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President's Message

Welcome, everyone to another exciting semester of the Academy for Lifelong Learning. This semester offers our members a broad spectrum of topics in 21 classes, plus 3 additional events on the calendar.

Paper catalogs were mailed around August 12th. Catalogs were also sent out that week as e-mail attachments. An electronic version of the catalog can also be downloaded from the Academy's web site (www.aikenlearning.org). If you have not yet sent in your registration, do it today.

The Academy's Curriculum Committee has worked to develop the current list of offerings, and is already planning the 2015 winter/spring semester.

A "Holiday Wine & Cheese Reception" is scheduled for 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the USCA Pickens-Salley House (behind the Etherredge Center), on December 5, 2014. This event is free to current members, BUT an RSVP is required by November 26, 2014 by contacting Laura Anderson at info@aikenlearning.org, or by leaving a voice message at 803-641-3563. In addition to being a relaxed social event, this reception will offer those attending the opportunity to tour the house, with all its history, and see how USCA has made use of this gift! The hors d'oeuvres at last year's reception were wonderful!

If you have ideas for future classes, especially with instructors in mind, we encourage you to contact our current Curriculum Chairperson, Jan VanSlyke, at curric@aikenlearning.org (e-mail) or 509-430-0824 (phone). Better yet!! – call Jan to volunteer to serve on our Curriculum Committee! The committee meets monthly during the academic year (about 8 times per calendar year), and develops the class list offered each semester. This is the "workhorse" of the Academy, and is always looking for fresh ideas and concepts for classes!

The committee also welcomes members who don't yet have ideas and concepts for classes. The committee has a backlog of ideas that haven't yet been developed into classes.

Enjoy this 2014 Fall Semester!

Carl Fields, Academy President

Courses Filling Fast – Check Your Registration Letters to be Sure You Got In.

A number of our classes this semester received room assignments that will limit the number that can be accommodated. As a result, there are several classes that have already filled, and more are anticipated. Please check the last page of your registration confirmation letter to see if you have been wait listed for any of your choices. If wait listed, DO NOT ATTEND unless you have received notice from USCA that there is an opening for you. Fire regulations prohibit filling these rooms to more than their rated capacity.

Registration Closing Soon for Two October Special Events

The registration period for October's two field trips to the Savannah River Site's **Red Cockaded Woodpecker Habitat** will be closing on September 10. If you would like to participate in either of these two identical field trips, be sure to get your registration in to Laura Anderson soon! See the published catalog for details.



The Aiken **Fall Steeplechase** is Saturday, October 25. To allow time for the Academy to arrange for the rail space and tickets, the final date for registering to attend this event with the Academy is September 15.

USCA Continuing Education Department Reorganization

The retirement as full time USCA employees of Mary Anne Cavanaugh and Laura Anderson has triggered the school to look at reorganizing and possibly expanding the Continuing Education Department. The University is considering a consolidation of numerous related functions currently scattered among different departments. At this writing, the reorganization plans are still being worked out. USCA has assured us that the Academy of Lifelong Learning is a valuable and cherished addition to their programs, and that this reorganization will not result in a long term loss of University support for the Academy.



In the short term, Laura Anderson has agreed to continue working part time as the University's daily interface with the Academy, at least through the Fall 2014 term. She will be dealing with only the Academy and Senior Net, not with the full range of activities she supported in the past. Laura will handle emails sent to the office daily, but will be present in the office only Mondays through Wednesdays from 9 am to 5 pm. In addition, she will be assisted by a student intern.



Until the reorganization is finalized and implemented, we may find email responses and phone call returns taking a little longer than we're used to. Your understanding, tolerance, and cooperation will be appreciated during this transition period.

The Academy Sponsors Its First Aiken City Summer Concert



The Academy for Lifelong Learning recently sponsored its first ever event in the Aiken City Summer Concert Series. The August 18 concert at Hopelands Gardens featured a performance by local jazz band Southern Nights. It is hoped this event will bring greater awareness to the community of the Academy and its programs. Kudos to last year's Publicity Chair, Linda Soyars, for organizing the event.

New Academy Treasurer

With her retirement from USCA, Mary Anne Cavanaugh will be unable to continue as Academy Treasurer. Laura Anderson will therefore take over this position. This is in accordance with Academy Bylaws which enable the Board to fill vacancies which occur between normal elections.

Courses Beginning in September

Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (You can find the Fall 2014 catalog on the Academy website at <http://www.aikenlearning.org/catalog/>). To enroll, return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact USCA Department of Continuing Education (803-641-3563 / info@aikenlearning.org).



IMPORTANT NOTE: Do NOT attend these classes unless you have BOTH pre-registered AND received written confirmation of your registration from USCA.

HOW TO MASTER GARDENING

Date: 5 Mondays, Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, & Oct. 6
Time: 11:00-11:50 A.M.
Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 110
Enrollment Limit: 45

FINANCIAL TOOLS IN TODAY'S WORLD

Date: 5 Tuesdays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, & Oct. 7
Time: 9:25-10:40 A.M.
Location: Penland Admin. Bldg., Rm. 110
Enrollment Limit: 45

ACRYLIC PAINTING, NEXT LEVEL

Date: 4 Tuesdays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, & 30,
Time: 10:50-12:05 P.M.
Location: Etherredge Center, Rm. 140
Enrollment Limit: 12 - **FILLED**

E PLURIBUS UNUM – CONTINUED

Date: 4 Tuesdays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30
Time: 1:40-2:55 P.M.
Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 106

THE VIKINGS AND THEIR WORLD

Date: 4 Wednesdays, Sept. 10, 17, 24, & Oct. 1
Time: 11:00-11:50 A.M.
Location: Nursing Bldg., Rm. 113
Enrollment Limit: 49 - **FILLED**

WRITING THE MEMOIR – ADVANCED WORKSHOP

Date: 4 Wednesdays, Sept. 10, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, & Dec. 3

Time: 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 110

Enrollment Limit: 10

THE GENDER GAP

Date: 3 Thursdays, Sept. 11, 18, & 25

Time: 9:25-10:40 A.M.

Location: Nursing Bldg., Rm. 114

Enrollment Limit: 65

GET A MOVE ON

Date: 4 Thursdays, 3:00 – 4:30 P.M.

Sept. 25 (Croquet), Oct. 2 (Pickleball), Oct. 9 (Tai Chi), & Oct. 16 (Bowling)

Time: 3:00-4:30 P.M.

Location: Held at four activity centers in Aiken

Enrollment Limit: 15 - **FILLED**

Catalog Erratum:

Early editions of the Fall 2014 Catalog listed conflicting times for the December 5 Holiday Reception. The correct time is 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

JULY 23, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Carl Fields.

Present: President Carl Fields, Past President Doug Cook, Secretary Doug Wilson, Curriculum Chair Jan VanSlyke, Membership Chair Sherry Wilson

Also attending: Laura Anderson (USCA Staff), Dr. Deidre Martin (USCA Vice Chancellor of University Advancement)

Absent: Publicity Chair Nancy Meinhardt,

TREASURER'S REPORT – Laura Anderson

The Treasurer position is currently vacant due to the retirement from USCA of Mary Anne Cavanaugh. An informal report was presented by Laura Anderson.

The carry-over balance from the 2013-2014 academic year is quite adequate to fund any anticipated expenses prior to the receipt of this year's membership fees.

When USCA Faculty members choose to be paid for teaching Academy classes, we pay them directly at our standard rate, plus the university bills us for their overhead, another 40% or so. When we pay non-faculty instructors, it only costs us the direct instructor fees.

Board members are reminded, when signing up for the Fall, to write separate checks for membership fees and any activity fees. Board membership fees are to be written to "Academy for Lifelong Learning" and will be used to fund the Academy checking account for the year. Payment for any activity fees for Board members should be made to USCA, as they go into the general Academy account at USCA.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT – Jan VanSlyke

The Fall catalog has been submitted to the printer, with target delivery date first week of August.

There is one class assignment change: Cold War class had to be moved to Penland 110. The change has been submitted to the printer but we don't know if it will make it into the catalog. If

it doesn't get into the catalog the change will be announced in The Spiral and on the Academy website, and any affected enrollees will be advised of the change in their registration confirmation letters.

With the force reduction in the USCA Continuing Education Department, at least through the transition period to their new configuration, the amount of support we can anticipate for the Fall semester, and possibly longer, will likely be reduced. Full time Mary Anne and Laura in the past will now be Laura just three days a week, plus one student intern. Consequently, the course liaisons will be asked to assume some larger responsibilities. This will be discussed at upcoming Curriculum Committee meetings.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

We're on track for the Academy-sponsored event Southern Nights Jazz Orchestra Aiken City concert at Hopelands Gardens on August 18. Doug Cook will make some introductory remarks promoting the Academy. Also, fans promoting the Academy will be passed out to attendees. Note there has been some confusion re the spelling of the entertainment group, with early information from the city calling the performing group "Southern Knights".

Incomplete plans for editorial placement in the Life In Woodside publication carry over to this year. Ideal placement would be the months before our semester registrations start, i.e. August and December. In addition, Laura informs us that there is a sister publication for Cedar Creek, so we may be able to get similar placement in both with minimal extra work.

OLD BUSINESS*USCA Continuing Education Reorganization*

USCA Vice Chancellor Deidre Martin updated us on progress regarding the reorganization of the USCA Conferences and Continuing Education Department. Mary Anne Cavanaugh is fully retired and will not be back. The Department is being expanded to reduce fragmentation in handling USCA facilities and to bring facility management together under one roof. With this change in scope, the reorganization is taking longer than initially anticipated. With regard to the Academy during this transition, Laura Anderson will continue in the office Mondays through Wednesdays at least through December, handling only the Academy and Senior Net. Laura will be assisted by a student intern. Laura will have access to her university email account from home on other days as well. Dr Martin stressed that USCA considers the Academy to be an important part of its community outreach and that it will continue to be supported by the University.

With Mary Anne's retirement now established, it was discussed that the Board consider issuing a proclamation in appreciation of her years of service to the Academy. An appropriate venue and format to be determined later.

NEW BUSINESS*Treasurer Vacancy*

The retirement from USCA of Mary Anne Cavanaugh has left us with a vacancy in the Treasurer position. This being between normal election dates, under the provisions of our Bylaws, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to have Laura Anderson fill this position.

Future Board Meetings

Curriculum Committee sessions will continue on the first Friday of each month. Default dates for Board meetings will be on the third Friday of the month so that they follow the Curriculum meeting and any curriculum items requiring Board action can be dealt with. Laura will reserve meeting rooms for these dates.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am.

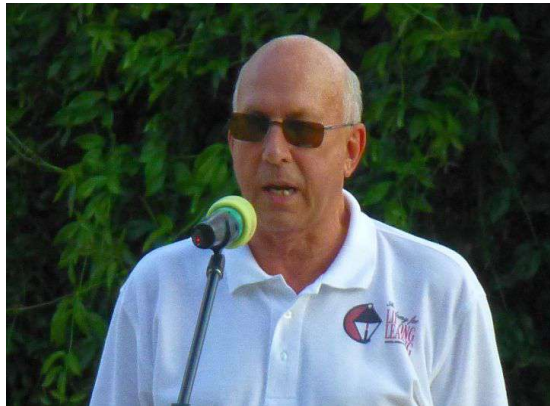
Hopelands Concert Photos



John and Nancy Meinhardt were two of the Academy volunteers passing out concert programs and fans promoting the Academy.



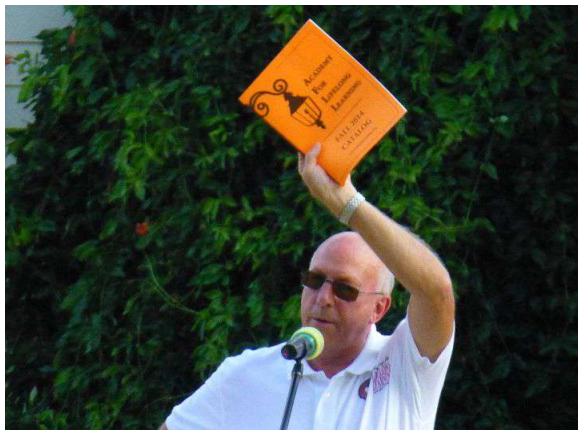
The eleven piece Southern Nights band plays on the Roland C. Windham Performing Arts Stage in Hopelands Gardens.



Past Academy President Doug Cook introduces the evening's entertainment, and the night's sponsor, the Academy for Lifelong Learning.



The Academy's own Larry Peyser plays rhythm guitar with the Southern Nights.



"You can download the Fall catalog from our website"



John and Nancy attempt to recruit a new member for the Academy.

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 2014

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 N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA P = Penland Bldg @ USCA E = Etherredge Center, USCA
 CC = Cedar Creek Community Building