



ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Academy of Lifelong Learning
University of Delaware

November 14, 2005

JEANNE KENNEDY TO RETIRE

On November 30, Jeanne Kennedy, will retire after fifteen years with the Academy and eighteen with the University. Paula Germack will take over her position and a new senior secretary will be hired to replace Paula. Linda Osoinach, University Coordinator, summed up the Academy's feelings, "We will miss her very much." Jeanne's farewell and thank you follow:

THANK YOU

Fifteen years! Where did they go? It was the fall of 1990 when Flo Garrett, the Academy Coordinator, asked me to join the staff as Senior Secretary. No Search Committee, no interview, just an offer. I really wasn't interested in the job. At the time I was working for Continuing Education in the Student Services Building. I was happy and contented. However, Flo persisted and I finally agreed. It has turned out to be one of the best decisions I ever made.

I've worked with the best staff as well as wonderful Academy members. I have seen so much growth over the years in the Academy as well as in myself. Best of all I've made many friends.

But some good things must come to an end. On November 30 I will say goodbye to the Academy. This will not be easy by any stretch of the imagination. I plan to spend time with my husband, Walt, hiking, biking, and gardening. I hope to travel more often to Chattanooga to visit my grandchildren. Maybe I'll even join the Academy and take some of the courses I have been longing to take. I'll have lots of time when I retire - won't I?

One last thing. "Thank you, Academy, for some of the best years of my life."

Jeanne Kennedy
Staff Assistant

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Join us for our holiday luncheon to be held on Friday, Dec 9, at Arsht Hall. It will begin at 11:45 a.m with hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and entertainment by Henry Gass at the piano.

Luncheon will be served at 12:45 p.m. in Room 105. The menu will include Caesar salad with your choice of: chicken Marsala with roasted potatoes and green beans amandine (\$18); grilled salmon with lemon sauce, rice and vegetables (\$18); or vegetable platter (\$14.50).

Dessert will be cheesecake with red berries. Music will be provided by the Academy "Memories" musical group.

Tickets will be on sale in the Academy lobby from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during the weeks of Nov 14-18 and Nov 28- Dec 2.

Joy Scott

SCULPTURE FOR OUR CAMPUS

The Wilmington campus which surrounds Arsht Hall has attractive plantings and the adjacent Goodstay Gardens. These grounds will soon be further enhanced by sculpture, resulting from a gift to the University by Leslie Burgess, an Academy member, and Dr. Sarah Jastak-Burgess. Leslie Burgess believes that he and his wife "have temporary custody" of these sculptures and they should be shared with a wider audience.

Two fu dogs will frame the back entrances to Arsht Hall and a Japanese lantern will grace a corner in front. The other works are an Inuit sculpture, two metalwork pieces ("Flame" and "Dancer"). "Dancer" was a favorite of Roxana Arsht, who with her husband, Sam, contributed generously to the construction of the building we enjoy.

A bodhisattva and a statue of a goat will be placed in Goodstay Gardens.

Watch for these welcome additions to our surroundings.

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Schedule for the *Academy Newsletter*

Submittal deadline

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Thu. Jan. 5, 2006

Mon. Feb. 6

Mon. Feb. 20

Mon. Mar. 13

Submit articles to rehrlich@udel.edu, or place in the Newsletter mail slot on the rear wall in the Reception Area.

NOMINATIONS FOR ACADEMY COUNCIL

The Nominating Committee of the Academy is beginning the process of selecting candidates to fill five vacancies on the Academy Council in 2006. If more than five members are nominated, a general election will be held in March 2006.

The Council consists of fifteen members, each of whom serves for three years. It meets monthly and considers relevant matters brought before it by various committees or by individual members.

Desirable qualifications for candidates to be considered for nomination to Council include the following:

- Member for at least two years
- Academy committee or teaching experience and willingness to lead
- Strong interest in the Academy
- Knowledge of the Academy, its mission, vision, and activities
- Willingness to be available during his or her term
- Ability to speak well and work well with others
- Management ability
- Some financial background
- Experience with non-profit organizations
- Some knowledge of facility management

Each candidate does not need to have each of the above talents and qualities. It is, however, critical that each of these talents and qualities be represented on Council.

If you know a current member of the Academy who has one or more of the qualifications listed, please give her or his name to a member of the Nominating Committee for consideration.

Aside from the candidates the Nominating Committee selects, any member may run as a nominee for Council if she or he agrees to serve as chair or vice-chair of one of the Academy committees and has signatures of at least ten Academy members in support of his or her candidacy. Supporters and the nominee must sign a form obtained from the Academy office and return the completed form to the office no later than the end of February 2006.

The members of this year's Nominating Committee are Warren Boyer, Peggy De Coursey, Steve Dombchik, Mary Ann Dowd, Sig Ettinger, Irene Farrance, Ruth Flexman (ex officio), Herm Glotzer, Jerry Hapka, Nan Norling, Linda Osoinach (ex officio), and Sara Lu Schwartz.

Herman Glotzer
Nominating Committee Chair

ART NEWS

The Holiday Art Show is November 14-17 in the Lobby. Get an early start on holiday shopping. All Academy students are welcome to participate.

During the fall semester over 160 paintings and many sculptures were exhibited in a variety of shows. You benefit two ways when you buy artwork: you acquire something to admire; twenty percent of all art sales goes to the Academy for improvements such as the lighting in room 105 and needed equipment.

Next semester an art exhibit is planned in March and an art sale in April. The Cannon Reading Room features changing displays of Academy artwork. We invite you to stop by to see the walls filled with lovely paintings.

Betty Murchison, Dot Garmus
Co chairs, Art Exhibits

SPRING SEMESTER COURSES

Believe it or not, it will soon be time to sign up for spring semester courses. Catalogs will be mailed in late December and registration will be from January 3 to 11. Registration is from 9 a.m. to noon in Arsh Hall or by mail.

New courses abound.

If you love music, you can participate in our many performance groups, sit back and appreciate the masters in such courses as *Schubert or Neglected Romantic Composers*, or tap your feet to the music of *MGM Musicals from 1939-1960*.

Keep up with science in new courses including *Neuroscience and Individuality*; *Virology: an Overview*; and *Rocket Science*.

Study the humanities in such courses as *People of the Middle East*; *The United States and China*; *Maori and Indian Political Survival*; *FDR*; and *20th Century Cultural History*.

Learn all about our state in courses on *Delaware's History and Delaware's Government*.

For literature, new choices include *John Milton's "Paradise Lost"*; *Great Poetry* and the *Twelve Greatest Tragedies*.

Choose from these and many more. As usual, our dedicated instructors intend to keep us all excited about the opportunities here at the Academy.

Irene Farrance
Chair, Curriculum Committee

REHEARSAL



Enjoy the Academy Band's Fall Concert on Wed., Nov. 30, at Special Events (12:45).

BOOK SALE

Once again our book sale was a success thanks to all who donated books, CDs, etc. and those who purchased them and also to the hard-working volunteers which included over 75 Academy members who received, sorted, and sold books. Thanks also to the office staff, site security and Conferences "set up" crews. Without all this help, the book sale would never happen.

Howard Smith

THE ACADEMY – TWENTY FIVE YEARS AND COUNTING

Twas years ago that it all began with one ambitious dream

That soon became a plan, the likes of which had not been seen.

They created a setting for learning that was unlike any other,

Where mature and vital people could relate to one another

They offered many courses in the arts and history, In languages, in science, current events, technology.

Whatever topic was desired, each student found it there,

With members teaching members, their expertise was shared.

The camaraderie, the music groups, and the social atmosphere

Drew so many eager students to its campus every year

That the old original building could no longer house them all,

It was then the Arshs made possible a grand and spacious Hall.

A quarter century has passed, we've gained a reputation

For excellence that's recognized throughout the state and nation.

The membership's in the thousands and growing every Fall,

Yet the closeness that began back then,,, still touches one and all.

Betty Marroni

This poem won the contest held last spring for best poem about the Academy

THINK SUMMER

Before the winter blahs set in, begin plans for instructing or facilitating a four-week course at the Academy's Summer Courses in July. Planning for four sessions offers an opportunity for working out a new course or focusing on a subject area that does not lend itself to a full semester course. The survey of last summer's attendees indicated a desire for additional discussion-oriented courses. Course proposal forms are available in the Office. Listed with the form are the names of Curriculum Committee members willing to help with the form or with the development of a course. November 23 is the deadline for proposals.

Jean Kennedy and Chenda Davison
Summer Courses Committee

ALLSTEL 2006

Many of us are thinking about Thanksgiving and the Christmas holiday season. Your committee continues to work on plans for next year's ALLSTEL, the Academy's late spring enrichment event at Rehoboth Beach. The Brighton Suites Hotel has been reserved, the menus have been planned, and the program is being scheduled. Flyers will be available at the Reception Desk after the Thanksgiving break and during registration in January. Consider joining us for four days of stimulating presentations and fun socializing in a relaxed environment. It's an opportunity to get to know some of your fellow Academy members better. Pick up your ALLSTEL application and get it back to Footloose Tours before March 11th. We can handle only 112 for dinner. If more applications are received by that date, we will make things equitable for all by holding a lottery. We're looking forward to seeing you at the beach...Tuesday, May 30 to Friday, June 2.

Chuck Hober
ALLSTEL Chairman

SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

The Summer Lecture Series will be presented next year from June 19 to June 23. There will be two lectures each day starting at

9:30 a.m. and ending at 12:15 p.m.. On Friday (the 23rd) lunch will be included.

We are lining up wonderful speakers, including Jean Lamensdorf who will talk about her experiences in Vietnam and the book she has written about them; Margaret Tocci from Johns Hopkins University who will speak on Queen Victoria; John Hales Jones who will tell us about The Ship's Tavern District in Wilmington, and many more. Be sure to put the Summer Lecture Series on your calendar, so that you won't forget. Sign up during spring registration or early next semester.

Nancy Peters
Chair, Summer Lecture Series

SOMETHING NEW

Stop in the Reading Room and try out the brand new chair the monitors and substitutes are using at the desk. It's comfy, cozy and it's easy to adjust the height. Try it out and maybe you'll find it so comfortable you'll consider becoming a monitor or substitute either this semester or some future semester.

Many thanks to the monitors and substitutes who have stepped forward and helped organize and label instructors' materials placed in the Reading Room for Academy members to use there. Also, welcome to those who have recently volunteered to monitor or substitute. With volunteers like you, we are able to keep the Reading Room open for all to enjoy whenever classes are in session.

We are fortunate to have changing displays of art work in the Reading Room. Come and enjoy seeing many different paintings, drawings and sculpture created by talented Academy members. You'll be amazed at the variety of creativity and styles.

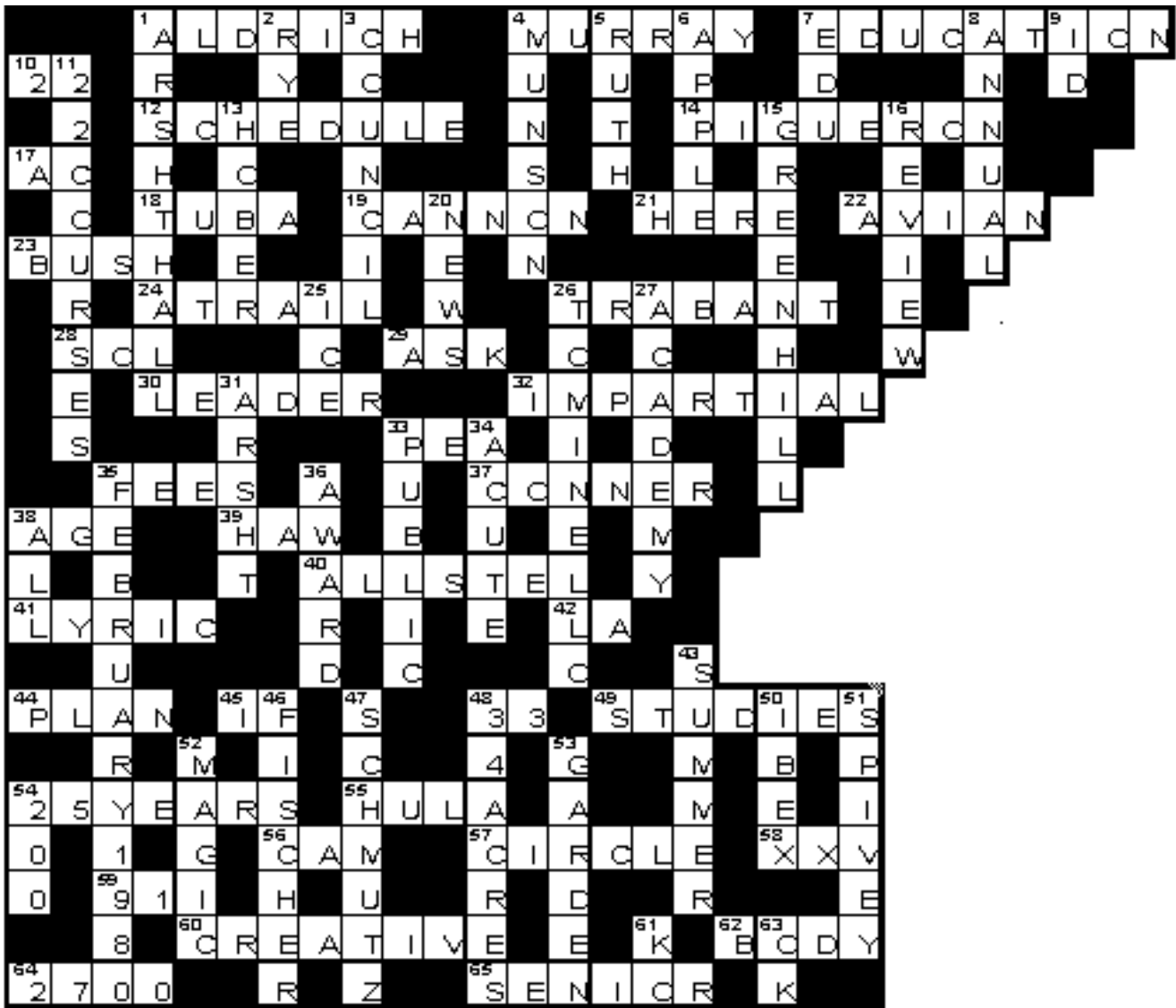
Joyce Merges
Cannon Reading Room Chair

INTERESTED IN THE VIOLIN

Do you have some experience and are interested in playing in a trio or quartet at the Academy, "just for fun?" Are you a beginner and would like to learn the basics? Contact Marcia Halio at 455-1811

HOW DID YOU DO?

ANSWERS TO 25TH ANNIVERSARY PUZZLE



ONE ON ONE

On Wednesday, Nov. 16th, at 12:45 p.m., the Special Events program will present interviews of two members of the Academy who have led interesting lives and are willing to share them with us.

Joan Chesnut, who has been an instructor in dramatics at the Academy, will discuss her life in television, radio, and the theater. She will be interviewed by Irwin Engelson, a member of the One on One interview team, and long-time proponent of the Academy and its theater interests.

The second interview will be with Barbara Miller Clark. Barbara has had a fascinating and varied background, from her youth in Nazi Germany, her travels to England, and her artistic and theatrical endeavors here in this country. Barbara has been an active member of the Academy, including member of the Council, treasurer, chair of the Summer Lecture Series, and more. She will be interviewed by Howard Hoffman.



Schedule of Events



SPECIAL EVENTS

Come for lunch on Wednesdays at the Academy, and we'll make it special! You can attend a Special Events program in the lunch room (105) from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. each week.

November 16: One on One See page 5 for details.

November 23: THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 30: Fall Concert Academy Band, Joe Lofland, Conductor

December 7: Fall Concert Academy Chorus, Marilyn Haas, Director

Nan Norling
Special Events Chair

SOCIAL HOUR

The next social hour is:

Wednesday, November 30, 1:45 p.m. in the Lobby.

The Social Hour offers tea, coffee, and delicious homemade cookies. There will be time for conversation with old friends and new ones.

I would like to thank everyone who has make the Socials a success: The people who make calls, the cookie bakers, the people who help set up and clean up, and the office for all their help. You don't know how much I really appreciate it!

Barbara Golin
Social Committee Chair



- Tue. Nov 15 – Washington, DC - National Museum of the American Indian
- Sat. Nov 19 – Baltimore Museum of Art
- Sat. Dec 3 – Philadelphia, PA – Kimmel Center – Philly Pops Holiday Show
- Mon. Mar 27 to Sun. Apr 2, 2006 – Charleston/ Savannah
- Wed. May 3, 2006 – New York – Chita Rivera- Lunch
- Tue. June 13 to Thurs. Jun 15, 2006 – Auburn, NY / Lake Skaneateles /Tiffany Glass / Seward Homestead

For more information, visit the Travel Desk in the lobby, Monday thru Thursday, 11:45 - 12:30

ACADEMY CALENDAR

2005

Nov. 24-25..... Thanksgiving – CLOSED

Fri, Dec. 9..... Fall Semester ends

2006

Tue, Jan. 3-11..... Spring Registration

Mon, Feb. 6..... Spring Semester begins

Mon, Mar. 27-31.. Spring Break-NO CLASSES

Fri, May 12..... Spring Semester ends

Tue. May 30 - Fri. Jun. 2..... ALLSTEL

Mon. Jun. 19 – Fri. Jun. 23.....

..... Summer Lecture Series

Wed. Jul. 5 – Thu. Jul. 27.... Summer Courses

Tue. Sep. 5 Fall Semester begins



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