

Academy By the Sea

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 21	Orientation for new members & instructors
Jan 25	First day of Spring classes
Feb 15	No classes (Presidents' Day)
Mar 2	Second Session begins
Apr 2	Last day of class

New Classrooms, New Teachers, New Students

The Fall Semester at SDALL kicked off with a new member and instructor orientation on September 10th. While the instructors were being “instructed” on SDALL procedures by Kay Greene and Ron Reese, Bob Comeau was welcoming the new and returning students.

The fall semester classes began on September 14th with a total of the 431 members. Ten percent of those members were new

and we welcomed 5 new instructors. After figuring out the numbers of the rooms, their locations, where the restrooms are and how to get into the building, we all have rediscovered the joys and challenges of the educational experience we are offered at SDALL.



Got a Bright Idea?

If you have an idea for a course or are willing to serve as an instructor or instructor's helper, write and submit a proposal. If you have questions, contact Kay Greene or Ron Reese Academic Affairs Committee Co-chairs



From the Chair



Hello to all,
 Its time to critique the first half of our 21st. year. By and large it was a successful semester; 431 student members attended 55 courses. The feedback from our instructors early on was positive, but then as the semester wore on fewer and fewer class members attended their requested and assigned classes. This issue requires addressing. If you are going to miss a class, please contact your instructor or the academy office. Also, at your disposal is a form titled Add / Drop. If your circumstance warrants its use,

please, do so.

Our spring semester will be bringing 50 courses to our members - not too shabby considering our "SNO BIRD" population. Before I close, let me give you a GREAT PIECE of news. By the time you are reading this Anna, Bob Comeau, Bruce Collins, and I will have presented to the Cape Henlopen School Board our contract proposal to keep us in the Lewes School until June 30, 2013. Good stuff.

In closing, we from the Academy Office wish you and your family a healthy and a Happy Holiday season.

Richard Sciorra
 Council Chair

Thanks to all our hard working volunteer members that got the academy ready for our Fall 2009 Semester.

The new Coffee Station was designed and built by Herb Archdeacon in his shop, with the help of Bill Stout and Richard Sciorra and transported by Ron Reese.

The new bulletin board frames were also built by Herb Archdeacon & Richard Sciorra and painted by Bob Chu, John Colman, Ron Reese and Richard Sciorra.

Rebecca Moy, Mia Moshier, and Anne Carol Finley helped Librarian, Martha Savage set up the library in its new space.



Bernie Fiegel stops for a cup of coffee at the new Coffee Station.



Left to right: Rebecca Moy, Mia Moshier, Martha Savage & Anne Carol Finley.

BADGES

Everyone is required to wear the SDALL badge at all times when in the building, no exceptions. See Renee if you forget yours or you bring a guest.



We're on the Web!
www.academy.udel.edu/sdall

Fall Semester at SDALL

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Benjamin Franklin (aka Winfried Mroz) paid a visit to the Benjamin Franklin class.

Guest speaker, Dr. David Hildebrand, shared songs and stories from the colonial period with instructor, Winfried Mroz and class members during the Benjamin Franklin class.



Bill Maroon, docent at the Air Mobility Command Museum, shares "Air Heroes" stories with Academy members during a visit to the museum on November 6, 2009.

Below: Air Power in World War II, instructor Wes Rumble and museum docent Bill Maroon.



Above: Academy members gather at the Benjamin Franklin Museum during a trip to Philadelphia on November 20, 2009.



Right: Academy members learn more about US "Air Power" at the Air Mobility Command Museum in Dover.



12th Annual Homecoming Picnic



On Monday, October 12th SDALL members gathered at Cape Henlopen State Park for the 12th Annual Academy Homecoming Picnic. The tables were laden with a variety of delicious dishes to accompany the hotdogs and hamburgers from the grill. The Elder Moments sang and Alex Apostolina organized members in an "easy" country dance.



Don't Forget



Don't forget to check our Bulletin Boards in the hallway for Academy information and many "happenings" in and around the Lewes/Rehoboth area.

If you wish to have flyer posted on our bulletin board kindly give it to our office staff so our bulletin board committee will be able to exercise some semblance of order with posting the information submitted.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their volunteer hour logs. Keep them coming. Anna



Tell Your Friends and Neighbors about SDALL!!

Share the FUN!!

SDALL Presents “Barber of Seville”



Opera Delaware paid a visit to Lewes recently, bringing a preview of its “Barber of Seville” production. The program was presented by the Southern Delaware Academy of Lifelong Learning at the Cadbury Continuing Care Retirement Community. Over one hundred Cadbury residents and Academy members attended the performance.

Pictured above, left to right are: Richard Sciorra, SDALL Chair, Opera Delaware performers, Richard Hartmann; Misoon Ghim; Lynne Clairemorse, Lee Kimball, Director, Opera Delaware, Dolores Fiegel, SDALL; and Irwin Densen, Opera Delaware Performer.

Photo by Ruth Mankin

Members in the Spotlight

Liz Dolan was featured in the October 5, 2009 edition of the Cape Gazette. Liz recently published her first book of poetry called “They Abide” and has donated all the proceeds from the sale of her book to Buddy Walk, a program of the National Down Syndrome Society.

Wes Stack was recognized recently as one of four potters participating in the Empty Bowls project for the Jusst Souop Ministry. Wes took up pottery eight years ago after retiring from a career in education and technology and had even built his own kiln in his backyard.

New Editions in SDALL Library

The Tai Chi Handbook (exercise, meditation, self-defense)

Tai Chi One (DVD)

Donated by Anne Carol Finley

Benjamin Franklin - A comprehensive combination of new scholarship with unique images, many of which have never been seen before. More than 265 color illustrations are included.

Donated by Win Mroz

Lewes Historical Society Annual Publication

12 issues covering 1998-2009. Articles on the historical legacy of Lewes, many of which have been written by members of the Academy. Of special note: Vol XII November 2009, *Education in Lewes*. Included in this issue is an article on SDALL, written by Bill Sharkey and Dolores Fiegel.

Donated by the Lewes Historical Society

Many thanks from SDALL for these very interesting and relevant additions to our library collection.

Just a reminder: When returning library material please place items in the box marked "BOOK RETURN"

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE RETURNED ITEMS BACK ON THE SHELF.

The returned items must be checked in by the librarian so that the borrower is not charged for a lost item.



There are a limited number of school lockers available for member use. Please see Anna or Renee to obtain a locker.

“Apple for the Teacher” Luncheon

Submitted by Bernie Fiegel

The Academy Queen (alas, without Katherine Hepburn) dropped anchor at the Atlantic Sands Hotel at the Boardwalk and Atlantic ocean to the delight of 213 members, instructors, and guests who went ashore to enjoy "An Apple for the Teacher" fall 2009, SDALL luncheon. The multitude of art exhibits by talented Academy members improves with each luncheon, as does the singing of the Elder Moments led by our incomparable Roo Brown. An "Ode to the Teacher" was prepared and read by Academy member Esther Friend. This year the shrimp and scallop stuffed flounder entree easily outdistanced the pork with apple and pear compote in popularity - 122 to 89 with 4 veggie lasagnas bringing up the rear.

Special thanks to "An Apple for the Teacher" committee who kept you posted with bulletin board updates of instructors with their photos and courses, the sign-up sheet "where did you attend school in the 6th grade," and the table decorations at the luncheon. Committee members: Bernie (chair) and Dolores Fiegel, Phil Fretz, Cathy McNeill, Anne Miller, and Joan Sciorra, and a "special thanks" to you the members and instructors.



SDALL Secrets of Success Revealed

- How does SDALL gather nearly fifty classes for the Spring semester?

Fortunately, SDALL has a dedicated group of instructors. In early fall many of them turned in the course proposal form sent by Renee Moy. When the Academic Affairs co-chairs Kay Greene and Ron Reese saw that we needed more classes we turned to our subcommittee members for help.

In addition to giving us advice in their areas of expertise, they are the ones who work to see that we have a well- balanced mix of classes by recruiting additional instructors. Special thanks go to Jon Newsome - Music/ Performing Arts; Carol Brad - Science; Bernie Fiegel - Life Skills/ Health/ Recreation; Jim DeCatur - Humanities/Psychology/Social Studies; Carmela Coleman - Art; John Bochnowski - History/ International Studies; and Don Stein - Computers.

- How does SDALL get ideas for classes?

Many ideas come from the instructors themselves. They take their passions, hobbies and knowledge and develop a five or ten week course for our Fall or Spring semesters or a one to four week course for our June semester. Other ideas come from you. You share them with us on the Student Evaluation Forms. Keep giving us ideas and the names of possible instructors.

A few of your recent suggestions included Antiques, American Indians, Nixon, The Stewards, Middle East History, Railroads, Book discussions, Genealogy, Archeology, Bird Photography, The Mind, Ethics, Irish History, and Inventions.

- How do I get into the class I want?

Use your Priority Choices wisely. If the class you want has a limited enrollment or frequently has a waiting listing, put it down as your Priority #1. That will increase, but not guarantee, your chances, as there may be many others also picking that class as their Priority #1.

If you were wait-listed previously in that class, write that on your First Choice Priority form.

The surest way to get into a class is to be an instructor. Teachers do not get paid, do not get special parking, and do not get tuition discounts, but they do get into one class of their choosing during the semester they teach.



Submitted by Kay Greene (Academic Affairs Committee Co-chair)

Who are We?

Our average age is 72 but our oldest member is 90 and our youngest member is 53. 30% are men and 70% are women. 85% of us live in the Lewes/Rehoboth area, 13% live south of the Indian River Inlet, 2% live farther North (Dover, Milford, etc). Most of us have gone to college with 34% having a 4 year degree and 51% having graduate school experience.

“Ode (Owed) to Teachers”

By Esther Friend

Teachers have a way of leaving impressions on us which they may or may not have intended. My sixth grade teacher once asked me a question which I have been pondering ever since. She was probably one of the most inept classroom teachers I ever spent a year with but her question was wise, well put and came at the right time. She asked it on a day when I was being happy about the fact that she liked an essay I had written and I was confiding that I wanted to be a writer when I grew up. “Oh,” she said, “Do you want to be a writer or do you want to write?”

Teachers are wonderful about giving us things to think about. Consider the fact that in this semester alone we could choose courses about the Arts, Computers, History, The Humanities, International Studies, Life Skills, Recreation, Science and Math. When a dedicated word person can even consider sitting in on a course titled ‘Fractals and Chaos’, you know that there is a need for Lifelong Learning. We must never believe that our heads are already packed with enough facts and ideas.

You teachers who have shared your knowledge, your skills and your passions during this past semester may never know what we carried away from your classes. A few of us can tell you outright: but some of us will be mulling it over for some time to come. All of us are grateful for your influence. We have enjoyed your generous gifts.

Please come to teach us again.



Stained Glass Instructor Asa Robinson assists Malcolm Judkins with project.



Chorus practice.



“Father Time” (aka Richard Sciorra)



Recorder and Friends class practice.



Walk & Talk instructors George Palmer & Joan Ridolfi with class at Abbots Mill.

YOUR NEWSLETTER

The SDALL Newsletter is published quarterly, with special editions as appropriate. If anyone has information, news or items of interest to share, the Council wants to hear from you. Please contact Lynn Kroesen at lkroesen@yahoo.com.

Turn Off Those Cell Phones, PLEASE

PLEASE turn **off** your cell phones while in SDALL classes as a courtesy to your fellow students and the instructor.

