

SUMMER 2011

NEWSLETTER OF THE ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM

ALP ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011, 12:00 NOON TO 2:00 PM MAIN DINING ROOM, SEABURY BLOOMFIELD, CT Keynote Speaker: Dr. Robert Thorson

Earthly Matters

By day from September through May, Dr. Thorson is a Professor of Geology at the University of Connecticut, where he juggles teaching, research, advising, and committee work in the Honors Program, the Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, the Department of Anthropology, and the Center for Integrated Geosciences. On weekends he is a journalist for the Hartford Courant, the state's flagship daily. During the wee hours of most mornings, he is a writer, either hammering away on his next book or trying to get the word out regarding previous ones. With no university obligations during the summer, he tends to go with the flow. His most recently published book is *Beyond Walden: The Hidden History of America's Kettle Lakes and Ponds*.



Dr. Robert Thorson

The title of his presentation is "Earthly Matters." Can earthquakes be compared to flatulence? Volcanoes to kettle holes? And why is a rock not a stone? Join Professor Thorson in ruminating on sundry earthly matters with the idea of having fun and learning something useful at the same time. Readings from his opinion columns in the Hartford Courant will serve as fodder.

LUNCHEON

The Annual Meeting will begin at 12 noon, June 7, with a lunch featuring Grilled Chicken and Grilled Shrimp Skewer atop a Glass Noodle Salad enhanced with Shitake Mushroom, Ribbon Carrot, Bok Choy and Greens, Garnished with Black Sesame Seeds, and Crisp Lotus Root Chip. Dessert will be Summer Berry Parfait with Chocolate Tuile (Thin Chocolate Crisp). Price, \$8.00 per person.

To make your reservation for lunch please send your check (payable to ALP) to the office (ALP, University of Connecticut, 85 Lawler Road, West Hartford, CT 06117, Att. Bertina Williams) to arrive before May 27. There will be no refunds. A vegetarian offering will be available, but you must specifically request a vegetarian meal when you send your check with your reservation. Members without reservations may attend the business meeting (about 12:30), and listen to the speaker, at 1:00 pm.

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. The synagogue has asked us to park behind the building, so as 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 11:30 am and ending at 12.20 pm. 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

Luncheon

Welcome and announcements

Recognition of Seminar Presenters and Outgoing Board Members

Business Meeting, including approval of the budget, election of officers, and vote on revision of guidelines

Break

Featured Presentation



ALP NOMINATIONS 2011-2012

POSITION	CONTINUING IN OFFICE	TO BE ELECTED (2 year term)	TO BE ELECTED (1-year term)
CO-CHAIRS:	Peter Cruikshank	Carol Matzke	
TREASURER:		Malcolm Miller	
SECRETARY:	Tobie Katz		
ALP-HORN EDITOR:		Helen Lansberg	
WEB SITE MANAGER:		Jean Yaeger	
CURRICULUM CO- CHAIRS:		Ivan Backer	Marion Kelliher
COMMUNICATIONS CO- CHAIRS:	Betty Breen Leon Carr		
MEMBERSHIP CO- CHAIRS:		Anne Morris	Rose Pollock
AT LARGE REPRESENTA- TIVE: (Seabury)		Shirley Dudley	
AT LARGE REPRESENTA- TIVE: (Duncaster)	Jim Yaeger		

CHANGES TO GUIDELINES

At the business meeting on June 7 members will be asked to vote on some proposed changes to the guidelines. The intent of these changes is to add the Website Manager to the Board of Directors, and to make both the Webmaster and the ALPhorn Editor (who is already on the Board of Directors) members of the Communications Committee.

Two of the proposed changes are to Sections 3.1 and 3.2, as follows (additions, in bold italics; deletion, in parentheses):

Section 3.1 The affairs of ALP shall be managed by an Advisory Board composed of the elected Officers, the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees, (and) the editor of *ALP-Horn.* **and the Webmaster**...

Section 3.2.... No Officer, Chairperson, (or) *ALP-Horn* editor **or Webmaster** shall serve consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than four years in one position.

Another proposed change is that a section be added to Article 5, Section 5.9, to read as follows: *The ALPhorn Editor and Webmaster shall be members of the Communications Committee.*

If you would like a complete copy of the guidelines, you can call the office (860-570-9079) and ask to have one sent to you.

POETRY CONTEST

The third annual ALP Poetry Contest will be held this spring. The deadline for submission is **May 1** and envelopes postmarked later will not be entered. Three winning poems will be selected to be read by each author at the ALP Annual Meeting on June 7, 2011. In addition, one poem by each contestant will be selected to be printed in a brochure that will be distributed at the Annual Meeting. You may submit up to three poems, no longer than 50 lines each.

To enter the contest, please mail two copies of each poem to the ALP office, 85 Lawler Road, West Hartford, CT 06117. One of the copies should have complete contact information – name, address, phone number and email address if possible — in the upper right hand corner. The other copy should have no contact or name information – it should have the poem only with no other information. This year's judge is Karl Mason who has taught "Poetry Appreciation" for ALP and has given poetry courses to high school students for many years.



GENEROUS FRIENDS

We extend enormous gratitude to the following people for their donations to ALP:

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NEW SPRING 2011 MEMBERS

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SOME LOSSES

We have been saddened by the recent deaths of some ALP members and former members. We extend our sympathy to their families and friends.

Among the deaths were those of Judy Manchester, once a co-chair of ALP; Dr. Morris Seide, and Evan Johnson.

We sympathize also with Linda Bodnar, of our Membership Committee, whose husband, Joe, died recently, and with June Johnson, who was about to present a seminar this semester on genetics for the nonscientists when her husband died. .



TOUR OF HARTFORD, THURSDAY, JUNE 9

After the Hartford Challenge course in February there was interest in ALP sponsoring a tour of Hartford. We have made arrangements with Leadership Greater Hartford to conduct such a tour on June 9. rain or shine, highlighting some of the venues that contribute toward Hartford being ranked the 14th city in the US for arts and culture. The Seabury bus will leave from Seabury at 10:00 am sharp and visit several neighborhoods and downtown locations in Hartford. A highlight will be the Billings Forge farmer's market with lunch provided by the "Kitchen" restaurant there. Other stops will include additional leading locations that contribute to the city's renaissance. The bus will return to Seabury at about 2:00PM.pm. The cost of the tour, including lunch, is \$45 per person and your check must be received at the ALP office by June 1. The first 20 members will be accommodated and a waiting list will be maintained, but if less than 20 people register, the tour will be cancelled. For further information call Ivan Backer (860-525-3943).

REMEMBER THE CIRCUS FIRE?

The Curriculum Committee is hard at work organizing the fall seminars. One seminar will be on the circus fire in Hartford on July 6, 1944, the day the clowns cried. We will show a video about the event; Judge Henry Cohn will talk about the legal complications that went on for years afterwards, and, we hope, ALP members who were in Hartford at that time will share their memories. Were you there? Were you in the city? Will you tell us about it? If so, call Helen (860-561-2535) or e-mail her (HLansberg@aol.com). Thanks.



Wadsworth Atheneum



Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch

MEMORIAL GIFTS

When an obituary suggests a gift to charity in lieu of flowers, why not designate ALP as the charity? Simply send a check in any amount to ALP, and address it to Adult Learning Program, 85 Lawler Road, West Hartford, CT 06117. Your gift will be acknowledged.





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What Is ALP?

ALP is a participatory organization, directed by its volunteer members, open to older adults interested in academic learning. Members design and lead programs on a variety of subjects.

ALP is one of more than 400 Lifelong Learning Institutes in Retirement affiliated with the Elderhostel Institute Network.

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