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*Spiral*

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### **President's Message**

Spring has sprung, the Master's Tournament is on the horizon, and the final few courses and tours will be conducted in the next 6 weeks. We have had a very busy semester thus far, but have heard many positive comments concerning the courses, instructors, and activities the Academy's Curriculum Committee has assembled. We hope everyone has had fun, gained some new insight, or met new friends through the Academy experience.

Our goal is our unofficial motto: Fellowship, Knowledge, Adventure. We also promote the Academy with: "No tests. No homework. Just FUN!"

Remember to make your reservation for the Kauffman Award Luncheon on April 14 at noon! We are grateful to have this recognition luncheon for a member who makes an exceptional contribution to the Academy through their individual efforts.

**Doug Cook, Academy President**

### **Kauffman Recognition Day Luncheon**

This year's Kauffman Recognition Day Luncheon will be held April 14 at noon. There is no charge for Academy members to attend this luncheon thanks to an endowment established in memory of his father by USCA Professor Dr. James Kauffman.

Invitations were mailed to all Academy members in early March. To attend **you must RSVP to this invitation by April 1**. If you signed up for the luncheon when you registered this semester you must still reply to select your choice of entree.

The purpose of this annual event is to honor Earl F. Kauffman, one of the people most responsible for founding the Academy for Lifelong Learning more than twenty years ago.

During this event, the Academy also recognizes an individual or group that has provided exceptional service to the Academy with the presentation of its



*Dr. Earl Kauffman*

annual Earl F. Kauffman Award. Come to the luncheon and help celebrate this year's recipient.

There will be a short Business Meeting following the Luncheon. Key items will be amending the Bylaws and election of officers for next year.

### **Courses and Events 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 Department of Continuing Education at USCA (803-641-3741 / [info@aikenlearning.org](mailto: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.

### **YOUR HIT PARADE**

Date: 4 Mondays, April 11, 18, 25; May 2

Time: 1:00 – 1:50 p.m.

Location: Alan B. Miller Nursing Bldg., Room 120

### **WHAT IF?...**

**NOTE DATE, LOCATION CHANGE**

Date: 3 Tuesdays, April 12, 19, 26

Time: 2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

### **APPRECIATING FOUR POETS**

Date: 4 Wednesdays, April 13, 20, 27; May 4

Time: 1:00 – 1:50 p.m.

Location: Alan B. Miller Nursing Bldg., Room 120

### **KAUFFMAN LUNCHEON**

Date: Thursday, April 14

Time: 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Location: Business & Education Building, Room 116

### **ALCHEMY IN THE AMERICAS**

**NOTE LOCATION CHANGE**

Date: 1 Thursday, April 21

Time: 9:25 - 10:40 a.m.

Location: Nursing Bldg., Room 120

**MURDER & MAYHEM IN EDGEFIELD & WILLOWBROOK CEMETERY**

Two Identical Tours  
Dates: Fridays, April 22 and 29  
Time: 9:15 a.m. at the Edgefield Discovery Center  
Return: At your own pace  
Location: Edgefield Discovery Center, 405 Main Street in Edgefield (plenty of parking in rear of building)

**Farm Visit Gets Academy's Goat – We Kid You Not!**



*Field Day At The Goat Farm recently took Academy members for a visit to Sam Stevens and his family at their Samaria Farm, to learn about the farm's organic farming endeavors.*



*The farm raises goats, pigs, cows, chickens ...*



*.. and one big goose.*



*Son Nathaniel shows off one of this year's kids.*

**February 17, 2016 Board Meeting**

[Editorial note: The following minutes were approved at the March 18 meeting of the Board.]

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President Doug Cook.

Present: President Doug Cook, Past President Carl Fields, Secretary Doug Wilson, Curriculum Chair Jan VanSlyke, Curriculum Chair-elect Harriet Haynes

Absent: Treasurer Amy Westra, Publicity Chair Nancy Meinhardt

This is the first Board meeting since November 2015. There was no meeting scheduled for December 2015, and the January 2016 meeting was canceled due to insufficient need.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the prior Board meeting, held November 20, 2015, were approved without change.

**TREASURERS REPORT – Doug Cook for Amy Westra**

The USC University-wide PeopleSoft software, used for human and resource management, provides the school's accounting reports. Since they started using it this fall, it still is not reflecting the Academy's carryover balance from last year. Doug C and Amy are pursuing this with the USCA accounting guru. Even without this carryover, current revenue is expected to meet our expenses for the balance of the academic year, however we have concerns that if this is not corrected soon, these carryover funds may be irretrievably lost.

In November we questioned the Advancement Department's statement that the \$5000 pledged from our Program Endowment fund to the campus Veterans Success Center had not yet been transferred. Judy Waters, Coordinator of Gift Accounting, has confirmed with Doug C that this transfer was made on February 2, 2015. Also, at the request of one of our instructors, the Academy diverted funds which would have been used to pay the instructor an honorarium to the campus Veterans Success Center as an additional donation to help support its operation.

## CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT – Jan VanSlyke

Things are progressing nicely in planning for the Fall 2016 semester. We have lots of prospective courses and plans are coming together well.

Quite a few oversubscribed classes have been shuffled to other classrooms to reduce or eliminate wait lists. These changes have been communicated via direct emails to enrollees, postings on the website, and articles in *The Spiral*. Board members not involved with these changes expressed appreciation for the work put in by all those who made it happen in such a timely fashion.

The committee is putting on a push to acquire new members. New members bring new perspectives and ideas. And with the large number of courses being pursued, some additional help is desired to spread the load, especially in light of the natural attrition that occurs with all committees over time. This was covered in a “Meet the Curriculum Committee” article in the December issue of *The Spiral* and Doug C is including it as part of his Presidents Message in the March issue.

## PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no formal report as Nancy could not attend. The group expressed appreciation of the excellent job Nancy continues to do in getting articles placed in the Aiken Standard.

Our Bylaws call this committee the Public Relations Committee, although we universally refer to it as the Publicity Committee. The Board voted to officially change this name to the Publicity Committee. An update to the Bylaws will be required to make this official.

## OLD BUSINESS

*Kauffman Recognition Luncheon*

The date for the luncheon has been changed from our tentative date of April 21 to April 14 to avoid conflicts with other Academy activities. The menu will be the same as last year. Invitations will be mailed to all active members in March. RSVPs must be returned by April 1. Even those who checked the luncheon on their semester registration forms will still need to reply to indicate their choice of entree.

The speaker for the program has not been lined up yet, but Carl will be working on this in the near future. Several names were offered as possibilities.

## NEW BUSINESS

*Bylaws Update*

There are some minor updates desired to the bylaws to change the name of the Public Relations Committee and to clarify several issues regarding elections and filling offices. The Board

tabled detailed discussion at this time and will assemble a proposed Bylaws revision via email consultation. We must have this available for member inspection by March 15 to provide the required 30 days before the next Member meeting at the Kauffman Luncheon.

*Parking Tickets*

Several members have complained of receiving \$75 parking violation citations from campus police when they claim to have been properly observing the campus regulations re handicap and staff/faculty (yellow lined) parking. Members receiving such tickets are advised to bring them to Amy who will intercede with the campus police. Information on this has been placed on the website and Doug C will include it in his President's Message for the March issue of *The Spiral*.

*Scholarships*

The USCA Advancement Department sent Doug C the pledge form for this year's scholarship donations, to be used for next year's scholarships. The Board approved continuing our past practice of funding two \$1500 scholarships for non-traditional students.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18 at 1:00 pm.



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ACADEMY CALENDAR – APRIL 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <b>KAUFFMAN RSVP DUE DATE</b>  Curric. Committee' 10:00a [B 102]  Great Decisions 2:00-3:30p [P 110]	2
3	4 <b>MASTERS WEEK</b>	5 <b>MASTERS WEEK</b>	6 <b>MASTERS WEEK</b>	7 <b>MASTERS WEEK</b>	8 <b>MASTERS WEEK</b>  Great Decisions <b>NO CLASS</b>	9 <b>MASTERS WEEK</b>
10 <b>MASTERS WEEK</b>	11 Your Hit Parade 1:00-1:50p [N 120]	12 What If? ... 2:00-2:50p [P 106]	13 Four Poets 1:00-1:50p [N 120]	14 Kauffman Luncheon 12:00-1:30p [B 116]	18 Academy Board 1:00p [B 102]  Great Decisions 2:00-3:30p [P 110]	16
17	18 Your Hit Parade 1:00-1:50p [N 120]	19 What If? ... 2:00-2:50p [P 106]	20 Four Poets 1:00-1:50p [N 120]	21 Alchemy 9:25-10:40a [N 120]	22 Edgefield Trip 9:15a [Edgefield Discovery Center]  Great Decisions 2:00-3:30p [P 110]	23
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[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						