team to make a presentation, "Life and Letters of General William R. Martin". General Martin was Mrs. Carlton's great grandfather.
- ◆ **April 18, 1975:** Ralph Newman (Founder of Abraham Lincoln Book Shop) was the speaker for the 100th meeting. His topic: "Everything You Wanted to Know About Lincoln, and were too afraid to Ask."
- ◆ **May 19, 1978:** The first potluck dinner was initiated. In 1983 the dinner was moved to June meeting and continued until June 1993 when the College of DuPage said we could no longer bring in food.

- ◆ **October 20, 1978:** Robert Matthews, a high school junior, presented the "Gettysburg Campaign". In October 1979 he presented a program on "Jeb Stuart". He was one of the youngest members of Salt Creek.
- ◆ **February 1, 1980:** February Meeting Flea Market. First time items were donated and sold to help Round Table Treasury.
- ◆ **September 14, 1985:** SCCWRT participated at the 3rd Annual Midwest Civil War Collector's Show at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. It was Herman DeBoer's idea to get a table to recruit new members. Orland Roberts painted a mural for the background of the display. The round table has set up there every year since 1985.
- ◆ **September 18, 1987: 25th Anniversary!!** Edwin C. Bearss, spoke at Annual Dinner Banquet on "Jeb Stuart vs. Nathan Bedford Forrest".
- ◆ **November, 1987:** Newsletter acknowledged Herman DeBoer for making the speaker's plaque, He started around 1983 and made the plaques for 8 years; Roger Bohn took over doing the plaques in 1991.
- ◆ **December 7, 1990:** A monthly book drawing was started to raise money for battlefield preservation at the suggestion of treasurer, Bill Hupp.
- ◆ **December 6, 1991:** An annual auction was started at the December meeting for battlefield preservation.

Battlefield Preservation Sites	
1992	Fisher's Hill, Brandy Station, VA
1993	Perryville, KY; Prairie Grove
1994	APCWS life-time membership
1995	Bentonville, Brandy Station, Perryville in memory of Glen Clark, Longstreet/Thomas Library Trust, APCWS, Illinois Memorial at Vicksburg, US Grant's Cottage, NY; APCWS \$525 donated from family in memory of Elmer Pendarvis.
1996	APCWS for Brandy Station, APCWS for Museum of Civil War Medicine
1997	Wilson's Creek, Kernstown, Prairie Grove, Waukesha County Museum, WI; Hawks Inn Historical Society, Delafield, WI.
1998	Perryville, APCWS, Franklin, Bentonville, National Museum of Civil War Medicine, US Grant's Cottage, NY; Ralph Newman Chair at Lincoln College
1999	Chicago Historical Society Civil War Symposium, Lincoln Museum, Batavia Depot Museum, GAR Memorial Hall, US Grant's Cottage, NY.
2000	Chicago Historical Society Civil War Symposium, Franklin, CWPT for Brandy Station.
2001	Chicago Historical Society Civil War Symposium, Historical marker at Franklin, TN., Charles Blatherick Memorial, Forest Park, IL; Wisconsin Veterans, Museum, Milwaukee, WI; Rippavilla, Carter House, Franklin March.
2002	Chicago Historical Society Civil War Symposium, CWPT for Ed Bearss, CWPT for Schoolhouse Ridge, Shiloh, Franklin, TN March, CWPT for Trevilian Station, CWPT for Kenstown.

2003	Wesley Brainerd Memorial, Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, IL; Restoration of Illinois Memorial at Vicksburg, CWPT for East Cavalry Field at Gettysburg, Rosehill Cemetery Grave Marker Replacement Project, Vicksburg National Battlefield Park, Franklin, TN.
2004	36 th Illinois Flag Restoration Project, Chicago Historical Society Civil War Symposium, Bloomingdale Hist. Society Gravestone Restoration Project, Rosehill Cemetery Veteran's Day Ceremony.
2005	Newtonia, MO, Pickett's Mill, GA and Carnton Plantation, Franklin, TN; Rosehill Cemetery Veteran's Day Ceremony, Belle Boyd House, W. VA.
2006	CWPT for Perryville, Vicksburg National Military Park in memory of Ron Kumnick; Johnson's Island, OH in memory of Bill Thomas, Rosehill Cemetery Veteran's Day Ceremony, Wood Lake Battlefield, MN
2007	CWPT in memory of Margie Bearss; CWPT for Bentonville, NC, Rosehill Cemetery Veteran's Day Ceremony, Carter House in Franklin, TN in memory of Dan Lapinski, CWPT for Glendale, VA, Friends of the Wilderness (VA) and Johnson's Island, OH
2008	CWPT for Brandy Station, VA and Champion Hill, MS: Glen Ellyn Historical Society; CWPT in honor of Cricket Bauer Pohanka for her June presentation; Rosehill Cemetery Veteran's Day Ceremony, CWPT in memory of Tom O'Donnell; Albert Cashier Museum & Home Restoration Project.
2009	CWPT for Cedar Creek in memory of Jim Soens; Stones River National Battlefield, TN for cleanup after severe storms; CWPT in conjunction with the Chicago CWRT and NICWRT; Rosehill Cemetery Veteran's Day Ceremony.
2010	CWPT for Glendale, VA; Johnson's Island, OH; CWPT for Brandy Station, VA; CWPT for Springhill, CWPT for the Wilderness, Rosehill Cemetery Veteran's Day Ceremony
2011	CWT (Civil War Trust) for Second Manassas; Illinois State Historical Society for plaques for Camps Butler and Douglas; Rosehill Cemetery Veteran's Day Ceremony
2012	Camp Douglas, Chicago, IL in memory of Rick Benson; CWT for Shiloh in honor of Ed Bearss following the 50 th Anniversary banquet; CWT for Appomattox, Sailor's Creek and Kelly's Ford in memory of Bob Luginbill. Rosehill Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony.
2013	Belle Boyd House in memory of Mary Lord; CWT in memory of Richard Crowe: Franklin, TN in honor of banquet speaker Eric Jacobson. Reed's Bridge at Chickamauga, TN. Rosehill Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony, and CWT end of year projects.
2014	Illinois State Historical Society for the Camp Douglas historical marker; Deborah W. Fitts Battlefield Stewardship Fund (Land Trust of Virginia) presented to Clark B. Hall at the annual banquet, CWT for Gettysburg in memory of Jerry and Joann Feinstein, Rosehill Cemetery Veteran's Day Ceremony in memory of Jerry Feinstein, CWT for Franklin, TN.
2015	CWT for Reed's Bridge @ Chattanooga and Brown's Ferry @ Chickamauga, CWT for Antietam. Rosehill Cemetery Veteran's Day Ceremony.
2016	

- ◆ **June 24, 1994:** Salt Creek sponsored the 1st concert of the 97th Regimental String Band.
- ◆ **September 1, 1995:** The newsletter officially became, "The Outpost" based on the suggestion of Rob Girardi.
- ◆ **December 1995:** Kim Foster was elected Salt Creek's first woman president for the 1996 year.
- ◆ **February 7, 1997: 300th Meeting!** Mike Millette spoke on field artillery tactics. We were joined by eight past presidents: Bob Luginbill, Gale Pewitt, Bill Thomas, Doug Smith, Dan McCarthy, Jim Soens, Roger Bohn and Kim Foster. Cindy Intravartolo was the current president.
- ◆ **July 23, 1998: The Vacant Chair,** Ralph Newman passed away. He was a major founder of the Civil War Round Table of Chicago in 1940, and advised Mrs. Marilyn Steele in 1962 on the development of the Salt Creek Civil War Round Table.
- ◆ **January 15, 1999:** Len Overcash began videotaping our programs at the monthly meetings. It was later taken over by Rick Zarr.
- ◆ **February 6, 1999:** Treasurer, Bill Hupp and Newsletter Editor, Rob Girardi led the first book discussion group at Glen Ellyn Library. Pam Robinson, Brian Ruxton, Rick Zarr and Dan McCarthy have also led discussion groups.

Feb. 6, 1999	<u>Confederates in the Attic</u> by Tony Horwitz.
May 8, 1999	<u>Shiloh</u> by Shelby Foote
Nov. 6, 1999	<u>For Cause and Comrades</u> by James M. McPherson
Jan. 8, 2000	<u>Chancellorsville</u> by Stephen W. Sears
May 18, 2002	<u>Army Life in a Black Regiment</u> by Thomas Wentworth Higginson
Oct. 3, 2003	Book discussion on your favorite CW book or a CW book that you recently read
Oct. 1, 2004	Book discussion on "What are You Currently Reading?" moderated by Rick Zarr
May 4, 2007	Book discussion on "What are You Currently Reading?"
May 2, 2008	Discussion on "Books and Reading" moderated by Dan McCarthy

- ◆ **March 5, 1999:** Twenty-two members braved the second major winter storm of the year to attend the 'Blunders of Gettysburg" panel. 18 members voted R.E. Lee the biggest blunderer. \$56 was raised for battlefield preservation.
- ◆ **May 13, 2000: The Vacant Chair,** Herman DeBoer, Salt Creek president from 1983-85, passed away in Michigan City. IN. Herman developed the speakers' plaques and became the only lifetime member of the round table.
- ◆ **November 3, 2001:** Salt Creek donated a roadside historical marker to the Franklin Battlefield. Members of the round table traveled to Franklin for its dedication.

- ◆ **January 2002:** Membership dues are raised to \$25 because of the increased cost of the meeting room at the College of DuPage. The last increase was in 1992 when it was raised to \$15 from \$10.
- ◆ **March 1, 2002: 40th Anniversary!!** Edwin C. Bearss, Civil War's "Pied Piper", spoke at the Annual Banquet on "Illinois and Wisconsin Personalities in the Civil War"
- ◆ **October 6, 2002:** The Chicago Civil War Cemetery Tour led by Jerry Feinstein replaced the monthly meeting.
- ◆ **June 14, 2003:** Salt Creek established the Marilyn Steele Lifetime Achievement Award named after its founder to honor a member annually for his/hers outstanding dedication to the round table. The award was proposed by President Tony Cichantk and supported by the Board of Directors. It was decided the first recipient would be Marilyn Steele. On August 23, 2003 a group of four Salt Creek members including president Tony Cichantk, past-president Roger Bohn, secretary Jan Rasmussen, and historian Cindy Intravartolo drove to Marilyn's home in Fort Wayne, Indiana and presented her with a framed certificate and etched crystal vase in appreciation for founding the organization.
- ◆ **June 20, 2003:** Salt Creek sponsored the 10th Annual Concert of the 97th Regimental String Band.
- ◆ **September 20, 2003:** The Midwest Civil War Collectors Show moved to a new location from the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton to the Midwest Conference Center in Northlake. The round table has set up a table at the show since 1985.
- ◆ **January 2004:** Many changes took place with the New Year. The membership dues were raised to \$30 from \$25 to offset the increased costs of the round table. The last increase in dues took place in January of 2002. Dan McCarthy became the newsletter editor, replacing Rob Girardi who did the newsletter for over 10 years. After meeting at the College of DuPage since October 1987, the location of the meeting has been changed to the Lisle Hilton of Naperville.
- ◆ **May 7, 2004:** The Annual Marilyn Steele Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to long time member Joyce Clark. Joyce has been an active member of the round table for over 25 years. She and her husband were newsletter editors from 1980-1988. Over the years she has made many contributions to the round table including her support at Civil War shows, donations to the annual auction and her continued attendance at the meetings.
- ◆ **June 18, 2004:** The official web site of the SCCWRT was established and up and running thanks to the efforts of President Rick Zarr and newsletter editor, Dan McCarthy, whose students at Lyons Township High School (Evan Gorrnick and team) developed the site: www.saltcreekcwrt.org. Stephen Munier is the current webmaster.
- ◆ **June 3, 2005:** The 3rd Marilyn Steele Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to long time member Don Sikorski at the annual dinner banquet. Don joined the round table in 1965 and has continued to be an active member for forty years. He has served on the board longer than any other Salt Creek member has, first as president from 1967- 1969.

Then again from 1969 - 1981 as Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter editor, as well as, tour guide for many of the annual fall trips. He continued as Secretary from 1981 - 1991 for a grand total of 23 years of voluntary service. In addition he has provided us with at least 10 presentations throughout the years, many on his favorite subject, Robert E. Lee.

- ◆ **December 2, 2005:** Rick Zarr became the first president to be elected to serve a third consecutive term. This was made possible when the board members voted to amend the by-laws at the November board meeting.
- ◆ **May 23, 2006: The Vacant Chair,** Ron Kunnick, Sergeant-at-Arms and board member, passed away after a long illness. A donation of \$500 was presented to the Vicksburg National Military Park in his memory.
- ◆ **August 24, 2006: The Vacant Chair,** Former president, Bill Thomas, passed away after a long illness. A donation of \$500 was presented to Johnson's Island in his memory.
- ◆ **August 31, 2006: The Vacant Chair,** Member Steve Stewart passed away after a long illness. A donation of \$500 was presented to the CWPT for the Perryville battlefield in his memory.
- ◆ **October 7, 2006: The Vacant Chair,** Margie Bearss, wife of Ed Bearss, passed away after a long illness. A donation was presented to the CWPT in her honor.
- ◆ **December 1, 2006:** Rick Zarr became the first president to extend his service into a fourth term. This again was made possible when the board members voted to amend the by-laws at the November board meeting.
- ◆ **March 30, 2007:** The round table celebrated its **400th meeting**. It was announced that since the round table began collecting for battlefield preservation in 1992, over \$30,000 has been donated to various sites.
- ◆ **June 1, 2007:** Jerry Feinstein and Dan McCarthy were honored at the annual dinner banquet for their outstanding efforts in raising funds during the annual battlefield auction. Since the round table began an auction in 1991 to raise funds for battlefield preservation, Dan and Jerry have served as auctioneers, and have helped collect over \$30,000, money that has been donated to various battlefield sites. Each man was awarded a plaque for a job well done.
- ◆ **December 7, 2007:** After four years as president, Rick Zarr was finally able to hand over the reins to someone else. Jan Rasmussen volunteered to assume the duties of president and give Rick a long overdue break. Rick, however, will remain on the board serving as secretary.
- ◆ **March 7, 2008:** Eric Girardi, at age 16, became the youngest presenter in the 46 year history of the round table when he spoke on the 69th New York State Volunteers of the Irish Brigade. Civil War author and historian, Peter Cozzens, who was 17 when he spoke to the round table, previously held that distinction.

- ◆ **June 20, 2008:** The 4th Marilyn Steele Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to a 20-yr veteran of Salt Creek, Roger E. Bohn, at the annual dinner banquet. Roger joined the round table in 1988 and has continued to be an active member. He became a board member in 1989. Roger was vice president in 1993 and when President Jim Soens became ill he took over the presidency in the middle of that year. He then served as president in '94 and '95. He has been making the speaker's plaques since 1991 taking over from Herman DeBoer. Along with participating in numerous panel discussions, he has given at least 7 formal presentations; many on his favorite subject the Civil War Navy. He has initiated several fund raising projects for battlefield preservation, in addition to, arranging banquets, procuring speakers and providing marketing ideas to promote the round table. In general, Roger has been the "Behind the Scenes Go-To-Guy" that gets things done.
- ◆ **December 23, 2008: The Vacant Chair,** Former president, Jim Soens, passed away after a long illness. He was president in 1993. During his membership, he had made numerous presentations to the round table and was an active member with the 1st Michigan Engineers and Taylor's Battery. A donation was presented to the CWPT in his honor. A memorial service was held at the Elmhurst Cemetery on July 19, 2009.
- ◆ **January 15, 2010:** After meeting for 31 years on the 1st Friday of the month, the meeting was moved to the 3rd Friday. Originally the round table met on the last Friday of the month. In November of 1966 the meeting changed to the 3rd Friday and in December of 1979 it was moved to the first Friday of the month.
- ◆ **June 18, 2010:** The 5th Marilyn Steele Service Award was presented (in absentia) to a 21-yr veteran of Salt Creek, Cindy Intravartolo, at the annual dinner banquet. Cindy joined the round table in 1988 and has continued to be an active member. She became a board member in 1995, secretary in 1996 and president in 1997. Following her presidency she became the round table's first historian maintaining the newsletter collection, as well as, creating and maintaining the round table's scrapbooks of activities. She felt much honored to become the 5th recipient of the award stating, "To be among the group of such outstanding individuals such as Marilyn Steele, Joyce Clark, Don Sikorski and Roger Bohn is indeed a humbling experience".
- ◆ **November 12, 2010:** Vice-president, Robert I. Girardi, was awarded the prestigious Nevins-Freeman Award at the 695th regular meeting of The Civil War Round Table of Chicago.
- ◆ **June 17, 2011:** The 6th Marilyn Steele Service Award was presented to the current president, Jan Rasmussen. Jan joined the round table in 1991 and has continued to be an active member. She became secretary in 1995 and served in that position until 2008 when she graciously volunteered to be president. She's been the "Official Schlepper" of the Salt Creek inventory transporting it to meetings and Civil War shows. Her dedication to the round table is outstanding and equal to the "last full measure" of her Minnesotans at Plum Run on that fateful day in Gettysburg, July 1863.
- ◆ **September 20, 2011: The Vacant Chair,** Current Vice-President, Rick Benson, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. He was a valuable member and great friend of the Salt

Creek CWRT. He contributed to the newsletter by writing the summary of the speaker's program. In addition, Rick was a frequent presenter of Andersonville commandant, Capt. Henry Wirz. Besides his local performances, his presentation has been given at the Andersonville National Historic site for the National Park Service. His passion and enthusiasm will be greatly missed. A donation was made to Camp Douglas, Chicago, IL, in his memory.

- ◆ **December 30, 2011: The Vacant Chair**, Charter member, N. P. "Bob" Luginbill passed away at age 94. He was the first Vice Chairman of the round table when it was organized in 1962. He also served as the 4th president in 1965-66. He contributed several presentations to the round table and was a long time resident of Glen Ellyn. A donation was made to the CWT for Appomattox, Sailor's Creek and Kelly's Ford in his memory.
- ◆ **June 15, 2012: 50th Anniversary!!** Edwin C. Bearss spoke at the Annual Banquet on "Personal Milestones along the Way: 50-Years of Civil War Round Tables". A donation was made to the CWT for Shiloh in his honor for his presentation.
- ◆ **June 17, 2012: The Vacant Chair**, Longtime member, Mary Lord passed away at age 83. Mary was the driving force getting our meetings into Oak Trace and served at liaison between the Oak Trace management and the round table. She hosted the monthly meetings by setting up the coffee and refreshments. She was a strong supporter of the round table for many years and she will be missed by the membership. A donation was made to the Belle Boyd House in her memory.
- ◆ **November 12, 2013: Huzzah!** To Will Hunter for putting the round table on **Facebook!**
- ◆ **July 3, 2014: The Vacant Chair.** Member Doug Ward passed away suddenly after a short illness. Ward Plaza was dedicated in July at the location of the historic Stacy's Corner in Glen Ellyn in recognition of the many years that Doug and his wife Ruthann put forth to make this lovely new north gateway to Glen Ellyn a reality. Our condolences go out to his family. He will be greatly missed at our meetings.
- ◆ **August 16, 2014: The Vacant Chair.** Longtime member Jerry Feinstein passed away after a long illness. Jerry will be remembered for organizing the annual Veteran's Day Memorial service at Rosehill Cemetery. His dedication to that event never wavered even when he wasn't feeling well. He organized three Chicago Cemetery tours for the round table and for many years ran the auction along with Dan McCarthy for Salt Creek raising thousands of dollars for battlefield preservation. He was a reenactor in the First Michigan Engineers and a mentor to new recruits. In 2009 he was presented with a special plaque and pin from the Chicago Light Artillery for his outstanding service to the organization and the reenacting community in general. Sadly, Jerry's wife, Joann, passed away on August 22, 2014. Our condolences go out to his family. He will be greatly missed at our meetings. A donation was made to the Civil War Trust for their Gettysburg project in memory of Jerry and Joann, as well as, a donation to the Rosehill Cemetery Veteran's Day program in Jerry's memory.

- ◆ **October 11, 2014: The Vacant Chair.** Member William Sell passed away. He was a resident at Oak Trace and enjoyed attending the Salt Creek meetings very much. Our condolences go out to his family. He will be missed at our meetings.

Other Facts and Trivia

- ◆ Our FOUNDER and 1st secretary, Marilyn Steele, wrote an article, "The Amazing Ordeal of Private Joe Sherman", published in the first issue of Civil War Times Illustrated.
- ◆ Meetings were initially held on the last Friday of the month, then in November 1966 it was decided to meet on the 3rd Friday and in December 1979 the meeting was changed to the first Friday of the month.
- ◆ Don Sikorski a life-long admirer of Robert E. Lee participated in his first debate defending Lee as the war's greatest general at the December 1965 meeting. Harold Thornburg, his opponent, defended General Ulysses S. Grant.
- ◆ In the early years of Salt Creek, the February meeting was devoted to some aspect concerning Abraham Lincoln.
- ◆ Memorabilia Night was once called Relics Night.
- ◆ There were several years in which there was either no December or January meeting.
- ◆ In 1994 past president, Herman DeBoer, became the first and only lifetime member of Salt Creek.
- ◆ Beginning October 1995, the format of the meeting was changed to a "Show and Tell" session at 7:30 PM followed by the program speaker at 8 PM. This eliminated the Annual Memorabilia Night in December. In December 1997 Memorabilia Night was again coupled with the auction. In 2006 the auction was moved to the November meeting. Since 2008 the December meeting has been limited to "Show & Tell" Memorabilia/ Election night.
- ◆ Rob Girardi, Newsletter Editor, put out his 100th newsletter with the September 2001 issue. That's a lot of envelopes to stuff and lick!
- ◆ In 2007 treasurer Bill Hupp resigned after 13 years of dedicated service. The round table presented him with a plaque in appreciation for all of his years of service.
- ◆ January 20, 2012: For the first time since January 1979 the round table meeting was canceled due to a snow storm.

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