



The Spiral

Newsletter of the Center for Lifelong Learning, University of South Carolina Aiken

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President's Message

Greetings!

Following the merger that created the Center for Lifelong Learning in 2021, members of our organization have been developing and refining our capabilities to serve the senior community in our area. One of our main objectives has been to define our relationship with the University. There were essentially two choices, with variations within the two main choices.

One choice was for the Center to be a completely independent organization. The Center would rent space as needed from the University and other locations in Aiken and the surrounding area. Fees would be set and collected, and the various classes would be run by the volunteers of the Center. The disadvantage of this choice was that the Center lacks the expertise and the qualified personnel to manage that kind of business model. There were variations of this choice, such as contracting with the University for Programs we were unable to do for ourselves.

The other choice was to become part of the University's Office of External Programs. We would give up our independence, but we would be able to take advantage of the benefits of any department associated with the University: staff support, organizational assistance, operational and planning skills from on-campus experts, and guaranteed classroom space.

As we discussed the matter with University officials, it became clear to all of us that the choice to align ourselves with the University made more sense than any of the other choices. So, on January 11th Dr. Dan Heimmermann and I signed an agreement making the Center for Lifelong Learning a part of the University's Office of External Programs. As before, we plan our classes, as do other departments. The only difference from other departments is that we use volunteers to plan and run our classes.

We are grateful to University representatives: Interim Provost, Dr. Thayer McGahee, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration, Mr. Cam Reagin, and Director of External Programs, Mr. Paul Crook for the encouraging and positive spirit in all of these discussions, and we are confident that the arrangement we

have made will be of great benefit not only to the Center but also to the University of South Carolina at Aiken, which has been such an important part of our community for so many years.

Be Curious! Keep Learning! Stay Young!

Raleigh Daniel, CLL President
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USCA Chancellor Heimmermann and CLL President Daniel sign the Agreement

Successful Spring Semester Signup

Registrations for the CLL Spring 2024 semester opened with the Registration Open House on January 3. Thanks to some Open House procedural improvements, the event this semester went much more smoothly than in the past. Besides registering in person at the Open House, registrations are also accepted online and via mail, phone, in-person, and online.

A few new registrations are still straggling in, but as this is written on January 27, a new record 379 people have signed up for CLL courses and events, a 9.4% increase from 357 for the Fall semester. This semester also set a new record for courses offered, 79.

This Spring's registration is a whopping 57% increase from the 204 registrants for the Spring semester last year, partly, it is thought, because last Spring only 39

courses were offered, and because registrants are becoming more confident that a place will be made for them in the most popular offerings.

CLL Gets a Head Start on New Agreement

In his President's Message, Raleigh Daniel discussed the new agreement that incorporates the Center for Lifelong Learning as part of USCA's Office of External Programs. As part of the University, the Center will no longer have to negotiate for larger classrooms when popular classes exceed the capacity of their originally-assigned classrooms.

Registration for the Spring term began January 3, over a week before the signing of the agreement. In anticipation of the document signing, as registrations began coming in the Center was able to begin reassigning classrooms to reduce or eliminate wait lists wherever possible (see *Catalog Updates* in this issue).

Meet the Authors Event March 3

In 2021 and 2022, the Center for Lifelong Learning staged Book Fairs. This year, the Center is doing something different. We will be hosting "Meet the Authors Day" on Saturday, March 2 from 11:00 to 4:00 at Aiken Senior Life Services, 1310 E. Pine Log Road.



This event will be a part of CLL's educational program, with author conversations, panel discussions, and readings. It features local and regional authors and offers the opportunity to stock up on the latest in local fiction, nonfiction, and poetry.

CLL membership is not required. The event is open to the public, with a voluntary contribution of \$2.00/person.

We will need volunteers to help with this event. They will serve as panel moderators, assist authors with controlling their book sales, registering attendees, and assuring that we maintain cleanliness in all the rooms. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Steve Gordy (authorsteveginaiken@gmail.com).

Follow our Facebook page ([CSRA Friends of Lifelong Learning](#)) for further developments or drop us a note at learninglifelong28@gmail.com. We hope to see all of you there!

Submitted by Steve Gordy, CLL Special Events Manager

Catalog Updates

The following changes to the printed catalog have been announced since the last issue of *The Spiral*. Please enter these changes in your copy of the catalog. A cumulative list of changes is maintained on the CLL website's [All The News Page](#).

Changes to accommodate more students than the original room assignments could handle:

- Page 17 - *Learning to Use Your Android Device* - Duplicate course added for additional students. Section B, February 5 & 23, 9:30-11:30, Tech Center
- Page 18 - *More Strolls Around Mr. Irvin's Map* moved to Business and Education room, 20, 27, 10:30-11:30 116
- Page 20 - *Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations* moved to Business and Education room 140
- Page 20 - *Brain and Body Fitness by Ageless Grace* Duplicate course for additional students. Section B, Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, 9:00-10:00, Business and Education room 144
- Page 22 - *Lewis & Clark's Corps of Discovery from Sacagawea's Perspective* moved to Business and Education room 116
- Page 26 - *Stoker on Stoker: The Mysteries Behind the Writing of Dracula* moved to Business and Education room 140
- Page 29 - *Forensic Science II: A Further Look at Science and Justice* moved to Business and Education room 140
- Page 30 - *Female Operatives of the O.S.S.* moved to Business and Education room 116

Additional changes:

- Page 16 - *Learning to Use Your Apple Watch* rescheduled to Feb 20, 10-12, Tech Ctr.
- Page 16 - *Who's Afraid of Opera?* Jan 31 session canceled due to instructor conflict. We hope to reschedule.
- Page 22 - *Women in Numismatic: Elvira Clain-Stepanelli and Her Legacy* withdrawn due to low registrations.
- Page 23 - *Line Dancing* first session on Feb 19 is canceled due to room unavailability. Remaining sessions Feb 26 thru Mar 25 will be held.
- Page 33 - *Submarines: Past, Present and Future* withdrawn due to instructor unavailability.

Courses and Events Beginning in February

Many of our classes fill quickly. Before attending please pre-register to assure there is a place for you.

Click each item name to access its full description from the CLL website listings (aikenlearning.org/courses.html).

Full course descriptions can also be found:

- in the downloadable catalog (aikenlearning.org/catalog.html)
- in the printed catalog

To enroll, register online via aikenlearning.org/online.html or return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact USC Aiken Department of Continuing Education (803-641-3563 / info@aikenlearning.org).

COURSE / EVENT NAME	BEGINS
More About Ballet	Feb 02
Learning to Use Your Android Device (Section B)	Feb 05
Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations	Feb 05
Brain and Body Fitness by Ageless Grace (Section B)	Feb 06
Home Surveillance Systems	Feb 06
Brain and Body Fitness by Ageless Grace (Section A)	Feb 06
How to Fight Back Against Computer Scams	Feb 06
Making the Most of Your Words	Feb 07
Using iCloud with Your iPad/iPhone	Feb 08
Lewis & Clark's Corps of Discovery from Sacagawea's Perspective	Feb 08
History and Lessons Learned from Nuclear Accidents	Feb 14

History in Headstones: The Cowboy Congress—Legislators Behaving Boldly	Feb 19
The Life, Times, and Influence of Henry David Thoreau	Feb 19
Learning to Use Your Apple Watch	Feb 20
Historic Photographs of Aiken	Feb 20
iPhone Password Management & Accessibility Features	Feb 20
Aiken County Library Tour	Feb 21
Excel 102	Feb 21
Downtown Churches of Aiken	Feb 22
Great Decisions	Feb 22
Man's Fastest Friend: A History of Greyhounds and Humans	Feb 23
Line Dancing	Feb 26
Growing Fruit Trees at Your Home in the CSRA	Feb 27
Documenting Your Tribal Membership	Feb 29

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CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING CALENDAR – FEBRUARY 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 iPhone Camera & Photo 9:30-11:30 [TC] Learning iPhone 1:30-3:30 [TC]	2 Local Governments 9:30-10:30 [B 144] Art of Negotiation 11:00-12:00 [B 144] More About Ballet 12:30-2:00 [B 144]
5 Android Device (B) 9:30-11:30 [TC] Ancient Mediterranean 11:00-12:00 [B 140] Explore Windows 10 1:30-3:30 [TC]	6 Brain & Body Fitness (B) 9:00-10:00 [B 144] Home Surveillance 9:30-11:30 [TC] Brain & Body Fitness (A) 10:30-11:30 [B 144] Fight Computer Scams 1:30-3:30 [B 144] Nuclear Science 2:00-3:15p [RP 117]	7 Black Augusta 1870-1950 9:30-10:30 [B 144] Microsoft Word 9:30-11:30 [TC] Who's Afraid of Opera 11:00-12:00 [B 144] Excel 101 1:30-3:30 [TC] More Irvin's Map 2:00-3:00 [B 116]	8 Sacagawea 9:30-10:30 [B 116] iCloud with iPad/iPhone 9:30-11:30 [TC] Learning iPhone 1:30-3:30 [TC] CLL Board 2:00-3:30 [B 102]	9 More About Ballet 12:30-2:00 [B 144]
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[Location Codes] B = USCA Bus & Educ Bldg TC = CLL Computer Tech Ctr RP = Ruth Patrick Sci Ctr SL = Aiken Senior Life Ctr