

My Fellow Roundtable Members: We do not have a meeting in December. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7 pm at La Navona, 154 North Hamilton Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. I will provide detail regarding that meeting in my January Newsletter, but it will be our annual debate among members. The topic is going to be "The Changing Historical Perspective on George McClellan." Please come to the meeting ready to listen to some of the recent reappraisal's of Little Mac's generalship and to argue whether these perspectives have any validity. I think it will be a terrific discussion.

In addition, the January Newsletter will include Tom Ayres summary of the November meeting, when Ted Savas discussed LeRoy Grisham and his extraordinary diary.

Here is our Treasurer's Report from Dave Delisio:

#### Treasurer's Report for November 2018

Beginning checking account balance 11/1/2018 = \$1943.93

November receipts = \$58.00 from book raffle

November expenses = \$363.00 (\$303.00 to Theodore Savas for speaker fee; \$60.00 to Mike Peters for speaker travel expenses)

Ending checking account balance 11/30/2018 = \$1638.93

January will mark the beginning of our new Civil War Roundtable year, so that means that Dave and I will begin collecting dues again. As I have said before, your officers intend to keep dues low as long as we get full participation in the book raffle. We have NOT been getting full participation in the book raffle for several months. I know that many of you probably are saying "Well, I don't need any more books" or "I don't want any of the books offered" but I would say that you are missing the point. The Raffle is designed to have members provide the Roundtable with an alternate funding source. If the members donate \$50/month, I will match that amount, and the Roundtable will raise \$1,100 during the year. This amount will pay for approximately four out-of-town speakers per year. If we do not get full participation in the Raffle, your officers are going to be forced to raise dues (and you will lose out on my matching dollars). Therefore, I am asking everyone to buy at least one raffle ticket each meeting.

Speaking on a new Roundtable year, please let me know if anyone is interested as serving as an officer. I would love to get a newsletter editor, and a tour coordinator. In addition, if anyone wants to serve as Treasurer or Secretary, please let me know (as I am sure Dave or Tom would welcome the break). Of course, if anyone wants to be President, please let me know and I will graciously yield the gavel.

If you are looking to make some year-end charitable contributions, there are many worthwhile activities occurring on the Preservation Front. I would particularly recommend the acquisition of land from the Lutheran Theological Seminary that contains critical Day One battle ground at Gettysburg.

Your officers wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members.

James G. Ryan

President Central Ohio Civil War Roundtable