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President's Corner

A friend posted on Facebook: "I've realized I'm entering a new chapter of my life. The saying "life is fleeting" is really hitting home for the first time. In other words; I don't want our parents to get any older, I don't want my sweet 8-year-old daughter to become a teenager, I don't want my cuddly 3-year-old to get tired of cuddling, I don't want my white-faced dog to age **anymore, and I would be happy to stay at this ripe ol' age of 38.** And although I realize that I cannot stop time and I look forward to the future, I still want to just breathe it all in and hold on to this moment of time **forever".** **Fall seems to bring these feelings and I encourage you all to breathe it in and include Clifton in the cuddling.** The CBA can be part of your family and it will not go off to college but may give your kids a scholarship! Our town does age but is very energetic for a 111 year old. Volunteer and we can add many chapters to your book of life. michellestein@cox.net or 703-989-4376.

Michelle Stein is the President of the Clifton Betterment Association (CBA)

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

Sept 14	Haunted Trail Committee Party
Sept 15	Kidfest—Cancelled
Oct 13	Clifton Day www.cliftonday.com
19	Barn Dance
26	Haunted Trail www.cliftonhauntedtrail.com
Dec 7	Christmas Tree Lighting, Horse Parade, Home Tour



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Free. Beer.

At a *party* hosted by the Haunted Trail Committee. Saturday Sept. 14th. 6:00.

The Barn. Pot Luck. There *may* be talk of the trail, an opportunity for

input, *SCOOP* on last year's event, *recognition* of some fine folks' work.

Any and all welcome!

The Clifton **Haunted Trail** will occur on
SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH.

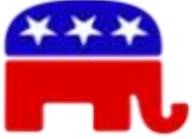
For information, go to- <http://cliftonhauntedtrail.com/>

or contact **Jeff Harper** at 703 988-0889

To volunteer, go to- <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/clifton2>



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Republican Women of Clifton kicks off fall program with two hot topics sure to spark discussion: Defunding Obamacare and the importance of Constitutional governance

CLIFTON, VA, August 26, 2013 – The Republican Women of Clifton (RWC) will kick off its fall program with two highly regarded speakers, **Genevieve Wood, vice president of the Heritage Foundation, whose topic is “Obamacare: Unfair, Unaffordable, Unworkable”**, and Dr. David Bobb, director of The Kirby Center, who will talk about the importance of Constitutional governance. The event will be on Wednesday, September 18, at the Fairview Elementary School, 5815 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, and the social hour will begin at 7:00 p.m. when refreshments will be served. President Alice Butler-Short will open the business meeting at 7:30 p.m., after which Wood and Bobb will present their topics and answer questions.

“We are delighted to kick off our fall meetings with a double program featuring outstanding speakers who will discuss subjects certain to spark the interest of all who attend,” said Butler-Short.

Genevieve Wood, vice president of the Heritage Foundation, develops and executes strategies to promote **The Heritage Foundation’s policy solutions for advancing free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense.** Since 2011, Wood and her creative team have introduced audiences and organizations to [Saving the American Dream](#), **Heritage’s detailed plan to solve the national debt crisis, simplify taxes, redesign entitlement programs and make health care affordable.** She also oversaw [Leadership for America](#), **the think tank’s program to advance 10 initiatives addressing key domestic, economic, legal and foreign policy challenges.**



David J. Bobb, director of the Kirby Center, is lecturer in politics at Hillsdale College and from 2001 through **2010 served as founding director of Hillsdale’s Charles R. and Kathleen K. Hoogland Center for Teacher Excellence**, a national civic education program launched in 2001. He earned his B.A., summa cum laude, from Hillsdale College, and his Ph.D. in political science from Boston College. Dr. Bobb is the author of several white papers published by the Boston-based Pioneer Institute, where he served as a research associate, and has also published articles in the *Boston Herald*, *The Washington Times*, *The American Spectator*, *Modern Age*, *Perspectives on Political Science*, and the *Claremont Review of Books*. He is the author of *Humility: An Unlikely Biography of America’s Greatest Virtue* (forthcoming Nov. 5 from Thomas Nelson).

Attendance is open to RWC members and their guests, associate members, members of other Republican Women’s Clubs and all women interested in becoming members.

About Republican Women of Clifton

The Republican Women of Clifton (RWC) is named after the Town of Clifton, the first town in Fairfax County and one of only three **towns in the burgeoning suburban county. The RWC is the fastest growing Republican Women’s club in Northern Virginia and is** comprised of conservative women from Clifton, Centreville, Fairfax Station, Fairfax, Lorton, and surrounding areas. Formed in the fall of 2006 and welcomed with much support, the RWC has grown exponentially in a few short years. The club holds monthly meetings with interesting speakers, participates in elections, and holds special events. For more information, please visit www.cliftongop.com.

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Democratic Women of Clifton and Northern Virginia (DWCNV)



Democratic Women's Group remains active during summer months

Although the DWCNV does not hold general membership meetings during the summer months, members, family, and friends marched in the Clifton 4th of July Parade for Democratic candidates.



Following the parade, the DWCNV and guests Senator George Barker and Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Sharon Bulova, friends, and family members gathered with the assembly called by Mayor Holloway. DWCNV member Barbara Tuset led the singing of the national anthem.

Throughout the summer, members have been kept apprised of campaign volunteer opportunities and events through DWCNV campaign alerts.

Below, DWCNV members prepare to make calls on behalf of Democratic candidates. Pictured from left are Bobbie Wozney, Chris Randon, Jackie Gladstone, and Debbie Nagy.

On August 11, DWCNV members took a break from campaign-related activities, gathering at the Fairfax Station home of member Barbara Tuset for a relaxing afternoon pool party.

The DWCNV's next general membership meeting will be held on Sunday, September 15, from 3 - 5 p.m., and will feature special guest speaker, Eleanor Clift, a contributor to *Newsweek* and *The Daily Beast*, author, and a member of *The McLaughlin Group*, a weekly public affairs television program. Ms. Clift will discuss the role of women in politics.

Another general membership meeting will be held on October 6 and will focus on the statewide election in November. The general membership will **also meet in November to work on the DWCNV's annual holiday projects** benefitting area children and families in need. All Democratic women in Northern Virginia are warmly invited to become members of this active and friendly organization. Meetings are held on Sundays from 3 - 5 p.m. in the Clifton Community Hall. For more information, write cliftonwomendems@aol.com or visit the DWCNV website at www.democraticwomenofclifton.org





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Jennifer Heilmann, Proprietor

Anticipated Opening November 2013

New shop in Clifton, "Hydrangea of Clifton" (Home & Gift Boutique) expected to open in November 2013. Jennifer Heilmann, formerly of Baskets & Boughs fame, and her husband Mike have completed the renovation of their house at 12704 Chapel Road. Many have watched the progress during the last year. They have created a cozy residence for themselves and carved out a little extra space in front for a small boutique. Although it will not be as spacious as the former shop, it will not disappoint. Jennifer will make use of every inch to delight customers with unique gifts and wonderful home accents.

You can contact Jennifer to be included in her email announcement list by sending your email to hydrangeaofclifton@gmail.com

Historic Clifton

In December, 1963, a Civil War battle known as “Hot Little Fight” occurred less than a mile outside what is now the Town of Clifton and was then referred to as “Sangster’s Station.” Forty years later, in 1903, one of the surviving Union officers, John McAnally petitioned the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to erect a monument in honor of those wounded or killed in this battle. At that time, many Civil War soldiers were nearing the end of their lives and wished to reflect upon the awful horrors of that time, with a degree of respect and reconciliation.

Installed on the grounds of the Clifton Alms House in 1904, the monument was named “Tears and Love”. Later in the year, a marker was installed that reflected the words of Lieutenant J.H. Daughtery, Company B, Virginia General Cavalry, “their Glory still lives while the years roll away.” In fact, famed Confederate Cavalry Battalion John Singleton Mosby sought reunification and peace throughout the United States, as he supported President Ulysses S. Grant to the dismay of many of his former Partisan Rangers. Unfortunately, sometime in the early 1960’s the monument was vandalized and later removed.

Against dire circumstances, local Union troops earned a valiant victory. Enjoy the description of the battle below, as we honor – some 150 years later – this “Hot Little Fight”. Please note there will be a marker unveiling and possible re-enactment later on this year – most likely the first two weeks of December 2013 here in the Town of Clifton. Enjoy more of the unique history of the Town of Clifton - and why preserving our heritage is so important!

Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Fairfax County History Commission

The Battle of Sangster Station – December 17, 1863

(for further information, please see pages 27 – 32 in the “Clifton” book, Arcadia Publishers, Lynne Garvey-Hodge, author.)



The “Tears and Love” monument c. 1958 before it was vandalized and later removed. It was erected near the Fairfax County Poor House in 1904 & located outside of Clifton. This picture is c. 1959 and shows the lone marker in a field outside of Clifton with the brother of local historian Lee Hubbard, Bob Hubbard.

(Photo courtesy Lee Hubbard)



The “Tears and Love” monument reflecting the Confederate and Union losses at the December 17, 1863 Battle of Sangster Station.
(Photos, Courtesy Lee Hubbard)

The battle was significant as more than 62 Union Soldiers faced approximately 700-800 Confederate Cavalry. The monument indicates the Confederates lost two soldiers from Brigade Commander Brigadier General Thomas Rosser’s “Laurel” Brigade, Company B of the 7th, 11th, 12th Virginia Cavalry and the 35th Battalion “Comanche’s”, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Elijah White (Total: some 700 – 800 troops). The Union Company I, 155th, New York, two companies of which were guarding sections of the O&A Railroad: an Irish company out of Buffalo, New York, covering some 10 miles of road from Company K at Accotink Bridge (now part of Lake Accotink Park), Company A at Burke Station and Company I, Sangster Station. The regiments were commanded by Brigadier General Michael Corcoran who Commanded the 155th, 164th, 170th and 182nd New York Volunteer Infantry Regiments. He took the place of Brig. General Rufus King in November 1863. The Division Headquarters was located at the Fairfax Courthouse. Major General C. C. Augur took over on the 19th of October, 1863, The 22nd Corps, Department of Washington. Corcoran was moved from Brigade Commander to Division Commander in early November, 1863. He brought his wife to the Courthouse in mid-December so they could be together during the holidays. He also, then, allowed other officers under his command to have their wives join them. There were three Gilbert sisters from Buffalo, New York who were married to officers of Company I and who joined their husbands at the Poor House when the raid occurred. They were robbed and stripped of their jewelry by Confederate Cavalrymen.

There was a telegraph line from Sangster Station to The Fairfax Courthouse, unfortunately, the telegrapher at Fairfax Courthouse during the evening of December 17th, became drunk and was unable to receive warning information from Sangster Station of the battle. Rosser was directed to move his Brigade out of the Shenandoah Valley to run out several Union Cavalry Regiments who were moving toward Staunton, VA on December 16, 1863. His troops crossed the Rappahannock and much later the Occoquan, at Wolf Run Shoals to close in on Sangster Station during the day on December 17, 1863, having lost 3 men during the crossing.

Captain John McAnally, of Company I of the 155th New York in defending Sangster Station suffered four wounded, nine captured and eight died as prisoners of war (other experts believe the Confederate losses in this engagement were greater than indicated on the monument). Their resistance was broken during a fierce fight which ensued at 6:00pm in incredibly inclement weather – blinding and freezing rain, thunder and lightning. Information finally hit The Fairfax Division Headquarters two and a half hours later! Soldiers from Company I reported that they buried four Confederate Cavalry men the following day. The soldiers were buried at the scene of the engagement and a member of Company I, Mike Casey, officiated at the funeral service. One of the soldiers was David Van Meter who was found the following morning by the Gilbert sisters.

He passed away that morning. Rosser later claimed to have captured the colors of the 164th New York and a bugle (actually he had *found* the colors in a box and a bugle left at the Poorhouse) at the Sangster Station battle. However, no one of the 164th New York was present at the Sangster Station engagement on December 17, 1863. Rosser & his troops were barely able to escape out of the area and onto the Shenandoah Valley after the battle ended.

A surviving officer of this battle, John McAnally petitioned the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on July 4, 1903, from Buffalo, New York. The petition was recorded in the August, 1903 Board of Supervisor's minutes as follows: (Document: *Courtesy, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Archives, Virginia Room*)

"Gentlemen,

I respectfully ask permission from Your Honorable Board to erect a monument on the grounds of the Alms House at Clifton in Fairfax County.

Clifton was formerly known as Sangster's Station, and was so known when my Company was engaged with General Thomas Rosser's Brigade of Cavalry, on December the 17th, 1863.

I beg to state in connection with my request, as above, that I have had some correspondence with Superintendent Ford, and if your Honorable Board could arrange a conference with Mr. Ford regarding the subject matter herein, I am sure that he could furnish gladly some very valuable information. When I wrote to Superintendent Ford requesting as to whom to apply for permission to erect the Monument, he informed me that he well remembered me, and refreshed my memory very pleasantly with some reminiscences that occurred during the time our camp was pitched at Sangster's Station, and referred me to Your Honorable Board for the necessary permission.

If I can success in my object, i.e., the obtainment of your very kind permission to erect this Monument, I will be highly honored and will be glad to meet your Honorable Board at its Dedication. Also would I be especially honored if I could meet at its Dedication, some of the members of the Brave and Gallant SEVENTEENTH VIRGINIA, with whom my Company had a sharp encounter at the siege of Suffolk on the morning of April 15, 1863. The members of the 17th Virginia were raised mostly in Fairfax County and I would esteem it a priceless privilege and great honor to greet them at the Dedicatory ceremonies.

Should Your Honorable Board grant my request, I will be pleased to submit for your approval, the details of the design and other information about the proposed Monument that Your Honorable Board may desire.

I beg to subscribe yourself,

Very Sincerely Yours,

John McAnally,

Late Captain, Company I,

155th New York Volunteers American Infantry Legion, No. 437 Breckenridge Street

Buffalo, New York"



John Singleton Mosby and his men (Photo courtesy of Don Hakenson and David Goetz)



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LABOR DAY CAR SHOW



(Photos courtesy of Ann O'Dea)



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Proceeds from the Labor Day Car Show go 100% to charity. Above are some of the children that benefit from the event.

(Photo courtesy of Jim Chesley)

CHILI COOK OFF

And the winner is...

CLIFTON'S OWN FIRE STATION 416!



(Photos courtesy of Michelle Stein)

A Word from The Historic Preservation Committee

As many of you may know, we successfully saved, moved and restored one of the oldest school houses in Fairfax County, this past year. It now has a permanent home at Liberty Middle School, just a short distance from its original location. Very soon 1st and 4th Grade students will have the opportunity to experience a day at school in the late 1800's, in a "One Room School House" on a field trip to Crouch School. To learn more about this project or to donate go to savecrouchool.org



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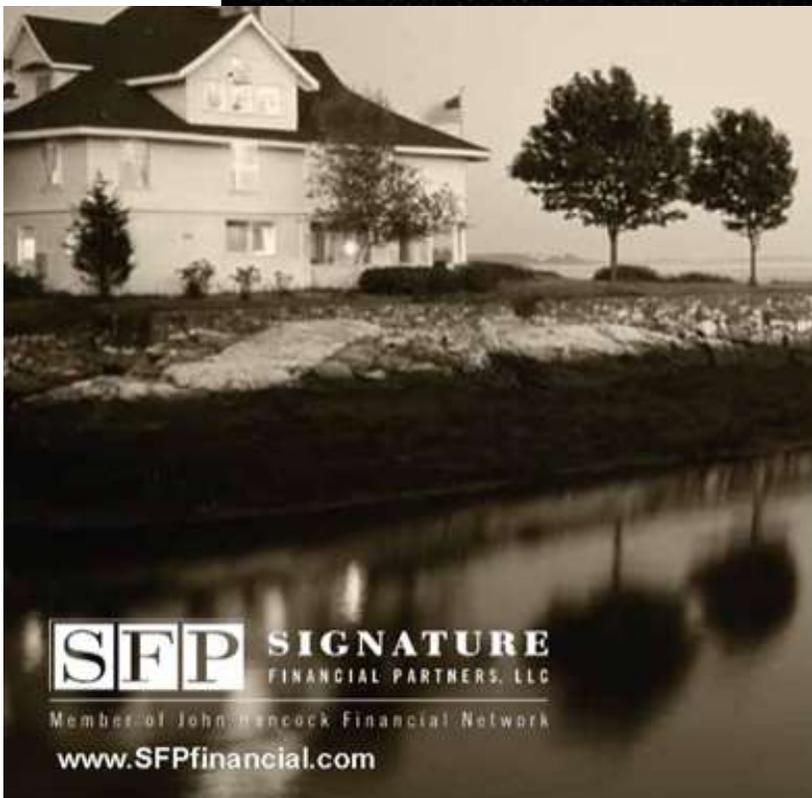


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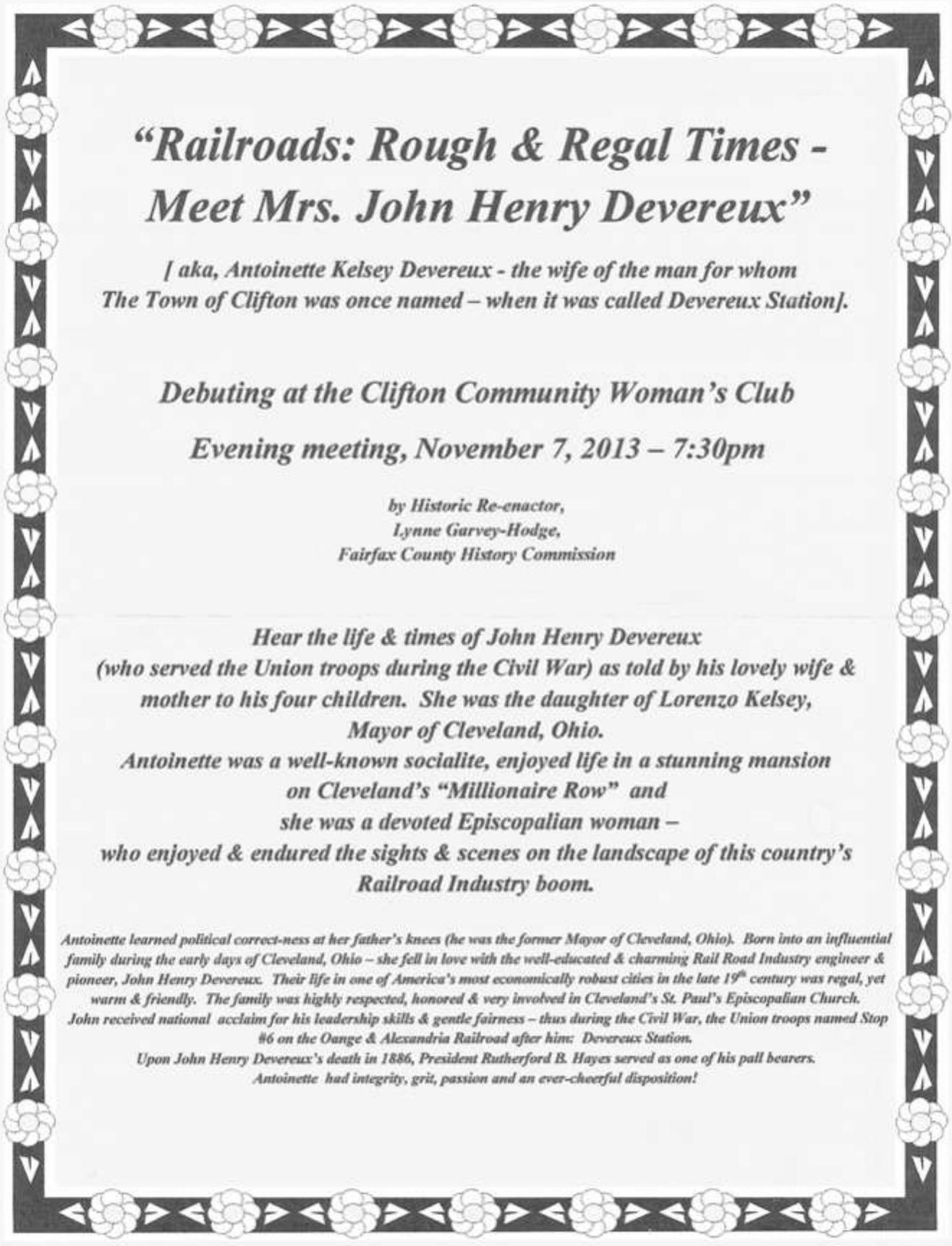
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“Railroads: Rough & Regal Times - Meet Mrs. John Henry Devereux”

*[aka, Antoinette Kelsey Devereux - the wife of the man for whom
The Town of Clifton was once named – when it was called Devereux Station].*

Debuting at the Clifton Community Woman’s Club

Evening meeting, November 7, 2013 – 7:30pm

*by Historic Re-enactor,
Lynne Garvey-Hodge,
Fairfax County History Commission*

*Hear the life & times of John Henry Devereux
(who served the Union troops during the Civil War) as told by his lovely wife &
mother to his four children. She was the daughter of Lorenzo Kelsey,
Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio.*

*Antoinette was a well-known socialite, enjoyed life in a stunning mansion
on Cleveland’s “Millionaire Row” and
she was a devoted Episcopalian woman –
who enjoyed & endured the sights & scenes on the landscape of this country’s
Railroad Industry boom.*

*Antoinette learned political correctness at her father’s knees (he was the former Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio). Born into an influential
family during the early days of Cleveland, Ohio – she fell in love with the well-educated & charming Rail Road Industry engineer &
pioneer, John Henry Devereux. Their life in one of America’s most economically robust cities in the late 19th century was regal, yet
warm & friendly. The family was highly respected, honored & very involved in Cleveland’s St. Paul’s Episcopalian Church.
John received national acclaim for his leadership skills & gentle fairness – thus during the Civil War, the Union troops named Stop
#6 on the Orange & Alexandria Railroad after him: Devereux Station.*

*Upon John Henry Devereux’s death in 1886, President Rutherford B. Hayes served as one of his pall bearers.
Antoinette had integrity, grit, passion and an ever-cheerful disposition!*



Clifton Betterment Association, P.O.Box 94, Clifton, VA 20124
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Contact Gary Anderson, Membership, (ganderson66@verizon.net), if you have questions.
 Mail form and check, made out to CBA, to:
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