



ALP-HORN

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Newsletter of the ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM

ALP ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 10:00 – 1:30
HERITAGE HALL, SEABURY

BRIDGET QUINN-CAREY TO BE GUEST SPEAKER

"Hartford Public Library: a Model for 21st Century Urban Libraries"

"The Hartford Public Library is a recognized leader in the delivery of innovative and impactful services to an urban population with a number of its programs becoming standard service offerings at urban libraries throughout the country. HPL continues to develop new ways of serving our unique and diverse population through partnerships with community based and academic institutions and with technology. This is an exciting and dynamic time for public libraries as they become transformational 21st century learning environments for the entire community." - Bridget Quinn-Carey



Ms. Quinn-Carey is the Chief Executive Officer of Hartford Public Library. She previously served as the Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer and Interim President/CEO of the Queens Library, one of the three independent library systems serving New York City, where she was honored with *The New York Times* Librarian Award in 2003. Her career includes leadership positions at organizations serving diverse populations across the country including positions as Director of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library system and Director of the Kalona and Washington Public Libraries in Iowa before moving to Connecticut to assume a position with the Connecticut State Library.

**Agenda and parking instructions for the Annual Meeting are on page 2.
Reservation instructions and menu for the Luncheon are on page 3.**

**Also check out our new feature "Class Kudos"  reflecting opinions from members about their favorite classes.
They are scattered throughout this issue.**

PARKING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING



Because of limited parking space at Seabury, we must all park at the Beth Hillel Synagogue just west of Seabury at 160 Wintonbury Avenue. **Please park to the rear of the parking lot.** Seabury will provide shuttle service from and to the synagogue parking lot beginning at 9:15am. The shuttle will be available until 2:15 after the Annual Meeting has concluded, and for anyone who needs transportation back to the Synagogue during the event.

AGENDA—ALP ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 6, 2017

- 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. You must pick up your luncheon sticker at the pre-paid luncheon confirmation table outside Heritage Hall. Members who are attending only the luncheon may pick up their stickers outside the dining room.
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker - Heritage Hall
- 11:30 - Noon Annual Meeting - Heritage Hall
- 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon - Dining Room

WHAT'S NEW?

by Paula Fisher

Beginning with this issue, we are including a new feature in the newsletter called **CLASS KUDOS**. Using the ALP Horn and the ALP website as venues, we are asking members to share their opinions about favorite classes they have attended. The objective is to provide some insight on classes that existing members may have missed but may have the opportunity to attend in the future and to provide valuable information about the quality of our curriculum to potential members.

How does this work? Send your input to the ALP Coordinator, Bertina Williams (**see back page for contact info**). The kudos we receive will be printed in the Alp-Horn or on the ALP website. Names will appear with first name followed by last initial.

Are there any guidelines? The Alp-Horn Editor and Webmaster encourage brevity – a short written comment about the course you select can relate to any aspect – the subject, the presenter, the discussions or other merits of the course. A few kudos have already been written and appear in this issue as examples.



Any questions? Call Bertina, leave a message (860-380-5038).

ALP LUNCHEON



Our popular annual luncheon will be served buffet style again this year. The Seabury chef will prepare the menu below and the event will begin at **12:15 pm** Tuesday, June 6 in the Seabury dining room. **ATTENDEES MUST PREPAY BY MAY 24**, then pick up their verification-of-payment stickers on June 6 at tables outside Heritage Hall before the morning speaker and meeting. If attending **only** the luncheon, a verification-of-payment sticker can be obtained outside the dining room starting at 12 noon.

To make your reservation for lunch, please send your check for **\$12.00** per person (payable to ALP) along with your Name/Phone # on this form to the ALP office: (Attn: Bertina Williams) ALP, Hartford County Extension, 1800 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford CT 06117-2600 **to arrive by Wednesday, May 24.**

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

LUNCHEON MENU

Salad: Artisan Lettuce, Crumbled Goat Cheese, Pickled Red Onion, Blistered Tomatoes, Honey Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrees: - Grilled Salmon Filet with a Sweet Pineapple Relish
- Apricot Glazed Chicken Breast with Toasted Almonds
- Penne Pasta with Broccolini, Roasted Tomatoes, Basil and Garlic
Also Rosemary Sea Salt Roasted Potatoes, Asparagus with Lemon Threads

Dessert: It's a surprise!



*"I try NEVER to miss the seminar on '**Impressionism Art**'. The lecturer intrigues me. The tidbits about the artists are fascinating and viewing the glorious paintings floods my mind with joy." - Karen D.*

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR OUR GENEROUS FRIENDS



Members are always invited to make financial contributions to help sustain ALP's program of ongoing education. The following members were donors this semester, and we want to thank them by publically recognizing their generosity.

Boyce Batey
Harold & Joyce Buckingham
Eleanor Caplan
Frances Carpenter
Pete Cruikshank
Carol G. Fine
Joy Floyd
Janet Focarelli
Toni Gold

William Howes
Eileen Katz
Tobie Katz
Shirley Keezing
Nancy Kramer
Trudy Lovell
Paula Lucafo
Ann May
Jean McClintock

John & Marian Moore
Joan Smith
Orlene Spinney
Joanne Stevens
Ed & Marilyn Stockton
Eleanor Sulston
Joanne & Ken Taylor
William Zboray

Welcome to New Members The Lifeblood of Our Academic Community

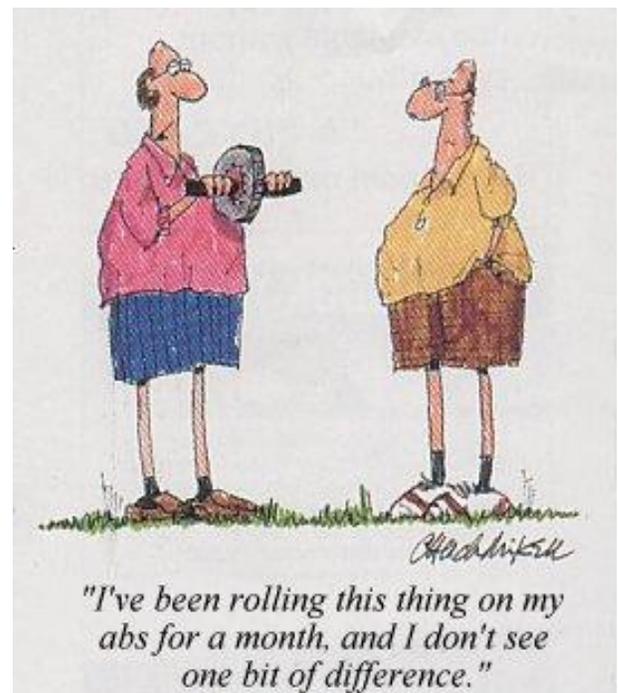
Brenda Boughan, West Simsbury
Richard Carlton, South Windsor
Ellen Castaldine, South Windsor
Randel Mott-Cobb, Stafford Springs
Elise Donabedian, Avon
Kevin Gough, Bloomfield

Sharon Haas, West Hartford
Sharon Indyke, Newington
Michael and Rosemary Madden, Avon
Joyce Morin, Enfield
Mary Lee Morrison, Hartford
George Semenec, Newington



*"We're lucky to have an ALP course from the popular '**Connecticut Forum**' series. The panel discussion in December about the interdependence of our brain and body stuck with me. I retain an image of little garbage men on duty after we go to sleep sweeping out brain debris that accumulated during the day so we're ready to go again when we awake."*

- Ivan B.



Meet Ruthanne Hartzheim

by Gwen Sibley

The one thing you really must know about Ruthanne Hartzheim is that she has painted her garage walls with the scenes and characters from Maurice Sendak's famous children's picture book, "Where the Wild Things Are".

One might say that Ruthanne's life has been a series of "wild things", as she has never followed a straight line, but has bobbed and weaved her way along, always questioning and anticipating her next move.



Originally from Wisconsin, she has traveled all across the United States as well as being a part time overseas resident with six years in India, five years in Taiwan and China, and three years in Ukraine while her husband was a full time expat employee in those countries. Ruthanne has traveled the globe on vacations as an amateur archeology student and many times followed her European husband as he pursued his international career in power generation. As a young girl and young woman, she managed to become a classical ballerina, rode horses, and trained and showed German Shepherd dogs. She has one son who is a high school Art teacher in Wisconsin.

ALP is extremely fortunate to have had Ruthanne as a Presenter since 2005. Like her life, her classes have been stimulating and diverse, ranging from a look at the 1960's through musical eyes to Art's Impressionistic period. Her first class was designed around her life in India and she greeted her students dressed in a salwar kameeze, complete with the scent of sandalwood incense in the air and the sound of tinkling bells and sitar music. Her latest offering is entitled Secret Societies and Conspiracy Theories, a class she started developing over the past year.

True to form, Ruthanne will follow another curve in the road and become a student this year as well, learning a new medium for her paintings, soft pastels.

Ruthanne's future plans are much like her – flexible and always open to change. But whatever they hold for her, I imagine Ruthanne will be winking at her Wild Things friends in her garage as she gets out of her car and says, "You can get some sleep now, I'm home."



"I missed the movie 'Anthropoid' last fall, but it was discussed fully in the seminar course 'Movie Buffs'. I learned about the courageous act by two Czech parachutists who carried out their dangerous mission against the Nazi leadership in World War II in Prague. I appreciate how this course exposes participants to film as history and art as well as entertainment."

- Paula F.

PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

by Libbie Merrow



How would you like to attend a debate demonstration by a high school team of debaters? Or learn some insights about the great Mark Twain? Would you like to take a virtual trip to Australia or Africa? How about learning how Data Analysis is controlling our lives?

Those are just a few of the new ideas we've added to our curriculum for the fall semester, guaranteed to enrich, enlighten and entertain you.

Also our favorite English teacher will be returning to introduce you to three poets. More *Secret Societies* will be exposed and, by popular demand, the series on *Great Structures* will be reprised.

Of course, we'll also be featuring our old favorite courses, each with their fervent fan base: Films, Short Stories, Plays and Writing.

This is just a sampling of the curriculum to be announced in the fall issue of the ALP Horn. Something old, something new and many, I'm sure, will appeal to you!

GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS

by Bob Ellis



Good News: For the first time since forever, almost everyone from our current Board of Directors is returning: Phil Will and Bob LaPorte (*ALP Co-Chairs*), Libbie Merrow and Agnes Pier (*Curriculum Committee Co-Chairs*), Shirley Morrison and Tobie Katz (*Communication Committee Co-Chairs*), Anne Winship and Dan Heuer (*Membership Committee Co-Chairs*), Bob Hewey (*Treasurer*), and

Bertina Williams (*Secretary*) are all coming back for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Bad News: We are losing Jim Yaeger, our outstanding ALP Horn Editor for the past four years (*see article on page 7*). **Good News:** The not quite as good but eager to learn Bob Ellis is relinquishing his duties as Webmaster to assume Jim's duties as Editor, and the intrepid and well qualified Donna Cote has volunteered to become the new Webmaster.

Bad News: Because of Donna's qualifications and quick response to an appeal for volunteers, those members who had their hearts set on volunteering for a board position must now wait. **Good News:** All members can be assured that there will be plenty of opportunities to become a board member in the not too distant future, and there are always opportunities to volunteer for committee work to help the ALP program and better prepare members for a board position.

Note: Our congratulations and thanks to all our volunteers and especially to Donna Cote for stepping up when needed. Because Bob Ellis and Donna will both be assuming new positions, members will vote at the Annual Meeting to approve their appointments.

RETIRING BOARD MEMBER



Jim Yaeger, 88 years young, is retiring from our Board of Directors after completing his fourth year as the editor of this newsletter. He had previously served on the board as the Duncaster Liaison (2010) and Communications Co-Chair (2012) before taking over the role of ALP Horn Editor from Helen Lansberg in 2013. However, Jim is not retiring from his participation in the ALP program and will continue to serve as the Coordinator and Facilitator for the series of "Great Courses" seminars that have been a part of ALP's curriculum for a number of years. "Joining ALP rejuvenated my life after I retired as a Professor of Oral Biology and took a 'sabbatical from learning' for a couple of years" said Jim. The benefits received in his joining ALP were reciprocal. Thanks Jim.

Highlighting the Membership Committee

By Dan Heuer

Our Membership Committee integrates new members, finds guest speakers and coordinates the welcome and registration process for our bi-annual Preview meetings and organizes with ALP co-chairs the end-of-year luncheon. The Committee also makes arrangements with Seabury and the Curriculum Committee for the popular autumn social that brings new and old ALPers together for a "meet and greet" event. We are always in need of new members to join us to share ideas regarding the enhancement of the ALP program. If interested, please call Bertina Williams at the ALP office for details.

NOTICE: Those members not wearing their name tag when attending an ALP function will be shot.



*"I think the seminar on the '**Industrial Revolution**' was one of the best courses ALP has ever done. I'm not an engineer, nor thought I was interested in those topics, but this course combined history and industry in such a fascinating way even I could understand it!"*

- Marilyn S.

DID YOU KNOW?

Susan B. Anthony was past 80 when she formed the International Woman Suffrage Alliance.

Mary Baker Eddy was 86 when she founded the Christian Science Monitor newspaper.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. was reading Plato in Greek when he was 92.

Ignace Paderewski was 79 when he retired from playing the piano in concerts.

George Bernard Shaw was working on his last play when he was 94.

Grandma Moses received her last commission as an artist when she was 99.

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C.S. Lewis





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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 <http://alp.uconn.edu>.

Meeting Place

Seabury Retirement Community
200 Seabury Drive
Bloomfield, CT 06002

ALP'S TWENTY- SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017
10:00AM - 1:30PM
Heritage Hall
Seabury, Bloomfield, CT

**Our annual opportunity to socialize with old friends,
make new friends and enjoy lunch together**

Featured Speaker
Bridget Quinn-Carey
CEO, Hartford Public Library

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