



ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Academy of Lifelong Learning
University of Delaware

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WELCOME ELLEN

I am happy to announce that Ellen Saienni joined the Academy staff as a Senior Secretary, effective November 1. Ellen comes to us with experience as a receptionist, and then as Payroll and Benefits Administrator at Day & Zimmermann Security Services, so she is familiar with our needs for quality work in a busy office. On a personal note, Ellen and her husband have two daughters who have graduated from the University of Delaware.

Linda Osoinach
University Coordinator

MAC PROGRAM EXPANDED

If you've ever thought you'd like to know more about our Macintosh computer programs, now might be a good time to check them out. This spring we're adding six new, latest model Mac/Windows dual-capability Mac laptop computers, the latest models, and upgrading our existing "middle-age" Macs with new software. The new equipment comes with a secure storage cart, greatly increasing program flexibility. This spring we will have several new courses using these Mac laptops.

If you have wanted to teach a Mac course with the latest software here is an opportunity to contribute to this enthusiastically received curriculum.

The new purchases are made possible through a generous financial contribution by an Academy donor. We are grateful for this gift and for all the gifts the Academy receives. If you'd like to support our wonderful institution, consider including the Academy in your charitable giving. Donations are tax-deductible and can be made at any time. Check with the office for more information.

SPRING SEMESTER COURSES

Catalogs will be mailed in December and registration will be from Tues, Jan. 2 to Wed., Jan.10.

We have several exciting new courses as well as some of our old favorites returning. You can participate in our many performance groups such as *Dixieland, Blues and Other Jazz*, ponder the *Physics of Music*, sit back and enjoy *Let's Go to the Opera*, or *Folk Music* or our new courses such as *Gershwin: Music, Film, Lives and The Concert Hall*. Our history buffs can enjoy our new courses, *Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt's Life and Times, Vietnam: Getting it Right, Julius Caesar, and Ancient Mesopotamia*. New courses in medicine include *Medicine's Greatest Debates* and *Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology*. In literature we offer *Investigating Mysteries* and *Luminous Poetry*. In language we have *Elementary Japanese For Travelers* and *Spanish--Destinos*. As usual, our dedicated instructors intend to keep us all excited about the opportunities here at the Academy.

Jim Patton
Chair, Curriculum Committee

SEMINAR FOR PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS

The Academy is always seeking new teachers. Have you considered teaching?

On Wednesday, Nov.15, at 2 p.m. in Room 215, a seminar will be offered for anyone interested in learning more about teaching at the Academy in the future. Current instructors will discuss their teaching experience and answer your questions. Members of the Curriculum Committee will also answer questions about submitting course proposals.

Please plan to attend to learn how you can become an Academy instructor.

Tom Marshall

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Schedule for the *Academy Newsletter*

<u>Submittal deadline</u>	<u>Issue date</u>
Mon., Jan. 8, 2007	Mon., Feb. 5
Mon., Feb. 19	Mon., Mar. 12

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

ALLSTEL 2007

The fall semester is nearly over and many of us are thinking about Thanksgiving and the Christmas holiday season. Winter is almost upon us. Your committee continues to work on plans for our next ALLSTEL, the Academy's late spring enrichment event at Rehoboth Beach, from May 29 -June 1, 2007. The Brighton Suites Hotel has been reserved, the menus have been determined, and the program is being scheduled. Flyers and a preliminary program schedule 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. Pick up your ALLSTEL application and get it back to Footloose Tours before March 9. We can only handle 112 for dinners. 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.

Chuck Hober
ALLSTEL Chairman

SUMMER COURSES ARE A'COMING IN

Believe it! Proposals for the Academy's Summer Courses are due in the office Wednesday, Nov. 22. The Academy must plan ahead. If you have an idea for a course but have been intimidated by the thought of preparing for 14 weeks of classes, the summer session is for you. Each of the four summer classes will meet for 75 to 90 minutes in the morning. The 2007 session will be held each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 10 through August 2. Proposal forms are available in the office.

ACADEMY OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Academy has a very active outreach program. This semester there are eleven musical groups and seven speakers who donate their time and talents as they go out into the community and present programs for nursing homes, churches, retirement centers and community groups. Thirty-five venues are currently on the outreach list. These representatives of the Academy are helping to promote the Academy and expose audiences to some of the Academy offerings.

Current outreach participants can pick up a pamphlet describing the Academy at the reception desk to distribute to your audiences.

If you would like to be part of this worthwhile endeavor by sharing a 45 minute program on an interesting topic or your musical talents with appreciative audiences, please contact me and together we'll make it happen: Ellie Munson 302-478-7284
elliedavemunson@comcast.net

CALL FOR MUSICIANS

Are you interested in joining an outreach group that plays "Golden Oldies" for Senior citizens? Members will be asked to participate in arranging the music of standard numbers for the group and for their own solos. Practice sessions every week with "gigs" two or three times a month. It would be helpful if you know the old songs and can "swing" a little. If this is you, contact Ray Bock at (302) 478-6719 or leave a note in his Academy mailbox.

SUMMER LECTURE SERIES — 2007

Again, this year we will be offering the Summer Lectures. They were very well received last year. They will be held for one week from Monday, June 18 until Friday, June 22. There will be two lectures each day at 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. And 11 – 12:15 p.m.

There will be time after each lecture for questions. On Friday the lectures will be followed by a catered lunch. The subjects will be very diverse and should appeal to most everyone. So, when you are thinking about summer plans, save time for the Summer Lectures. You will be well rewarded.

Nancy Peters
Co-chair, Summer Lectures

FREE TO ACADEMY MEMBERS UD ON-LINE DATABASES AND WI-FI ACCESS AT ARSHT

Are you considering registering for a spring 2007 class such as Genealogy or World Wide Web where you are urged to have a UDeINetID and password? If so, now is the time to request them (fill out a form in the Academy reception desk and place it in the AV mailbox). Once your UdeINetID is activated, you can access UD databases from home such as LexisNexis or ancestry.com.

If you have a wireless laptop, you can gain access to the Web (Wi-Fi) at Arsht after registering your computer using your ID and password. A benefit of Wi-Fi is to open up space in most computer classes when all Academy PCs are in use. Between classes you can view your email, follow your stocks, buy a book, place a bid on eBay, etc.

OPERA COMES TO THE ACADEMY

On Tuesday, October 17, 2006, eight members of Opera Delaware visited the Academy, participating in the *Let's Go to the Opera* class offered by Angelo Di Antonio.

David Lawton, Conductor, informed the class about nuances of Bizet's *Carmen*. Leland Kimball, Artistic Director, acted as MC and introduced the performers with a commentary about their renditions. *Carmen* (Lori-Kaye Miller), Don José (Gustavo Lopez Manzitti),

Escamillo (Zeffin Quinn Hollis) and Micaela (Patricia Andress) performed admirably for the class. What wonderful and inspiring voices!

The individual singers were accompanied by Jeffrey Miller, Chorus Master and Associate Music Director. Julie Van Blarcom, Executive Director, answered class questions, especially about Opera Delaware's single performance this season.

FALL PERFORMING ARTS BUS TRIPS

The UD Division of Professional and Continuing Studies offers bus trips to the Metropolitan Opera and the Philadelphia Orchestra. The bus departs from Clayton Hall in Newark first, then picks up additional passengers at the Wilmington Campus.

Tickets for the Metropolitan Opera Saturday matinées are \$225 for 'orchestra balance' and \$155 for balcony seats. The performances include:

Idomeneo Dec.9, **La Bohème** Feb. 3, 2007,
Simon Boccanegra March 3, and **Giulio Cesare** April 21.

Tickets for the Philadelphia Orchestra Tuesday evening performances are \$85 for second tier seats and \$70 for third tier seats.

Mahler's Fourth Symphony November 28
Alsop Conducts Copland January 9, 2007
Jurowski Conducts February 6
Symphonie Fantastique I May 1

Glorious Sounds of Christmas. Saturday evening, December 16, the Philadelphia Orchestra performs seasonal classics with choir, organ, and orchestra in the festively-decorated Verizon Hall. Ticket prices: \$75 for second tier, \$60 for third tier.

Tarzan on Broadway Saturday matinée, March 3, 2007. Tickets are \$150 per person.

For more information, including a detailed description of tickets and seating, please call 302/831-3063, e-mail studytrips@udel.edu, or visit www.continuingstudies.udel.edu/culture.

ARSHT AT 15

This fall marked the fifteenth anniversary of the move of the Academy into Arsht Hall from its former location in Wilcastle (now demolished). The building cost about \$6,000,000. Sam and Roxana Arsht donated \$2,000,000, Academy members raised \$1,000,000 and the University paid for the remaining half.

CANNON READING ROOM

Hope you have had an opportunity to stop by the Cannon Reading Room next to the reception desk. Maybe you have been in to read one of the papers received daily -- New York Times, Wall Street Journal and/or Wilmington News Journal -- or to look at some item your instructor has left there for class use. Perhaps you stopped by to see one of the art exhibits that are noted on the easel outside the Reading Room door or possibly you simply wanted to sit a while in a quiet environment. Whatever your reason for being there, we do hope you come back often.

As with the rest of the Academy, the Cannon Reading Room is kept open by the volunteer efforts of members. Unfortunately, there have been a few times in the first two months when the doors have been closed because there was no one to serve as the monitor.

Please consider volunteering in the Reading Room, even it is for no more than a couple of hours a month. It is easy, relaxing and a great time to catch up on your reading. The days and times when we are most in need of a few volunteers are:

Monday at 12 noon and 1:45 p.m.

Tuesday at 1:45 p.m.

Friday at 9 a.m.

If desired, you can receive a brief orientation prior to your first time monitoring.

Please help keep the Cannon Reading Room open for all members to enjoy!

Contact either Marcie Bierlein (marcieb@udel.edu or 764-0273) or Sara Lu Schwartz (saralu_schwartz@yahoo.com) with questions or to volunteer.

Marcie Bierlein
Co-chair, Reading Room

CAUTION IN THE PARKING LOT

Please be careful when entering and exiting from parking spaces. Park between the lines. Should you accidentally hit an unoccupied car, show responsibility. Officer Paige cautioned members to report the accident to the Campus Police and they will contact the owner.

A REASON TO CELEBRATE

Thanks to everyone who made Volunteer Week a success. From the moment people entered the lobby and their attention was caught by Don Whiteley's DVD, with its upbeat music and images of volunteers engaged in Academy service, to conversations with members of the Council, the Reading Room Committee and the Volunteer Development Committee at the recruiting table, to the autographs from a couple of hundred volunteers on the big Volunteer Week poster, great energy and good will abounded.

We have reason to celebrate the generosity of 162 members who signed up as volunteers for this year! Not only did some new members engage, but an enthusiastic following of past volunteers added encouragement to those who were in doubt.

In a testimony to the Academy's can-do spirit, we commend John Martin and Bon Fong, who achieved miracles by hanging our splendid "Thank You!" paper banner, to greet everyone during that week of September 25th through the 29th. Who could have guessed that it measured three feet longer than the supportive fireplace wall.

Many of us have caught a bit of "magic" and are passing it on. It is not too late to become part of the celebration. Volunteer forms are at the Reception Desk every day, just waiting for you to find a way to add your unique imprint to this dynamic community. Each volunteer makes a difference...a reason to celebrate!

Bobbette Mason
Volunteer Development Chair

FALL ART SALE

The fall art sale will take place from November 13 to November 17 in the Lobby. Here is your chance to purchase a holiday gift created by an Academy member. Our third social will be held in conjunction with this art sale in the Lobby on Thursday at 1:45 p.m.



Nude, Painting

SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS PROGRAM NOTES

Each program is for all of us here at the Academy and you do not need to register. Join us on Wednesdays from 12:45 to 1:45 in Room 105 to enrich your day. Feel free to buy your lunch, bring your lunch, or just come and enjoy!

November 15: Academy Follies: A Musical Review on Aging – Two Shows at 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

The Academy Follies is back by popular demand! If you have an 11:30 a.m. class, please attend class and go to the 12:45 p.m. performance. All others are asked to attend the 11:30 a.m. performance. The Academy Follies is a musical review featuring academy members. This year, the Academy Follies is dedicated to the memory of Dave Munson who was integral in the origin of the Follies

Ray Bock's lyrics are even more humorous. The program will include the words to the songs so that you can laugh even after you get home. Lyrics and stage direction by Ray Bock, music written and arranged by Henry Gass, vocal direction by Lu Soukup, with instrumental accompaniment by Henry Gass and the "Memories" quartet, production by Gerry Ross, and visual effects by Bill Pearson and Joe Horwitz will give us a Follies you do not want to miss. A dozen tunes such as *Breakfast Blues*, *Look At Me Now*, *What Are We Gonna Eat Tonight*, and *The Battle Hymn of the Academy*, will keep you laughing as this musical review reminds us of the ups and downs of aging.

Nov 29 Academy Band Fall Concert - Joe Lofland, Conductor, and Carroll Humphrey, Assistant Conductor

The Academy Band was established in 1998. As a class in the Performing Arts curriculum it provides opportunities for members to improve technique and performance skills in a concert band format. Participation has grown to the current membership of 75.

Dec 6 Academy Chorus Fall Concert - Marilyn Haas, Conductor

The Academy Chorus will present music of the season, both Christmas and Hanukkah,

some sacred and some secular. One of the featured pieces this year will be JAZZ GLORIA with bongos and trumpets. Our talented piano accompanist is Paula Gardiner. Come and enjoy music of the holiday season.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Special Events Wednesdays will begin the first week of Spring semester. On February 7, 2007, at 12:45 p.m. in room 105, Sgt. Susan Jones of the DE State Police Financial Crimes Unit will inform us about Identity Theft. On February 14, 2007, we celebrate Valentine's Day with Al Santoro and The Hi-Liters. Descriptions of each event will appear in the first Academy Newsletter and This Week plus those handy bookmarks with the full listing will be available again to all in 2007

Lyn Newsom
Chair, Special Events Wednesdays

AN ACADEMY SONG

To the tune of "Carolina in the Morning."
Nothing could be finer than to be at A.L.L. for each semester
Nothing could be finer than a school that caters to the empty nester.
Where the classrooms sparkle, with wit and warmth and style,
And where you'll soon discover, that learning is worthwhile.

Everything from yoga to religion and computers will delight you
A multitude of courses and unusual resources to excite you
If I had Aladdin's lamp for only a day,
I'd make a wish and here's what I'd say...
Give me Lifelong Learning, wake me up and get me stirring – in the morning!

Dick Holmes

For this and some pictures of Academy events see: www.richardbholmes.com/academy.htm

STAIRWELLS

The stairwells in Arsh are "areas of refuge" in a building emergency. Our local fire department is aware we have these areas and are prepared to evacuate anyone staying there if necessary.



Schedule of Events



SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS 12:45 TO 1:45 P.M. IN ROOM 105

Detailed notes on the programs may be found on page 5.

11/15 **Academy Follies: A Musical Review of Aging**

11/22 **No Program**

11/29 Academy Band: **Fall Concert**

12/6 Academy Chorus: **Fall Concert**

NOVEMBER SOCIAL HOUR

Join your fellow members at the last social of the semester on Thurs., Nov. 16 at 1:45 p.m. In conjunction with the art sale.

We need more volunteers to bake cookies to make this social a success. There will be a sign up sheet in the Social Committee mailbox behind the reception desk. If you can bake cookies for this event, please sign up.

In the past we have closed the semester with a luncheon on the last Friday of the Semester. This year we plan to have the first luncheon for Presidents' Day in February instead. Watch the first newsletter of next semester for more details.

Gerald Hapka

ALL in Fun

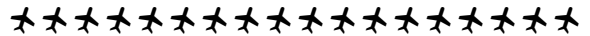
by Bolt

I'm trying to downsize! But then I took 10 books to the Academy Book Sale, but I bought 15 at the sale! I think I'm losing the battle of the books!



Sun., Nov. 12 – Radio City Music Hall
 Sat., Dec. 2 - Washington/Shakespeare
 Sun., Jan. 21 – Baltimore/Meyerhoff Theatre
 Sun., Jan. 21 to Mon., Jan. 29, 2007 – Mexico's Copper Canyon
 Fri., March 30 to Sat., March 31 – Washington, DC "Meet John Doe"
 Fri., April 13 – Annapolis/US Naval Academy
 Wed., April 25 – Philadelphia, U of PA Museum/ Amarna exhibit – King Tut
 Sun., June 3 to Sun., June 10 – Bermuda from Philadelphia (Norwegian Cruise Line)

For more information, visit the Travel Desk in the Lobby, Monday through Thursday, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



ACADEMY CALENDAR

2006

Thurs., Fri., Nov.23-24..... Thanksgiving Academy CLOSED

Fri., Dec. 8..... Fall Semester ends

2007

Tues., Jan. 2-Wed., Jan. 10..... Spring Registration

Tues., Jan. 9..... Open House

Mon., Feb. 5 Spring Semester begins

Mon., March 26- Fri., March 30 . Spring Break

NO CLASSES

Fri., May 11..... Spring Semester ends

Mon.-Fri., June 18-22..... Summer Lectures

Tues.-Thu., July 10-Aug. 2.. Summer Courses

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