This year’s Annual Meeting & Luncheon was a star-studded affair attended by not only A.L.L. members, but also SUNY Empire State College President Merodie Hancock, Saratoga Springs Mayor Joanne Yepsen, SUNY Empire State College Vice Presidents Mary Caroline Powers and Paul Tucci, plus fifteen-time study-group leader Margaret French and special guests and recipients of our first-ever Appreciation Awards: Capital Facilities & Maintenance Assistant Kevin Foster, Special Events Coordinator Susan McFadden, Keyboard Specialist in the Print Shop Janet Jones was unable to attend. Also attending were Academy Executive Chair Jim Hartman and Executive Director Jeff Shinaman. How’s that for stars and studs?! Ha!

College President Merodie Hancock and the Honorable Joanne Yepsen enjoy Jean Kay’s recollection of pasta making with her Grandmother.

Before getting down to business and adopting minor changes to the bylaws followed by voting in some new Executive Council members, all enjoyed mingling, visiting and viewing member artwork on display from the Painting Lab and Mindful Doodling study groups and photos from our fall 2013 and spring 2014 study groups assembled by Historian Marsha Fagan.

Next, we sat back and enjoyed the entertainment brought to us courtesy of Third Age Press with readings of original works by Pat Leonard, Jean Kay, Joyce Rubin and Marilynn Peterson.

The (newest) Apple Tree—volume XIV—was unveiled and available for the first time for sale and the supply on hand SOLD OUT! (But, don’t worry, there’s more!)

Gretchen Ruhl from the Membership Committee reports that the EOC was extremely appreciative of the several large paper bags and 4 large “garbage” bags of donations, cash and checks she delivered that had been collected that day! Thanks to all who donated! (Continued on page 4)

Final details are being worked out on a written agreement among the Academy for Lifelong Learning at Saratoga Springs, SUNY Empire State College and the Empire State College Foundation. The purpose of this agreement is to establish a formal relationship and understanding between the Academy and the college. We appreciate the college’s sponsorship allowing us use of classroom and office space and look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship for years to come!

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STUDY GROUPS

Revisiting Afghanistan
Mary Sommers and Liz Marcinko, who led this study group, tell us that Istanblue Restaurant (in Congress Plaza), refunded their entire $50 catering fee for food which had been ordered for their last class! It was decided to donate the money to Connie Frisbee Houde and the Afghan's Women's Fund to be used for teachers' salaries in a small village. In 2010, donations paid for a well and 3 outbuildings used as classrooms. At the time there were 15 students and now there are 150 full-time and 40 part-time students! Women are taught skills like sewing and crafts that enable them to earn money to support their families. "Through our donation we are all contributing in a small way to improving the lives of the women and children in Afghanistan," said Mary and Liz.

Above: Wildflower Identification with Elizabeth Collins' study group
Below: Walks You May Not Know About (but those in Ruth DiBelius' study group do now!)

READ AT NORTHSHIRE

A full house enjoyed our first ever Apple Tree reading at the Northshire Thursday eve, June 26th! Thanks to Sue Vallatis, Third Age Press and the talented writers, artists and photographers who contributed! The Apple Tree is available for purchase now at A.L.L. or Northshire!

Wiawaka on the Lake
Wiawaka with the Academy Wednesday, July 30th. Enjoy lunch 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! Men are welcome at Wiawaka during July! Contact Pat Hart at 238-0313 or come by the A.L.L. Office for a reservation form.

Fall Term Registration
Your application, post marked no sooner than July 14, and arriving at the Academy office by U.S. mail before the 21st will be among the first to be processed for fall classes! See page 6 (back page) for the new membership and registration information. If it seems like you've been reading a lot about it lately, it's because you have! We are publicizing it every chance we get so that all members and friends will be informed!

Volunteers Needed & Wanted
Yes, this means you! We have upcoming events for which volunteers are still needed! An hour here or there can make all the difference! Call A.L.L. now!

The first is 99 Restaurant Tuesday, July 22 to sell raffle tickets and distribute membership brochures (see above).

The second is the Saratogian Parking Lot Fundraiser July 24th (see above).
COMMITTEE NEWS

After serving for 3 years, Lou Tirelli has retired as chair of the curriculum committee. He agreed to stay on as Pat Friesen takes over the chair position. They are joined by Norm Facklam, Dave Golden, Kathy Hargis, Carolyn Lansberry, Marilynn Peterson, Michael Angelo and Roy Hansen. Responsibilities include developing the curriculum for the fall and spring terms and recruiting study group leaders and speakers for the speaker series. They are currently planning classes for the spring 2015 term. Your suggestions for study group and speaker series topics and volunteers to lead them are encouraged. Most study groups are 2 hours per week for 8 weeks. The speaker series offers two-hour presentations on different topics each week for 8 weeks. Study group and speaker series proposal forms, for those interested in being a speaker or study group leader, are available at the Academy’s website at www.esc.edu/all. If you would like to learn more about this committee or to attend the next meeting, please call Pat Friesen at 223-3077 or Academy Exec. Dir. Jeff Shinaman at 587-2100, x 2390.

Historian wanted! Thanks to outgoing Historian Marsha Fagan, who served this past year and has everything in tip top shape! The historian works at his/her leisure and organizes binders and boxes A.L.L. photos, news articles, books, brochures & important documents. Interested in taking on this important role? Call the Academy office today!

If you’re up for an occasional, “ad-hoc” volunteer project, look no further! Call the A.L.L. today if you can work on the odd event or project as it pops up. Don’t worry, though, when we call if you’re not available or interested in that particular project, just say “no thanks” and we’ll call you for the next one!

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who so generously donated this year at registration or in response to our October and May campaign letters! Your donations make up almost 10% of our annual budget and are crucial to the Academy’s financial health and well being! 2013-’14 Donors (thru June) are:

Regent ($500 and above): Anonymous, Fred Baum, Rita Carozza, Jason MacGregor at Minich MacGregor Wealth Mgmt, Claire Olds
Dean ($250-$499): Adirondack Trust Company
Leader ($75—$99): Corrie Bishop, Gisela & Henry Cooke, Marjorie Gibbs, Christine Gryscavage, Margaret Hill, Anita Kopff, Bob & Linda Pomerener Gretchen Ruhl, Ann VanDerwerker
Facilitator ($50—$74): Marie Balet, Virginia Brown, Carolee Deblaire, Marsha Fagan, Chellie Gorgos, Alice Martin, Patricia Mion, Grace Mueller, Karen O’Rourke, Pat Peterson, Ron Ramsey, Joyce Rubin, Sue Valaitis, Joan Weaver
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.

This month’s question is: **Is there anything the Academy should offer that it isn’t currently? Special programs? Classes? Services? Something else?**

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**Annual Meeting**

Congratulations and welcome to our new Executive Council members who are starting July 1. Pat Friesen, Curriculum Committee Chair, Sheryl Egger and Louise Young, Membership Committee Co-Chairs, Pat Hart and Linda Yakatan, Social and Special Programs Committee Co-Chairs.

**Fall Brochure with new Membership Application and Fall Class Registration Application**

The fall term brochure is hot off the press featuring a great fall line up put together by your Curriculum Committee! A new fee structure and class registration process is being implemented; please read your brochure carefully. Annual membership dues are $50. Registration for your first two full classes is $50 each. Class registration is on a first come, first served basis. Applications should be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no sooner than July 14. They will be numbered as they are received by mail only at the Academy office. Vera and the Membership Committee will be assigning classes each Monday starting on July 21. After several weeks of registration, open classes will be announced for sign up in August. Please call Jeff at the office with any questions at 587-2100, ext. 2390, and see page 6 for further detail.

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**JEFF SAYS . . . (CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)**

Thanks, also to those who purchased raffle tickets! The lucky winners (drawn by former A.L.L. secretary Marcia Greens) were Claire Olds & Patricia Rohstedt ($100 cash each), Kathy Crumb [Sundaes Best Hot Fudge Sauce], and Avril Bevridge and Kathy Cassimeris [Ballet Tickets to A.L.L.’s Luncheon & Ballet July 10th.]

All told, there were 114 attendees; that may be a new record! Oh, and the food was great, as usual—Longfellows never disappoints! All in all, it was a fun-filled and productive A.L.L. meeting!

**Below:** Appreciation Award recipient Kevin Foster holds his certificate. Kevin is accompanied by [from left] Jeff Shinaman, Jim Hartman, Merodie Hancock and Paul Tucci.

**Above:** Margaret French is inducted into the Master Leader Society! From left are: Jeff Shinaman, Margaret French and Jim Hartman. Look for Margaret’s name on the Master Leader Plaque at the Academy office!

**Below:** Phyllis Marks greets Paul Tucci as Kevin Foster looks on. Above: Susan McFadden happily displays her Appreciation Award accompanied by [from left] Jeff Shinaman, Jim Hartman, Mary Caroline Powers and Merodie Hancock.

**Below left:** Doodles on Display

**Below Right:** Terry Grazda sells 50/25/25 raffle tickets netting A.L.L. $195! Nice!
The pie chart at right shows the sources of our A.L.L. income for the 2013–2014 fiscal year. Our new year, which starts July 1 (now), will be missing a small, but expensive, piece of the pie. Of course, it is the support SUNY Empire State College had generously provided in years’ past. While 4% may seem like a small slice, it represents $2,500 of cold, hard cash that will be difficult to replace.

**MEMBER NEWS—MEMBER NEWS**

While still recovering from hip replacement surgery, we are told that Lou Tirelli is on the mend and doing well. We hope to see you up and around the Academy halls soon, Lou!

Published by Finishing Line Press, A.L.L. member Kate McNairy’s poetry collection “June Bug” will be out this summer! Kate, a former newspaper freelance writer, was a finalist in the Blue Light Poetry Prize and Chapbook Competition in 2013, and, over the years, has had her work published in multiple magazines. She has been an adjunct writing instructor at Empire State College and is currently on the editorial board of our “Apple Tree.” For more information on “June Bug” and how you can get a copy for yourself go to web address: www.katemcnairy.com.

Study Group Leader and Storyteller Eileen Egan Mack tells us that she will be performing at Wiawaka July 30th (A.L.L. day!) in an evening of dinner and song! “Some Enchanted Evening,” a jazz and pop performance features vocalist Eileen Egan Mack accompanied by pianist Peg Delaney and bassist Bill Delaney. The trio will perform music from the jazz and pop genres from Ella Fitzgerald and Jo Stafford to Carol King and Joni Mitchell. Tickets are $35 and include dinner! Call 518-668-9690 to make your reservation and purchase tickets.

Aug 7 features Eileen’s second program at Wiawaka “Voice of the Mountains: Jeanne Robert Foster, an Adirondack Legacy.” Call 518-668-9690 for reservations and tickets!

Office volunteer Royann Rogerson multi-tasks: writing notes, addressing and stuffing envelopes while fielding phone calls!

**HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!**

Celebrate with Sally Hensley at Wiawaka July 30th; she’s celebrating her 85th birthday! Way to go, Sally. We wish you many, many more!

Office Manager Vera Kasson celebrates a double nickel birthday this month. Thanks to the Social Committee, she’ll be enjoying her special day with A.L.L. at the Hall of Springs for lunch and then the ballet at SPAC!

Congratulations to all A.L.L. members celebrating in July; you know who you are!

Send your news—birthdays, anniversaries, life events or any other occasion you’d like to share with your A.L.L. friends to:

Academy.LifelongLearning@esc.edu for publication in A.L.L. the News! We’ll be glad you did!
Please look for your Annual Membership Application and Fall Term Class Registration, which should be out soon! Please see below for a preview of the new fee schedule and registration process.

Annual membership dues are $50. Membership goes from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015
(Since membership is annual, members joining in the fall at $50 will not pay membership dues again in the spring)

You are welcome to join at any time during the year. Please see last page for the application.

$50 per 8-week class for each of the first 2 classes each term

A member joining and taking (2) 8-week classes this fall would pay $150
($50 annual membership + $50 1\text{st} class + $50 2\text{nd} class)

$25 per 4-week class*

A member joining and taking a 4-week class and an 8-week class would pay $125
($50 annual membership + $50 1\text{st} class + $25 4-week class)

*(A class of 5 or more weeks if considered a full 8-week class at the fee schedule as written here)

$25 per class for each additional class based on availability (This includes 4-week classes)

A member joining and taking (2) 8-week classes and 1 additional class would pay $175
($50 annual membership + $50 1\text{st} class + $50 2\text{nd} class + $25 third class)

Applications for fall classes will be accepted by mail with a post-date no sooner than Monday, July 14.
Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Registrations will be numbered as they arrive by mail at the A.L.L. office. The first study group placement will be on Monday, July 21. After all first choice study group selections are placed each week, the number order will reverse for second choice placements. This will repeat the following week with applications received July 21 – 25 and placements made on July 28 as described above. This will repeat each week with assigned classes made on Monday from all applications received the previous week. After several weeks of registration, the open classes will be announced and registration for these classes will take place on a first come, first served basis by e-mail, mail or in-person. This will require a second payment for these additional classes.

To encourage good discussion, study group sizes are limited. Please indicate your choices for courses in order of preference and also list one alternate choice. If a study group is filled, your alternate choice will be honored. Wait lists will be established for filled study groups in case space becomes available before the fall term begins. Open classes will be announced in August with registration on a first come, first served basis.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships are available each semester on a confidential basis. To apply, send your request to: Executive Director, Academy for Lifelong Learning, 111 West Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

REFUND POLICY
If you have to drop a class, a refund less $25 processing fee will be granted up to September 2. From September 3 to 15 a refund less $25 processing fee will be granted for health reasons only. No refund requests will be honored after September 15, 2014. Membership dues are nonrefundable. If A.L.L. cancels a study group, you’re welcome to apply for another open class. Refunds for canceled classes will be given without penalty if that is your choice.