



# The Spiral

Newsletter of the Center for Lifelong Learning, University of South Carolina Aiken

NOVEMBER, 2021

## President's Message

Greetings. I am sure we are all well rested from our extra hour of sleep we had from the time change back to Standard time, but are surprised how early it gets dark. In a short time we will be back in the groove. The Center is finishing a very successful fall semester with 256 members enrolling in an average of 5 courses each.

Steve Gordy has done an excellent work in organizing and planning our fundraising Book Fair, scheduled for Saturday Nov 13 from 10 to 3 PM. There will be talks, panel discussions, and over 40 authors to meet. You will be able to complete (or get a good start) on your holiday shopping list at our Book Fair.

To all volunteers, we send an enthusiastic Well Done, for setting such a high standard during our first semester. To celebrate in a minor way there will be a volunteers appreciation meeting November 17 3-5 PM. Drinks and snacks will be provided. You will be able to meet our new volunteers, hear the results of the semester and be provided an overview of our Organization emphasizing volunteer opportunities.

Not all of you are aware that our organizations provides scholarships at UofSC Aiken to military veterans and to non traditional students. Harriet Haynes and I attended a reception where we were able to meet two of our military veterans. At the end of the program I felt our money was needed, appreciated and meaningful to each recipient.

Our volunteers are actively planning our Holiday Drop-in to be held on Thursday 2 December 2-4 PM in RM 116 of the B&E building. Plan on coming to celebrate the fall festivities with your fellow classmates and friends. There will be hot and cold Hors d'oeuvres with adult beverages. The event is free to members and \$15 for each guest. A short welcome and a semester status will be provided about 3 PM. Music will be provided by the **Savannah River Stringband**. You will be receiving an email invitation and a request to RSVP by 19 November. We hope you will be able to attend this event.

Our Spring Course catalog is being finalized to send to the printers. Well done to the Curriculum commit-

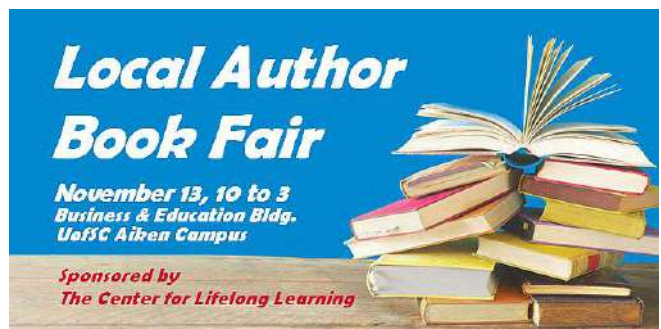
tees for putting together this Spring term that includes 37 General Interest and 24 Technology courses. We expect the catalog to be mailed in early December. Open House is scheduled for January 6 2022 9-11 am. You will get more details later. Our courses will nominally run from 24 January 2022 to 29 April 2022.

New Development: The Center staff and volunteers are working to set up a process whereby you may purchase Spring semester memberships in our organization as Christmas gifts. The gift would be for membership only. Watch our website [aikenlearning.org](http://aikenlearning.org) for more details.

Enjoy the Holidays, I look forward to seeing you at our events and again in January as we start our Spring semester.

**Wayne Rickman, Academy President**  
[pres@aikenlearning.org](mailto:pres@aikenlearning.org)

## Book Fair



We're now only a few days away from the Center's fundraising Book Fair, which will be held on Saturday, November 13, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The Fair will be held at the Business & Education Building. The exhibit hall will be in Room 200 (the second-floor gym), while the talks will be held in Room 122. The theme of the talks and panel discussions is "Books Can Build a Bridge." We are asking a \$ 5 voluntary contribution to support the Center's scholarship programs. All contributions will be eligible for a door prize in drawings held throughout the day. Refreshments will be provided.

Are you worried about how supply chain problems may impact your holiday gift buying this year? For those readers on your gift list, this is the perfect opportunity to avoid all those sticky order issues - there will be authors in a variety of genres selling their own work, complete with personalized inscriptions. So why not do something that will help yourself and help the Center at the same time?

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Holiday Drop-In Reception

The CLL Holiday Reception will be held December 2, 2:00 to 4:00 pm in B&E 116. USC Aiken will be sending invitations to all members in early November. The reception is included in your semester's membership so there is no charge for current Center for Lifelong Learning members, but **you must RSVP by November 19** to secure your place and enable us to arrange for the right amount of food and beverage. There will be a \$15 charge for non-member guests.

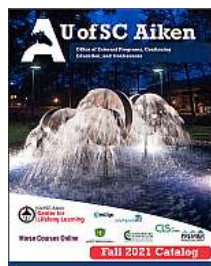


"General Pershing" and Robert Anzuoni  
Photo by Steve Gordy

## General Pershing Visits the Center

Last month we reported that instructor Robert Anzuoni brought in some surprise assistants to help teach his *World War I: The Great War* class. For the final class session he did it again, this time presenting General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing, in the form of Robert's friend Dave Coffman, who does Pershing impressions and gives talks on Pershing's career and history.

## Catalog Updates



The following changes for upcoming courses have occurred since the catalog was published. Please update your catalog copy accordingly.

- 10 STEPS TO A LONGER HEALTHIER LIFE (Nov 5) has been withdrawn.
- APPLE SIG (Nov 4) date change to Nov 5, room change to B&E 140.

## Upcoming Courses

Full course descriptions may be found:

- In the Course Listings on the Academy web page ([aikenlearning.org/courses.html](http://aikenlearning.org/courses.html))
- In the downloadable catalog ([aikenlearning.org/catalog.html](http://aikenlearning.org/catalog.html))

- In the printed catalog

To enroll, register online at [campscui.active.com/orgs/Universityof-SouthCarolinaAiken1?orglink=camps-registration%23/selectSessions/2951440#/selectSessions/](http://campscui.active.com/orgs/Universityof-SouthCarolinaAiken1?orglink=camps-registration%23/selectSessions/2951440#/selectSessions/), or return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact UofSC Aiken Department of Continuing Education (803-641-3563 / [info@aikenlearning.org](mailto:info@aikenlearning.org)).

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Do NOT attend these classes or events unless you have pre-registered AND have received written confirmation of your registration from UofSC Aiken.

## NOVEMBER

### FACEBOOK SECURITY

Date: Tuesday, November 2  
Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Location: Tech Center

### DISCOVERING HIDDEN BIODIVERSITY IN THE WORLD AROUND US: REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS

Date: Tuesday, November 2  
Time: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
Location: Business & Education Bldg.,124

### COMPUTER SECURITY AND PRIVACY

Date: Wednesday, November 3  
Time: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Location: Tech Center

### HISTORY IN HEADSTONES – THE 1919 WORLD SERIES SELL-OUT

Dates: 3 Wednesdays  
November 3, 10, 17  
Time: 1:15 – 2:45 p.m.  
Location: Business & Education Bldg.,124

### MEDITATIONS ON VIOLENCE: THREE BATTLES IN LITERATURE AND LIFE

Dates: 3 Thursdays  
November 4, 11, 18  
Time: 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.  
Location: Business & Education Bldg.,124

### PINTEREST

Date: Thursday, November 4  
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Location: Business and Education Bldg. 116

### ~~10 STEPS TO A LONGER HEALTHIER LIFE~~

~~Date: Friday, November 5~~ **Class Withdrawn**  
~~Time: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.~~  
~~Location: Business & Education Bldg.,124~~

**AIKEN COUNTY'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

Date: Tuesday, November 9

Time: 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Location: Business &amp; Education Bldg.,124

**APPLE TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG)**

(Drop in, no pre-registration needed)

Date: Thursday, November 5 *Date change*

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Business and Education Bldg. 140 *Room change***BOOK FAIR**

Date: Saturday, November 13

Time: 10:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Business &amp; Education Bldg.,134

**VENOMOUS SNAKE FAUNA OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

Date: Monday, November 15

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Location: Business &amp; Education Bldg.,124

**UNIVERSITY OF SC AIKEN NURSING SCHOOL STUDENTS  
PRESENT "PROMOTING QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR THE  
ELDERLY"**

Date: Monday, November 29

Time: 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Business &amp; Education Bldg.,124

**EARLY DECEMBER****HOLIDAY RECEPTION**

Date: Thursday, December 2

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: Business &amp; Education Bldg.,116

**The Center Takes To The Woods***Photo submitted by Steve Gordy*

.. Hitchcock Woods, that is. On October 15, Bennett Tucker of the Hitchcock Woods Foundation guided the *Caring for Aiken's Cornerstone: Hitchcock Woods* class on a walking tour of the Woods. Center members explored the various microhabitats and diverse topological features of the forest's longleaf pine ecosystem. Along the way they learned of the Foundation's efforts to protect and maintain this precious resource.

**September 3 Board Meeting**

[Note: The minutes were approved at the October 1 Board Meeting, too late for inclusion in the October issue of *The Spiral*.]

Present: President Wayne Rickman, Immediate Past President Harriet Haynes, Publicity Chair Jim Tisaranni, General Interest Curriculum Chair Steve Gordy, Spiral Editor Doug Wilson, Webmaster Jim Brown (by remote), Michael St. John, USCA Asst. Director of Ext. Programs.

Absent: Secretary Ellen Wood. Vice President David Tavernier, Technology Interest Committee Chair Raleigh Daniel,

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Wayne Rickman.

The minutes of the 8/6/21 Board meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michael St. John

- Registration fees have been added to general account.
- 255 students as of today. Registrants averaged about 5 classes per student.
- Partnership accounts are in good standing.
- Security Federal account needs to be verified by an authorized signatory. Harriet will do so.
- When changes to classes are made, email is sent to all of the students in the class. Changes are to be sent to the webmaster and to the Spiral editor at the same time.

**General Interest Curriculum Committee:** Steve Gordy

- Steve will give a talk to a civic group on November 8 to tell them about CLL.
- Committee discussed ways to increase number/variety of instructors for classes.
- Outreach to retirement home under consideration as public service.
- Paul Crook is now the faculty member to get notes out to faculty to see if any are interested in doing classes for CLL.
- Book fair has 40 authors signed up. Request will be made for Attendees to make a \$5 contribution. Refreshments are being considered.

**Technology Interest Committee Chair:** Raleigh Daniel

- No report

**Publicity Committee Report:** Jim Tisaranni

- Raleigh has monthly articles lined up for *Prime Living Magazine* thru the end of the year.
- Harriet continues to write CLL articles for the above magazine.
- Jim B. has the website completed and is keeping up with any changes made for the classes.
- Doug has issued the September issue of *The Spiral*. He is posting class changes, as well.

**OLD BUSINESS****Catalog Status:**

All information for inclusion in spring catalog is due to Michael by **October 15**.

**Verification of Benefits :** Michael St. John

- Most benefits still valid, even if member is younger than 60.
- The benefit of free audited classes will be removed from benefits list since it is not available to younger members.

**Approval of Bylaw VI members addition:**

- Board previously approved adding two additional voting members from the public at large. Donna Wesby was the first public member chosen and approved by board.

**NEW BUSINESS****Registration Open House proposals:** Harriet Haynes

- Committee chairs will need to provide written list of volunteers to office.
- A preprinted instruction sheet for registrants should be furnished to clarify instructions.
- Numbers should be used instead of sign-in sheet to call registrants to registration station when it's their turn.
- Other ideas will be solicited and compiled and used for next open house day.

**Changes to Policies and Procedures :**

- 1 A new Item 4 will be added to the Policies and Procedures and it will be called Center Course Policies.
- 2 Current Policies and Procedures Item 4 will become new Item 5. Under the new Item 5, a new committee will be added called Volunteer Committee. Nancy Hughes was selected as chair.
- 3 Current Policies and Procedures Item 5 will become new Item 6.
- 4 Current Policies and Procedures Item 6 will become new Item 7.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.

Regular Board meetings for the fall semester 2021 will be on the first Friday of each month, August through November, at 10:00 am in room 102.

**The next Board meeting will be Friday, October 1.**

**October 1 Board Meeting**

[Note: These minutes were approved at the November 5 Board Meeting]

Present: President Wayne Rickman, Immediate Past President Harriet Haynes, Vice President David Tavernier, Publicity Chair Jim Tisaranni, General Interest Curriculum Chair Steve Gordy, Technology Interest Committee Chair Raleigh Daniel,

Webmaster Jim Brown, USCA Asst. Director of Ext. Programs Michael St. John, Secretary Ellen Wood.

Absent: Spiral Editor Doug Wilson,

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Wayne Rickman.
- The minutes of the 9/3/21 Board meeting were approved.

Review of Semester Status: Wayne Rickman

- 255 people participating, total of 1283 classes; approximately 5 classes/member
- Class change notifications: must be timely and given right away to Jim B and Doug for posting. Need a structure to do this. Since Michael and Christi F. are the people in the office always involved with changes they will operate from a 'hit list' of procedures to follow. They will work this out with Jim B.
- Attendance: most people are showing up
- Minimal number of people report seeing TV ads
- Covid effects unknown at this point

**Treasurer's Report:** Michael St. John circulated the CLL report for October

**General Interest Curriculum Committee:** Steve Gordy

- Tentative spring curriculum includes 25 classes and 1 field trip
- Book fair has 48 authors confirmed. Volunteers are needed.

**Technology Interest Committee:** Raleigh Daniel

- "Merger has been good for McGrath" – tech course participation has increased
- Notes a shift in popular interest as evidenced in cancellation of Excel course and increased interest in laptop and iPad courses

**Publicity Committee Report:** Jim Tisaranni

- Need to compile information to determine where class participants are coming from
- Need to develop new source of participants; many ideas mentioned
- Suggestion to advertise in Woodside and other Property Owners Association magazines

**Review of Spring Catalogue Timeline**

- Rough draft due in office 10/18
- Final draft 11/1
- To printers 11/15
- Distribution first week December
- Open House 1/6/22
  - Discussion about advertising in catalogue: who would sell? size and cost of ads?

- Michael will compile this information and send out a package for the Board to consider.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Christmas Party:** Harriet and Wayne

- Harriet passed around a complete timeline
- Thursday 12/02, from 2-4 PM
- Decision to limit this as a special perk for members only; no spouses or friends
- Discussion of alcohol; decision to offer spiked and non-spiked punches. David will head the food and drink committee and work with Aramark.
- Chancellor and Provost to be invited as special guests

**Kauffman Luncheon/Volunteer of the Year**

- Harriet suggested Thursday, April 21, 2022; Board concurred
- Discussion of having more than one volunteer award. Harriet, Wayne and Raleigh will meet to work this out.
- Harriet and Wayne will meet with the Kaufman family to discuss possible additional award and other matters related to the luncheon.
- Note that luncheon is supported by an endowed fund given by the family in memory of Richard Kaufman who was a founder of the Lifelong Learning Academy.

**Logo:** Wayne asked if Board is satisfied. Consensus of 'yes'. Michael will present some "mild adjustments" to logo at a future meeting.

**Other Business:** Harriet reported that a local equestrian instructor has offered to teach 4 classes with 3 equestrian trips, making a total of 7 classes. The question is whether the instructor could be paid for additional classes beyond our limit of 4 to 6. It was noted and agreed that the payment would be capped at \$450, the maximum our policy has allowed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 am.

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**CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Regen. Gardening</i> 9-10:15a [B 124]	2 <i>Facebook Security</i> 9-11a [TC]  <i>Reptiles &amp; Amphib.</i> 10:30-11:30a [B 124]	3 <i>Golden Blocks Aug.</i> 9-10:15a [B 124]  <i>Computer Security</i> 9-11a [TC]  <i>World Series Sellout</i> 1:15-2:45p [B 124]  <i>EXCEL Advanced</i> 2-4p [TC]	4 <i>Meditations Violence</i> 1-2:15p [B 124]  <i>Pinterest</i> 2-4p [B 116]	5 <i>CLL Board</i> 10-11a [B 102]  <i>Apple SIG</i> 2-4p [B 140]	6
7	8 <i>Regen. Gardening</i> 9-10:15a [B 124]	9 <i>Aiken County 150<sup>th</sup></i> 10:30-11:45a [B 124]	10 <i>World Series Sellout</i> 1:15-2:45p [B 124]	11 <i>Meditations Violence</i> 1-2:15p [B 124]	12	13 <i>Book Fair</i> 10a-3p [B 134]
14	15	16	17 <i>World Series Sellout</i> 1:15-2:45p [B 124]  <i>Symphony Season</i> 3-4p [B 122]	18 <i>Meditations Violence</i> 1-2:15p [B 124]	19	20
21	22	23	24	25  <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	26	27
28	29 <i>Nursing Presentat'ns</i> 2-5p [B 124]	30				

**CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING CALENDAR – EARLY DECEMBER 2021**

			1	2 <i>Holiday Reception</i> 2-4p [B 116]	3	4
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[Location Codes @ UofSC Aiken]

B = Bus & Educ Bldg

TC = Computer Tech Center