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FALL 2014 NEWSLETTER

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR



In May, we celebrated the 2013-2014 academic year at our Annual Meeting and

Cocktail Party. (There's a slideshow on the website.) Highlights were honoring Jane Hukill for her outstanding service to WC-ALL and recognizing 42 faculty members who enthusiastically shared their knowledge and interests in 50 different classes. The large number of classes offered is truly amazing for our small community. We held seven courses off-campus because there was no available classroom space large enough for us at Washington College.

Beyond recruiting instructors to teach great courses, we continue our focus to improve the registration process. Last spring, we introduced the ability for everyone to choose his/her Top Choice for Session One and Session Two. We also provided on-line registrations with immediate confirmations of the classes requested. Both of these initiatives were well received.

Now we will introduce the capability to pay by Visa or Master Card for on-line registration. Paper applications will still require payment by personal check. We can only accept on-line payment due to processing complexities. This should clearly make on-line registration at washcoll.edu/offices/wc-all the method of choice. It is a win-win for electronic

registration – reducing work and errors for both our membership and administrator. Keep in mind that these benefits only help those who enroll on-line.

Fall Showcase returns to Hotchkiss Recital Hall on Monday, August 18 at 4:00 PM. This is your opportunity to hear our faculty describe their courses, meet with instructors personally, and have your questions answered. The deadline for receiving completed registrations, including payment, is one week later on Monday, August 25 either electronically or at the WC-ALL Office in the basement of William Smith Hall.

You may have heard a rumor about changes to the Mentor Program. That is true. Due to the planned continued growth of international students at Washington College, the Global Education Office is taking over responsibility and management for the Program. As in the past, WC-ALL members may become Mentors and are encouraged to do so. Please see the article later in this newsletter.

Finally, I want to acknowledge and thank the Council members who have just retired from the Council and welcome those who have just joined the Council. After serving an initial three-year term, Frances Miller and Joan Wise have retired. We are pleased that they will continue to support WC-ALL by contributing to the Special Events Committee. Damon Bradley and John

Christie have retired after six years due to term limits. Damon served as our Treasurer for three years and John was the Council Chair for three years.

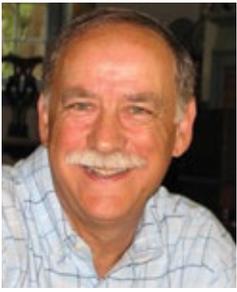
Newly elected to the Council are John Ames, Anne Donaghy, Lewis Gayner and Ellen Plummer. They all bring enthusiasm and fresh ideas. We look forward to benefitting from their special talents.

Please read through the remainder of this newsletter to learn about the upcoming curriculum, Learn at Lunches, and planned special trips.

Bill Low
Chair



Curriculum Committee Chair awarded long-time instructor Jane Hukill with WC-ALL first annual George Award at the May Annual Meeting.



CURRICULUM

This Fall, we will build on our successful Spring, 2014 classes. We have a line up of 27 courses with many new instructors joining our veterans and we have new subjects not previously offered. *H.L Menken, The Barber*

of Seville, Supreme Court, American Gospel and *U.S in the Middle East* are a few of the titles. The Fall, 2014 catalogue should be out just about the time you receive this and is posted on the WC-ALL website, washcoll.edu/offices/wc-all/what-were-studying.php. Session I is September 7 – October 17 and Session II is October 19 – December 5. Registration – electronic (preferred) or by paper – opens as soon as the catalogue is released. I hope you will be as enthusiastic as we are about the offerings.

I had fun with the 2014 classes and wove a tale about them all. It's shared with you later in this issue and on the website.

One of the highlights of being the Curriculum Chairman is making new acquaintances with so many talented people and implementing the new ideas and suggestions that make attending a WC-ALL event or a course such a great experience. Thank you all!

Dick Swanson
Curriculum Chair

WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Ames

John Ames is a native of Mississippi and a graduate of the University of Mississippi (BA, History), Union Theological Seminary (BD, Theology) and Duke University (PhD, History and Religion). He is a retired Presbyterian minister, having served congregations in Bethesda, Maryland; Lyndhurst, New Jersey; Louisville, Kentucky; and is now Minister Emeritus of the First Presbyterian Church in East Hampton, New York. He moved to Chestertown in 2005 and is currently serving as Parish Associate Pastor on the staff of the Presbyterian Church of Chestertown. John has taught WC-All courses in the areas of history and religion and led a WC-ALL tour to Great Britain in 2013.

Anne Donaghy

Anne Donaghy is a Wellesley College graduate, an English Literature major (a natural for someone who loves books and words). She grew up in Chester County, PA, graduating from Wilmington (DE) Friends School. Although not a career person, she worked as an employment counselor and as a school development officer after her three children were grown. She and her husband, Jim, lived 30 years in Wilm-

ington, then 22 years in Minnesota. With Jim's retirement, they returned to the Eastern Shore home they had built as a summer house many years before. Anne, always active in her community, found Kent County fertile ground for involvement. In addition to WC-ALL, she is currently on the board of The Mainstay and on the Arts Event Committee of St. Martin's Ministries. She has given up tennis, plays an occasional bridge game, does 1500-piece jigsaw puzzles, entertains grandchildren at Donaghy Summer Camp and walks two miles every day with Jim and black lab Chessie.

Lewis Gayner

Lew Gayner was born and raised in Salem, New Jersey. He graduated Salem High School in 1953 and Dickinson College in 1957 with an economics major. After 2 years in the Army stationed at Ft .Meyer, VA, Lew received an MBA from Stanford University in 1961. He joined Dow Chemical that year in Midland, MI, beginning a 34-year career in sales, marketing, and retiring as VP Government Affairs in Dow's Washington office in 1994.

Lew joined The Heritage Foundation as VP Finance and Administration and retired to Centreville and the Eastern Shore in 2003. Lew married Shirley in 1963 and they have 3 sons and 6 grandkids. They live on the Corsica River.

Ellen Plummer

Ellen K. Plummer and her husband, Norman, now live at Heron Point after 40 years on the Wye River and in Washington, D. C. A Cornell University graduate, she worked at the U.S. Information Agency, including 14 years as the Picture Editor of *America Illustrated*, the Russian language monthly published for the U.S.S.R. She is a long-time sailor (both racing and cruising) and, since her retirement in 1988, has volunteered at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, researching images for exhibits and publications, and cataloging thousands of photographs.



Welcome to WC-ALL's newly elected Council members. L to R : John Ames, Ellen Plummer, Anne Donaghy, Lew Gayner.

WOW! WONDERFUL SPECIAL EVENTS

September, 2014 – January, 2015 Learn at Lunch Programs

Tuesday, September 9, 2014: Paul Spies: *How Fields and Fish Can Coexist.*

Last spring we heard from Marc Castelli about the watermen's issues. Paul's talk will cover stresses farmers face to grow healthy crops while ensuring clean runoffs from farmland.

Wednesday, October 29, 2014: Phillip Walsh: *Remaking College: "Love of Learning is the Gift of Life"*

Washington College Professor Phillip Walsh, a favorite past luncheon speaker, returns in his role as President of the Washington College chapter of Phi Beta Kappa to remind us what is vital and enduring about the Liberal Arts at Washington College. This talk complements and precedes a lecture on Friday, November 7, 2014 by Dr. Rebecca Chopp and Dr. Daniel Weiss, Presidents of Swarthmore and Haverford College respectively, editors of the book "Remaking College: Innovation and the Liberal Arts."

Wednesday, November 12, 2014: Abigail Robson: *A Woman at Sea: Earning a Place in a Man's Industry.*

Kent County native, Abigail Robson, sails as Second Mate aboard a tanker trading in Alaska and along the US West

Coast. Hear about current technology and specific operations of today's tanker ship industry – the inherent dangers of both transporting oil and shipping across an ocean, precautions taken and technology used to mitigate those risks. Abigail will also describe the path she took to earn her place in this male-dominated career.

Tuesday, January 20, 2015: Alice Greenwald: *The making of the 9/11 Museum of New York City*

Ms. Greenwald, Executive Director of the newly-opened 9/11 Museum and will share her experience about the issues involved in the creation of this institution.

2014 Day Trips

Wednesday, October 8, 2014: Winterthur: House and Gardens

This is a bus trip to Winterthur to visit its fabulous gardens, mansion, collections, AND see the wildly popular exhibit of *Downton Abbey* costumes and artifacts. More information will be published in the fall.

Wednesday, December 3, 2014: Holiday Trip to Longwood Gardens

In response to the enthusiastic feedback, we are returning to Longwood Gardens as our WC-ALL holiday event. If you were unable to go with us last December, here is a second chance to see this stunning holiday display. If you went last year, Longwood's 2014 display will wow you too.

Please say a special thanks to the folks who have planned and scheduled this terrific selection of events: Kathy Sack, Francie Miller, Ginny Barker, Peggy Christie, Joan Wise.

We had a lovely day for Dumbarton Oaks in the Spring. This is just a third of our group.





COLLEGE NEWS

We welcome the appointment of investment executive Jack S. (Jay) Griswold as interim president of Washington College. He is an emeritus member and former chair of the Board of Visitors and Governors. Mr. Griswold will take the reins from current president Mitchell B. Reiss in late August and will serve until a new president is installed. We wish Dr. Reiss well in his new roll as president and CEO of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in Virginia.

After graduating 336 seniors on May 17, Washington College welcomed over 600 alumni back to campus at the end of the month for reunion festivities.

The college hosted the National Music Festival in June, and over the remainder of the summer, the College's Conference Services Office reports, 45 other groups used the college's facilities for conferences, meetings, and special events.

Over 190 Washington College undergraduates were busy with outside-the-classroom learning during the summer participating as interns, off-campus or on-campus researchers, and externs conducting job shadowing. About a third sought academic credit for their work. They were supported with \$294,000 in college, donor, and grant supported funding.

This Fall's line up of speakers and upcoming events should appeal to WC-ALL members. Always recheck the college calendar for updates or changes, but as of now, the future schedule includes:

Thursday, **September 18**, 7:30 p.m., Richard Beeman, a Senior Fellow of the C.V. Starr Center, returns and will speak about his most recent book, "Our Lives, Our Fortunes, and Our Sacred Honor," how the Continental Congress forged independence and a new nation.

Sunday, **September 28**, 3:00 p.m., the Premier Artists series kicks off with Grace Kim and Hanchien Lee performing "Carnivals & Dances: Virtuoso French Music for Two Pianos."

Tuesday, **October 14**, 5 p.m., SANDBOX presents an evening of art videos from the collection of Kitty and Tom Stoner.

Saturday, **October 25**, 7:30, the Grammy-winning Los Angeles Guitar Quartet performs bringing a two-day Guitar

Festival to a rousing close.

Sunday, **November 2**, celebrate Maryland Emancipation Day with the acclaimed American Spiritual Ensemble, performing classic spirituals, jazz and Broadway songs that highlight the African-American experience.

Thursday, **November 6**, 5:30 p.m., the British-born historian who won the 2014 George Washington Book Prize, Andrew Jackson O'Shaughnessy, talks about his winning book: "The Men Who Lost America".

Friday, **November 7**, 4 p.m., Phi Beta Kappa hosts college presidents Daniel Weiss (Haverford) and Rebecca Chop (Swarthmore) for a panel discussion about the issues raised by their book, "Remaking College: Innovation and the Liberal Arts".

Thursday, **November 11**, 7:30 p.m., Veterans Day, the Starr Center and Drama Department team up with the musicians of Trio Galilei to present "StoryQuest: Remembering World War II", an evening of music, projected imagery and spoken and recorded interviews with local WWII veterans.

Come and enjoy!

Andrea Lange

Washington College Liaison

WC-ALL SCHEDULES TRIP TO CENTRAL EUROPE, APRIL 21 – MAY 5, 2015

Registration is open for a Spring, 2015 trip to Budapest, Prague, Salzburg, and Vienna. Come with us! John Ames, who led the highly successful 2013 Great Britain trip, is the leader once again to these beautiful cities and through the countryside of the Danube Valley and Austrian Alps that links them.

The focus will be the art, music, cultural and political history of the cities with 3 days in each of them. Airfare, escorted

walking and coach tours, are included, but there is also plenty of free time for independent exploration.

The tour cost is approximately \$4,500 per person which includes air fare, all hotels and breakfasts, 4 dinners together, the motor coach, and admissions to many points of interest. Not included are other meals, admissions to concerts and other optional events, personal expenses and travel insurance (which is strongly recommended).

There is a supplemental cost of \$1,240 for those who want a single hotel room.

Visit the WC-ALL website washcoll.edu/offices/wc-all/trips.php for more information including a registration form and preliminary itinerary. Registration will continue until August 19 or until full, whichever comes first. We will fill the trip on a first come, first served basis, so please don't delay.

MENTOR PROGRAM GEARS UP IN NEW HOME

For over a decade, the Academy of Lifelong Learning has partnered with the College to offer an International Student Mentor Program. Started by Professor Noriko Narita, Lecturer in Japanese, this successful program has connected international students to the local community. Due to the popularity of the Mentor Program and the growing number of international students at the College, there have been more international students than available mentors. Many students seeking a mentor have not been matched. With your help, we hope to change that!

Starting this coming academic year, the Mentor Program will be run out of the Global Education Office (GEO) in collaboration with Cindi McCann, International Student Mentor Program Volunteer Coordinator. Students will be matched with interested WC-ALL members, Washington College faculty and staff, and local community members. The mentor/mentee friendship is built over time through ongoing visits during the student's studies at Washington College. After an initial meeting, the mentee and mentor will decide how often they would like to meet. Mentors and students meet locally and do things such as First Friday, partaking in a holiday tradition, attending local events and shows, or meeting for tea, coffee or a meal. Through these mentoring relationships, the international students are able to experience "real" life on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Mentors and their families, in turn, are able to meet and form friendships with students from diverse cultural backgrounds and life experiences. Friendships formed between mentors and students often

extend beyond the students' stay in Chestertown, and have connected families across the globe.

If you are interested in mentoring a student, please email: geomentor-program@gmail.com. Questions? Contact Cindi McCann at (410) 708-6173, Theresa Capule (Assistant Director, GEO, 410-778-7762) or Kate McCleary (Director, GEO, 410-810-7470)

Orientation meetings for new mentors in the Global Education Office (409 Washington Ave.) will be held on the following dates (attendance at one meeting is requested):

8/11 @ 5:00 p.m, 8/12 @ 12:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to geomentorprogram@gmail.com by August 8. An on-line interest form will be available through the GEO's website (washcoll.edu/offices/global-education) during the coming months; along with more detailed information about the mentor program.

FOOTNOTES ON WC-ALL CLASSES

What classes did you take in the Spring? Did you enjoy them? Did you learn anything? For the instructors learn more.



Winder Heller

This is **Winder Heller's** first year in WC-ALL. A history buff, he especially enjoyed *Manifest Destiny* and *D-Day*. At the same time, he likes the variety of different classes WC-ALL offers. Where else could you take a class on *Celtic Music* and *Roots*? He admired the way Mike Roberts brought a personal touch to his course, such as honoring area people with connections to *D-Day*.

Winder added to Mike Roberts' mention of Sam Gibbons, long-time Tampa, FL congressman, who parachuted behind German lines with the 101st Airborne Division on D-Day. Gibbons purloined a case of Schlitz beer in the last week before the invasion and had two beers left on D-Day. He didn't want to leave them behind so he replaced the gas masks in his boots with those last two cans. Gibbons also carried a photo of his ex-sweetheart who happened to be getting married that very day at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. After the war, 55+ years later, he married her after each other's spouse had died.



Mike Roberts recognized WC-ALL members (l to r) Jean Tubman, Virginia Parker and Elaine Naper in his D-Day course.

Three WC-ALL members attending Mike Roberts' class on **D-Day** brought the war experience home. **Jean Tubman's** husband **Alec** (who could not attend the course) went in on 1st wave at Utah beach. **Virginia Parker's** father was killed at Omaha Beach. She went to the 70th anniversary this June. **Elaine Naper's** first husband, Hoff Knight, was part of the 101st Division, the "Screaming Eagles" and "The Battered Bastards of Bastogne." He went into Normandy on D-Day as a 2nd Lieutenant and was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in that action. He crossed the Channel on a Liberty ship and transferred to a landing ship to go ashore.



William Nuttle (left) and Mike Roberts.

William Nuttle (left) shared maps of Iwo Jima with Mike Roberts before the D-Day class. Nuttle landed on Iwo Jima in WWII.



Heron Point residents.

None of these Heron Point residents knew the others had signed up for Lucia Rather's *Manifest Destiny* class until it started, but here they are. All like the instructor and are interested in history. As one said, she "learned about the topic years ago, but learned even more in this course." Show left to right: **Barbara Thomas, Joanne O'Donnell, Lindsay Batcheller, and Janet Witter.**



Jim and Sue Urda.

Jim Urda was a busy man in Spring Session 2. He took a course every day. "There's a helpful variety of courses," he says. Some are intellectual, some are just for enjoyment.

Sue Urda took three courses. She and Jim value the interesting people they have met and admire their fellow students' intellectual curiosity. She finds good discussions and lots of learning taking place.



Nancy Powell.

Nancy Powell who has lived in the area one year took *Joy of X* and *Manifest Destiny*. She had to work at the X class, but it was "eye opening" and she got out of it what she wanted.



Anne Collins.

Anne Collins has taken the *Great Decisions* course just about as long as Jane Hukill has moderated it and says it is a wonderful class every time. She values keeping up to date with what's going on in the world and enjoys other participants' opinion. She enjoyed the *Wet and Wild* class too. "There is so much I don't know," she says and WC-ALL is a vehicle to learn.

WC-ALL Spring, 2014 class *Wet & Wild* led instructor David Foster to launch a column in the Chestertown Spy, "Searching for Common Ground." While the column will draw on David's years of local and international environmental experience, its impetus comes from WC-ALL. "I found that I really enjoyed teaching that course and, most importantly, I enjoyed the challenging questions and feedback from the participants."



Most 2013-14 Instructors celebrated the year at the May Annual Meeting. Thanks to all, present and not, for wonderful courses!

A SHORT STORY OF 50 COURSES

Tristan and Isolde were under the **Hand of Kings**, but wanted to follow their own **Manifest Destiny** and be **United Artists, Producing a Radio Feature** about **Jazz Appreciation** or **Celtic Music**. But they needed **Money** and decided to go on a fundraising **Hero's Journey** tour as if they were in a **Tolkien's Epic** and experiencing all the **Foreign Policy** dilemmas and calamities of **Civil War, Climate and Global Warming**, and the **Environmental Issues** that **Satan** and the Middle Earth could offer. They got stuck

Between the Testaments, but remembered the **Illuminating Word of St. John's Bible** and called on the **Great Jewish Communities of Europe** to get them to **Maryland in the 18th Century**. Here they learned about the **Roots** of our **Revolutionary Ancestors** and their subsequent offspring. Many of them served in the **Civil War Navies**, the **Great War, D-Day-The Normandy Invasion** or experienced **Victory in the Pacific Theater**. All of these events contributed in one way or another to the **12 Turning Points of American History**.

Tired of war and inspired by **Magic Realism in Spanish American Literature** and the free **Spirit of Wharton Esherick**, Tristan and Isolde realized they needed to be closer to the Arts, **Theater**, and find out

How Music Works. The **American Musical** introduced them to the choreography of Busby Berkley and Fred Astaire "Singing in the Rain". Feeling **Wet and Wild**, they considered the **Joy of X** in the back of Their **Father's Oldsmobile**, but made the **Great Decision** not to add to the **Population Explosion** such as in **India Today**.

After witnessing **Lyndon Johnson** trying to stack the **Supreme Court** and influence **Criminal Justice**, Tristan and Isolde used **Photoshop** and Today's **Digital Technology** to exit Middle Earth and the Virtual World. After **Journaling** and producing an Opera, they decided to enter the Real World and become members of the Academy of Lifelong Learning.

Dick Swanson, May 2014

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