



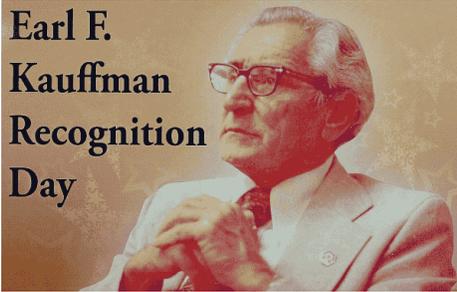
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Earl F.  
Kauffman  
Recognition  
Day



## **SPECIAL KAUFFMAN RECOGNITION DAY ISSUE**

### **Kauffman Remembrance Day Luncheon Held April 23**

Every spring the Academy for Lifelong Learning holds a Remembrance Day to honor Dr. Earl F. Kauffman, one of the key founders of the Academy back in 1989. This year's Kauffman Remembrance Day Luncheon was held on April 23 on the USCA campus. To learn more about Dr. Kauffman and the early days of the Academy, please see the [Early History document](#) on the Academy website.

Aiken Mayor Fred Cavanaugh gave the invocation for this year's event.



Dr. Timothy Lintner, USCA Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Secondary Social Studies Program Coordinator was this year's speaker. He also served as the Academy's Faculty Liaison this year. Dr. Lintner spoke on the importance of the Academy and continued learning to USCA's culture and to the University's community involvement and outreach. In

his remarks he related that faculty instructors really enjoy speaking to Academy members who attend because they are interested in the subject matter, have enough real world experience to relate to what they are hearing, and who are not preoccupied with texting under their desks. He also said it was a particular honor to be asked to speak at the Kauffman Remembrance event because his family and Dr. Kauffman's family are very close.

In attendance were two former Academy members

who have moved out of the area but who returned for the event: Kathy Schulz (former Chair of the Curriculum and Membership Committees and 2011 Kauffman Award honoree) and Vince Coughlin (two term President and 2012 Kauffman Award honoree).

Also in attendance were Charlotte and Pixie Baxter, wife and daughter of last year's Kauffman awardee, Dick Baxter, who passed away last December.

The Annual Earl Kauffman Recognition Day and Award is made possible by an Endowment Fund established in 1990 by USCA's Dr. James Kauffman upon the death of his father. The income from this fund pays for the speaker, the commemorative awards given to the recipient(s), and the luncheon.



*Dr. & Mrs. James Kauffman and Dr. Tim Lintner*

### **2015 Kauffman Award Announced at April Luncheon**

Every year since 1992, the Academy has given an award in remembrance of Dr. Kauffman to a group or individual that has provided outstanding service to the Academy. This year we honored two individuals who have been vital to the continued operation of the Academy, Mary Anne Cavanaugh and Laura Anderson.

**Mary Anne Cavanaugh.**

Mary Anne was born in Richmond, VA, the youngest of four children. The family moved to Aiken in 1953. She graduated from Aiken High School, and attended Southern Seminary College in Buena Vista, VA – an equestrian riding school.



She also served as the youngest Whip of the Aiken Hounds at age thirteen, and her interest in horses has continued throughout her life.

Mary Anne's career at USCA began in 1982 as Administrative Assistant to then-Chancellor Dr. Robert Alexander. She then moved on to Director of Special Events and later to Director of Conferences & Continuing Education. In this last position, she served for nine years, steering the Academy through many logistical problems when scheduling courses, serving as the Academy Treasurer, and solving many organizational issues with grace and humor. She kept the Board and Curriculum Committees on track and offered historical perspectives that helped bring successful operations to this organization.

Mary Anne retired from USCA last year, but not before twice receiving the Classified Employee of the Year award at USCA.

In retirement you will find her making weekly visits to a nursing home in Johnston, SC to visit some residents, riding a horse in Hitchcock Woods, walking her dogs, or serving on some committees at her church. She has two dogs, three children and two "perfect" grandchildren.



Mary Anne Cavanaugh and her Family

**Laura Anderson**

Laura was born in Brooklyn, and has one brother living in Indiana. After graduating high school, she was accepted into City College of NY at the age of sixteen, at a time when admissions standards were more difficult than today. She graduated four years later at the age of twenty.



Laura taught school for two years, then served as Office Manager and Paralegal for Law firms in the NY area, before moving to Lexington VA, with her husband Dan. There she worked for the local police department, ran the office of the builder of their home, had her own desktop publishing firm, and even worked a few summers for the Miss America Pageant. During this period, she also worked at the Southern School, which Mary Anne Cavanaugh had previously attended.

Moving to Aiken in 2001 brought her to USCA, working in the office of Conferences & Continuing Education. Although Laura also retired as a full time USCA employee last year, we are fortunate to have her continue as a part time worker handling the Academy's affairs, performing too many functions to mention them all. She acts as Treasurer to the Board, and offers solutions to knotty scheduling and planning issues for the Curriculum Committee. She formats each catalog, contracts for its printing, oversees its mailing to members, and registers every member in their class preferences. She reserves all classrooms, collects the tuition, compensates instructors, and mails registrations to all participants in the Academy.

Her fourteen years of service also extend to other activities throughout the year on campus. She willingly and silently works as long as it takes to accomplish any task required for every event she oversees.



Laura Anderson and Husband Dan

Without Mary Anne Cavanaugh and Laura Anderson working together for a combined 23 years, this Academy would not be the success it is today.



Laura and Mary Anne with their Awards

### Annual Membership Meeting Held Following Kauffman Luncheon.

Following the April 23, 2015 Kauffman Remembrance Day Luncheon, President Carl Fields presided at a short business meeting. There were two items on the agenda:

The Board proposed an amendment to our Bylaws, eliminating the Membership Committee, as outlined in the April issue of *The Spiral*. The amendment was approved by acclamation.

The second item on the agenda was the election of next year's Board members, with the following slate of candidates being presented:

President: Doug Cook (current past-President)  
 Secretary: Doug Wilson (current Secretary)  
 Treasurer: Laura Anderson (current Treasurer)  
 Curriculum Chair: Jan VanSlyke (current Chair)  
 Publicity Chair: Nancy Meinhart (current Chair)

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

The proposed slate of officers was approved by acclamation.

At the present time there are vacancies in the offices of President-elect and Curriculum Chair-elect.

### End of the Semester

There are no new courses beginning this month. The final session of *Great Decisions* is scheduled for May 7.

Watch for the Fall 2015 catalog to be released in late summer. For questions, contact USCA Department of Continuing Education ([info@aikenlearning.org](mailto:info@aikenlearning.org) / 803-641-3563).

### Scholarship Recipient Thanks Academy

Candice Floyd, a USCA Nursing major and one of two recipients of scholarships from the Academy this year was present at this year's Kauffman luncheon. This very personable young lady impressed all who spoke with her. She expressed great appreciation for the scholarship we provided, saying that without it she would not have been able to stay in school.



The other scholarship recipient, Business Administration student Charlene Grant, was unable to attend.

### Sneak Peak at Next Fall's Courses



Here a tentative list of the short courses being worked on for next fall. Full details and course information will be available on the Academy's website when the Fall 2015 catalog is published.

*Muslim Women Though the Ages*

*Corridor of Shame: Education in the Rural South*

*World of Dulcimers*

*The World of George Elliot's Midmarch*

*Life on Redcliffe Plantation Following the End of the Civil War*

*Making Balloon Figures*

*Carriage Driving*

*Anatomy of Aging: Pitfalls and How to Avoid Them*

*100th Anniversary of WWI & Its Impact Upon Today's World*

*The Industrial Revolution*

*The Mindfulness Revolution*

*Kenya: People, Culture, & Wildlife*

*Dante's Divine Comedy-conclusion*

*History of December Rituals*

*Exploring Eastern Aiken County*

*History of Greenville*

*What'cha Gonna Do with Your Stuff?*

*Immigration & Ellis Island's Impact on our Nation's Continuing Story*

Native Americans

Line Dancing

From Where Do Our Weather Forecasts Come?

Drawing Perspective

Personal Computer Software – Demo

eBay & Craigslist Highway

Many classes have limited capacity and fill quickly, so for best availability register early following the publication of the Fall catalog. Registrations cannot be accepted before the catalog is finalized and published.

**Looking for your Glasses?**

A pair of glasses was left behind at the Kauffman Luncheon. The owner can reclaim them at Laura Anderson's office, USCA Business and Education Building, room 113.



**Academy To Sponsor Summer Concert**

In order to promote signups for the upcoming Fall term, the Academy for Lifelong Learning is again sponsoring a concert in the City of Aiken Summer Concert Series at Hopelands Gardens. Come down to Hopelands at 7 pm on August 17, enjoy the Aiken

County Sheriff Department's Pipes & Drums performance, and help spread the word about the Academy.

**The Spiral Going On Vacation**

This is the last issue of The Spiral for the 2014-2015 academic year. Publication will be resumed in September for the Fall term.



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**Committee Chairpersons:** Curriculum Chair; Jan VanSlyke; Curriculum Chair-Elect: (vacant); Publicity Chair: Nancy Meinhardt; Membership Chair: Sherry Wilson

**Ex-officio Members:** Dr. Tim Lintner, Faculty Liaison; Dr. Deidre Martin, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement.

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – MAY 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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