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The  
*Spiral*

December, 2011

### **President's Message**

As I write this, on Nov.15, all of the Fall semester courses have been completed. The remaining special event is the Holiday Luncheon on December 2, at 12:00 noon at the Houndslake Country Club. A harpist will play to help enjoy both the meeting and meal.

The Curriculum Committee has developed a program offering 19 courses and 2 special events for the Spring 2012 semester. A summary of the courses offered will be published in the November 30 edition of *Mature Times*, and also an article in the *Aiken Standard* will be published.

The descriptive catalogs are scheduled to be available during the first week in December and will be available for pick up at USCA Buildings, Business and Education, rooms 111 and 113, at the Aiken County Public Library, Aiken Center for the Arts, Chamber of Commerce and at Cedar Creek Conference Room. In addition, catalog information is available at the Academy website, [www.aikenlearning.org](http://www.aikenlearning.org).

We encourage each member of the Academy to contact friends and acquaintances to let them know of our Spring course offerings. The courses are both interesting and informative.

In order to simplify the Treasurer's job, the responsibilities are transferred to Mary Anne Cavanaugh's USCA office, effective immediately.

The Academy thanks Faculty Liaison Dr. Kathleen Kalpin-Smith for her help in identifying course lecturers.

*Dick Baxter, Academy President*

### **December Activities**

Fall semester courses have all completed. If you've signed up for the Holiday Luncheon, don't forget to show up for this annual event:

#### *Holiday Luncheon*

Date: Friday, Dec. 2nd

Time: "Meet and Greet": 12:00 noon, followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Location: Ben Hogan Room of Houndslake Country Club

### **Spring 2012 Courses Announced**

Please see the published course catalog for full course descriptions and additional information. (The Spring 2012 catalog is available on the web at <http://www.aikenlearning.org/catalog/Catalog.php>). 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)).

#### Courses beginning in January

##### *A Road Map To Healthy Aging*

4 Mondays, Jan 9, 23, 30, Feb 6 (skip Jan 16)

Instructor: Mila L. Padgett

##### *The Met At The Movies In HD*

4 Mondays, Jan 9, 23, 30, Feb 6 (skip Jan 16)

Instructor: Dr. Maureen Simpson

##### *The Aging Brain*

3 Tuesdays, Jan 10, 17, 24

Instructor: Dr. Echo Leaver

Class size limited to 15 students

##### *The Constitution And The Bill Of Rights*

4 Wednesdays, Jan 11, 18, 25, Feb 1

Instructor: Dr. Steven Millies

##### *Observations On the Current Economic Scene*

4 Thursdays, Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16

Instructor: Dr. William Beranek

##### *Southern Appalachian Geology*

4 Thursdays, Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 16

Instructor: Dr. Allen Dennis

##### *Chocolate Class*

Monday, Jan 30

Instructor : Bebette Smith

##### *The Old Testament*

4 Tuesdays, Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 21

Instructor: Judith Evans

#### Courses beginning in February

##### *Psychology- Why?*

3 Wednesdays, Feb 1, 8, 15

Instructor: Ken Brace

##### *Mastering the Moderns*

Monday, Feb 6

Instructor: Dr. John Elliott

##### *The Roman Empire*

4 Tuesdays, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28

Instructor: Dr. Walt Kubilius

*Contemporary Irish Poetry*

4 Mondays, Feb 13, 20, 27, Mar 5  
Instructor : Mike Lythgoe

*History As A Political Weapon*

4 Mondays, Feb 27, Mar 5, 12, 19  
Instructor: Dr. Jim Farmer

Courses beginning in March*Year-Round Color And Beauty In Your South Carolina Landscape*

3 Thursdays, Mar 1, 8, 15  
Instructor: Jacque Rees

*The Real Cause Of The American Civil War And Why We Should Be Concerned Today!*

3 Wednesdays, Mar 7, 14, 21  
Instructor: Ken Brace

*To Sleep, Perchance To Dream*

4 Thursdays, Mar 8, 15, 22, 29  
Instructor: Dr. David Andrews

*Great Decisions/Discussions*

8 Thursdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29, Apr 12, 19, 26,  
May 3 (skip Apr 5)  
Class participation: no Instructor

*American Writers In Paris In The Twenties*

4 Fridays, Mar 16, 23, 30, Apr 13 (skip Apr 6)  
Instructor: Andrew Geyer

Course beginning in April*The Conductor's Job*

Tuesday, Apr 10  
Instructor: Shizuo Z. Kuwahara

Special Events

*Wine Tasting -Date: Tuesday, February 21*

*Cruise the Savannah River – Date: Tuesday, March 20*

**November Board Meeting**

President Dick Baxter called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Those present were Mary Anne Cavanaugh, Glenn Knowles, Gerry McDonald, Kathy Schulz, Wesley Sloan, Doug Wilson, and Faculty Liaison Dr. Kathleen Kalpin-Smith.

Marcia McDonald was not in attendance.

After a recommendation that the Secretary have a first draft available by the 15th of each month, a motion to approve the minutes October 14, 2011 carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Norb Denil has tendered his resignation. The Board voted to transfer the Treasurer's title and responsibilities to Mary Anne Cavanaugh. She will have interaction with the Board acting as a Finance Committee. In light of this decision the Board will discuss financial matters including a budget at the January 13th meeting.

The Academy still owes \$3,885 to USC Aiken for last semester. The Board voted to pay that indebtedness by the end of November.

The Board will discuss Membership dues at its meeting in January, after the December Level 1 report is available.

**Committee Reports**

Curriculum – The next meeting is January 6th. The goal is to increase the number of classes to 20 for Fall 2012. For Spring 2011 there are 4 classes in Penland 110. Of these 2 were requested for a smaller classroom than Penland 106.

Publicity – Dick Baxter is submitting another long article for the *Mature Times* monthly insert in the *Aiken Standard*.

For the Spring semester Quality Printing will print 750 copies of the catalog at a cost of \$600. Of these 250 will be mailed to previous members and existing members, who do not have e-mail. The remainder of existing members will be sent e-mail copies. 500 will be distributed through various other means. For the Fall semester 50 copies went to existing members and 200 to previous members. Laura will be encouraged to closely consider which people receive e-mail vis-à-vis hard copy. The catalog will be ready for mailing by December 1. Laura Anderson will have an electronic version.

In the future the catalogs should have a date to mark the beginning of registration.

The Board voted to have Mary Anne Cavanaugh create an inexpensive generic Academy Business Card. The card will include the Academy logo, the Academy website, and USC Aiken contact information. There will be between 500 and 1000 printed depending on pricing breakpoints.

Membership – A harpist has been paid to perform by Mike Lythgoe at the December 2 Holiday Luncheon at Houndslake Country Club. President Dick Baxter will mention the Academy's stand-alone website [www.aiken-learning.org](http://www.aiken-learning.org) and copies of the catalog will be available at the Holiday Luncheon.

**Old Business**

Since the Spring 2012 semester has classes at 11:00 on Friday, the Board voted to hold meetings at 9:30 rather than 10:00.

We still need to recruit a Curriculum Chair Elect and a Publicity Chair. All Board and Curriculum members should be encouraged to contact other members, friends, and neighbors to serve!!!

For the Kauffman Award on April 20th, Glenn Knowles is encouraged to contact Bruce Capers, basketball coach at Aiken Technical College and Vince Alexander, basketball coach at USC Aiken as potential speakers.

President Thomas L. Hallman has the Kauffman Award Luncheon on his calendar.

The Board voted to give a faculty or staff member a \$25 gift certificate for service to the Academy for Lifelong learning.

**New Business**

On April 10th Shizuo Z. Kuwahara from Symphony Augusta will give a presentation on *The Conductor's Job*. The Board voted to invite members of the Aiken Symphony Guild to attend. This will give them an opportunity to learn what Academy classes are like.

There should be an advance look at upcoming classes on the website, [www.aikenlearning.org](http://www.aikenlearning.org). There should be a separate file for the registration form to be added once the catalogs are available.

Everybody on the Board of Directors should come up with a short list of possibilities for a Curriculum Chair Elect and a Publicity Chair. Names will be mailed to Gerry McDonald.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

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**Board of Directors:** Marcia McDonald, Curriculum Chair; (Vacant), Curriculum Chair-Elect; (Vacant), Publicity Chair; Kathy Schulz, Membership Chair.

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**ACADEMY CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2011**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 <i>Holiday Luncheon</i> 12:00n [Houndslake Country Club]	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31

[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