



ALLways

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

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The Academy follows the closing policies of Cape Cod Community College. It is important to note the possibility of class cancellations due to inclement weather and/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 A.L.L. Office at 508-362-2131 x4400.

For the Love of Learning

We're here at our Academy because we want to be. No mom or dad or guardian has forced us, urged us, cajoled us, pleaded with us to go to school. We're here for the joy of learning, the feast of learning, and its love. There's nothing more invigorating than the aha moment when we've discovered something we didn't know, when we redefine our beliefs based on new evidence, when we nod in agreement or beg to disagree. That's learning.

Whether we're reading stories for the first time, seeing movies we've seen before, but now in a different light, or getting an app on a device we'd never heard of two years ago - we're learning.

"Being ignorant is not so much a shame, as being unwilling to learn."
So said Benjamin Franklin.

Learn well and love it. *Barbara Leedom, Editor*



Check our website at www.capecodall.org for news flashes and updates.

Introducing our New Board of Directors



From Left to Right:

Leslie Mathis, James Lathrop, Miriam Kronish, Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, Judith Roettig, Edward Wirtanen, Claire Briand, Lee Pledger, Kirk Young (kneeling), Chris Johnston, Dr. Ray Partridge
Missing from photo: *Beth Thayer, Lili Seely and Michael Pigo-Cronin*

As the incoming president of the organization, I am very happy to inform our membership about the members who recently joined the Board.

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton seems to need little by way of introduction, being a world-famous pediatrician with wide-ranging interests and capabilities. Dr. Brazelton has agreed to be closely involved with Winterim programs that reflect his interests in children/parent issues in the media, drug abuse, child abuse, and child violence.

Leslie B. Mathis brings to the board a wide background, with degrees in Theology, Counseling, and Law. These will be put to good use as she continues the work done by Joan Emery in managing the Board's Policies and Procedures to ensure that they are up-to-date and consistent across our various committees. Leslie also co-coordinates a class on documentary films with Lili Seely.

Judith Roettig has been active on several ALL committees already, including Special Events, Long Range Planning, and the IT Planning subcommittee. Judy replaces Syd Lamb as head of Long Range Planning and is also on the Finance Committee. This will capitalize on her extensive background in managing not-for-profit organizations elsewhere.

Edward Wirtanen is a Member-at-Large and will be the Board member of the Nominating Committee, as well as a member of Policies and Procedures. Ed is a retired attorney and is actively volunteering in several Cape-based social agencies.

Kirk Young joined ALL a year ago, shortly after moving to Cotuit, and is Chair of the Finance Committee. Kirk's recent experience as Financial Administrator of a non-profit in Greenwich, CT will be invaluable to ALL. Kirk also spent some 25 years in international banking, including several assignments in Asia, where we first became friends.

Jim Lathrop, President

Back to School, Join Us



Mark your calendar and save the date! Our Back to School Social will be held on Tuesday, September 20, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod at 307 Old Main Street in South Yarmouth. It is a beautiful venue and complementary wine and appetizers will be served.

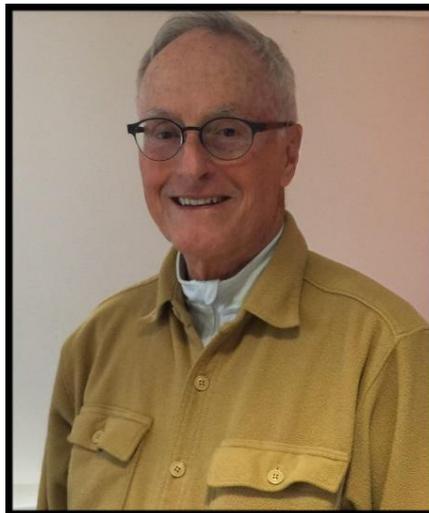
This is a great time to reconnect with old friends and to make new ones.

A sign-up sheet and directions will be available this month in the A.L.L. Office before the start of classes. We hope to see you there.

Beth Thayer, Hospitality Chair

Stew Goodwin Discussion - *Our Populist Uprising*

We are living in an historic era. Populist politics are coming at us from both ends of the ideological spectrum. Trusting government and its institutions is at its lowest level ever. What does this uprising have in store for our nation? You will find out on Wednesday, September 21, at 2:00 pm in Lecture Hall A.



Stew Goodwin, A.L.L. Coordinator

From the Curriculum Committee

We look forward to a great fall semester as we celebrate our 30th year. There are so many wonderful course choices - old favorites and thirty-six new offerings. If you are registered for a course and you are not able to attend, please contact the A.L.L. Office and let us know so that people who are on the waiting list may be notified of the opening.

As soon as the fall 2016 semester starts, the Curriculum Committee is preparing for the spring 2017 semester. Coordinators, please send us your course proposals. Our deadline for course submittals is mid-October. We encourage each and every one who is enrolled in a course to think about becoming a coordinator. Share your expertise, interests, and talents with all of us.

Thank you for your responses to the questionnaire on the back of the A.L.L. fall 2016 registration form. Your suggestions will be very helpful to us as we compile our next catalog.

Miriam Kronish, Curriculum Committee Chair

FY 2017 Budget Approved



At the August 16th meeting, the Board approved the operating budget proposed by the Finance Committee for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Exclusive of the amounts expected to be spent on trips (such as the one to the Fogg Museum last year), outings (such as to "Bye Bye Birdie" at the Barnstable Comedy Club this year) and our annual end-of-year banquet - all of which are essentially offset by ticket purchases to these events - total expenses for the year are projected at \$119,327. This represents an increase of roughly \$3,400, or 2.9%, over comparable Fiscal Year 2016 expenses.

The primary factor driving the increase is a provision this year for \$2,500 to be spent on Information Technology. Behind this is the Board's recent approval of the report of the Long Range Planning Committee, under the direction of Syd Lamb, which emphasized the need for integration of ALL's existing stand-alone software applications. Also coming into play is the increasing rent required under the relatively new relationship agreement we have with the College.

On the revenue side, that we are able to offer 79 courses this fall, compared to 73 in the fall of 2015, coupled with the membership fee increases that were explained in Jim Lathrop's recent letter, we are projecting net revenue from membership fees of \$123,700.

If this combination of more income from more members proves to be reasonably accurate, we will be able to turn last year's operating deficit into a surplus which can be used in part for such further IT spending that may become necessary and in part as a replacement reserve for our existing office equipment.

Kirk Young, Finance Committee Chair

Unique Volunteer Opportunity for an A.L.L. Member



A.L.L. is seeking a volunteer to manage the Academy's current and future Information Technology activities. This individual will report directly to the President of A.L.L. and, in turn, will be supported by a standing technology committee consisting of members who currently provide support to the Academy in areas of web communications, curriculum management and catalog preparation, archiving and registration. This person will enjoy working across and with a variety of volunteer groups within A.L.L. in providing an overall IT vision for A.L.L. and IT strategies and plans, including prioritization of projects, cost-benefit analysis of current and future activities and documentation of systems and activities.

An IT Planning Committee did an initial assessment last year. The detailed report has been approved by the Board including the initial priority of existing system and website assessment, documentation and succession planning. That work will begin this fall.

If you are interested and would like additional information please contact Judy Roettig at jroettig@gmail.com to receive a copy of the IT Planning Committee report and to schedule a time to discuss the role further. Also if you know someone within the organization that ALL should reach out to, contact me or anyone on the A.L.L. Board.

Judy Roettig, Long Range Planning Chair

Commercial Insurance Knowledge Sought

The Finance Committee will be meeting with a representative of Rogers and Gray to review our insurance policies prior to our renewal in December. It would be very helpful to have a member with an insurance background present at the meeting to help advise us regarding the adequacy of our present policies.

Please see Kerry at the desk if you can join us.

Lili Seely, Treasurer

Special Events Committee Making Big Plans

The A.L.L. Special Events Committee met on August 3 to make plans for events for the 2016-2017 school year. You will receive an "email blast" with details and sign-up information for planned events.

For starters we will have a bus trip to **Plymouth Plantation** in October. If there is enough interest, we will have a bus pick up at Sagamore in addition to our usual on-campus pick up. The visit will begin with a stop at the Grist Mill, followed by lunch on our own in Plymouth, a stop at the Mayflower, and then a tour of the Plymouth Plantation before leaving for the Cape at 3:00 pm.



Come November, we will have our usual Sunday matinee at the **Barnstable Comedy Club** followed by dinner across the street at the Barnstable Tavern. This year's Comedy Club presentation is "Bye Bye Birdie."

Next semester (with dates to be determined), we hope to visit the **Peabody Essex Museum** and the **Beauport House** by bus and/or take in a show at the **Huntington Theater** in Boston.

We have no shortage of ideas for other events which may include a trip to the Cahoon Museum, another talk by David Bisno, or special reduced rate tickets to the new Wydah Museum in Yarmouth. We would appreciate your feedback.

Donna Northrup, Member, Special Events Committee

My A.L.L. Experience

When I became a member of A.L.L. in January of 2012 I did not know what to expect. I discovered that those who join A.L.L. are inquisitive and well-read and that the classes are led by persons who are students with a real passion for the course they are coordinating.

I have enrolled in courses in a variety of subjects which have opened my eyes to things that I have put down for years. I have also learned new things. I have met bright, curious people from a variety of backgrounds who share their knowledge and insights and who have a zeal for discourse.

There are no grades or exams but there is real learning. After four years of participating in A.L.L., I have gained a better understanding of the world around me and my ideas and beliefs have been challenged. Perhaps most importantly, A.L.L. has helped me stay mentally sharp. It has also been fun.

Ed Wirtanen, Board Member-at-Large



A.L.L. Art Gallery

We are always looking for A.L.L. member artists and photographers who want to show their work and talent in our A.L.L. 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 are donated to A.L.L.



Painting by Ann Corbett

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Clinging

From atop my heap of years
the upward trail revealed
each dawn makes ruts below
look boring.

Bitter winds and backward slides
teach lessons the cold and timid miss -
life lived clinging to the mountain
makes each day a gift.

Ed note: Dr. Saunders is an A.L.L. member. We welcome your art, notes, letters to the editor, poems. Send to: bleedom@gmail.com



It's September - Poem by Edgar Albert Guest

It's September, and the orchards are afire with red and gold,
And the nights with dew are heavy, and the morning's sharp with cold;
Now the garden's at its gayest with the salvia blazing red
And the good old-fashioned asters laughing at us from their bed;
Once again in shoes and stockings are the children's little feet,
And the dog now does his snoozing on the bright side of the street.

It's September, and the cornstalks are as high as they will go,
And the red cheeks of the apples everywhere begin to show;
Now the supper's scarcely over ere the darkness settles down
And the moon looms big and yellow at the edges of the town;
Oh, it's good to see the children, when their little prayers are said,
Duck beneath the patchwork covers when they tumble into bed.

It's September, and a calmness and a sweetness seem to fall
Over everything that's living, just as though it hears the call
Of Old Winter, trudging slowly, with his pack of ice and snow,
In the distance over yonder, and it somehow seems as though
Every tiny little blossom wants to look its very best
When the frost shall bite its petals and it droops away to rest.

It's September! It's the fullness and the ripeness of the year;
All the work of earth is finished, or the final tasks are near,
But there is no doleful wailing; every living thing that grows,
For the end that is approaching wears the finest garb it knows.
And I pray that I may proudly hold my head up high and smile
When I come to my September in the golden afterwhile.

Calendar of Events

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

AUGUST

Registration Begins Monday, August 22
9:00 am

SEPTEMBER

New Member Orientation Friday, September 9
10:00 am
Lorusso Tech. Building, Atrium

Coordinators' Luncheon Friday, September 9
Noon
Lorusso Tech. Building, Atrium

Fall Classes begin Monday, September 12

Board Meeting Tuesday, September 20
10:30 am

Back to School Social Tuesday, September 20
5:00 am - 7:00 pm
Cape Cod Cultural Center
South Yarmouth

**Stew Goodwin Lecture -
*Our Populist Uprising*** Wednesday, September 21
2:00 pm
Cape Cod Community College
Lecture Hall A

OCTOBER

Plymouth Plantation Bus Trip Thursday, October 27
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

NOVEMBER

**Bye Bye Birdie Show
& Dinner** Sunday, November 6, 2016
2:30 pm
Barnstable Comedy Club
Barnstable Tavern

Board of Directors

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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**](mailto: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.

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