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President's Message

Welcome back!

The Academy for Lifelong Learning Fall semester begins on September 7 with a *Falun Dafa Cultivation Meditation* course taught by Dr. Frank Tian Zie. This is a new course for the academy and is being held in the B&E gym second floor. We have 27 courses this semester and 4 trips & special events, so there is sure to be something for everyone. Our fall semester ends the middle of December. Spring semester begins in January 2017.

Yes, course registration is still open. You can print the registration form from the course catalog on our web page www.aikenlearning.org or register in person at Amy Westra's office in Business & Education room 113. If you have already registered for classes, you should have received an email confirmation. If not, please contact Amy.

We have had a great response to our course offerings for fall. We currently have over 240 returning and new folks enrolled, and the numbers continue to grow. The curriculum committee members have worked hard to design offerings that appeal to a variety of interest levels—from history to sailboating, line dancing, mystery novels, backyard birds, art, and many more. Classroom space continues to be an issue for our group. Therefore, for those who have been waitlisted for a course (as indicated on your registration confirmation), be sure to check our updated catalog information on our website frequently to see if we have been able to move to a larger space or can offering a repeat session.

A few important things to remember as the semester progresses:

- Park only between the white lines in the lots (or a handicapped slot [if applicable]). There are no parking placards this year for the white lines—if you park between yellow lines, you will probably be ticketed.
- Check your email daily. This is the only effi-

cient way to notify you when a class has been relocated or we need to convey additional information.

- We all need to stay flexible. There will be days where there are bumps in the road, but remember we have an outstanding program that we all enjoy.

I attended my first Aiken Partnership Board meeting August 24 as a representative of LLL. Some of the items that were discussed include the updates to the Nursing building, USCA student enrollment is up again this semester, and the new bridge to safely cross from campus to the buildings and athletic fields across Bell Parkway should be complete within a few months. This bridge has been in the planning stages for many years to ensure a safe crossing over the highway.

Have a great semester.

Jan VanSlyke, Academy President

Hopelands Concert



For the third consecutive year, the Academy for Lifelong Learning sponsored a late summer performance in Aiken's Hopelands Gardens Summer Concert Series. This year's event was a performance by local big band Swingsation on August 22. Academy Secretary Doug Wilson gave introductory remarks announcing the Academy's upcoming Fall term and introducing the band. Concert programs, Academy information cards, and promotional fans were distributed by Academy volunteers Helen Haynes, Jan VanSlyke, Linda Moyers, Sherry Wilson, and Bill and Nancy Meinhardt.

By sponsoring these concerts we hope to broaden local awareness of the Academy.

Aiken Fall Steeplechase

REMINDER: Registration for the Academy Railside group site at the Aiken Fall Steeplechase closes September 15. This allows us to arrange for adequate railside space and to purchase and distribute the tickets.

Also note that the Aiken Steeplechase Association announced a ticket price increase after our catalog went to press. The Academy will honor the originally published \$15 price for tickets purchased with registrations filed by August 30. After August 30, Steeplechase tickets will cost \$20 per person.

Catalog Updates

The following changes have occurred since the Fall 2016 catalog was sent to the printer. Please be sure your catalog copy reflects these changes:

- **Falun Dafa Cultivation Meditation** – Location change: Business and Education Gym
- **Visiting Aiken's Grand Hotels – A Virtual Tour** – Location change: Penland Administration 106
- **Immigration & Ellis Island's Impact on our Nation's Continuing Story** – Location change: Penland Administration 106
- **A World of Mystery – Part II** – Location change: Business and Education 124
- **History of Turkey** – Date typo: October 29 should be October 28.

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.

FALUN DAFA CULTIVATION MEDITATION

Date: 4 Wednesdays, September 7, 14, 21, 28
Time: 1:00-2:30 p.m.

LOCATION CHANGE: Business and Education, upstairs gym

BASIC SAILBOAT FUNDAMENTALS

Date: 3 Thursdays, September 8, 15, 22
Time: 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Location: Alan B. Miller Nursing Bldg., Room 121

VISITING AIKEN'S GRAND HOTELS – A VIRTUAL TOUR

Date: 4 Mondays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3
Time: 10:00-10:50 a.m.

LOCATION CHANGE: Penland Administration Bldg, Room 106

PURPLE REIGN: BYZANTINE EMPERORS AND EMPRESSES

Date: 4 Mondays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3
Time: 11:00-11:50 a.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

HISTORY IN HEADSTONES – FOUNDING FATHERS, MOTHERS & OTHERS

Date: 4 Mondays, September 12, 19, 26; October 3
Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

CYBERSECURITY AND YOU

Date: 2 Tuesdays, September 13, 20
Time: 11:00-11:50 a.m.
Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING DEMENTIA

Date: 4 Tuesdays, September 13, 20, 27; October 4
Times – Two Groups:
Group A: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Group B: 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Location: HarborChase, 1385 Silver Bluff Road, Aiken

MUSSOLINI'S MAIDENS, MOTHERS, AND 'MANLY' MEN: GENDER POLITICS IN FASCIST ITALY

Date: 5 Wednesdays, September 14, 21, 28; October 5, 12
Time: 10:00-10:50 a.m.
Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

IDENTIFYING BACKYARD BIRDS

Date: 1 Thursday, September 15
Time: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Location: Birds & Butterflies, 117 Laurens St. NW, Aiken
Registration closed; class full

DINNER PARTY CULINARY TIPS

Date: 4 Mondays, September 19, 26; October 3, 10
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Location: First Presbyterian Church Kitchen
Enrollment Limit: 12 – **CLASS FULL**
Cost: \$25 per person (pay to instructor at time of first class)

JANE AUSTEN'S SENSE & SENSIBILITY

Date: 4 Tuesdays, September 20, 27; October 4, 11

Time: 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER 2016						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6	7 <i>Falun Dafa</i> 1:00p [B gym]	8 <i>Sailboat</i> 1:00p [N 121]	9	10
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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 HC = HarbourChase BB = Birds & Butterflies FP = First Presbyterian						