



Foundation Sponsors Historian Anthony Pitch

Historian Anthony S. Pitch is drawn to vivid stories. “They have to be epic, tragic, sad, but really of national importance,” he said. The burning of Washington and Lincoln’s assassination, two of his areas of research, meet those criteria.

Pitch spoke about Lincoln’s assassination before an audience of Williamsville South High School students Friday, November 18th. His presentation was also broadcast through live streaming to Clarence High School.

“It is the first time that we have ever done a live video stream to an out-of-district site,” said Rita Wolff, Williamsville Schools’ communication director. “It was really great to do that.”

Pitch said he knew he had captured his audience’s attention when the two boys chatting in the back row became silent as he started to discuss the graphic details of the assassination.

He spoke about the War of 1812 and Lincoln’s assassination during a free presentation in the Clarence Town Park Club House on Friday evening. During the

afternoon before the presentation, he said he was going to be sharing stories about huge events in American history.

“I can’t wait for the questions. When I talk to an audience that knows their stuff, even I learn,” he said.

His book is titled “‘They Have Killed Papa Dead!’ The Road to Ford’s Theatre, Abraham Lincoln’s Murder, and the Rage for Vengeance.” Pitch is also the author of “The Burning of Washington: The British Invasion of 1814.” He said he was learning more about the local War of 1812 connections during his visit to Buffalo and had been interested to see the British flag flying next to the American flag in the War of 1812 Cemetery on Aero Drive in Cheektowaga.

Pitch’s visit was co-sponsored by the Williamsville Education Foundation, the Clarence Historical Society and Bee Group Newspapers.

More information about Pitch is available at <http://www.dcsightseeing.com>

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