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### **President's Message**

As I write this, 8 of the courses and 2 special events are scheduled to be completed by the end of October. Courses continuing into November, or starting into November, include "The Poetry of Philip Levine: The Blue Collar Poet of Detroit", "Understanding the Nutcracker - An insiders Look", and "Three Women of Science, Marie Curie, Irene Joliet-Curie, and Lise Meitner". [Editor's Note: "Three Women of Science" has subsequently been canceled.] The Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for December 2. All of the courses, to date, have been interesting, informative and well attended.

For Publicity, an article for the *Mature Times* supplement to the *Aiken Standard* is scheduled for publication on October 26.

The Curriculum Committee has developed a program offering 19 courses and 2 special events for the Spring 2012 semester. The 750 catalogs are scheduled for distribution during the first week of December. This is an increase of 6 courses over the Fall semester and covers a broad range of interests.

A new computer and LCD projector has been installed in Penland-110. Computer student assistance will be provided for all lectures using the computer - LCD system.

Two officer positions are still open: Curriculum Chair-Elect and Publicity Chair. These positions must be filled. If interested, contact me or any member of the Board as listed on the inside of the Fall catalog.

*Dick Baxter, Academy President*

### **Editorial: The Academy Needs Your Help**

Two Academy officer positions remain vacant for this year, Publicity Chair and Curriculum Chair-Elect. Both positions are keys to the ability of the Academy to continue to function in the future.

Curriculum Chair-Elect. The Curriculum Committee is the heart and soul of the Academy. They put together and manage the courses we enjoy every semester. Without a functioning Curriculum Committee there can be no Academy for Lifelong Learning. The Chairmanship is limited to a one year term, with each year's Chair-Elect moving into the Chair position the following year. This permits the Chair-Elect to learn the ropes and hit the ground running when moving into the Chair position. Nobody has been willing to server as Chair-Elect this year, which means we have nobody to head the Committee next year, and our ability to provide courses beyond next fall is therefore in doubt.

Publicity Chair. Academy enrollment is down this year, seriously crimping the Academy's finances. In order to get additional members in the future we need concerted publicity efforts.

The Academy functions thanks to the efforts of its dedicated volunteers, but with no volunteers there can be no Academy. If you value the contributions the Academy makes to your life and the lives of your fellow members, now is the time to step up to the plate, folks.

*Doug Wilson, Editor*

### **Three Women of Science Course Canceled**

Instructor Walt Kibilius has recently broken his leg and will not be able to present the *Three Women of Science* course as planned for November.

### **Reminder**

Due to class size limitations, please do not attend a class unless you have both:

- a) signed up for it, and
- b) received notice from USCA confirming that you are registered for the class.

This is especially important in Penland 110, where fire regulations limit occupancy to 40 persons.

## Courses Beginning in November

Please see the published course catalog for course descriptions and additional information. (The Fall 2011 catalog is available on the web at [http://www.aikenlearning.org/catalog/2011-2\\_catalog.pdf](http://www.aikenlearning.org/catalog/2011-2_catalog.pdf)). To enroll, return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact Laura Anderson at USCA (641-3563 / [lauraa@usca.edu](mailto:lauraa@usca.edu)).

### UNDERSTANDING THE NUTCRACKER – AN INSIDER'S LOOK

Date: Tuesday and Thursday, November 1 & 3

Time: 10:50 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106

### ~~THREE WOMEN OF SCIENCE: MARIE CURIE, IRENE JOLIOT-CURIE, AND LISE MEITNER~~

\*\*\* **COURSE CANCELED** \*\*\*

## Holiday Luncheon

There is still time to sign up for the annual Academy Holiday Luncheon at Houndslake at noon on December 2. The cost is \$25 per person and includes your choice of beef burgundy with mushrooms or salmon in lemon sauce. A harpist has been engaged to accompany the luncheon. Contact Laura Anderson at USCA (641-3563 / [lauraa@usca.edu](mailto:lauraa@usca.edu)).

## Board Meeting Notes – October 14, 2011

President Dick Baxter called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Those present were Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Norb Denil, Glenn Knowles, Gerry McDonald, Kathy Schulz, Wesley Sloan, and Doug Wilson.

Marcia McDonald and Faculty Liaison Dr. Kathleen Kalpin-Smith were not in attendance.

Motion to approve the minutes of September 23, 2011 carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Norb Denil has taken care of new signature cards and deposited board member checks in the checking account.

Until further notice the Academy will not be making scholarship pledges. The Academy expects to pay USCA our \$3,885 debt from Spring 2011 semester by this November.

### Committee Reports

Curriculum – For Spring 2012 there are 19 courses, 1 wine tasting, and a 1½ hour trip down the Savannah River. The fee is set at \$15 person and Academy members are welcome to bring guests and food for the trip.

Publicity – Filling in for our lack of a Publicity Chair, Dick Baxter has submitted another article for *Mature Times*.

He will work with Michael Gibbons to have Academy events put in the *Aiken Standard* calendar. At the election of officers general membership meeting, photographs need to be taken for a feature newspaper article.

For the current semester 750 copies of the catalog were printed. Of these 250 were mailed to previous members and existing members who do not have e-mail. The remainder of existing members were sent e-mail copies. 500 were distributed through various other means. It was recommended that more effort be placed on deciding which people receive e-mail vis-à-vis hard copy.

The Academy's stand-alone website is up and running. It may be found at [www.aikenlearning.org](http://www.aikenlearning.org).

Membership – Membership Chair Kathy Schulz has arranged for a harpist to perform at the December 2 Holiday Luncheon at Houndslake Country Club.

### Old Business

There is now a designated computer and projector for Penland 110.

Since the Spring 2012 semester has classes at 11:00 on Friday, the Board should consider holding meetings at 9:30 rather than 10:00.

We still need to recruit a Curriculum Chair Elect. Academy members should be encouraged to consider serving and ask other members to serve.

### New Business

Since on multiple occasions there have been technical difficulties in the middle of a class, course liaisons should NOT let the lecturer dismiss the designated student technology helper before the end of class.

There are generally two reasons why enrollment in specific classes is limited: 1) the available room has limited seating and 2) the instructor requests a class limit. Liaisons should discourage people not on the waiting list from attending classes in classrooms with limited seating. This should be placed in the next edition of *The Spiral*.

### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:20.

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**Chairpersons and Other Members of the Academy:**  
**Board of Directors:** Marcia McDonald, Curriculum Chair; (Vacant), Curriculum Chair-Elect; (Vacant), Publicity Chair; Kathy Schulz, Membership Chair.

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

**Academy on the Web:** <http://www.aikenlearning.org>

**ACADEMY CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2011**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
		1 <i>Nutcracker</i> 10:50a [p 106]	2 <del><i>Women of Science</i></del> <del>10:00a [P 110]</del>  <i>Poetry of P. Levine</i> 11:00a [P 110]	3 <i>Nutcracker</i> 10:50a [p 106]	4 <i>Amer. Realism in Lit.</i> 11:00a [P 106]  <i>Curric. Committee</i> 10:00a [B conf]	5
6	7	8	9 <del><i>Women of Science</i></del> <del>10:00a [P 110]</del>  <i>Poetry of P. Levine</i> 11:00a [P 110]	10 <i>Classical Composers</i> 1:40p [P 106]	11 <i>Board Meeting</i> 10:00a [B 102]  <i>Amer. Realism in Lit.</i> 11:00a [P 106]	12
13	14	15	16 <del><i>Women of Science</i></del> <del>10:00a [P 110]</del>	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28	29	30			

[Location Codes]    B = Business & Education Bldg @ USCA    RP = Ruth Patrick Science Center @ USCA  
N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA    P = Penland Bldg @ USCA    CC = Cedar Creek Community Building