

April, 2008

## President's Message

Greetings,

This is my penultimate letter to the members of the Academy. It has been a pleasure serving as your President for this academic year and I wish to thank the members of my Board and the Curriculum Committee for their fine service. Special thanks to the "retiring" members, Elayne Kantor, Jack Perkins, Kathy Reiter and Roy Wright for their efforts. I know that Larry Peyser and his Board will continue providing you with outstanding courses and special events.

We're slightly past the mid-point in our courses for this semester but the courses that remain promise to be interesting and informative. Our second visiting Chinese professor is now in residence and she is looking forward to sharing with you her expertise in Chinese Theatre Arts. Please see the description of this course elsewhere in this issue of *The Spiral*.

*Vince Coughlin, Academy President*

## Academy Elects Officers for 2008-2009

Congratulations to the new slate of Academy officers elected at the March Members meeting. Your board for the upcoming academic year will be:

- Larry Peyser, President
- Glenn Knowles, Secretary
- Edith Mayer, Treasurer
- Erna Arkin, Curriculum Chair
- Geraldine Bankhoff, Curriculum Chair-elect
- Kathy Shultz, Membership Chair
- Judy Perkins & Elizabeth Majors, Publicity Co-chairs

The new officers' terms will begin this July.

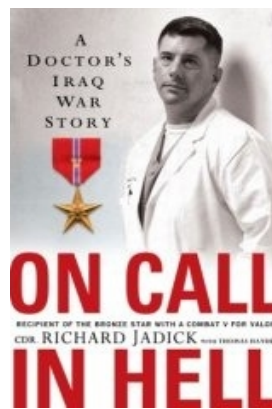
Note that **one vital office remains unfilled**, that of President-Elect. The President-Elect performs the duties of the President in his/her absence, oversees the formation and election of the Nominating

Committee and guides its activities in an ex-officio capacity, and accepts assignments from the President, including ex-officio membership on designated committees. The President-Elect assumes the duties of the President the following year.

Many of you played the 'waiting game' hoping somebody *else* would volunteer for this job, but so far it is the Academy that is losing the game. We very much need a willing Academy member to be President-Elect for next year. Won't you please consider offering your services to the Academy by agreeing to fill this position? Contact Doug Wilson, Nominating Committee Chair at 643-9187 or email [spiral@email.toast.net](mailto:spiral@email.toast.net).

## Commander Richard Jadick, USN, to speak at April Academy Members Meeting

NOTE: The date for this talk was originally reported as April 11. The correct date is April 18.



Doctor Jadick won the Bronze Star with Combat V for Valor for his service in the Iraq war. He is the only Navy doctor to have been awarded this combination so far in the Iraq conflict.

A graduate of Ithaca College and the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, and a former Marine officer, he went on to work as a resident at the

Cowley Shock Trauma Center in downtown Baltimore. Now a urology resident at the Medical College of Georgia, he is still in the Navy.

Jadick is the author of *On Call In Hell (A Doctor's Iraq War Story)*.

Doctor Jadick will speak of his experiences working

around the clock to save Marines wounded in the battle of Fallujah. He went to the wounded. It is believed 30 Marines would have died without his emergency care at the battle front. Only one Marine died after reaching a hospital, among the hundreds Doctor Jadick cared for. He is truly an American hero. Doctor Jadick and his wife live in Augusta.

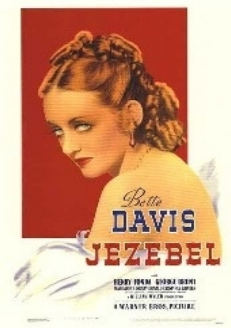
The April Academy Members meeting will be held in Penland 106, April 18 at 2 pm.

### Date Change for "Made in China"

Dr. "Holly" Han will present the final two sessions of *Made in China: An Introduction to Chinese Tourism and Theatre Arts*. Dr. Han is not only a professor in Kunqu Performing Arts at the National Academy of Chinese Theatre Arts, but also an actress in the Beijing Kunqu Opera Theatre. Dr. Han will explain the differences between Chinese and western opera and she also will discuss makeup, staging and performing. Her first class will be on Thursday, March 27 at 10am in P106 and the second class will meet at the same time and place on April 3. **Note that this is a date change from the published course catalog.**

### Southern Films Course

This semester's *Southern Films* course concludes on April 23 at 1 PM, with a screening of *Jezebel* at the Morris Museum in Augusta. Brown bag lunches are welcome. Discussion after the film with Museum Director Kevin Grogan.



### March Board Meeting Summary

- The meeting of the Board of the Academy for Life-long Learning was called to order at 12:31pm March 14, 2008 by Vince Coughlin, President. Those present were Vince Coughlin, Mike Lythgoe, Larry Peyser, Roy Wright, Elayne Kantor, Jack Perkins, Erna Arkin, Doug Wilson, Laura Anderson and Deidre Martin.
- Secretary's Report: The February minutes were read and accepted.
- Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was read and accepted.
- Deidre Martin of USCA participated in a discussion regarding scholarships. The Academy would like to provide financial help to students just below the 3.0 GPA cutoff that makes them ineligible for a Life Scholarship, who otherwise would have to drop out of USCA for financial reasons. Deidre assured the Board that the University's financial aid services are experienced in determining how to award financial aid to those students who fall below the 3.0 GPA and that we could designate any financial assistance we provide as being for "retention" scholarships. In view of this discussion Larry Peyser made a motion to provide \$2500 in "retention" scholarships for the upcoming academic year. The motion was unanimously passed by the Board.
- A motion was made and seconded that an additional \$2500 be donated to the University Endowment Fund. The motion was unanimously passed by the Board.
- We returned to last month's discussion of using funds from the Julie Thurlow Watson Endowment Fund to purchase items of use to the Academy. The items proposed by Mike Lythgoe were a podium and lavalier microphone for use in Penland 106. The podium would be identified as being provided by the Academy in the event it "walked" out of P106. Vince Coughlin reported that the USCA Media Resources Specialist provided Mary Anne Cavanaugh with the specifications for a Carvin microphone with transmitter and receiver that is compatible with the sound system in P106. The cost of the sound system is about \$500. The purchase of both items was approved. Deidre Martin will send an appropriate letter of notification and appreciation to the family of Ms. Watson.
- Vince Coughlin said that he received a letter from Jenny Horn, the USCA Development Coordinator containing a pledge reminder for 2008 - 2009. We have made an annual donation of \$1000 to this scholarship each year and it was moved that the Board approve the scholarship, in the amount of \$1000, for the upcoming academic year. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed by the Board.
- Doug Wilson reported that the Nominating Committee had been unable to find anyone to step forward for the position of President-Elect. The election will continue as scheduled and we will continue efforts to fill this position.
- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:29pm.

**NON-ACADEMY ITEMS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST:****April is National Poetry Month**

In honor of National Poetry Month, past Academy President Mike Lythgoe will give a poetry program at the Aiken Library, Sunday April 13 at 3 PM.

Mike will celebrate Poetry Month with a talk on Pulitzer Prize Winner and Library of Congress Poet Laureate Charles Simic and past Laureate Ted Kooser, (a retired Nebraska Insurance man). Mike will also read from his own new poetry collection, *HOLY WEEK*.



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**Chairpersons and Other Members of the Academy:**

**Board of Directors:** Jack Perkins, Curriculum Chair; Erna Arkin, Curriculum Chair-Elect; Judy Perkins and Elizabeth Majors, Publicity Co-Chairs; Elayne Kantor, Membership Chair.

**Non-Members:** Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Director of Conferences & Continuing Education; Dr. Bill Brockington, Faculty Liaison; Dr. Deidre Martin, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement.

**Academy on the Web:**

[www.usca.edu/conted/academy.html](http://www.usca.edu/conted/academy.html)

ACADEMY CALENDAR – APRIL 2008						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 11am <i>A Taste of Spanish</i> [P110]  3:30pm <i>Cost of Free Exercise Clause</i> [CC]	3 10am <i>Chinese Opera</i> [P106]  1pm <i>Great Decisions</i> [P106]	4	5
6	7 1pm <i>Painting Through Poetry</i> [P106]	8	9 11am <i>A Taste of Spanish</i> [P110]  3:30pm <i>Cost of Free Exercise Clause</i> [CC]	10 1pm <i>Great Decisions</i> [P106]	11	12
13	14 1pm <i>Painting Through Poetry</i> [P106]	15	16 11am <i>A Taste of Spanish</i> [P110]	17 1pm <i>Great Decisions</i> [P106]	18 2pm <i>General Meeting</i> [P106]	19
20	21 10am <i>Labyrinth (1<sup>st</sup> section)</i> [p110]  11:30am <i>Labyrinth (2<sup>nd</sup> section)</i> [p110]  1pm <i>Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy</i> [P106]	22 11am <i>Hinduism</i> [P110]	23 11am <i>A Taste of Spanish</i> [P110]  1pm <i>Southern Films: Jezebel</i> [Morris Museum]	24 1pm <i>Great Decisions</i> [P106]	25	26
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[Location Codes]

P = Penland Building at USCA

CC = Cedar Creek Community Building