



# ALP-HORN

Summer  
2014

## NEWSLETTER OF THE ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM

### ALP ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014, 12:15—2:15 PM  
MAIN DINING ROOM, SEABURY, BLOOMFIELD CT

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: NANCY JOHNSON,**  
24-Year Member of the U.S. Congress

### ***"THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT"***

Nancy Johnson served 18 years on the House Ways and Means Committee and played an integral role in the passage of every major tax, trade and health care initiative during years of rapid technological and political change and the globalization of the economy.

Ms. Johnson's legislative record is a testament to her strategic expertise and ability to build coalitions. She has been recognized frequently for her leadership on such disparate issues as manufacturing, health policy, fair tax and trade policy, child and family issues and the environment.

Ms. Johnson is an authority on health policy. As a member and then Chairwoman of the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, she introduced the national Children's Health Insurance Program and was a principal author of the Medicare Modernization Act. Her many years of service have given her a deep knowledge of the health care delivery system, including the need for systems change, quality measurement and payment reform to improve quality and efficiency.

She introduced the health information technology legislation that led to the establishment of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (HIT) and continues to fight for broad adoption of HIT to reduce medical errors and improve care quality.



<b>ALP NOMINATIONS 2014-2015</b>		
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CONTINUING IN OFFICE</b>	<b>TO BE ELECTED (Two Year Term)</b>
CO-CHAIRS	Patrick Hatcher	David Winer
TREASURER	Janet Murphy	
SECRETARY	Ann Parkhurst	
ALP-HORN EDITOR	Jim Yaeger	
WEBSITE MANAGER		Bob Ellis
CURRICULUM CO-CHAIRS		Shirley Dudley TBA
COMMUNICATIONS CO-CHAIRS	Shirley Morrison	Diane Harris
MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS		Paula Fisher Polly Ellis (1 yr.)
AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE (Seabury)		June Johnson
AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE (Duncaster)		Frances Moulton

**GENEREROUS  
FRIENDS**

Harold Buckingham  
 Joyce Buckingham  
 Ellie Caplan  
 Shirley Dudley  
 Joy Floyd  
 Diane Harris  
 William Howes  
 Rachel Markowitz  
 Sali Riege  
 Orlene Spinney  
 Betsy Stott  
 Eleanor Sulston  
 Patricia Walker

**THANK YOU!**

**NEW MEMBERS**

Lucy Creevey	Bloomfield	Johns Winship	Bloomfield
Renee DeSalvatore	Bloomfield	Rosann Hauschulz	Newington
Al DeVito	Bloomfield	Dolores Peruch	Newington
Sally Given	Bloomfield	Kenneth Forrester	Simsbury
Winifred Granger	Bloomfield	David Taft	Vernon
Charles Griffen	Bloomfield	Diane Edell	W. Hartford
Diane Harris	Bloomfield	Susan Janiak	W. Hartford
Verga Johnson	Bloomfield	Adlyn Loewenthal	W. Hartford
Mary Kalinoski	Bloomfield	Martha Sterrett	W. Hartford
Muriel Sherman	Bloomfield	Vinh Nguyen	W. Hartford
Evelyn Smith	Bloomfield	Shirley Reitman	Avon
Shirley Tolley	Bloomfield		
Pat Walker	Windsor		
Seymour Reitman	Avon		

## **PARKING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING**

Because there will not be enough parking places at Seabury to accommodate all the attendees at the Annual Meeting, we must all park at the Beth Hillel Synagogue. This parking lot is next to Seabury, just west on Wintonbury Avenue. ***Please park behind the building to leave space available in front of the building for people taking part in activities there.*** A shuttle to Seabury will be available beginning at 11:45 am. The Seabury shuttle will return you to the synagogue lot following the meeting. This is the same arrangement that has worked so well for the past several meetings. ***NO PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT SEABURY FOR THIS EVENT UNLESS YOU HAVE A HANDICAPPED PERMIT.***

## **MEETING AGENDA**

**LUNCH  
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
RECOGNITIONS  
BUSINESS MEETING  
BREAK  
FEATURED PRESENTATION**



*An ALP-Horn Band*

## **LUNCHEON**

The Annual Meeting on June 3 will begin at **12:15** with a luncheon, **which must be preordered** (see below). Members not attending the luncheon may attend the business meeting (about 12:45) and listen to the speaker at 1:15 p.m.

**To make your reservation for lunch please complete the form below and send it with your check for \$12.00 per person (payable to ALP) to the ALP office: Attn: Bertina Williams, ALP, Hartford County Extension, 1800 Asylum Avenue, Rm.110, West Hartford, CT 06117-2600, to arrive by Thursday, May 22.**

### **PLEASE PRINT**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon Choice(s)

Check 1 (one) entrée selection per person below (two checkmarks for that entrée if two people want it) and return this form with your check as directed above:

\_\_\_\_\_ Herb Crusted Chicken Breast with tomato, caper and fresh mozzarella

\_\_\_\_\_ Pan Roasted Salmon with caramelized shallot and tarragon butter

\_\_\_\_\_ Bowtie Pasta with asparagus, caramelized onion and roasted tomatoes

Roasted Red Potatoes with herbs and shallots

Mixed Vegetables

Dessert

*This article is modified from an essay written for the ALP Memoirs Course in 2013. Many of the pieces written for ALP classes can be found on our website at [www.alp.uconn.edu](http://www.alp.uconn.edu)*

## **Hilton Hall**

*by Ivan A. Backer*

We drove up the winding driveway that I had always walked before and it soon came into view. The big brick building that had housed the school which the Czechoslovak government in exile had established for refugee children in England stood there like a solid bastion of security. That is what it felt like when I attended it in the early 1940's during the war.

I recognized the remains of the stone balcony on the second floor which once had collapsed under the weight of my friend who had climbed on it while the building was being converted into a school. He was lucky to escape with only a broken leg.

Now, in 1985, I was showing my wife the several places I had lived while in England. As we parked next to a flat-bed truck that was being swept by a good looking man in his late thirties, I wondered who was living here now and what Hilton Hall was used for. The young man jumped down from the truck and extended his hand in greeting. He was the son of Mr. Lewis, the brother of the John Lewis I knew who ran the farm surrounding the mansion. Not that it was a mansion, but since it was large and imposing it seemed so to me when I was 12. The young Lewis invited us in to meet his mom and dad who had served in the British army in the war.

As I walked inside, the grand stair-

case seemed much smaller and I found the hall with its fireplace more normal than 43 years earlier. No longer was it the hall where knights gathered around the blazing fire of logs 12 inches in diameter. What really startled me as I walked around were the small metal plaques on each door which indicated in Czech the use for that room: Dining Room, Music Rehearsal Room, Principal's Office, and Classroom. The Lewises had never bothered to take them down.

As we reminisced with our hosts I remembered mother Lewis, now long departed. When I was at school there, the kitchen was in the basement and the food was brought up to the dining room by a dumb waiter. A number of us vied for the privilege of pulling the rope hand over hand. Sometimes, as it was being hoisted, it stopped briefly as Mrs. Lewis, one floor lower, apparently helped herself.

Food was not plentiful, although we were never really hungry. But a small group of us decided to assuage our hunger pains by hunting wild rabbits. In the evenings we would set traps at the openings of the rabbit holes. Then we got up in the morning to see if we had caught anything. Occasionally we were successful. We roasted our prey over an open fire and congratulated ourselves on eating such tasty morsels.

When I think back to my days at Hilton Hall, I can still see the cows being brought from pasture to be milked, the farm equipment strewn around, and John Lewis rushing around in knee high rubber boots – Wellingtons – trying to keep up with everything since he had no hired help as most young men were fighting in the war. Nostalgia fills me with warmth again as I remind myself how lucky I was to have been there.

## **CO-CHAIR REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP**

*Patrick Hatcher and Pete Cruikshank*

We are pleased to report that by the time this ALP-Horn arrives in your mailbox, this membership organization will be a non-stock corporation, the Adult Learning Program, Inc. The following is an explanation of how this has come about and what is in store for the future.

As many of you know, ALP's twelve year affiliation with UConn changed in 2012. We had previously been affiliated with the Continuing Studies Program of UConn under a Memorandum of Understanding under which ALP retained full control of the curricula and its finances. The University underwent a reorganization lasting many months starting in 2012 during which the Continuing Studies Program was disbanded and ALP was moved to the Extension Department of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. This latter change made sense because under the Land Grant Law, UConn is obligated to share with the community the benefits of work being done at the University with outreach programs such as ALP, CLIR, the Master Gardeners Program and many others.

When we sought to renew the Memorandum of Understanding with the Extension Department we were advised that UConn now sought a number of changes which would have had the effect of greater university control over ALP affairs. In response to ALP's position that it wanted, among other things, to retain full control over its finances, UConn suggested that ALP form a non-stock corporation and seek its own IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit status, as opposed to being just another

UConn program. After some deliberation and consultation with many members, the Advisory Board agreed and sought the assistance of the Connecticut Under League Initiative Program of UConn to act as ALP's attorneys. As a necessary part of the incorporation, at the meeting on March 27, 2014 the existing Advisory Board members were appointed to the Board of Directors of the Adult Learning Program, Inc., the assets of ALP [the office equipment and bank accounts] were transferred to the corporation, and the by-laws were approved.

We requested that, in preparing the new by-laws, counsel retain the existing governance structure. ALP will continue to have co-chairs and the three standing committees: curriculum, membership and communications, each with their co-chairs. All will be directors.

Going forward, an application for non-profit status will be filed with the IRS in the very near future, and, as recommended by counsel, the membership will be asked at the Annual Meeting to ratify the board's approval of the by-laws. The new by-laws will be sent out in a separate mailing to the membership. The election at the annual meeting will be for election of the various co-chair positions, now as directors of the corporation. Now that the incorporation process is completed, we will resume our discussions with UConn on a Memorandum of Understanding. There is a strong mutual desire for ALP to continue its affiliation with UConn.

In summary, with the incorporation of ALP, we are now in a better position to control ALP's affairs while maintaining ties to UConn with virtually no disruption to our members.

**ALP: ADULT LEARNING  
PROGRAM**

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**Meeting Place:**

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200 Seabury Drive  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

**What Is ALP?**

ALP is a participatory organization, directed by its volunteer members, open to adults interested in academic learning. Members design and lead programs on a variety of subjects. It is a partnership with the Department of Extension at the University of Connecticut and is one of more than 400 Lifelong Learning Institutes in Retirement affiliated with the Road Scholar Institute Network. Visit us at [www.alp.uconn.edu](http://www.alp.uconn.edu)

**ALP'S TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014**

**12:15 NOON—2:15 PM**

**Main Dining Room**

**Seabury, Bloomfield, CT**

**Featured Presentation**

**NANCY JOHNSON**

24-Year Member of the U.S. Congress

***The Future of Medicine Under the Affordable Care Act***

**Opportunities to socialize with old friends, make new friends  
and enjoy lunch together**