

IN FOCUS
Q3 2017

Date: September 24, 2017
Host: Claire Beverly

Topic One: Davenport House Museum
Length: 15 mins
Issue: Local History, Arts
Guest One: Jamie Credle, Executive Director, Davenport House Museum

Summary:

Lafayette in Savannah 1825! Celebrating the Nation's Guest

Describe the program

Who was Lafayette?

What made his visit so different? Experience the "animated gratitude" and "unaffected homage of republicanism" surrounding General Lafayette's visit to Savannah in 1825.

Do we get to see the whole house? Candlelit historic house

Can we ask questions? meeting characters living an event that "exceeded anything ever before witnessed in Savannah"

There will be a ball with a demonstration of early 19th century dancing!

The performance requires that guests be able to walk up and down stairs and maneuver in the candlelit rooms.

When: Friday and Saturday nights in October 2017 (October 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28) at 7:30 p.m.

Topic Two: Low Country Down Syndrome Society Buddy Walk
Length: 15 mins
Issue: Kids, Family, Health
Guest Two: Joe Marchese, Parent, Member, LDSS

Summary:

The Lowcountry Down Syndrome Society is a family support group to benefit people with Down syndrome and their families through local leadership, outreach, education and advocacy to champion and celebrate acceptance and inclusion. Our family support group is for anyone touched by Down syndrome in the greater Savannah/ Lowcountry area. Created in 2006, the LDSS reaches families in the eight surrounding counties. Meetings every fourth Tuesday of the month typically feature a guest speaker as well as social time for families to interact with one another. We encourage people to bring their children. The LDSS is an affiliate of the National Down Syndrome Society. We had our first Buddy Walk at Forsyth Park in downtown Savannah in October 2006. It was wonderfully successful, with nearly 1,600 people supporting Down syndrome awareness. Over 5,000 people attended our eleventh annual walk in 2016. Our twelfth Buddy Walk will be October 7th of 2017.