ACADEMY FOR LIFELONG LEARNING
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A.L.L. THE NEWS

Summer Fun!

August, 2014

A.L.L. AT PLAY

Blue sunny skies and 75 degrees; July 10th couldn’t have been finer for 45 Academy members and friends who enjoyed each other’s company, the delicious buffet luncheon at the Hall of Springs and then the New York City ballet at SPAC!

Above—Academy ladies enjoy the shade on the porch at the Hall of Springs before lunch.

Near left—Vera, at the invitation of the Social & Special Committee, considers a wish before blowing out the candle on her birthday cake at the Hall of Springs.

Far left—A poster just inside the SPAC entrance. (continued on page 4)

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR—JEFF SAYS . . .

Monday, July 31, Gretchen Ruhl, Liz Marcinko, Sue Jorgensen, Joan Weaver, Judy Judge and Louise Young of the Membership committee blazed the trail on our new registration system. Starting at 10 AM and wrapping it up just after 2 PM, the ladies and I processed 186 applications! All received their first and second choices, with no waiting lists or closed classes! Thanks to all who helped, and Vera for designing and preparing the process and documents to make it all work!

One week later on the 28th, we processed the second round followed by the third and final round (continued on page 4)

SHOUT OUT!

This month’s shout-out is for our new: historian, photographer, A.L.L. the News Assistant Editor/Writer, and Facebook Coordinator. Don’t be shy, if you’d like to volunteer for any of these roles, step up and tell us who you are! We’re anxious to put you to work!

Points of Interest

- 99 Restaurant and Saratogian Parking Lot Proceeds!
- Registration for Fall Study Groups going strong! Letters break mail department record!
- A.L.L. at SPAC and Wiawaka
The Road Scholar Institute Network, a non-profit association of over 400 Lifelong Learning Institutes (ours included), featured our A.L.L. in their national spring publication featuring curriculum ideas! Here’s what was said about Tom Gould’s study group:

“Over the spring, the Academy for Lifelong Learning at Empire State College in Saratoga, NY explored Are We Too Soon Old: Too Late Smart? NO! For four weeks participants discussed their lifetime of experiences, many of which emphasize their closest relationships and things that they did to impede or enhance them. They have the capacity to face loss, misfortune and regret and to move beyond them—it is not too late. Participants had fun discussing things they may know but have not articulated to themselves. They used the short book ‘Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart’ as the reference for discussion. For everyone who feels a sense of urgency that the clock ticks and they still aren’t the person we’d like to be, this book and subsequent dialogue offer solace, guidance and hope.”

To see the write up in its entirety, including curriculum ideas from a dozen other Institutes, go to http://pdf.roadscholar.org/institute-network/program_ideas.pdf.

**FUNDRAISING**

**99 Restaurant Fundraiser**
Tuesday, July 21st, Academy members, Carole Baker, Sheryl Egger, Anne Trainer, Barbara Rosenkranz, Jim Hartman, Jeff and Vera worked our first-ever “Dining for a Cause” fund raiser at 99 Restaurant. Below: Jeff’s Dad, Dave Shinaman, barely finished his dinner before his ticket was drawn in the 50/50 raffle. He happily waves his winnings in thanks!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Fall Orientation**
Save the date: Thursday, Sept. 11 from 9—11 AM at 113 West Ave. Check in is at 9 AM. Enjoy food and drink, visit with study group leaders, register for SIGs and open study groups, sign up to volunteer! Program starts at 10 AM and includes: welcome, study group highlights, information on volunteer opportunities, Academy updates, upcoming events and raffle. Don’t miss it!

**Dr. Landry Lunch & Learn**
Save the date: Friday, Oct. 24, 11—2 PM, at the Holiday Inn, 232 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Agenda is: Ten Ways to Age Successfully, Lunch, Keeping Our Minds Sharp, followed by a meet’n greet with Dr. Landry and book signing. Registration forms for the event and book purchase/signing to go out early August and will be available at the office. Cost (to members and including lunch) is $25. This event is also open to the public for $30. Please help us spread the word by inviting family and friends; we hope to see you there!

**Brochure Changes**
Tuesday Speakers Series: Add Norm Facklam as the Study Group Leader (he’ll be terrific)! Change Patricia Blackburn’s topic to New State of the Art Drug Free Treatment and add the History of the Sagamore Hotel by Carol McCarthy.

More letters than the SUNY Empire Mail Department had ever seen in one day for one department! Yes! Your registrations (postmarked July 14) arrived en mass on Tuesday, the 15th. The 91 letter stack was over 4 inches high and weighed almost three pounds!
COMMITTEE NEWS

The Development & Long-Range Planning Committee (DLRP) is now the Resource Development Committee. Responsibility for the Academy’s policies, strategic plan and long range planning are the duties of the Executive Council. The new Resource Development Committee will engage in efforts to attract resources needed to carry out the mission of the Academy including: conducting bi-annual fund drive letter campaign (Oct & May); developing sources of potential sponsors, grants and fundraising opportunities; and sourcing physical facilities to accommodate Academy growth.

In you are interested in chairing or serving on this committee, please contact Executive Director Jeff Shinaman at the Academy today!

Historian wanted! The historian works at his/her leisure and organizes A.L.L. photos, news articles, books, brochures & important documents. Interested? Call the Academy office today!

FUND DRIVE & DONATIONS

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who so generously donated to our 2013—2014 fiscal year annual fund drive. These fine folks contributed after A.L.L. the News went to print last month; we’re glad to recognize them here!

Regent ($500+): The Saratogian
Dean ($250—$499): Barnes & Noble
Educator ($100—$249): Balet Flowers; Jacki Jung; Dorothy Kelliher; Alice Martin; Liz Marcinko;
Leader ($75—$99): Marge Hamill; Bob & Linda Pommerer;
Facilitator ($50—$74): Chellie Gorgos
Friend (up to $49): Jim Calhoun

Thank you

Sally Hensley (pictured at right) celebrated her 85th birthday with A.L.L. at Wiawaka! In honor of Sally’s special day, her friend, Andrea Spungen donated as an “Educator” to the Academy! Thank you Andrea for your gift in honor of Sally and her milestone birthday!

JIM HARTMAN

I hope you are having a wonderful summer and looking forward to taking some great classes and attending our very interesting events scheduled this fall. This summer, Jeff, several committee members and I worked on revisions and updates to our by-laws and procedural manuals. Jeff and I will present the changes for review and input at our first Executive Council meeting of this new (fiscal) year on August 27. Once the Council agrees on and passes the revisions, we will make them available to you by e-mail and, upon request, at the office.

I look forward to seeing you again this fall semester as well as meeting our new members. As always, thanks for all you do!

Lois Celeste, over at the Senior Center at 5 Williams St. here in Saratoga Springs, is extending an invitation to their Open House on Saturday, September 13th from 9 AM to 4 PM.

Save the date for free exercise classes, art classes, demonstrations, blood pressure clinic, shiatsu massage, pool table games, tarot card readings and more! Explore the affordable trips, classes and services available to adults age 50 and up.

Call the Center at 584-1621 or visit www.saratogaseniorcenter.org for more info!
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.

What do you like about this term’s registration fees/process?
What do you not like about this term’s registration fees/process?

on Monday, August 4. All told, at this writing, we have 216 paid members with 210 signed up for classes!

Registration for Additional Open Classes
See page 5 for the list of study groups with open seats and the back page for the Third-Choice Registration Form. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis by U.S. Mail. Please remember to include your check with your registration for additional classes.

As a reminder, first and second choice eight-week classes are $50 each. Additional classes (third and fourth choices) are $25 each. Four-week classes (Conflicts in the Bible and Explore Four Exhibits at the Tang Museum) are always $25 each.

For those who have already registered for classes and would like to register for additional classes, please use the form on the back of this newsletter.

For those who have not yet registered or for those who would like to become a member, please use the Annual Membership Application and Fall Term Class Registration Brochure. Brochures are at the Academy office or on the website at www.esc.edu/all. Call the office at 587-2100, ext. 2415 with questions.

“Perfect,” pretty much sums up A.L.L. Day at Wiawaka on the 30th of July. Named an historic landmark, the non-profit Wiawaka served since 1903, originally as a working-women’s retreat two miles from Lake George Village on the east side of the lake providing respite for the women garment factory workers from Troy, NY. Now, women of all walks of life (and men during the month of July only) come to enjoy the serene setting for a day, a week or even longer all summer long.

The day started with Joseph Zarzynski’s lecture on the sunken bateaux just off Wiawaka’s shoreline, followed by lunch and then a guided tour by Pat Hart of the lovely buildings, grounds and gardens.

At Left: Gail, a master gardener and volunteer starts her day collecting flowers from Wiawaka’s gardens to put in arrangements for the dining rooms, residences and outbuildings.

Above: A sign marks the historic site in the waters just off the Wiawaka shore. Above right: Birthday gals Sally Hensley and Terry Grazda relax on the porch. Below: A view of the lake with the outbuilding The House of Trix in the foreground.

At left: “Birch Elder” happily guards the lake from the grounds above the boat house. Below: Charlie, who mows the lawns, sports a great 'stache. “It takes a little patience and lots of mustache wax,” he explains!
STUDY GROUPS/CLASSES WITH OPENINGS

First and second choice study groups have been assigned for those who submitted applications in July. Applications received in August will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Study Groups with openings are:
- A Brief Survey of Elements in Indian, Chinese & Japanese Studies
- A Study of Greek Tragedy, the Plays of Sophocles, Conflicts in the Bible
- Enjoying Poetry: Writing & Reading
- Explore Four Exhibits at the Tang Museum
- History of Military Medicine: Egypt & Greece to Iraq & Afghanistan
- Hollywood: Dying is Easy, Comedy is Hard
- Intermediate Italian: Conversation & Writing
- Interpretive Hikes at Moreau Lake State Park
- Introduction to Historical Fashion
- James Joyce Unpacked
- Making Sense of Investing
- Meet George Sand: Two of Her Novels
- Mindful Doodling
- Monday Speakers Series
- Painting Lab
- Power Gained, Power Lost: The Tragedy of LBJ
- The Times They Were A’Changing: Remembering the 1960s
- The Writers Circle
- Tuesday Speakers Series
- Using Computers to Enrich & Improve Quality of Life
- Wednesday Speakers Series
- You Can’t Make This Stuff Up
- Writing Creative Nonfiction

At this writing, study groups with no openings and for which we are accepting names for placement on wait lists are: The Three Bs and Others: Giants of Music; Great Decisions 2014: Discussing Current World Issues;

Save me a seat!

MEMBER NEWS—MEMBER NEWS

Retired Executive Director Jo-Ellen Unger is enjoying every moment of her new lifestyle. In May, she conquered the canopy obstacle course high above the Amazon Jungle floor in Ecuador! That’s Jo-Ellen (below) on the right in the white hat (helmet)!

We wish Betty McCanty a swift recovery. Betty spent some time last month at Wesley, but we hear she returned home recently, is doing well and looking forward to attending fall classes! Get well soon, Betty!

Save the date—Sunday, Sept 28 at 5 PM! A.L.L. members Betty Cassidy & Kate Duding present “Julia Child and Other Remarkable People” at the 110th Story Sunday at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia. Story Sundays is a long-running storytelling dinner series for adults. Thousands have enjoyed the special banquets combining 4 course stories with 3 courses dinners! The Sept 28th event features a special Julia Child menu. $35 per person includes entertainment, 3 course dinner, coffee/tea, tax AND tip. Save $3 if you are new or bring someone new (only one discount per person). For reservations: call Joe Doolittle 384-1700 or e-mail Kate at Kate@KateDudding.com

Newlywed!
Best wishes to Academy member Suzanne Delman, who is now Suzanne Laplante!

HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Best wishes to Eleanor Elliott. she’s 90 this month! And, Executive Director Jeff Shinaman celebrates his 54th birthday on the 19th of August!

Congratulations to all A.L.L. members celebrating in August: 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!
FALL 2014 OPEN CLASS REGISTRATION

For those who have already registered for one or two classes and would like to register for additional study groups, please use this form.

Registration for these additional classes is on a first-come, first-served basis by U.S. mail. Please be sure to include your check for these additional classes. First and second choice eight-week classes are $50 each. Additional classes (third and fourth choices) are $25 each. Four-week classes (Conflicts in the Bible and Explore Four Exhibits at the Tang Museum) are always $25 each.

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Class: ____________________________  Class: ____________________________

If the class(s) you select is/are full, you will be added to a waiting list.

CLASS FEES:

Second 8-week class (if already registered for 1 class)$50.00  $__________

Third Class  $25.00  $__________

Fourth Class  $25.00  $__________

GIFT GIVING

A.L.L Annual Fund Contribution:  $__________

Amount to be applied to:

General Fund  $__________

Endowment Fund  $__________

Scholarship Fund  $__________

I would like to add the Academy for Lifelong Learning in my will. Please contact me ___

Are you eligible for matching funds? _____

(If so, please enclose a completed matching gift form from the company.)

Total Enclosed  $__________

Please make checks payable to: The Academy for Lifelong Learning

Mail application and payment to: A.L.L. Fall Open Class Registration, Academy for Lifelong Learning, SUNY Empire State College, 111 West Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-6069.