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President's Message

A new year is here for us to welcome and to participate in our Spring 2017 Lifelong Learning course offerings. If you haven't yet obtained a copy of the catalog, you can download it from the Academy website at www.aikenlearning.org.

We have some great courses, which begin on January 17 with *Masters Tournament History*. This six session course focuses on the history of the Masters, successful golf figures, and what goes on behind the scenes. We're also offering courses geared to a variety of other interests, including *The Literature of Espionage, Ballet, Weather and Climate, SC in the American Revolution, Black History Plays, Brexit, Aiken Veterans of WWII, Opera, Solar Eclipses, Birds*, and more.

If you have not yet enrolled for spring, you may do so by mail (send the Academy registration form with payment), or enroll at the business office in B&E 113 in person. Laura Anderson is in the office part-time handling our registration process until USCA can hire a full time Administrative Assistant. Laura's address and phone are listed on the bottom of the registration form (replacing Amy).

Our December 2016 Wine and Cheese gathering was well attended, and we all enjoyed the food, company, and holiday background music.

Happy New Year!

Jan VanSlyke, Academy President

Farewell, Dr. James Kauffman

The Academy is saddened by the loss of USCA Professor Emeritus Dr. James F. Kauffman, who passed away in his home on December 17 at the age of 81.

Dr. Kauffman's career with the university spanned from 1976 until his retirement as Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Education in 2005. During his career, he held the positions of Associate Chancellor and Dean of Students. In the 1978 Jim volunteered to coach the Pacer Baseball team when the school was considering dropping the sport and is credited with

spearheading the movement that made the baseball program what it is today. He also served as USCA Athletic Director from 1980 to 1984, and In 2014 he was inducted into the USCA Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jim was the son of Dr. Earl Kauffman, one of the individuals most responsible for the founding of the Academy for Lifelong Learning at USCA in 1989*.



Dr. James Kauffman and wife Ann at the 2015 Kauffman Recognition Day banquet

In memory of his father, Jim established an endowment to fund the annual Earl F. Kauffman Recognition Day held every spring by the Academy. Each year a deserving individual or group is recognized for exceptional contribution to the Academy and its goals at a banquet to which all Academy members are invited. Dr. Kauffman last attended the festivities in 2015, but was unable to attend this past spring due to health issues.

Dr. Kauffman was a staunch supporter at USCA of the program begun by his father, and the Academy mourns his passing.

* For more information on the founding of the Academy, see this document on the Academy's website: www.aikenlearning.org/documents/history.pdf.

Holiday Reception

This season's Holiday Reception was held on Thursday, December 8. We've outgrown the capacity of the Pickens-Salley House on the USCA campus

where the reception was held the last two years, so this year it was moved to room 116 of the Business and Education Building.



Academy members "meet and greet" at the Holiday Reception



Holiday music was provided by Savannah River Dulcimers

The tables were filled as Academy members came to chat with their fellow members and enjoy the tasty hors d'oeuvres and liquid refreshments provided by the Academy.

Courses Beginning This Month

Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (You can download the current catalog from 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 have received written confirmation of your registration from USCA.

MASTERS TOURNAMENT HISTORY

Dates: 6 Tuesdays, January 17, 24, 31;

February 7, 14, 21

Time: 9:25-10:15 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

LIVE FROM THE MET OPERA

Date: 3 Tuesdays, January 17, 24, 31

Time: 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Location (NOTE CHANGES from some editions of catalog):

Jan 17 - Business and Education Bldg., Room 116

Jan 24, 31 - Business and Education Bldg., Room 124

ETYMOLOGY: THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WORDS

Dates: 4 Thursdays, January 19, 26; February 2, 9

Time: 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 110

DISCOVERING HIDDEN DIVERSITY IN THE WORLD AROUND US

Dates: 4 Fridays, January 20, 27; February 3, 10

Time: 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

THE LITERATURE OF ESPIONAGE: RETURN TO THE COLD WAR, DOUBLE AGENTS AND FEMME FATALES

Dates: 4 Mondays, January 23, 30; February 6, 13

Time: 1:00-1:50 p.m.

Location: Business and Education Bldg., Room 124



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ACADEMY CALENDAR – JANUARY 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>Masters</i> 9:25-10:15a [P 106] <i>Met Opera</i> 11:a-12p [B 116]	18	19 <i>Etymology</i> 9-10:15a [P 110]	20 <i>Hidden Diversity</i> 9-10:15a [P 106] <i>Board Meeting</i> 1:00p	21
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