



ALLways

Newsletter of the Academy for Lifelong Learning of Cape Cod, Inc.

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Holiday Wishes for all at ALL and their Friends and Families

We celebrate this month in many different ways. Different religions celebrate in different ways. Families celebrate differently. Some people celebrate the secular, others the holy and still others not at all.

At ALL we celebrate our diverse coordinators and the courses they put together for the rest of us. We

celebrate learning and communicating and our conduct to disagree with courtesy. We celebrate our organization - it's a great part of who we are.

No matter how or what you celebrate we wish you these and hope your December days are filled with: Love of friends and family, the joys of children, the gift of giving, the humility of receiving, the gratitude of living on Cape Cod, the love of learning new things each December day, the will to forego fruitcake, the crispness of cold, the wonder of snowflakes, the opening of Christmas cacti buds, the loveliness of tiny lights, a kiss under mistletoe, memories of toy trains and Story Book dolls, caroling, the welcomes of decorated doors, a Menorah and a Manger, honeyed ham and luscious latkes, wrappings and ribbons and the long awaited prospect of Peace on Earth.



Barbara Leedom. editor

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Annual ALL Holiday Party



**PLEASE JOIN US
FOR THE ALL ANNUAL
HOLIDAY PARTY**

Sunday, December 10, 2017

12:00 Noon ~ 2:00 P.M.

In the Cafeteria ~ Grossman Commons Building

An ALL Afternoon of Pure Entertainment

On Sunday afternoon of November 12, more than fifty members of ALL met at the



Barnstable Comedy Club for the Sunday Matinee of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" for our annual fall theatre and

dinner. What hilarious entertainment we enjoyed from the wacky, bumbling, sentimental pirates, policemen, young lovers, dewy-eyed daughters, and eccentric Major-General, all morally bound to the dictates of honor and duty.



After the show, we walked across the street to the Barnstable Restaurant and Tavern for a delicious three-course dinner of either baked stuffed sole fillets; beef bourguignon with mushrooms, bacon, and red wine; or baked three-cheese vegetarian lasagna.

Diane Hoover, Chair, Special Events

Board Retreat Held October 25

The Long Range Planning Committee orchestrated a Board Retreat at the new Bridgewater Campus. During a very rainy Wednesday in October, the Board considered the past, the present and the future of the Academy for Lifelong Learning. The purpose of the retreat was to lay the groundwork for a new Strategic Plan.



The first session reviewed issues on the 2015 plan that have been addressed. Those included correcting the chaos at registration opening, appointment of a coordinator of the volunteers at the front desk, and creating a history project for Integration and archiving of ALL information.

The second session was introduced by a data report on membership and class offering trends. It was pointed out that our membership has increased from the beginning until about 2011, with a slight decline since. We come from almost every town on the Cape as well as some members from north of the bridge. The number of classes offered increased over the same time, and since 2011 has held pretty steady. This presentation was followed by smaller group discussions of the two remaining issues from the 2015 plan-recruiting volunteers and stability versus growth of the organization.

After lunch we were encouraged to dream a little. The Board members were asked to discuss answers to the following questions: 1) What does A.L.L. do best? What are its main values? 2) Where does ALL want to go from here? 3) What needs to happen so that the organization continues to be successful? 4) What additional resources might the organization need? Lively small group discussions followed using the "carousel brainstorming" approach.

All of the results of the retreat go back to the Long Range Planning Committee where a Strategic Plan will be developed and presented to the Board.

Marilyn Nouri, Long Range Planning Chair

Volunteer Opportunities: Communications

The Communications Committee needs additional members to help support the mission of our vibrant and dynamic organization. The Committee's role is to promote awareness of ALL benefits and values to membership, volunteers, coordinators and the public, using the appropriate media. We hope some of you will join us.

We are looking for members who enjoy writing and working with social media. Please contact me at blpledger@outlook.com for more information. Also, you can usually find me on desk duty from 10:30-12:30 on Thursdays when ALL is in session. I would be happy to talk with you about ALL volunteering in general, as well as answer any questions you have about the Communications Committee.

Lee Pledger, Communications Chair

From the Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee has been hard at work and is putting the finishing touches on the Spring 2018 catalog. Like other Spring semesters, we do not have as many course offerings as we do in the Fall semester. We do, however, have almost 60 courses scheduled - more than 15 are new courses featuring several new coordinators.

The Committee has also added a new member - Dick Stewart - who many of you may know from taking classes with him. Dick is proving to be a tremendous asset to our committee.

Registration for the Spring semester will begin on Monday, January 8 at 9:00 am and classes will begin on Monday, January 29. Once registration for the Spring semester has begun the Curriculum Committee will be back at work getting things ready for the Fall 2018 semester.

We are always looking for new coordinators so, if you have a subject that you are passionate about and want to share that passion with others, please consider submitting a course proposal for the Fall semester. It is a wonderful experience and a great way to meet lots of new and interesting people.

Lew Taylor, Chair Curriculum Committee



A Note about Spring 2018 Registration

Registration for the 2018 Spring Semester is fast approaching so keep an eye out for your ALL Catalog. They will be mailed late in December and also distributed to libraries, senior centers, and other venues in your communities. The catalog will also be available to view and download from our website at www.capecodall.org.

Registration forms may be mailed or hand-delivered to the ALL Office. General registration begins Monday, January 8, 2018 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm and that schedule continues daily thereafter.

Please make a copy of the completed registration form for your records. Once a registration has been processed, you will receive a schedule confirmation in the mail. We will attempt to contact you by telephone if none of your preferred or alternate courses are available.

Jackie Faulhaber, Registration

Au delà de l'horizon through the eyes of our own Lore DeBower



Lore DeBower
(photo by Mary Lou Mack)

Lore DeBower has been a dedicated and enthusiastic ALL Coordinator for 25 years, teaching Conversational French. She never tires of teaching and creating new and exciting experiences for her students.

In talking with Lore, I learned much about her infectious "Joie de vivre", as one of her recurring ALL French students, Barbara Berlowitz, so aptly described her. Lore's joy of life radiates through her teaching, passion, and energy which is why she has

established a loyal following of ALL students.

According to Mary Lou Mack, another of Lore's ALL patrons, "Lore has shared her extensive knowledge of language, travel and people with her students. She teaches to all the class members whether they are seasoned travelers with competent knowledge of French or beginners new to hearing French spoken. In the many avenues of her teaching this subject, she has used World news, Geography, Prose, Poetry-short and long-and movies all for the enrichment of speaking 'En francais'".

When I asked Lore what is her secret to her loyal following and keeping students engaged and coming back to her class, she said, "Learning a language is somewhat of an enigma. I often ask, 'What do you think you are going to be doing with your language?' The horizon is a line we see that doesn't exist. I try to get my students to see beyond the horizon (*au dela de l'horizon*) and transport us there through living in experiences and seeing the possibilities."

She talked about how learning a language goes beyond memorizing words, grammar, conjugating and translating. By immersing her students in the culture, cuisine, literature, music, film of the native countries in which the language is spoken, Lore helps us create what we want our experiences to be.

There is some apparent irony about Lore's journey leading up to her becoming a teacher of French. The first foreign language Lore learned was Swedish. When Lore was 5, her father took a sabbatical from his position at Harvard as a research chemist and biochemist and moved his family, of which Lore is one of 10 children, to Stockholm where Lore attended school and learned to read and write Swedish.

By third grade, Lore did have the desire to learn to speak French, she thought she would become a librarian as she loved to read, write and go to school. She also wanted to visit a cathedral with stained glass windows.

When I asked Lore which 'French' cathedral she had in her mind she said "It didn't matter which cathedral or where, I just wanted to visit a Gothic building somewhere to see the architecture and stained glass windows." Perhaps this was an early sign she would later be interested in medieval times and achieve her PhD in Medieval French Women's Studies.

After graduating from Melrose High School and living for a time in Albuquerque, New Mexico with her family, Lore attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN and the University of Grenoble in France. She received her B.A. in French and Comparative Literature at the University of New Mexico and moved back east to earn her M.A. in French Literature and Ph.D. in Medieval French Women's Studies at the Five College Cooperative at Amherst, Smith, Mount Holyoke, Hampshire, and UMass Amherst.

In 1972, Lore was offered a one-year teaching contract with 4Cs and took it so that she would have some professional experience to put on her resume. She fell in love with the role and her one-year "stint" turned into 45 years.

Beyond her role at 4Cs, Lore has organized Movie Madness for ALL in the past as well as the Foreign Film Series which many ALL members attend faithfully every Tuesday at 3:30 pm. Although Lore is retiring this month as Dean of Arts and Humanities of Cape Cod Community College and as College professor of French (since 1972), thankfully for ALL she will remain as Coordinator of Conversational French.

As the old adage goes, "life is what happens when we are busy making plans." Lore is a testament to this and lets the universe take her wherever it may. As a lifelong learner, Lore intends to continue to spread her "Joie de vivre".

Lore shared a quote from one of her students of French--"I have never missed a place so much that I have never been".

What a nice sentiment to Lore's teaching and to France. This statement affirms the depth of those affected by Lore's teaching and life experiences.

Kerry Arnett, ALL Office Administrator

2018 Board of Directors Nominating Committee

The Committee is currently seeking members to fill Board positions for three year terms. To qualify, a candidate must have been an ALL member in good standing for at least one year. Ideal qualifications include: the ability to work as an effective group member or leader; effective communication skills, both oral and written; leadership skills; and previous experience on a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors meets monthly year round, and members are expected to attend meetings. Each Director will be appointed to an office or chosen to head a committee by the Board President. Persons seeking nomination must complete a petition containing the signatures of 10 ALL members. Petitions are available at the front desk. ALL is a volunteer organization in its 30th year and your service will ensure our continued success.

Tim Maguire, Chair, Nominating Committee

Display Your Artwork at ALL

We are always looking for ALL member artists who want to show their work and talent in our ALL Art Gallery in the lounge area. We generally feature 2 artists, both painters and photographers in each show for six week periods during the school year. Thirty percent of the sales proceeds are donated to ALL. We know there are many of you out there with artistic talent and we would love the opportunity to show your work so don't be shy.

Please stay tuned for new creative works to be shown.

Ann Corbett, ALL Art Gallery



Ann Corbett

Please contact Ann Corbett at
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call **508-428-4171**
www.anncorbettart.smugmug.com

Now showing in the ALL office are paintings by **Ann Corbett (A display of *The Animal Parade*)** and photographs by **Jean Arnold**:



By Ann Corbett



By Jean Arnold

Calendar of Events

Things to do in December



Visit a lighthouse



Build something in the sand.



Play on a beach.



Say hi to Santa.



Walk on a boardwalk.



Sit in a lifeguard chair and savor a shiver or two or more.



Get on a sled.

ALLways welcomes Letters to the Editor with comments and suggestions on just about anything related to our organization. We also welcome articles, blurbs and snippets. We don't accept unsigned material.

Please remember to check the bulletin board in the office for additional ALL news and updates. The list of Board members and the current Board member meetings are also posted.

Thank you.

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