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The
Spiral

NOVEMBER, 2015

President's Message

It is already November, and the winter holidays are coming soon!

October 15 was a momentous day for the Academy for Life Long Learning. On that day we celebrated with the rest of the nation the first annual "National Lifelong Learning Day", established by *Road Scholar*, an organization based in Boston, formerly known as *Elderhostel*. We also celebrated the 25th anniversary of The Academy for Life Long Learning offering short classes in Aiken, as well as the first "Life Long Learning Day in Aiken" as proclaimed by our Mayor, Fred Cavanaugh. Since there is no venue where all members of the Academy assemble, the two courses held on October 15, were greeted with cupcakes to recognize the historic day.

We trust everyone is enjoying the courses this semester, and are looking forward to next semester. The Curriculum Committee is hard at work finalizing the Spring 2016 catalog and getting it ready for formatting and then publication. The preliminary list of courses sounds interesting, with some new faces as instructors and new topics for discussion.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Doug Cook, Academy President

Class Schedule Changes

The following changes to scheduled classes have been announced:

Drawing Perspectives began on October 16 instead of October 2. It will run for the full four sessions, through November 13.

Food for Thought will meet only for three weeks. There will be no class November 16.

Lee Smith was shifted back one week. It started Friday October 30 and will now run through November 20. It's location has also been changed to B&E 124.

History of December Rituals has been moved to Nursing 121.

Reminder: Holiday Wine and Cheese Reception Reservations Close November 26

Usher in the Holidays by dropping into the Pickens Salley House on the USCA campus Friday December 4 between 4 and 6 pm for the Academy's annual Wine and Cheese



Reception. There is no charge for this event, but you must let us know if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly. If you did not sign up for this on your semester registration form, you can still add in up to November 26 by contacting Amy Westra at USCA (803-641-3741 / info@aikenlearning.org).

USCA Parking Regulations Update

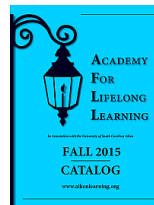


Campus Police Chief Keven Liles has informed us that **Academy Members no longer need to display parking passes** when parking on the USCA campus. We may park in spaces which are marked

with **WHITE** lines. These are intended for students and visitors unless they are specifically marked as reserved for special purposes.

Note that **Academy members may NOT park in spaces marked with YELLOW lines**. These are reserved for USCA Faculty and Staff, and require Faculty/Staff window stickers. Unauthorized parking there may result in getting ticketed.

Courses Beginning This Month



Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (You can find the current 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 at USCA (803-641-3741 / info@aikenlearning.org).

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

LINE DANCING REVISITED

Date: 6 Wed. sessions, Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16 (no class during Thanksgiving week 11/25)
Time: 11:00 – 12:15 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg., 2nd fl. Gym

HISTORY OF DECEMBER RITUALS

Date: 4 Wed. sessions, Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2 (no class during Thanksgiving week 11/25)
Time: 1:00 – 1:50 p.m.
Location: Alan B. Miller Nursing Bldg., Room 121

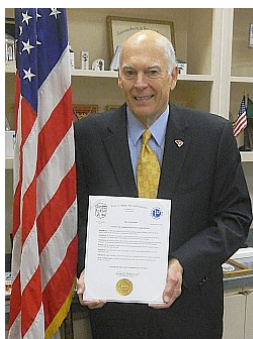
NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

MTU-AMERICA PLANT TOUR

Date: Mon., Nov. 9
Time: Carpool meets 9:30 a.m. in rear area of Parking Lot C, USCA
Return: Approximately 11:30 a.m.

National Lifelong Learning Day

The first annual National Lifelong Learning Day was observed on October 15. In conjunction with this event, Aiken Mayor Fred B. Cavanaugh proclaimed October 15, 2015 as “Celebrate Lifelong Learning Day in Aiken”. The Mayor’s proclamation is reproduced on Page 5.



Academy Board members attended the signing of the proclamation. Amy Westra, Doug Wilson, Jan VanSlyke, Mayor Cavanaugh, Nancy Meinhardt, Doug Cook

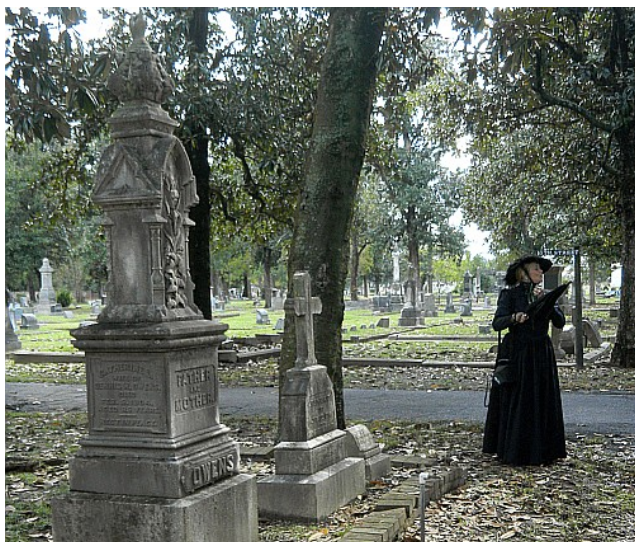


The Academy celebrated National Lifelong Learning Day with cupcakes at both classes held that day.

Walk With The Spirits Tour

As a special event on October 10, Academy members toured the historic Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta. Guides in period costumes led visitors to a number of significant persons’ headstones where re-enactors related the life and times of those buried there. Here are some photos of the event:





OCTOBER 16, 2015 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Doug Cook.

Present: President Doug Cook, Secretary Doug Wilson, Treasurer Amy Westra, Curriculum Chair Jan VanSlyke, Curriculum Chair-elect Harriet Haynes

Absent: Past President Carl Fields, Publicity Chair Nancy Meinhardt

Visitors: USCA representatives, Mary Driscoll, Vice Chancellor for Advancement and External Affairs, and Judy Waters, Coordinator of Gift Accounting

SCHOLARSHIP AND ENDOWMENT PLANNING

Mary Driscoll and Judy Waters of the USCA Advancement Department were invited to assist with our scholarship planning and management of our endowment funds. We started with this item so they wouldn't have to sit through the entire board meeting.

Scholarships

The Advancement Department will send the appropriate pledge forms for 2016-2017 to Amy in November. When all the pledges are in and the department knows how many funds they have to work with, the scholarships for next year will be offered in late spring 2016. The funds are placed in the students' accounts one semester at a time, in August for the fall semester, and are used as credits against the students' tuition.

The scholarships awarded to USCA students for this 2015-2016 academic year were funded and transferred from the Academy account last year. Awardees of the two \$1500 scholarships are:

James Stephen Anderson, Greenwood SC, senior graduating in January, on the Dean's List with a GPA of 3.84, majoring in Business Administration. Since he is here for only one more semester, he received the full \$1500 scholarship this fall.

Katie Lock, Salley SC, sophomore non-traditional student,

enrolled in Nursing, with a GPA of 3.24. She received \$750 this fall and will receive the second \$750 in the spring.

The Advancement Department is planning to bring together the scholarship recipients and sponsors at some sort of gathering in the spring. We mentioned that we also invite the recipients of our scholarships to our annual Kauffman Recognition banquet.

Veterans' Center

Last February Deidre Martin informed us they planned to use the Academy for Lifelong Learning Program Endowment Fund for a \$5000 grant to help fund a new Veterans' Center in the Penland Administration Building. In return we will be given sponsor credit on the "Honor Wall" in the center. Plans for this center have not been finalized yet, so there has not, as yet, been any transfer of funds. At the beginning of this fiscal year, the spendable amount in this account was \$4117.32.

MINUTES

Minutes of the prior Board meeting, held September 18, 2015, were approved without change.

TREASURERS REPORT – Amy Westra

The new accounting software the University went to this year is still not giving Amy access to current updated data, so all we know about our University account is the operating balance as of August 1. With our known income (registration fees and event fees) and anticipated expenses (instructor fees, catalog printing, rack card printing, Steeplechase) we are in good shape.

The checking account at Security Federal has been reconfigured for our current President and Secretary as signatories. Account statements are sent to Amy's office for continuity. Doug C wrote a couple of checks this month to cover minor expenses for which the USCA credit cards used for most of our charges could not be used (nothing classified as "entertainment" can be charged to those cards).

Amy has been investigating the purchase of Student Manager software that could be used for online registration for the whole Continuing Education Department – this would be for the Academy, McGrath Computer Learning Center, and USCA Continuing Education programs. This would allow Academy members to register, sign up for classes, and pay their fees online and eliminate a large amount of manual handling in Amy's office. The software costs \$10,000 and can be paid for over three years. She is proposing that we could pay the first year's installment to get things going, and the University would cover the other two years. Amy tracked the hours put in by herself and the volunteers for this semester's registration period, and it came to about \$2700 worth of time. Eliminating this for two semesters would more than pay for one year's installment. Ashley Moore, head of the department, has informed Doug C that she has submitted an approval request to purchase this software.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Doug C reported that Publicity Chair Nancy Meinhardt took photos at the *Walk With The Spirits* tour and submitted an article for publication in the *Mature Times* supplement to the

Aiken Standard. She will also write an article re the Lifelong Learning Day proclamation (see Old Business) and submit it to the paper with photographs.

OLD BUSINESS

National Lifelong Learning Day

The preparations set in motion last month were carried out for National Lifelong Learning Day on October 15. Cupcakes were served at the two classes held that day. In addition, thanks to President Cook's efforts, Aiken Mayor Fred Cavanaugh issued a proclamation declaring the day as "Celebrate Lifelong Learning Day In Aiken", the signing of which was attended by several board members. The proclamation was read at the *Industrial Revolution* class held later that day, and was met with cheering and applause from the class.

NEW BUSINESS

Filling President-Elect Vacancy

Our bylaws permit the Board to fill vacancies which occur between regular member elections. Jan VanSlyke has agreed to take over as President next year. The board therefore voted for Jan to fill this year's President-Elect position.

Parking Passes

The USCA Police Chief has informed us that Academy members need not display parking passes when parking on campus. Academy member must still avoid parking in yellow-lined spaces as these are reserved for USCA faculty and staff, and cars

improperly parked in these spaces are in jeopardy of being ticketed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am. At this time, no Board meeting is anticipated in December.



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Fred B. Cavanaugh
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PROCLAMATION

Character comes first in Aiken

Celebrate The Academy for Life Long Learning 1990-2015

WHEREAS, in 1990, The Academy for Life Long Learning began by offering 3 short courses to "senior" adults in the community, in collaboration with USCA,

WHEREAS, the Academy continues to offer a program of short courses instructed by local experts and educators, to "mature adults" and celebrates the world of continuous learning,

WHEREAS, the current semester offers 27 short courses which enrich the participants lives, and bring adventure, knowledge and fellowship with like-minded residents, at a cost of only \$70/semester,

WHEREAS, the Academy currently has over 220 participants attending the short courses, with no tests, no homework, just fun, and,

WHEREAS, today, October 15, 2015, the Academy for Life Long Learning celebrates its Silver Anniversary, and,


WHEREAS, today, October 15, 2015 the Academy also celebrates National Life Long Learning Day,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fred B. Cavanaugh, Mayor of the City of Aiken, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2015, as

CELEBRATE LIFE LONG LEARNING DAY IN AIKEN

Fred B. Cavanaugh
Fred B. Cavanaugh, Mayor



ACADEMY CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2015						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <i>Food for Thought</i> 11:00-11:50a [B 124]	3 <i>100 Anniv. WWI</i> 1:40-2:55p [P 110]	4 <i>Line Dancing</i> 11:00a-12:15p [B 2 nd Floor Gym] <i>December Rituals</i> 1:00-1:50p [P440] [N 121]	5 <i>Corridor of Shame</i> 1:40-2:55p [P 106]	6 <i>Draw Perspectives</i> 9:00-10:30a [E 141] <i>Muslim Women</i> 11:00-11:50a [P 106] <i>Lee Smith</i> 2:00-2:50p [P-106] [B 124]	7
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15	16 <i>Food-for-Thought</i> [No class]	17	18 <i>Line Dancing</i> 11:00a-12:15p [B 2 nd Floor Gym] <i>December Rituals</i> 1:00-1:50p [P440] [N 121]	19	20 <i>Muslim Women</i> 11:00-11:50a [P 106] <i>Lee Smith</i> 2:00-2:50p [P-106] [B 124]	21
22	23	24	25 <i>Line-Dancing</i> <i>December-Rituals</i> [No classes]	26 THANKSGIVING DAY 	27	28
29	30					
[Location Codes] B = Bus & Educ Bldg @ USCA H = Hum & Soc Sci Bldg @ USCA RP = Ruth Patrick Sci Ctr @ USCA N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA P = Penland Bldg @ USCA CC = Cedar Creek Community Building E = Etherredge Center @ USCA						