ACADEMY TO USE NEW LOGO

Our new apple tree Academy logo is here; it is our brand and represents our mission to provide lifelong learning and social opportunities for adults who have a continuing passion for learning!

An apple tree was the logo of Elderhostel Institute Network, the umbrella organization of the 400+ Lifelong Learning Institutes in North America, the apple tree being lifelong learning programs — with more being planted, thanks to the help of EIN (now Rhode Scholar Institute Network), just as Johnny Appleseed crossed the United States spreading apple seeds wherever he went. When A.L.L. was founded, Academy member Hilda Cameron was asked to create a logo for the Academy incorporating the apple idea. She designed the ALR tree logo in 1993, and when the organization’s new journal was conceived in 1999, “The Apple Tree seemed the obvious choice of title.

In 2007, to more accurately represent who the Academy is, we became known as The Academy for Lifelong Learning. Our new logo design, created this year with the help of Janet Jones at the college and the college’s marketing design team, encircles the traditional A.L.L. tree logo spelling out Academy for Lifelong Learning Saratoga Springs. We have also added “Since 1992” to reflect our history and longevity. The logo includes the words “sponsored by SUNY Empire State College” to reflect the in-kind contribution from the college to the Academy of classroom and office space.

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR—JEFF SAYS . . .

The Academy’s Executive Council recently approved a new dues and class fee structure and a new member class registration process starting July 1, 2014, the beginning of the Academy’s new fiscal year. New Dues and Class Fees are:

**$50 Annual Membership—July 1—June 30** (eliminates associate membership). A member pays $50 one time during the fiscal year which covers fall and spring terms. This entitles you to all the benefits of membership for the entire fiscal year.

**$50 per 8-week class** for each of the first 2 classes each term. A member joining and taking (2) 8-week classes would pay $150.

**$25 per 4-week class.** A member joining and taking See page 4 JEFF SAYS
More Aspects of the American Revolution

Study Group Leader Jim Sefcik invited Stefan Bielinski to speak on the Colonial Albany Social History Project, that Bielinski founded and ran until his recent retirement. (Reinactor in military garb pictured above as members sit at attention.)

You Can't Make This Stuff Up : Writing Creative Nonfiction

Prestwick Chase was the recent setting for the Reading - True Stories, Well Told - and the culmination of a semester's work for this writing study group lead by Pat Nugent. Kate Dudding, Sheryl Egger, Margaret French, Jim Hartman, Pat Leonard, Joe Peck, Petty Jane Preston, Kathleen Ross and Anne Trainor read their original works evoking sighs, laughter, nods of recognition and agreement and even the occasional tear from a most appreciative audience.

Thanks to Prestwick Chase for hosting the reading and the lovely punch and cookie reception that followed.

FUNDRAISING

Thanks to all who shopped the fifth annual Balet Flowers fundraiser in early May! Special thanks to the Balet family, too! Academy Member Marie Balet generously offered 10% of their sales that day on all their annuals, perennials, shrubs, herbs, vegetable plants and, of course, flowers sold to anyone mentioning the Academy name! Look for Balet Flowers at the Saratoga and Malta Farmers Markets

99 Restaurant Fundraiser- Watch All the News for the date/time of our delicious fundraiser at this local, popular restaurant on Rt 50 out at exit 15 in Saratoga Springs!

Balet Flowers = A.L.L. Dollars

FUNDRAISING

Join Jeff and Vera in the Saratogian Parking Lot Thursday evening, July 24. From 4 PM 'till midnight we'll be parking cars and pocketing the cash [the A.L.L. pocket, that is!] We need at least 4 volunteers in 2-hour increments to cover the event—that's 16 volunteers total! Look for sign-up sheets at the annual meeting, call Liz Marcinko at 583-4814 or Vera at the office at 587-2100, ext 2415. It'll be an evening of fun, visiting with Academy friends and making $ for A.L.L.

FUNDRAISING

Calling A.L.L. Volunteers!

Although many are volunteering on specific committees, enjoy being study group leaders, SIG Coordinators or volunteering elsewhere at the Academy, (and it is sooooo appreciated!) there are still plenty of volunteer opportunities! A day, an afternoon, or even an hour of your time can make all the difference to any A.L.L. fundraiser. Look for sign-up sheets at the annual meeting, the fall Orientation, or call the A.L.L. office today!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Northshire Reading

Join A.L.L. at Northshire Books on Broadway for an hour of readings from The Apple Tree Thursday, June 26 at 7 PM. Members Janice Cutbush, Bob DeSiano, Cindy Grob, Pat Leonard, Joyce Rubin and Joyce Zimmerman will read their original prose or poetry. The Apple Tree will be available for purchase at the Northshire the night of the event and thereafter. Bring your friends and enjoy this first time event!

Wiawaka on the Lake

Wiawaka with the Academy Wednesday, July 30th. Enjoy luncheon and a lecture from Joseph Zarzynski about the sunken bateaux just off Wiawaka’s shoreline. Swim, sit on the porch, play croquet or shuffleboard, too! Note: men are welcome at Wiawaka during the month of July! Contact Pat Hart at 238-0313 or come by the A.L.L. Office for a reservation form.

Three-Day Trip to the Fingerlakes

Reservations are going fast for this A.L.L. trip to Upstate NY’s Fingerlakes’ Region Aug 19–21. Visit Fox Run Vineyards for a wine tasting, dine at Belhurst Castle, and aboard a lovely dinner cruise on Skaneateles Lake, see museums and gardens, go shopping and more! Flyers and reservation forms are at the office, have been sent to all members and will be at the Annual Meeting June 6. Call Pat Hart at 238-0313 with questions.

The Third Age Press has been hard at work all winter on the latest edition of The Apple Tree, a publication of the A.L.L. Third Age Press. Enjoy readings from vol. XIV at the Annual Meeting; Marilyn Peterson opens, followed by Pat Leonard, Jean Kay and Joyce Rubin.

Third Age Press is accepting poetry, prose, photography and art submissions from current and past members until Dec 1. Please check guidelines, available at the A.L.L. office, prior to submission.

For questions, more information or if you’re considering becoming a member of this committee, contact Sue Valaitis at 885-8091 or vavisme@hotmail.com. Thanks to our many contributors who made our new edition possible.

Submitted by Sue Valaitis
The Social & Special Programs Committee has been diligently working on parties, awards, trips, ballet & luncheons, meetings and a fun day at Wiawaka on Lake George!

We hope to see you at the Annual Meeting, where there will be voting and the changing of officers. Please welcome our new co-chairs for the 2014—2015 academic year, Pat Hart and Linda Yakatan. Celebrate and see the artwork, photo displays and hear the readings of your fellow members and classmates. Remember to purchase a 50-25-25 ($5) chance; lucky winners have been known to walk away with over $100 each in past drawings!

The New York City Ballet and Hall of Springs Luncheon at SPAC has been overwhelmingly received. At this writing tickets are almost sold out for this July 10th event. We are pleased to be celebrating the milestone birthday of one of our A.L.L. staff at this event! (See July issue of A.L.L. the News to find out who and how many years!)

Our co-chair Sally marks a milestone birthday July 30th at A.L.L.’s Wiawaka Day! [Tickets available until July 10.] You won’t believe how old (or, should we say young) she is! Enjoy lunch, the bateau lecture, and this lovely Lake George retreat that day!

In August, we hope you’ll join A.L.L. as we head to the Fingerlakes! See Upcoming Events on page 2 for more info.

Have a great summer; we’ll see you in Sept.—Your co chairs, Terry, Sally & Linda

Curriculum Chairman Lou Tirelli is counting down the days to his upcoming hip replacement surgery and hopes it has the added benefit of curing the trouble he’s been having with his knee, too! Best of luck, Lou! We hope you’ll have a successful surgery and easy recovery.

Phyllis Marks, our Mindful Doodling study group leader extraordinaire tells us that she received a letter recently from one of our A.L.L. fundraiser note cards, no less! from long-time Doodler Ben Armiento. Ben is making good progress at The Pines Rehab Center in Glens Falls, where he’s been working hard this semester, and hopes to be heading home soon. We hope so; we miss you, Ben!

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And speaking of Ben, what’s his daughter up to these days? We caught up with now A.L.L. associate member Marcia Greenson, (Ben’s daughter) whom you’ll remember spent many years as the Academy’s favorite secretary! Here’s what Marcia had to say in a recent conversation with Office Manager Vera Kasson.

“First and foremost, I’m enjoying the freedom of leisurely sipping my first cup of coffee every morning! I think just about everybody knows I’m not a morning person! I have

Anybody talked with Marcia Greenson?

We have!

Congratulations to Office Manager, Vera Kasson. Vera started with the Academy just about a year ago. “The time’s just flown by,” said Kasson. “Every day I learn something new about the Academy. Many have heard me say how much I love my job, and it’s still true! I especially enjoy interacting with the members; they’re such an inspiration!”

Send your news—birthdays, anniversaries, or life events—to:

Academy.LifelongLearning@esc.edu for publication in A.L.L. the News! We’ll be glad you did!
A.L.L. WANTS TO KNOW

To better enable the Academy to know your preferences and needs, we’d like to pose a question or two here each month and ask that you send your response by snail mail (see address at left) or e-mail to: Academy.Lifelonglearning@esc.edu. Your responses, whether negative or positive, will enable us to plan study groups and events that members want and will enjoy. Please complete the following questions this month:

1. I would be interested in the following study groups:

2. Hobbies I enjoy include:

ART APPRECIATION

Thanks to Phyllis Marks and her Mindful Doodlers for spring flowers decorating the door behind Vera’s desk! Last fall there were pumpkin and Halloween doodles, festive winter scenes over the holidays and now doodle flowers to mark the arrival of spring! The artwork is much appreciated!

Thanks also to Ted Alderson for artwork hanging in the A.L.L. office. Ted—an A.L.L. Pilot Member (see below—the paragraph, not the pigs) and long-time photographer—recently offered a selection of his matted and framed photographs from which Vera chose. It was too hard to select just one, so Ted said, “Take two!” Ted’s Barn and Blossoms graces the wall in 191A and Vera hung Go for the Oreo (pictured below left) on the wall beside her desk. “The pigs,” she said, “remind me of going to the County Fair years ago with my son Scott. He won a blue ribbon for guessing which pig would win the race and get the cookie!”

What’s a Pilot Member? We’re glad you asked! A pilot member is any one of the 27 original members of the Academy in 1992. This spring semester, six attended study groups or are associate members! They are: Ted Alderson, Betty McCanty, Al Mossman, Claire Olds, Dottie Brooks and Carol Gregson!

APPRECIATION AWARDS

At the suggestion of Executive Council Chairman Jim Hartman, A.L.L. will present the first-ever Appreciation Awards to three college employees for their outstanding support of the Academy this past year! Look for their names in the July edition of A.L.L. the News.

We hope you sent your reservation; we’re looking forward to seeing you June 6 at Longfellows! In addition to Jeff and Vera, A.L.L. members, and study group leaders, this year we’ll be joined by:

SUNY Empire State College President Merodie Hancock

Vice President for Administration Paul Tucci

Vice President for Communications and Government Relations Mary Caroline Powers

Special Events Coordinator Susan McFadden

Fun facts: Over 100 are attending this year’s Annual Meeting. 38% are having fish, 30% chicken, 29% pork, and 3% vegetarian. Would more or fewer have ordered pork if news of the pigs’ Oreo diet got out? (See Ted Alderson’s racing pigs and the story above it at left!)