

## *Look what the Lafayette Society was up to in 2018!*



Dr. Lloyd Kramer from UNC-Chapel Hill made a presentation on Lafayette and the Polish Revolution at Arias and Artifacts at Methodist University during the annual Lafayette Birthday Celebration. He is pictured here with Society secretary and Davis Memorial Library archives librarian Arleen Fields (center) and Dean Delmas Crisp (right). Delicious hors d'oeuvres included Polish sausage! After Dr. Kramer's talk, guests walked across the quad to enjoy a lively (and sold-out) performance of French music.

Jan Anderson and Linda McAlister pose with musical historian Simon Spalding at the luncheon social in March. Mr. Spalding gave a highly informative and entertaining performance of Revolutionary War music and music from the early 1800's using period instruments. He also led the audience in a rollicking sing-along of sea shanties.



The Amazing Thiriot Family performed during the French wine tasting at the annual Lafayette Birthday Celebration. Fayetteville's very own version of the von Trapp family, they will provide our musical entertainment at the Annual Luncheon Social on March 3.



The Lafayette cut-out was a big hit as a photo-op with young and old alike at "Camp Lafayette" at the Museum of the Cape Fear's celebration of Lafayette's birthday in September. Panels in the Lafayette Society's tent (in background) provided information about Lafayette and his visit to Fayetteville in 1825.

The Lafayette Society was represented by several of its members at the annual meeting of the American Friends of Lafayette in June in Annapolis, Maryland. Attendees stayed at the historic Maryland Inn, where the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War was signed by the American representatives in 1784. In addition to guided tours of many sites in our nation's first peacetime capital, there was also a sailing excursion on the Chesapeake Bay. Here, Lafayette Society members Dan McInnis and Ann Highsmith, who joined the AFL this year, chat with Al Cleghorn from Washington, DC.



The Lafayette Society partnered with the Chamber of Commerce in 2018 to purchase copies of *Lafayette: Lessons in Leadership from the Idealist General* for participants in the year-long Leadership Fayetteville course. Patrick Nobles (left) and Lir Berberi (right) are pictured here at the presentation with the Chamber's Director of Community Relations, Jenny Proctor.



The Lafayette Society and individual board members donated a total of \$1500 for the purchase of books on the Age of Revolution, Emancipation, and Civil Rights for a reserve collection at the Charles W. Chesnutt Library at Fayetteville State University for members of the Black History Scholars Association. Members of the club, FSU faculty, and Lafayette Society members are shown at the dedication on December 14.



Diane Shaw, curator of the Lafayette Collection at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, chats with members of the Fayetteville State Black History Scholars Association on February 27, prior to her talk on Lafayette, slavery, and human rights.

*There's plenty more to come in 2019- stay tuned!*