



ALLways

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

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March, 2017

The Academy follows the closing policies of Cape Cod Community College. It is important to note the possibility of class cancellations because of inclement weather or other factors. Please post the number listed below near your phone. We've had reports that the Hotline is not always up to the minute, so please keep checking.

College Hotline Number

508-375-4070



Elevator Access:

For directions on how and where to use the elevator, please call the ALL Office at 508-362-2131 x4400.

Meandering Into March



Meandering is a meaningful, fulfilling thing to do. When we meander we see more, feel more than when we're rushing around.

This is the month forsythia bushes bring us their yellow blossoms. Idle fact: The shrub was named for William Forsyth (1737 - 1804), Scottish botanist, royal gardener at Kensington and St. James.

This month brings us the second six week courses and the continuance of 12 week courses. We look forward to all of them.

Late February as I write this, robins are out there pecking at the mud. Spring officially begins on March 20. Hope your March meanderings, wherever you choose to meander, bring you a sense of peace.

Barbara Leedom, Editor

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A Trip to Boston to See Top Dog/Underdog

The Academy for Lifelong Learning Presents...



Wednesday, March 29, 2017
BU Huntington Theater, Boston

\$50 per person (non-refundable) which includes bus transportation and cost of the show.

Sign up by **Monday, March 10**

at the A.L.L. desk or mail a check (payable to A.L.L.) to:

The Academy for Lifelong learning
Cape Cod Community College
2240 Iyannough Road
West Barnstable, MA 02668-1599

If you mail a check, please note on your check the number of people attending, the names and the phone numbers at which you can be reached the day of the trip. Also note if you would like to be picked up in Sagamore.

Bus leaves for the BU Huntington Theater promptly at 9:30 am, from campus parking lot #12. The bus will also make a stop at Sagamore. There will be time for lunch before the 2:00 pm show.

It's a Spring Social



The Hospitality Committee has set up a spring wine and cheese social. In last fall's survey, you told us that you would prefer this instead of the annual banquet we have held in the past. Thank you for your responses. We appreciate feedback anytime.

The social will be held on Thursday, April 27 at the Cape Codder Resort from 5-7 PM. We will be offering ample appetizers and two drinks per guest.

The cost will be \$22 per person. Make checks out to ALL and sign up at the ALL desk. We look forward to seeing you at this event to celebrate another great year.

Beth Thayer, Hospitality Chair

Reflections Rolls Out In All its Finery

Presiding over an SRO crowd in the sunlit Lorusso Atrium, our June Calendar, elegant in raspberry attire, introduced the equally elegant 2017 edition of *Reflections*.

Cover photo by Rita Richardson and back cover photo by Kerry Arnett depict where we are - beach grass and waves at sunset.

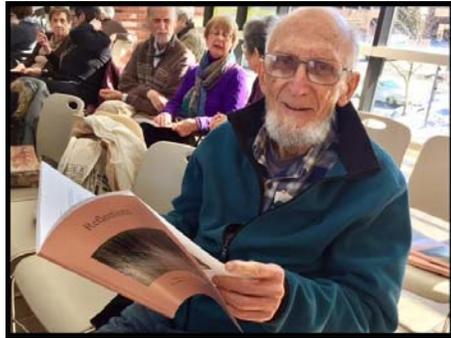
Fifty-one ALL members contributed to our Anthology, the 17th one. Editor June says she couldn't do it all without the time and dedication of her editorial staff: Barbara Berelowitz, Christine Johnston, Mary Joyce, John Kennedy, Jan Norris and Rita Richardson, and Production by Mary Ellen Raab and Marjorie Wright.

The work of poets and prose writers, photographers and essayists comprise this year's edition.

You may purchase our Literary Anthology by dropping \$5.00 in the box on the table at ALL. June told us each book costs \$10 to produce. *Reflections* makes a fine gift as well as fine reading.

Thank you to all the contributors and to the staff who make this wonderful addition to our ALL community.





New Classroom Space for ALL in South Yarmouth

You all have probably seen news articles recently about 4C's partnership with Cape Cod Healthcare to expand the nursing program at the College. This facility will be in the North Wing and is expected to be finished by the beginning of the fall semester, 2017.

While the project is a strong endorsement of the 4Cs overall mission, and a good thing for the entire Cape, it has an impact on ALL.

Our fall semesters are generally much bigger than the spring semesters and we have been able to use classroom space in that wing in the past. This project will eliminate two classrooms from that building. Faced with this potential shortage, we have made arrangements with Bridgewater State University's Cape Cod campus to rent a classroom one day per week for the fall semester. BSU established a facility on the Cape using the old MacArthur Elementary School building on Route 28 in South Yarmouth (opposite the State Police barracks).

BSU has refurbished four classrooms plus other space in the building and uses it for their various education programs. These are run in the evenings and Saturdays, so the rooms are empty weekdays. This arrangement solves a near-term space problem for us, and may serve to broaden our "footprint" closer to the lower Cape.

Jim Lathrop, President

Board of Directors Update

Our Board of Directors will be bidding farewell to five members whose terms expire this coming June: Lili Seely (Treasurer); Miriam Kronish (Curriculum Chair); Claire Briand (Special Events chair) and Beth Thayer (Hospitality chair), as well as Chris Johnston as Immediate Past President. Nominations for these board seats were due by the end of February, with an election occurring in April. The Nominating Committee has identified four ALL members who are interested in board seats. If no further people come forward, those four nominees will be appointed to the board by acclaim. While we may not need to hold an election, we will still hold a "Meet the Candidates" event on Friday, April 7, from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm to acquaint the membership with the new board. The event will be held in the Atrium of the Lorusso Technology Building.

Jim Lathrop, President

New Member Orientation - Spring 2017



New Members of the Academy of Lifelong Learning (ALL) for the 2017 Spring semester were invited to join the Board and other members of ALL in the Atrium of the Lorusso building on Friday, January 27.

Jim Lathrop, ALL President, welcomed members and gave an overview of ALL emphasizing the voluntary nature of the organization. He introduced the Board members who were present. The Board of Directors, Course Coordinators and office staff are all volunteers except for the Office Administrator who is a paid employee.

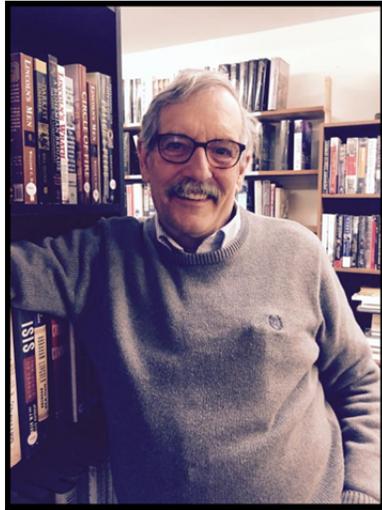
ALL relies heavily on volunteers and participation is encouraged. More than sixty courses are offered this semester which cover a wide range of interests including poetry, literature, writing, history and science. New courses are always in demand and all members, I believe, have something in them that they could teach to others--resurrecting perhaps, a long forgotten subject or activity that with careful preparation could produce a lively and instructive course. If you wish to teach a course, you can submit a proposal through our on-line form at www.capecodall.org 'Course Submissions' located on the top menu bar of the website homepage.

The Academy always needs members to become desk volunteers to greet other members, take phone calls and help solve problems five days a week during ALL semesters. Each day has 3 slots, 8:30 am - 10:30 am, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm and 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm. The current semester is fully subscribed, but we urgently need backup volunteers who would be able to cover unexpected absences. If any member can donate some time, please email me at raymond.partridge@outlook.com or call 508-420-0287.

ALL is your organization. Feedback and suggestions are appreciated. Again, welcome new members and enjoy all the opportunities ALL has to offer.

Ray Partridge, Vice President

Low Taylor, Passionate about History, Geography, Literature



After Lew Taylor retired as Director of the West Dennis Library, he decided to fulfill his passion for history by studying for a Master's degree. This led to his decision to become a coordinator of classes at ALL where Lou soon realized he loved teaching.

Lew brings to us a wealth of life experience and knowledge. He grew up in Harrisonburg, Virginia close to the many Civil War battlefields in the Shenandoah Valley. This proximity was one of the factors that resulted in Lew being fascinated by the past and pursuing the joy of discovery through historical research.

Lew attended the University of Virginia, founded by Thomas Jefferson. He then served in the Army, including two tours of duty in Vietnam as a combat medic and a long-range reconnaissance patrol team leader. He was recognized for his heroic actions by being awarded a Bronze Star with valor.

After getting out of the Army, Lew worked as a physician's assistant, served as a manufacturer's representative, ran two retail stores and was a librarian. He now owns a bookstore in West Dennis.

Lew conveys his passion for history to those in his classes. He has the ability to bring to life a cast of extraordinary people, revealing their thoughts, emotions, and choices in the world in which they lived. He ensures that those of us in his classes understand that people in the past may have had values, beliefs, and customs different from our own. He emphasizes making allowances for prevailing historical conditions and provides information and references, so that those of us in his class can grasp how life in the past was different from life today.

Mercy Otis Warren is one of Lew's favorite historical figures. He describes in class the patriarchal system of Warren's West Barnstable in the 1700s. At a time when few women were involved in politics, Mercy was one of the most eloquent and independent thinkers in the early history of the United States.

Lew provides information from a range of sources and recognizes there can be several interpretations of the same event. For example, even though he is openly a big "fan" of Thomas Jefferson, Lew recommended that his class read a book that portrayed George Washington more favorably than Jefferson.

Lew now also coordinates classes on subjects in addition to history where he is eager to share his passion and expertise such as Rock 'n' Roll and Hemingway. Lew considers Ernest Hemingway one of his favorite authors because he can relate to his personal history.

He does an outstanding job explaining how Hemingway's personal background influenced his writing.

Lew appreciates that in ALL we learn with and from each other. He sets the tone right from the beginning for a non-judgmental and comfortable classroom. Lew is a very interesting person who makes learning enjoyable.

Ed Wirtanen, Board Member-At-Large

How He Got Here

My husband David Johnston and I retired to our old farmhouse in Maine in 2002 after long careers as teachers and administrators in a number of Independent Boarding Schools. He taught Science, mostly Physics and Chemistry, and Math, with occasional forays into Comparative Religion. He was, as they say in boarding school lingo, a triple-threat man - teacher, coach and dorm master. To be more accurate, a quadruple-threat man, because in several schools he was also chaplain.



Maine was too cold, not to mention deadly boring in the winter, so in 2005 we took off for Charleston, South Carolina area. Although the South was the home of his ancestors (he can slip into a drawl at the drop of a hat) and we did enjoy the golf and balmy weather, we missed New England and most of our seven kids (interpret that however you will), and returned to the site of my childhood summers, Cape Cod. For a couple of years we lived in Harwich where, during our first December holidays, we met Stephen and Barbara Blume at a party. Stephen, who is legendary for his masterful classes on the works of Shakespeare at ALL, and David, hit it off. Stephen told him about ALL and we have never looked back.

One the first classes we took in 2011 was the first third of Penn Sitzya's Italian Renaissance Art Course. David, a long-time art and classical music lover (not to mention sci-fi and graphic novels), was hooked. The next semester Penn asked him to co-coordinate the second third of I.R.A., and he began his fourth or fifth career as an art (and sometimes science) lecturer at ALL.

What were the others? David had earned a doctorate in Chemical Engineering from U.C. Berkeley by way of Princeton. He spent several summers working at Kimball Glass and then tried his hand making Prell Shampoo at Proctor and Gamble. Then he became a Chem. Eng. professor at S.U.N.Y. Buffalo. Again, too cold. A year or so later he entered Crozier Theological Seminary to become a minister like his dad.

After his ordination, life intervened and he decided to go back to teaching - this time at Mercersberg Academy in Pennsylvania. I met him at the MacDuffie School in Springfield in 1991, and we've been in lock-step ever since.

If you've taken any of his classes you already know that he has a passion for art, the brain, Doc Marten's art shoes, me, Scottish and Welsh detectives, and, sometimes, weird science. Mostly, though, he just loves to teach.

Chris Johnston, ALL Member

ALL Art Gallery Artists - We Need You

We are always looking for ALL member artists and photographers who want to show their work and talent in our ALL Art Gallery in the lounge area. We feature two artists or 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.

Spring 2017 semester showings in the ALL office are watercolor artwork by Dorothy F. Kelly, and photography by Molly Johnston. Please stay tuned for new creative works to be shown in the spring 2017 semester.

Prints by Dorothy F. Kelly



Photography by Molly Johnston



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On a Tuesday A.M. at ALL

Our roving camera caught up with:



John Leogrande - Longtime ALL member who is taking Current Events class and says, "This is a time to stay current with events."



Susan Wusk, making copies at our often erratic copier. "I'm taking a conversational French course and loving it. Lore DeBower is an excellent instructor. The class is a highlight of her week as well as well as mine."



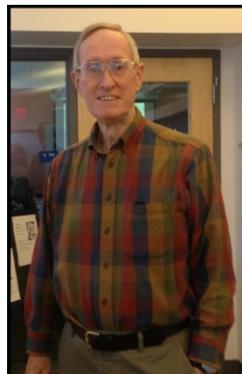
Sally Walker, all decked out in pink on a winter morn. "I love the diversity of courses ALL gives us - fact to fiction," says this long-time member.



Judy Rovzar, new member. "I'm taking two Current Events courses. I like to stay current, and there's a lot to learn."



John Devaney, in a Red Sox cap, reminds us Opening Day is near. "I love the history courses at ALL."



Ed Gardella, ten year member of ALL, "It's the variety of courses that keep me at ALL."

Calendar of Events

Check out our website at www.capecodall.org for changes, updates and a monthly calendar.

MARCH 2017

ALL Spring Recess	Tuesday, March 14 through Friday, March 17
Board Meeting	Tuesday, March 21 2:00 pm
Hunting Theater, Boston A Trip to see <i>Top Dog/Underdog</i>	Wednesday, March 29 Bus Leaves at 9:30 am (Lot #12) 2:00 pm showing

APRIL 2017

Meet the 2017 Board Candidates	Friday, April 7 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Lorusso Tech. Building, Atrium
Patriot's Day - NO CLASSES	Monday, April 17
Board Meeting	TBD
Wydah Museum	Tuesday, April 25
ALL Spring Social	Thursday, April 27 5:00 - 7:00 pm

MAY 2017

ALL Classes End	Monday, May 1
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Board of Directors

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Kirk Young akyct@aol.com	Finance	2019

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. Email me at bleedom@gmail.com and see your name in print. Please note, all submissions for the following month **MUST** be received by the third Monday of the previous month to be included in the newsletter. Thank you.

Barbara Leedom

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Barbara Leedom, Barbara Berelowitz, Rona Robinson

Things to do in the Merry Month of March...

Go birding. Learn about birds. Dip toes in the surf. Skip to My Loo, or is it Lew or Lou? Frolic. Skip. Hop. Sift sand. Sally forth. Send notes. Whisper Sweet Nothings.

