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Welcome Back!

The New Year is here and it's time to start thinking about what we're going to do to be better history teachers in 2005. Here's what's coming up so you can make plans.

Graduate courses

DR Charles Johnson's course on the Gilded Age-HIST 7102- will be given for the last time starting JAN 22. Now that everyone has had a shot at the Gilded Age, his next class for Fall, 2005 will be HIST 7103, the Progressive Era. That class will be presented for the members of the Coastal Plains cohort in Valdosta but that doesn't preclude other members from attending if this will fit into your schedule. Remember, this class offers 3 hours graduate credit from VSU. If you take 7102 and 7103, you've met the new requirements for re-certification effective JAN, 2006.



Spring Trip

The SW GA cohort will be headed to Pittsburgh APR 21-24th for the annual convention of the National Council of History Educators (NCHE). You'll notice that you've been getting NCHE

information and that's because you are all now members of NCHE! The keynote speaker in



Pittsburgh is David McCullough and our own Jim Hall of Thomas County Central will present a paper on The History of Conscription in the US.

Summer Trip

Planning is underway now for our summer bus trip. Dates for this trip will be June 26th to June 30th. We will be back in time for the July 4th weekend and hopefully this will fit into everyone's schedules. The format of this trip will be somewhat different than the previous trip. We will have guest lecturers each day and each day will have a different topic. Day 1 in Savannah will be architectural history, Day 2 in Charleston will be religious

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history, Day 3 on the SC coast will be the rice plantation and Gullah cultures and Day 4 in Augusta will be the Industrial Revolution. And of course, in the evenings you'll be free to walk around those downtown areas where we'll be staying. Make plans to attend now, it don't get no better than this!

A New Grant

As you know, SGHP will only run for a 3 year period, although we anticipate a 1 year extension being granted that will take us out to Fall, 2006. As of this writing, Dr Walsh and I are pushing ahead with plans to write another grant which will be similar to SGHP. We anticipate submission about May 1st and if we get the grant, it will start OCT 1st, 2005. SGHP will continue its program and when it goes away in SEP 2006, members may transition to the new grant if they choose to do so.

Dr Walsh

has also announced that he will be leaving VSU at the end of this school year to



go back into the classroom. This will not affect SGHP, other than greatly missing his expertise and guidance, and will give some lucky high school a very good econ and geography teacher, that school to be determined.

From the AP, JAN 10th

WASHINGTON - Civil War buffs are getting access to a treasure trove of information — thousands of original maps and diagrams of battles and campaigns between 1861 and 1865, all posted on the Internet.

The Library of Congress is posting 2,240 maps and charts and 76 atlases and sketchbooks, while The Virginia Historical Society and the Library of Virginia are adding about 600 items. Much of the collection is online now; the rest will be by the spring. Go to: http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/collections/civil_war_maps/