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President's Message

First: A reminder to our Lifelong Learning students. If you arrive early for a class, please do NOT open the door or enter the classroom until all students in the earlier class have vacated the room. Also, if there is a class immediately following the one you are attending, please exit asap. You're welcome to ask questions and visit outside the classroom, but we don't want to inconvenience a class that follows ours. We want to continue to maintain our good relationship with USCA students and faculty.

The proposed Fall 2017 Lifelong Learning course offerings are shaping up to again be diverse and interesting. Some of the tentative courses include *Preserving SRS History*, *Aiken's Titanic Connection*, *Social Media*, *Contemporary Poetry*, *Meditation*, *Jewish Faith*, several history courses. I'll have more information on potential courses later this spring.

A few notes from the Aiken Partnership Board of Directors Meeting I attended 02/08/2017:

USCA spring student enrollment has remained fairly level from fall 2016.

80K students visit the USCA planetarium each year.

Dr. Jordon is working with the Office of International Studies to determine possible impacts of changes in immigration policy on USCA students. She stated USCA's stand is to support the students and help them pursue their education.

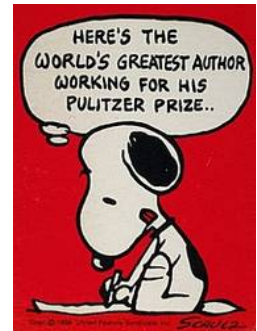
The USCA library has a new director who is moving toward "welcoming" students. The first floor of the library will be interactive; the second, quiet. He is proposing various stress relievers during exams weeks.

See you in class

Jan Van Slyke, Academy President

A Golden Opportunity For Those Who Enjoy Writing

For all of you who love language and writing, an exciting opportunity awaits you. The Academy for Lifelong Learning needs a publicity chairperson for 2017-18. After three years of handling publicity for the Academy, the current chairperson has decided that it is time to step aside and let someone else experience this fun job.



Responsibilities are mostly focused on writing articles for the local newspaper as well as identifying and pursuing other possibilities of publicizing the wonderful program that the Academy offers to local area seniors.

If you have enjoyed and benefited from the Academy's classes in the past, now is the time to step up and volunteer to help. So, if you even have the tiniest bit of interest in doing this, please contact Jan VanSlyke (Academy President – pres@aikenlearning.org), Doug Cook (Immediate Past President – pastpres@aikenlearning.org), or anyone else on the Academy's board for more information. Also, the current Publicity Chairperson (Nancy Meinhardt – publicity@aikenlearning.org) will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have and help in any way possible.

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.

THE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - IS IT A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER?

Dates: 4 Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

NORTH AUGUSTA HISTORY

Dates: 3 Fridays, March 3, 10, 17

Time: 11:00-11:50 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

FIELD DAY AT THE DAIRY GOAT FARM

Date: Monday, March 6

Time: 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Samaria Farm, 714 Wrightsmill Road, Aiken, SC 29801

THE WOLF AMONG US: AN UP-TO-DATE LOOK AT MAN'S BEST FRIEND

Dates: 4 Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 1:00-2:15 p.m.

Location: Business and Education Bldg., Room 124

SENIOR FITNESS: FADS, FOIBLES & FACTS

Dates: 4 Mondays, March 13, 20, 27; April 10

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

Location: Business and Education Bldg., Room 124

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Dates: Two identical sessions

March 15 and March 29

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: SPCA Albrecht Center, 199 Willow Run Rd, Aiken, SC 29801

WRITING ABOUT VISUALS

Dates: 3 Thursdays, March 16, 23, 30

Time: 11:00-11:50 a.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 110

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HOW TO SELL IT ON EBAY AND CRAIGS LIST

Dates: 2 Tuesdays, March 21, 28

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

Location: Business and Education Bldg., Room 124

BREXIT: THE UNITED KINGDOM'S DIVORCE FROM EUROPE

Dates: 4 Wednesdays, March 22, 29; April 12, 19

Time: 3:00-3:50 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106

GREAT DECISIONS

Dates: 8 Thursdays, March 23, 30; April 13, 20, 27 & May 4, 11, 18

Time: 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Location: Penland Administration Bldg., Rm. 110

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – MARCH 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Pest Control</i> 9:30-10:45a [P 110] Line Dancing 11a-12:15p [B Gym]	2 <i>Prog. Movement</i> 3-4p [P 106]	3 <i>N Augusta History</i> 11-11:50a [P 106]	4
5	6 USCA SPRING BREAK <i>Day at Goat Farm</i> 9-10:30a [Samaria Farm]	7 USCA SPRING BREAK <i>Wolf Among Us</i> 1-2:15p [B 124]	8 USCA SPRING BREAK Line Dancing 11a-12:15p [B Gym]	9 USCA SPRING BREAK <i>Prog. Movement</i> 3-4p [P 106]	10 USCA SPRING BREAK <i>N Augusta History</i> 11-11:50a [P 106] <i>Curric. Committee</i> 1:00p [B 102]	11
12	13 <i>Fitness</i> 10-10:50a [B 124]	14 <i>Wolf Among Us</i> 1-2:15p [B 124] <i>Aiken Vets of WWII</i> 3-3:50p [P 106]	15 Line Dancing 11a-12:15p [B Gym] <i>Creatures</i> 2-4pm [SPCA]	16 <i>Write About Visuals</i> 11-11:50 [P 110] <i>Prog. Movement</i> 3-4p [P 106]	17 <i>N Augusta History</i> 11-11:50a [P 106] <i>Board Meeting</i> 1p	18
19	20 <i>Fitness</i> 10-10:50a [B 124]	21 <i>Ebay & Craig's List</i> 10-10:50 [B 124] <i>Wolf Among Us</i> 1-2:15p [B 124] <i>Aiken Vets of WWII</i> 3-3:50p [P 106]	22 Line Dancing 11a-12:15p [B Gym] <i>Brexit</i> 3-3:50p [P 106]	23 <i>Write About Visuals</i> 11-11:50 [P 110] <i>Great Decisions</i> 1:00-2:00p [P 110] <i>Prog. Movement</i> 3-4p [P 106]	24	25
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