



# The Spiral

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**SPECIAL KAUFFMAN REMEMBRANCE ISSUE**



## Kauffman Remembrance Day Luncheon

The Center for Lifelong Learning is continuing Kauffman Remembrance Day, a tradition begun by the Academy for Lifelong Learning, one of the Center's predecessor organizations. Its purpose is to honor the memory of Dr. Earl F. Kauffman, one of the individuals most responsible for the 1989 creation of the Academy and the bringing of senior education to Aiken area. The 2022 Kauffman Remembrance luncheon was held April 21 in the lobby the Etheredge Center at USC Aiken. Aiken Mayor Rick Osbon gave the invocation.



Center President Wayne Rickman emceed the event and reported on this first year of operation after the successful merging of the Academy for Lifelong Learning and McGrath Computer Learning Center organizations into the combined Center for Lifelong Learning.

USC Aiken Chancellor Dr. Daniel J. Heimmermann was the keynote speaker. He shared his views on the University's place in the Aiken community and its plans to better meet the needs of the community and become a bigger and more vital part of the community in the future.



## Kauffman Award Presentations

Part of the Kauffman Remembrance Day observation is the presentation of the Kauffman Award to an individual or group that has made significant contributions to the organization. This annual award was begun in 1992, just three years after the Academy for Lifelong Learning was organized in 1989. Past Academy President Harriet Haynes presented the awards at this year's luncheon.



## Vicki Collins named 2020 Kauffman Award Recipient

[Note: Due to Covid concerns, no Kauffman luncheons were held in 2020 or 2021, so this presentation was made in 2022.]

Vicki Collins is the third USC Aiken instructor to receive this award since it was instituted in 1992.

Born in North Carolina and reared in East Tennessee, Vicki Joan Collins earned her B.S. at East Tennessee State University and an M.A. at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati. As a lifetime educator, she taught at various secondary schools, colleges and universities throughout the southeast during her career. She joined the faculty of University of South Carolina Aiken in 1989, where she held a Professorship in English.

Vicki was a writer most of her life. Her poetry and prose has appeared in many literary publications. Her book *The Silent Appalachian: Wordless Mountaineers in Fiction, Film, and Television* was published by McFarland & Company. Vicki became an active member of the Augusta Poetry Society, the Aiken County Library Board and various author/writer groups in the southeast.



She was the Director of USC Aiken's Writing Room and received numerous awards including the 2015 University Service Award, the 2016 Excellence in Teaching Award, and Student Education Advisor of the year.

While at USC Aiken, for well over a decade Vicki could be relied upon to teach numerous courses for the Academy dealing with various aspects of literature and writing, and especially with her lifelong interest in Appalachian culture. She was very popular with Academy students and many would sign up for whatever course she offered on any subject, knowing it would be worthwhile, interesting, and enjoyable. From Spring 2013 through Spring 2019, Vicki provided the Academy with a well attended course every semester. She retired from USC Aiken with health issues shortly thereafter.

For her continued support of the efforts of the Academy, Vicki Collins was selected as the recipient of the Academy's Kauffman Award for 2020. Sadly, Vicki passed away only a month later, before the award could be presented, so she never learned of this honor. Vicki's husband David Collins accepted the award on her behalf when the Academy's successor organization, the Center for Lifelong Learning, resumed the Kauffman Remembrance Luncheons in 2022.



### Jim Brown receives 2022 Kauffman Award

In Jim's working life he was a Chemical Engineer, who spent his entire career with Olin Corporation. He retired in 2007 as Director of Environmental Remediation, managing cleanups of Olin's past disposal areas and former plant sites.

Jim moved to Aiken after retirement and joined SeniorNet, predecessor of the McGrath Computer Learning Center, in 2008. He created several course manuals for Aiken SeniorNet and McGrath, and taught and coached many technical courses over the years. Jim served as Coordinator of Aiken SeniorNet from 2009

through 2011 then served on the SeniorNet/McGrath Board that managed McGrath's separation from SeniorNet in 2015.



Jim has had a love of computers since 1977, so he was a natural to serve as SeniorNet/McGrath's webmaster from 2010 until 2021. Then when McGrath merged with the Academy for Lifelong Learning to form the Center for Lifelong Learning, Jim took on the daunting task of combining the McGrath and Academy websites into a new comprehensive website.

Jim and his wife Debbie enjoy traveling, hiking -- especially in the mountains -- and being with their grandchildren. Even though they moved 140 miles northwest to Mountain Rest, SC in 2020 to be closer to the mountains, Jim has maintained his involvement with McGrath, and now the Center for Lifelong Learning, in Aiken.

For his hard work and dedication to the Senior education community, the Center for Lifelong Learning proudly names Jim Brown as the recipient of the 2022 Kauffman Award.

### Harriet Haynes Receives Special Recognition

The combining of two diverse organizations with decidedly different modes of operation into a single Center for Lifelong Learning was no easy task. It took well over a year of concerted effort by the board members of both organizations to make this happen. Of all those involved, one stands out as the key to this integration and our first year success, Harriet Haynes.

Harriet was President of the Academy before the merger and continues to serve on the new Center's board. She designed the committees needed to work on the merger and kept everyone's nose to the grindstone until there was the framework for the new organization. This year she has been the backbone of planning and execution. For these reasons, The Board recognizes Harriet's outstanding efforts and authorizes this special Leadership Award.



*Harriet Haynes receives a special Leadership Award from Center President Wayne Rickman and Vice President David Tavernier.*



## Looking Ahead to Next Semester

All Spring 2022 courses have now been completed.

The Curriculum Committees have put together a collection of 37 General Interest and 23 Technology courses for the Fall, plus several Events.

Tentative dates for the Fall 2022 semester:

Catalog release, early August  
 Registration Open House, August 16  
 Classes start, Week of September 16  
 Classes end, Week of November 14

## March 11, 2022 Board Meeting

[Note: These minutes were approved at the April 8 Board Meeting.]

**Present:** President Wayne Rickman, Immediate Past President Harriet Haynes, Vice President David Tavernier, General Interest Curriculum Chair Steve Gordy, Technology Interest Committee Chair Raleigh Daniel, Volunteer Chair Nancy Hughes, Spiral Editor Doug Wilson, Treasurer and USCA Asst. Director of Ext. Programs Michael St. John, Webmaster Jim Brown, Liz Malyszczek, and Secretary Ellen Wood.

- The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Wayne Rickman.
- The minutes of the 2/11/22 Board meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Michael circulated report. There was a question about the total amount paid to our instructors. Liz noted that they will be working on developing a clearer way of presenting the information, including a "Year-to-date" column.

**Review of registration stats:** Wayne Rickman

Enrollment – 380  
 Sessions enrolled for – 1961

**Classroom Use:** Wayne and David have met with Provost Darren Timmons. In addition to the Tech Center, CLL will have a single, permanent classroom in the B&E building. This is room #144 and it has the capacity for up to 40 persons. Dr. Timmons indicated that there will be a "general classroom upgrade". CLL board members noted that this should include a PC (not a Mac), a screen, and a sharper projector.

Under this new arrangement it will be important for our General Curriculum and Technology committees to estimate as accurately as possible the potential number of enrollees. Wayne noted that 15% of our classes had more than 40 enrollees. There is larger room available, #140, but the college will charge CLL for any rooms other than #144.

It will be important to schedule classes so as to maximize the use of #144. Concerns include allowing enough time in between classes for students to move in and out. Wayne asked Steve to set up the classroom timing.

Wayne also noted that in the agreement with USCA CLL will get one event for which there will be no room charge. Board felt that our Open House should be our one free event.

**General Interest Curriculum Committee:** Steve reported that 16 fall '22 classes are ready to go with another 15 pending. All class information is due on April 1.

**Technology Interest Committee:** Raleigh noted that there are approximately 24 classes scheduled for fall '22. The Tech committee will schedule most of them in the Tech Center and will send the larger classes to Steve for scheduling in #140 or #144. Raleigh will forward the complete Tech Center schedule to Steve and David.

**Publicity Committee Report:** Jim Tisaranni absent

Wayne asked for Board approval to purchase 200 "CLL" pens @ \$.69 each. Given.

**Volunteer Committee:** Nancy reported that to date 34 have RSVP'd to attend the March 15 Volunteer Appreciation event @ 3:00. She reviewed the agenda for the gathering.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Wayne

- **Change in Bylaws language.** Clarifications to 4.2.2 and 7.2.4 were approved.
- **Fall Schedule:**  
 Open House - August 16  
 Classes start week of September 6  
 Classes end week of November 14  
 December 'Drop In' – December 7, 2:00 - 4:00

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Kauffman Dinner:** Harriet Haynes  
**Thursday, April 21, 12:00 – 2:00 pm room 116**

Harriet reported that approximately 400 invitations will be sent out with an RSVP date of March 28. Event is free for members. Cost to CLL will be \$23-25 per plate.

There were no Kauffman Award nominations from committees. Wayne suggested Jim Brown, Steve Gordy and Debi Brooks and asked that Board members rank them in order and submit via email to Harriet. The Spiral Editor and Webmaster are eligible to vote.

**Other Business:**

CLL has received a request from an area employer to train its employees in Excel. There has been a discussion with Cumberland Village about bringing classes to their residents. Both items were tabled.

**Next meeting Friday April 8 at 2:00 pm.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Ellen Wood, Secretary

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