



ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Academy of Lifelong Learning
University of Delaware

February 5, 2007

DON'T DROP – ADD!

Welcome back! And a special welcome to those of you who are attending the Academy for the first time this semester. You are in for a wonderfully enriching experience.

The early weeks of a new semester are often the time for Drop/Adds. While drop/add applies to courses, ADD applies to the many opportunities available as part of your membership fee. We have plenty of free “Adds” that you can look forward to. For example, in February the 74th annual Wilmington International Exhibit of Photography will be held at Arsht Hall, bringing award-winning photographs to our walls. This is only one of many art exhibits that can make you linger in the halls.

The exhibit sponsor, the Delaware Photographic Society, will give a presentation to Academy members on February 21 as part of our on-going Special Events programming during Wednesday lunch hours. All of these programs are free “Adds” as well.

Our free Friday afternoon spring lecture series begins March 9 (See page 3). This year we are presenting six public lectures by prominent writers and thinkers on important public policy issues. They will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Watch the Newsletter or check at the Reception desk for dates and topics, and bring a friend.

Other “Adds” are not free, but still worth doing. They include our Presidents Day Luncheon, an opportunity to greet your fellow students and connect with old and new friends. The Travel Committee offers many trips, short and long, to a variety of interesting destinations. Stop by their desk in the Lobby.

All this comes as part of your Academy membership. So make the most of it!

Nan Norling
Chair, Academy Council

ORIENTATION

Orientation, according to Webster's Dictionary, is a program or class introducing one to a new environment, job, school. Here at the Academy, all new and continuing members are encouraged to get their questions answered at our Question and Answer Orientation Sessions:

Thursday, 2/8, from 12 noon to 12:25 p.m.

Tuesday, 2/13, from 12 noon to 12:25 p.m.

Both gatherings will be held in Rooms 108-109. Feel free to bring your lunch (brown bagged or purchased) sit back, and learn about the workings and opportunities here at our Academy, and receive answers to your questions..

Mary Ann Dowd
Chair, Member Relations

PRESIDENTS DAY LUNCHEON

Join us for the first luncheon of the school year in honor of Presidents Day. It will be held on Friday, February 23, at Arsht Hall. Festivities will begin at 11:45 a.m. with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.



Lunch will be served at 12:45 p.m. in Room 105. The menu will include salad and rolls and your choice of Maryland Crab Cakes (\$20), Breast of Chicken with Champagne Mustard Sauce (\$19), or Portobello Florentine (Vegetarian) (\$15) and suitable vegetable accompaniment.

A dessert appropriate to the occasion will also be included.

Tickets will be on sale in the Lobby during the first week of the semester and Monday and Tuesday during the second week of the semester.

Gerald Hapka
Chair, Socials

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Schedule for the *Academy Newsletter*

<u>Submittal deadline</u>	<u>Issue date</u>
Mon., Feb. 19	Mon., Mar. 12
Fri., Mar. 23	Mon., Apr. 16

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

BRING A FRIEND WEEK

Make someone happy, and create a lifelong opportunity. Don't just tell your friends and co-workers about the Academy. Do much better; invite them to visit during "Bring a Friend Week" which will be held the third week of the semester, Monday, February 19 through Friday, February 23, 2007. Enjoy a Social with homemade cookies on Tuesday, February 20, at 1:45 p.m. This will give your friends an opportunity to experience the academy's stimulating classes, its impressive facilities and its interesting people. Your efforts are important in helping maintain membership and ensuring an exciting Academy in the future.

As an incentive for your friends to join the Academy this semester, they can register during "Bring a Friend Week" for classes (up to 5) still available for enrollment. Membership fees for these new registrants will be reduced from \$180 to \$130 to reflect the classes missed.

Don Grimes
Chair, Marketing Committee

SUMMER LECTURES

We will be presenting the Summer Lectures from Monday, June 18, to Friday, June 22. They will start each morning at 9:30 a.m. and will run each day until 12:15 p.m. (two lectures each day, 10 lectures for the week), ending with lunch on Friday. The list of lectures is very interesting, starting with John A. H. Sweeney, former curator of Winterthur, speaking about the museum and Mr. H. F. duPont with whom he was a close friend. Our own Glen Barbaras will talk about The Manhattan Project and his involvement in the building of the bomb and its use in our defeat of Japan. Other presenters include Anne Marie Cammarato, Producing Director of the Delaware Theatre Company, and Lou Angeli, film Maker and cinematographer whose subject will be "Answering the Call" about the firemen on 9/11. Also we will hear from Michael Banbury, MD, the new Chief of Cardiac Surgery at Christiana Care. He comes to us from the very highly regarded Cleveland Clinic. Don't miss these and the others which we will be bringing you. Sign up now for all of this plus lunch on Friday for \$55.00. A real bargain!

Nancy Peters
Chair, Summer Lectures

SUMMER COURSES

Now is the time to plan ahead by marking your calendars for the Academy's four-week summer session. From July 10 through Aug. 2 classes will meet three days each week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon.

For a \$65 fee members may take up to six courses. Upon returning from spring break on April 2, members will receive the "Summer Courses Listing 2007." First registration begins April 2 and ends the last day of the semester, May 11. Read This Week at the Academy and the March Newsletter for reminders and updates.

Potential instructors: Return your proposals to the Office by February 12.

Jean Kennedy and Chenda Davison
Summer Courses

NOMINEES FOR ACADEMY COUNCIL

After considering Council's needs and interviewing prospective candidates, the Nominating Committee has proposed a slate of five nominees to join the Council this Spring to fill the seats of five Council members whose terms are expiring. The slate of nominees proposed is: Bob Boger, Don Grimes, Deb Haskell, Saul Reine and Carl Schnee.

Additional nominations can be made from the Academy membership-at-large by submitting a form to the Council with the signatures of at least 25 current Academy members who support the nominee. Forms are available in the Office and must be completed and filed with the Office by February 28. All nominees must agree that, if elected and so requested, they will serve as chair or vice-chair of an Academy committee. Brief background material on all the nominees will be publicized in mid-February.

If there are no nominees other than the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee, that slate will be presented to the Council for election by affirmation at its March meeting. If additional nominations are made from the membership-at-large, an election by Academy members will be held in March. Whether affirmed at the March meeting or elected by ballot, five new members will assume their seats at the Council meeting in April.

Pete Wellington
Chair, Nominating Committee

LAST SEMESTER'S BOOK SALE

Once again our book sale was a success, thanks to all who brought books and bought books (many of you are in both groups) and to the hardworking volunteers including 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. A special thanks to the section leaders: Deborah Gary, Roberta Smith, Gene McCord, Cynthia Miller, Hank Smithies.

Howard Smith

FRIDAY LECTURE SERIES

The first Friday afternoon program in the Spring public lecture series begin March 9 at 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Invite your friends, the series is open to the public. The series is hosted by Gary May, professor of history and director of the Master of Liberal Studies (MALS) program at the University of Delaware.

The speaker on March 9 is scheduled to be Daniel Benjamin, former member of the National Security Council in the Clinton Administration. Recognized as an expert on terrorism, he is co-author of the book, "The Next Attack".

Speakers for the remaining five lectures will be announced in the March issue of the Academy Newsletter.

Allan Rusten
Chair, University Liaison Committee

ACADEMY AMBASSADORS

Good things continue to happen here! At a recent Academy Committees' event, we not only celebrated the depth and breadth of commitment to this place, but continued to explore ways to sustain the creativity, energy and goodwill of so many people.

Spring semester presents a unique opportunity for experienced members to become "Academy Ambassadors." A new dimension to volunteering is opening up a chance to personally welcome new members, one-on-one, familiarize them with the Academy and its offerings, and also consciously promote the richness of this vibrant community. You can make a difference! Look for an "Academy Ambassador" sign-up sheet at the Reception Desk.

New members are encouraged to sign up at the "name tag" table in the Lobby. An "Ambassador" will contact you and initiate a partnering process, providing an easy way for you to meet people and begin a great adventure here at the Academy of Lifelong Learning.

The Academy of Lifelong Learning...What a gift!

Bobbette Mason
Chair, Volunteer Development

RECEPTION DESK CONTINUES TO SERVE

After more than six years of extraordinary efforts in managing the Committee for the Reception Desk, our friend, Peggy DeCoursey, has stepped down. Thanks from everyone here at the Academy who ever found the need to have a question answered, a lost item found, or a mailbox identified. She has been a valuable member of the team that makes our school run so smoothly.

We are happy to try to follow in her footsteps, with the help of our very able committee. We will need help in getting to know the ropes, and of course, we always need more volunteers, especially as substitutes. Please feel free to let any member of the group know of your availability. Thank you!

The Reception Desk will continue to be your first stop for questions and answers about your Academy.

Anne O'Connor
Chair, Reception Desk

READING ROOM A RESOURCE FOR ALL MEMBERS

Welcome back to the second semester of the 2006-07 year at the Academy. How great it is to have such a fantastic array of courses from which to choose and to occupy such a wonderful building. One important part of our facility is the Cannon Reading Room on the first floor just beyond the Reception Desk.

The Reading Room is a special place for quietly studying class material, checking the news (New York Times, Wall Street Journal and the Wilmington News Journal), or enjoying the varied assortment of class-related reading materials – art, literature, geography, cultures, and more. Artworks by Academy members and prominent local artists are frequently on display.

The Reading Room doors are open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday. It is open at these times only through the active participation of Academy members as volunteer monitors and substitutes. While many members already

have signed up to volunteer, here are a few times when we still could use your help.

Monitors are needed for:

Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon and 1:45 to 3 p.m.

Wednesdays from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

Substitutes are needed for Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to noon and for Thursday, 1:45 to 3 p.m.

The task of serving either as monitor or substitute is not difficult and means the difference between the Reading Room being open and the door being locked. Please let us hear from you! You can leave your name, phone number and email address in the Reading Room slot behind the Reception Desk and one of us will contact you. Thanks!

Marcie Bierlein and Sara Lu Schwartz
Co-chairs, Cannon Reading Room

SOCIAL HOURS

The dates for this semester's social hours are

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Thursday, March 15

Wednesday, April 25.

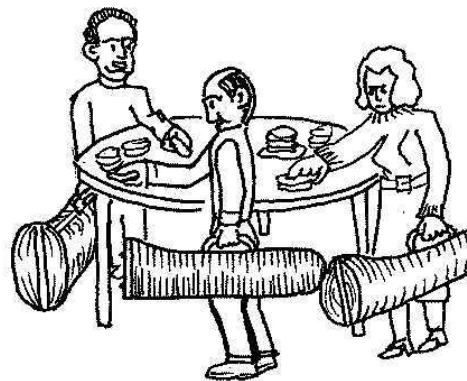
Each Social Hour offers coffee, tea and delicious homemade cookies. Socials start at 1:45 p.m. and there will be time for conversation with old friends and new ones.

Gerald Hapka
Social Committee Chair

ALL in Fun

by Bolt

Watch out for trombone players at the cookie tables. They'll use their cases to block others from the cookies. Look for the clarinet players - their cases are much smaller - you can get past them!



**SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS
12:45 TO 1:45 PM IN ROOM 105
PROGRAM NOTES**

Join us each Wednesday for programs that will be sure to enrich your day. These programs are for all Academy of Lifelong Learning members. Feel free to attend each week or select the programs that most interest you. You can buy your lunch, bring your lunch, or just come and enjoy!! Please note that our first program, **Identity Theft**, is February 7, the first week of the spring semester.

Feb. 7 Identity Theft.

Raymond Mensch and Sgt. Susan Jones of the DE State Police Financial Crimes Unit will inform us as to what identify theft is, how identity thieves use our personal information, how our age group is particularly affected, and what we can do to protect ourselves. Information packets and specific actions we each need to take will be clearly presented. Join us as we work to protect ourselves and our families.

Feb. 14 Music of the Season

Al Santoro & The Hi-Liters have been entertaining in the Delaware Valley for many years and have played for over 4,000 weddings and many other affairs. The Hi-Liters feature Al Santoro on saxophone, John Kay on guitar, Stan Kay on drums, and Frank Dobson on bass. Featured songs include "My Funny Valentine," "You Made Me Love You," and "I'm In the Mood for Love" as well as music by Frank Sinatra, Glenn Miller, and Louie Prima. Listen, enjoy, and dance your heart away!

Feb. 21 DE Photographic Society

Gus Costis will present a digital slide show focusing on the top entries and prize winners from the Wilmington International Exhibition of Photography. This exhibition is one of the longest continually running competitions in North America. Started in 1932 by the Delaware Camera Club (now known as the Delaware Photographic Society), each year a panel of international judges selects from over 2,000 prints or slides which represent over 30 countries. Prints will be on display in Arsht Hall.

Feb. 28 Islam in Today's World

Adly Gorrafa will discuss cross-currents in Islam as well as the tides of fundamentalism versus moderation. The use and abuse of religion for political gain has been practiced for centuries. Events of the last several decades prompted our speaker to read and re-read the Quran nineteen times while trying to understand the "Why" and the "What" of events occurring in today's world.

March 7 Casinos in Wilmington

Joe DiPinto is known for his work as a Delaware State Representative for the past nineteen years. His new role is Director of Economic Development for the City of Wilmington with the goal of a more vibrant and productive city of Wilmington. Director Di Pinto will update us as to Riverfront development including an update on casinos as well as other business and job development efforts.

March 14 University of Delaware President David Roselle

David Roselle became the 25th president of the University of Delaware on May 1, 1990. As he plans for retirement, President Roselle will reflect on past challenges and accomplishments as well as a look to the future.

Lyn Newsom
Chair, Special Events Wednesdays



Scott Mason as E. I. DuPont
A Special Event of last fall



Schedule of Events



SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS SPRING 2007 CALENDAR 12:45-1:45 P.M. IN ROOM 105

Join us for programs for all Academy members that will be sure to enrich your day. Attend one Wednesday or every Wednesday to fit your schedule and interests. Detailed notes on the early programs may be found on page 5.

2/7 Raymond Mensh & Sgt. Susan Jones – DE State Police Financial Crimes Unit

Identity Theft

2/14 Al Santoro & the Hi-Liters

Music of the Season

2/21 Gus Costis

DE Photographic Society

2/28 Adly Gorrafa

Islam in Today's World

3/7 Joe DiPinto

Casinos in Wilmington

3/14 President David Roselle

University of Delaware

3/21 Ralph Begleiter and David Hoffman

Foreign News

Behind the Headlines - Q & A

3/28 Spring Break

4/4 Wilmington Handbell Ensemble

4/11 Allan Loudell

The Media: New Challenges in 2007 - Q & A

4/18 Longwood Gardens

Back to the Future

4/25 Academy Players

A Night at the Radio

5/2 Academy Band

Spring Concert

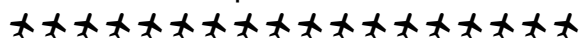
5/9 Academy Chorus

Spring Concert



Sun., March 11 – Franklin Institute/King Tut
Fri., March 30, to Sat., March 31 – Washington, DC “Meet John Doe”
Fri., April 13 – Annapolis/US Naval Academy
Wed., May 9 – Philadelphia, U of PA Museum/ Amarna exhibit – King Tut
Sun., June 3, to Sun., June 10 – Bermuda from Philadelphia (Norwegian Cruise Line)
Mon., Aug. 13, to Thurs., Aug. 16 – Hudson River Valley/ Val-Kill/Hyde Park/Kykuit

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



FIRST SOCIAL

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1:45 p.m.

FRIDAY LECTURE SERIES

Begins March 9. See page 3 for details.

ACADEMY CALENDAR

2007

Mon., Feb. 5 Spring Semester begins
Mon., March 26-Fri., March 30 .. Spring Break
NO CLASSES
Fri., May 11..... Spring Semester ends
Tues.-Fri., May 29-June 1..... ALLSTEL
Mon.-Fri., June 18-22..... Summer Lectures
Tues.-Thu., July 10-Aug. 2.. Summer Courses
Tues., July 31-Thurs., Aug. 2; Mon., Aug 5 –
Fri., Aug. 10..... Fall Registration
Mon., Sept 10..... Fall Semester begins