



Newsletter of the ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM

ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019, 10:00 – 1:30PM
HERITAGE HALL & DINING ROOM, SEABURY

Guest Speaker Michael Freimuth

Executive Director, CRDA



Michael W. Freimuth has been the Executive Director of the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) since its creation in 2012. He oversees CRDA's entertainment and convention facilities, housing and commercial development programs and regional initiatives.

Prior to joining CRDA, he served as Commissioner of Development for the City of New Rochelle, NY where he oversaw housing, building, planning, zoning, economic development, transportation and parking as well as special projects. Mr. Freimuth has also been the Director of Economic Development for the City of Stamford, Ct and served in a similar position for the City of Bridgeport. He was a senior legislative assistant in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, DC and managed a real estate subsidiary of a mutual savings bank headquartered in Connecticut.

Mr. Freimuth earned his Bachelors of Art degree in Economics from the University of Connecticut and holds a Master of Public Administration and Public Finance from George Washington University. He has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Public Service Award from the Connecticut Secretary of State, a Citation of Outstanding Achievement from the Connecticut General Assembly, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from George Washington University. He lives with his family in Fairfield, CT.

HELP FOR HEARING IMPAIRED ATTENDEES

The sound systems in Seabury's Heritage Hall and the Bishop's Chapel are now equipped with an "induction loop" which magnetically transmits sound to hearing aids and cochlear implants equipped with telecoms (T-coils). With a simple flip of the switch, hearing-impaired members can receive amplified sound directly from the microphone, turning their hearing aids into wireless loudspeakers, delivering clear, customized sound. Thank you, Seabury!

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

- 10:00 Registration for luncheon
(see *LUNCHEON notes on next page*)
- 10:30 Keynote Speaker -
Heritage Hall
- 11:30 Business Meeting -
Heritage Hall
- 12:15 Luncheon – Dining Hall

ANNUAL MEETING PARKING



For this event, ALP members who are not Seabury residents should park at the Chinese Baptist Church 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 church's parking lot beginning at 9:30am. The shuttle will be available until after the Annual Meeting has concluded, and for anyone who needs transportation back to the parking lot during the event.

CAR POOLING

It's not always easy to find convenient parking when we attend a class at any of our three venues. An obvious solution to the problem is car-pooling. If you are willing to car pool and/or serve as a car pool driver, please contact our Administrator, Bertina Williams, at admin@uconnalp.org or **860-380-5038**. Bertina will provide you with a complete list of other car-poolers interested in sharing a ride. You can then contact those members living in your area to see if one of them is going to the class you're attending.

LUNCHEON

Our buffet luncheon, **only \$10 this year**, will begin at 12:15 pm Tuesday, June 4 in the Seabury dining room. To register, you must prepay by May 28, then pick up your verification-of-payment sticker at one of the tables outside Heritage Hall before the morning speaker and meeting. If you are attending **only** the luncheon, you can obtain your verification-of-payment sticker outside the dining room starting at 12 noon.

To make your reservation for lunch, please complete this form and send it with your check for **\$10.00** per person (payable to ALP) to the Adult Learning Program, Hartford County Extension Center, Exchange Building – Suite 262, 270 Farmington Ave., Farmington, CT 06032 (Attn: Bertina Williams). **Your payment must be received before Tuesday, May 28.**

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

FREE TUITION RAFFLE



One more reason for coming to the Annual Meeting: A raffle will be held for all attendees with the winner receiving free tuition for the fall 2019 semester. Will it be you? Could be. But you have to be there to find out.

MEMBERS WITH PENS, PURSES AND HEARTS



The following members made a financial contribution this spring semester to help keep ALP a viable, educational organization. On behalf of our Board of Directors and all members who reap the benefits of our Adult Learning Program, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Marian Adler, Dori Albert, Anne Alvord, Joyce Armstrong, Stuart Babcock, Mickey Bartus, Stan Bartus, Anne Brock, Paul Bayliss, Ken Brock, Ingrid Boelhouwer, Arlene Buckey, Ruth Budlong, Frances Carpenter, Carolyn Clark, Ian Clark, Martha Colton, Kayla Costenoble, Davida Crabtree, Pete Cruikshank, Shirley Dudley, Connie Dunham, Diane Edell, Carol G. Fine, Louise Fisher, Joy Floyd, Nancy Grover, Wendy Haller, Jane Harris, Sherry Indyke, Eileen Katz, Elizabeth Kellerman, Hedy Korst, Ursula Korzenik, Ruth Leggett, Trudy Lovell, David Lund, Diane Mack, Adrienne Marks, Peggy Miller, Marian Moore, Janet Murphy, Doris Nussbaum, Harriet Odlum, Brenda Pfeiffer, Nancy Reed, James Ritter, Gideon Rutenberg, Benjamin Sachs, Zellene Sandler, Phyllis Satter, George Semenech, Sandra Slipp, Evelyn Smith, Orlene Spinney, Kathy Steinwell, Betsy Stevens, Ed Stockton, Marilyn Stockton, Eleanor Sulston, Bernita Sundquist, Ralph Sundquist, Barbara Taylor, Joanne Taylor, Bert VanStolk, Dudley Watkins, Mary Ann Watson, Susan Watson, Phil Will, Ann Winship, and Richard Zimmerman.

Welcome to ALP's New Members The Lifeblood of Our Academic Community

David Barrett
Carol Barry
Dick Barry
Mickey Bartus
Stan Bartus
Joyce Bayliss
Paul Bayliss
Phyllis Berman
Christine Bogino
Lanell Buchanan
Tom Ciccarillo
Patricia Connolly
Ann Dake
Beth Ellison
David Ferola

Carol Gershenson
Barbara Goodwin
Charles Goodwin
Maxene Greenfield
Franklin Hurwitz
Richard Keppelman
Jane Labbe
John Labbe
Iris Larsson
Marilyn Loomis
David Lund
Dorothy Lund
Ruthann Mandelbaum
Paula Meachen
Susan Merblum

William Mikus
Jane Newpeck
Susan Nilsen
Charles Parsons
Diane Pizzo
Janet Quinn
Judith Quinn
Cynthia Redman
Bunny Rybeck
Andrea Schnure
Terry Schnure
Owen Van Brocklin
Dudley Watkins
Charlie Watson

OVERHEARD DURING A COFFEE BREAK: *"Getting old really sucks. I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement and new knees. I've had to fight prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half-blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, and take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. I have bouts with dementia, have poor circulation, and hardly feel my hands or feet anymore. Thank God I still have my driver's license."*

DID YOU KNOW? (little known facts about our country)



Alaska is not only the most northern and western state in the U.S., but it is the most eastern state. Part of Alaska's Aleutian Islands extend so far west they actually cross the line that divides the Eastern Hemisphere and the Western Hemisphere.

Although never admitted into the union, there once was a state named Franklin – named after Ben Franklin. It lasted four years after the Revolutionary War and was intended to be the 14th state, but became part of what is now eastern Tennessee after political and land disputes erupted.

Robert Lincoln, the son of Abraham Lincoln, was coming home from college one day in 1863 and accidentally fell off a railroad platform just as a train was approaching. A man standing nearby reached down to pull him off the tracks to safety – probably saving his life. The man was a famous Shakespearean actor named Edwin Booth, the brother of John Wilkes Booth.

The official symbol of Virginia that appears on its flag and state seal depicts a woman standing triumphantly on the chest of a man in a prone position. The design is supposed to represent virtue trampling a tyrant.

Nowhere in the Constitution does it say that Supreme Court justices have to be lawyers or have any legal training. Several justices in the court's history had never attended law school and one justice, James Byrnes, who served on the court in the 1940s, had never even attended high school.

MEANDERING MUSINGS OF A MUTANT MIND (Chapter 6)

- Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
- Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?
- If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
- Why did Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?
- If the professor on Gilligan's Island could make a radio out of a coconut, why couldn't he fix a hole in a boat?



CLASSY KUDOS



For John McClintock and his class on "Technological Revolution:"
"Good explanations. Stretched me intellectually." – Anonymous
"New information, engagingly presented." – Beth H.

For Howard Sprout and his class on "Ludwig, Ludwig, We Adore You:"

"Brilliant speaker. It was a privilege to attend!" – Betty A.

"Presenter is passionate about music and he expresses his joy radiantly." – Anonymous

“OH, THE PLACES YOU’LL GO!” **A Fall Semester Preview by Libbie Merrow**



This fall, we're going to have such a variety of courses to offer, you can "*steer yourself any direction you choose.*" You could examine today's challenges with courses on cyber security, the media, racial implications, or the labyrinth of law. How do you feel about states' rights? You could drift back through history, learning about the development of computers, Eisenhower, Russian dissidents, the Industrial Revolution, Prudence Crandall, the Amistad affair, all the way back to the Karbala and ancient Epics.

For art, you could learn about a sculptress or more Dutch Masters. Want more music? Madame Butterfly, the Messiah, Satchmo, or Music as Therapy? There will be movies: our favorite, Movie Buffs, and a series on Baseball and Cats and Dogs. And if that's not enough, you could watch King Lear in the morning and discuss it in the afternoon.

If you like to play with words, try Poetry, Storytelling, Play reading, Memoirs or Creative Writing. Finally, you could explore Connecticut vicariously from the air or in real time on our hikes. So, "*with your head full of brains and your shoes full of feet.....your mountain is waiting!*"

Thank you, Dr. Suess!

A Hundred Years Ago

In 1919, bread was 10 cents a loaf, a gallon of gas 25 cents, our life expectancy was 47 years, unemployment was at 1.4% and the federal budget was \$18.5 billion. It was also probably the most disaster-ridden, non-war year in U.S. history. Consider these events that occurred in 1919:



- The National Prohibition (Volstead) Act was passed.
- Mail bombs were sent to 30 prominent politicians, journalists and businessmen by anarchist terrorists. A month later, bombs in seven cities, including Boston and NYC, were set off simultaneously by the same terrorists.
- Race riots broke out in three dozen cities as returning WWI soldiers and migrating blacks competed for jobs and housing.
- Babe Ruth was sold by the Boston Red Sox.
- 185,000 Americans died in the 3rd wave of the flu epidemic.
- The Chicago "Black Sox" cheating scandal was made public.
- A Blacklist Act was passed by Congress during the first "Red Scare" to protect us from Communists following Russia's Bolshevik revolution.
- A molasses storage tank exploded in Boston, killing 21.
- Man of War lost his last horse race to a horse named "Upset" after winning 20 straight.

On the brighter side during 1919: Congress approved the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote and Babe Ruth was purchased by the Yankees.



NEWS FLASH

It has been decided that because everyone knows you and will always remember your name, you don't have to wear your name tag to ALP events or classes.

DEDICATED DIRECTORS DEPARTING

In keeping with a tradition we started in 2016, we are using this summer edition of *The Horn* to honor retiring members of the Board of Directors by recognizing their contributions to ALP. On behalf of the entire membership, we thank each of these volunteers for their time and effort and their enthusiastic support of the ALP program.



Dan Heuer joined ALP in 2009 and accepted an invitation to fill the position of ALP Membership Committee Co-Chair in 2015. *"I wanted to pay back ALP for the pleasure of taking so many courses over the years and I'm very happy I made that decision. Among my duties, I found it especially interesting to contact well known individuals to engage them as keynote speakers for ALP Preview meetings. Reaching out to them, getting their enthusiastic responses and making the final arrangements was very gratifying. ALP is an exceptional education program and I am glad that I have had a part in its success."*



Bob Hewey joined ALP shortly after moving to Seabury in 2012. He volunteered for the Curriculum Committee shortly thereafter and continued until he was asked to become the ALP Treasurer in 2015. He brought automation to the Treasurer role through QuickBooks Online. He and his wife, Carol Simpson, have presented two travelogues in the last couple of years. He has also helped Karen Will introduce the Connecticut Forum DVD programs and discussions. Although retiring as our Treasurer, Bob will continue to be involved in presenting interesting programs to our membership.



Bob LaPorte, an "ALPer" for 15 years, has served as a Co-Chair of the full Board of Directors since 2015. One of the biggest challenges Bob faced during his tenure at the helm was how to minimize the impact of Seabury's reconstruction on ALP's ability to hold classes. *"With the help of Seabury's staff, we worked our schedules and room requirements around the construction but it did require us to limit our course offerings somewhat. Our curriculum has now returned to its pre-construction level and our membership is now the largest it's ever been. I would like to thank my fellow board members for making the last four years run smoothly and productively."*



Agnes Pier joined ALP in 2015 and immediately took on the position of Curriculum Committee Co-Chair. As indicated in her profile published in the Fall 2017 issue of *The Horn*, her contributions to ALP went beyond that of helping to build our curriculum each semester. She was also instrumental in setting up the Access database used to track and evaluate courses and most recently filled in nicely as our Administrator during Bertina Williams' unplanned absence.

We could learn a lot from crayons: Some are sharp, some are pretty. Some are dull, some have weird names; and all are different colors. But, they all exist very nicely in the same box.

YOUR INPUT NEEDED



As good as our Board of Directors is in doing all the things necessary to make ALP an effective and viable organization, they are not immune to occasional brain freezes. Sometimes, when thinking of ways to make ALP better, there is a collective pause before somebody generates a brilliant idea or solution. To help the Board traverse those gaps and ensure that ALP continues to be an enjoyable and educational experience, they could use your input. The following are specific areas in which any ideas you may have would be most appreciated:

Guest Speakers for the Preview Meetings and the Annual Meeting.

Topics for future classes.

Newsletter Topics or Changes.

Website Changes.

Potential Leaders. Do you know someone who you think could assume the duties of a position on the Board of Directors? ALP Co-Chair? Committee Co-Chair? Webmaster? Newsletter Editor? Secretary? Treasurer?

If you have any input you'd like to offer, please contact our Administrator, Bertina Williams (860-380-5038 or admin@uconnalp.org). She will put you in touch with the appropriate person to discuss your idea further.

PROCRASTINATION a poem by Carolann Purcell

I've read everything on the Next to Read pile.
Ya mean I hafta go to the Must Do pile of
phone calls to contemplate,
Letters to draft,
Pages not typed,
Bills to be satisfied, files to be sortified, chores
to be gratified;
Is no End in sight?

I'd rather go
Dig in the garden/
Attack that mending pile/
Stir up some cookies/
Chuckle at comics/
Eat lunch/
Take a nap.



WORST PUN OF THE YEAR CONTENDER

There was a man who entered a local newspaper's pun contest. He sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.



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What Is ALP?

ALP is a self-governing, non-profit organization composed largely of retired people who share a common interest in ongoing education. Members participate in courses presented by fellow members and guest lecturers 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 Places

Seabury
200 Seabury Dr.
Bloomfield, CT

Duncaster
40 Loeffler Rd.
Bloomfield, CT

The McAuley
275 Steele Rd.
W. Hartford, CT

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Heritage Hall and Main Dining Room

Seabury

Shuttle Service from the Chinese Baptist Church

(previously the Beth Hillel Synagogue)

160 Wintonbury Ave., adjacent to Seabury

GUEST SPEAKER

Michael Freimuth

Executive Director, Capital Region Development Authority