



# The Spiral

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

NOVEMBER, 2024

## President's Message

Dear Fellow Students,

We hope this message finds you well and recovered from the damage caused by hurricane Helene. As you know, our program was disrupted when the USCA campus was closed for a week following the storm. Thankfully, the administrative staff was able to quickly re-schedule those affected classes.

On a brighter note, please remember to save the date – December 10th for our annual Holiday Drop In. Again, our annual event will be held in the lobby of the Etherredge Center offering food and fellowship. And, as a benefit of your membership, there is no charge to attend this event.

Our board and volunteers are currently preparing the listing of courses for the Spring Semester, and our catalog will soon be completed and mailed to all past, registered students. The Spring line-up will once again offer a wide variety of classes, which will appeal to varying intellectual interests. Be on the lookout for the arrival of your catalog in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Finally, on behalf of the Center's Board of Advisors I wish to thank you for your continued interest in our programs. And remember, we are always pleased to receive any comments as we strive to improve in every aspect of learning.

Sincerely,

**David Tavernier, CLL President**  
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## Recovering from Tropical Storm Helene

Tropical Storm Helene thrashed through the Aiken area in late September leaving record destruction in its wake. The USC Aiken campus closed Friday September 27 and did not open again until Monday October 7. All Center for Lifelong Learning class sessions during the downtime were postponed until they each could be rescheduled.



All told, we lost 6 days of classroom time, involving 21 class sessions. Curriculum Committee Volunteers immediately sprang into action to contact instructors to arrange for dates and times to make up the lost sessions. This was no easy task as the length of the shutdown was extended twice involving more and more sessions, and make ups had to be wedged in around the pre-existing class schedule. Disruption of electrical, telephone, and internet services complicated the process. Proposed make up dates could not be confirmed with the University until the campus came back to life on October 7, and even then efforts to reach instructors were still ongoing.

Of the 19 affected courses, *Excel 102* was about to be canceled anyway due to low enrollment. Declining attendance allowed *Brain and Body Fitness* sections A and B to be combined going forward for their remaining sessions. *Line Dancing* was postponed an additional week due to an unresolved electrical outage at the Shrine facility. Storm aftermath in Edgefield also caused instructor Justin Guy to push back his *Seizing Power* course scheduled to start October 17 until next semester. All of the postponed classes have been rescheduled, most already having been made up in October with a few remaining in November. Those registered for affected courses have been contacted with updates.

Recovering from Helene involved a lot of frenzied activity on the part of a few dedicated volunteers and the External Programs staff, and your Editor tips his hat to them in appreciation.

## Mark Your Calendar: Holiday Drop-In



The annual Center for Lifelong Learning Holiday Drop-In Reception featuring hors d'oeuvres and liquid refreshment will be held Tuesday December 10 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Lobby of the Etherredge Center. Invitations have been sent to all current registered CLL members. There is no charge for registered members of the Center but a RSVP is required for planning purposes. Non-member guests are charged a nominal fee, payable with RSVP return.

Reserve your spot by sending your RSPV response to [Taryn Wallace](mailto:Taryn.Wallace@sc.edu) in the External Programs office no later than November 30.

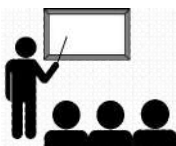
### Catalog Updates

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

PAGE	COURSE
23	An Interview With a Poetry Lover - Meets Nov 21.
37	What is a Pit? - Extended from 2 sessions to 3. Date TBD.

### Courses and Events Beginning this Month

The last of our semester's courses begin this month. 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](http://aikenlearning.org/courses.html)).

symbol indicates a hybrid class that registrants may view on computer

COURSE / EVENT NAME	BEGINS
<a href="#">Ballet - Then and Now</a>	Nov 1
<a href="#">SRNL Research Innovations</a>	Nov 1
<a href="#">The Railroad and Aiken</a>	Nov 4

<a href="#">My Life As a Cop II</a>	Nov 5
<a href="#">Leading Ladies of Aiken</a>	Nov 6
<a href="#">A Life Thoroughly Enjoyed</a>	Nov 6
<a href="#">Pat Conroy Lit Center</a>	Nov 6
<a href="#">Nuclear Fusion II</a>	Nov 7
<a href="#">Australia Travelogue</a>	Nov 11
<a href="#">Conversing With Colonials</a>	Nov 12
<a href="#">Microbiome: Overview</a>	Nov 13
<a href="#">The Pine Lawn Cemetery</a>	Nov 14
<a href="#">Gaston Livery Stable</a>	Nov 18
<a href="#">Interview w/ Poetry Lover</a>	Nov 21

Full course descriptions can also be found:

- in the downloadable catalog ([aikenlearning.org/catalog.html](http://aikenlearning.org/catalog.html))
- in the printed catalog

To enroll, register online at [aikenlearning.org/online.html](http://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](mailto:info@aikenlearning.org)).

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CENTER FOR LIFELONG LEARNING CALENDAR – NOVEMBER 2024				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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<p>[Location Codes]    B = USCA Bus &amp; Educ Bldg    TC = CLL Computer Tech Ctr    ACS = Aiken County Shrine    RP = Redcliffe Plantation  <span style="color: red;">🚩</span> = Hybrid class</p>				