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From the Editor

Because of your Editor's personal vacation plans the latter part of September, this October issue of *The Spiral* is being put together and issued a couple of weeks earlier than usual, consequently more recent developments cannot be included in this issue. Academy members should watch for email from USCA for any late breaking news that affects their registered classes..

Doug Wilson, Editor

President's Message

As you know, September brought us Hurricane Irma and with it closure of USCA campus for two days in September. As a reminder, the Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL) adheres to the USCA policies with regard to inclement weather. Therefore, when USCA campus and events are canceled, our ALL classes are also canceled. Campus closures are posted on the USCA website www.usca.edu and on our ALL website www.aikenlearning.org. We are currently working on rescheduling (if possible) the ALL courses that were affected by the closure, and USCA will communicate results to those affected.

For any of our course changes and updates, remember the ALL website (www.aikenlearning.org) is the most efficient way for us to communicate changes to you. Please continue to check often throughout the semester, since course time, date, or location changes may occur at any time. If there is a change, Abby will try to notify you, but sometimes the time-frame for the change is short. Our ALL online calendar is maintained current and is the most reliable way for you to check on status of classes or events.

In other news, we are pleased to announce our Fall 2017 current enrollment to date is 266. That figure is up again from last year, and our goal is to continue to grow and offer a variety of courses for you. We are glad to have your input on our course offerings or content at any time. Please email Abby or contact any of our officers or curriculum committee members to share your thoughts and ideas.

Our curriculum committee currently is working on course offerings for Spring semester 2017. We again have some fun, interesting and challenging courses to offer. If you have an idea for a course, please notify Abby or someone else on the board or curricu-

lum committee and give us a brief course description to discuss at the curriculum committee meeting in October.

Remember the Steeplechase is Saturday, October 29, and the academy has rail space reserved. Hope to see you there.

Jan Van Slyke, Academy President

Hurricane Irma Cancels Classes

The USCA campus was closed September 11 and 12 due to Hurricane Irma. Consequently, the Academy class sessions scheduled for those dates were canceled. The affected courses were *Understanding Faiths*, *Motion Illusion Devices*, *Live From The Met*, and *A Little More Of Everything*. At this writing, plans for rescheduling these sessions are still being determined. Academy members registered for these classes will be notified by USCA of any schedule updates.

Classes Moved

The University has a need for the use of Penland 106 on dates where we had classes scheduled in that auditorium. As a result the following courses have moved to new venues:

The Symphony Orchestra – Behind the Scenes
New Location: Business & Education 122

“Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott” – Martin Luther & The Protestant Reformation

New location: Business & Education 116

Academy members enrolled in these classes have been notified by USCA.

Academy on the Road



Doug and Kathy Cook spent several weeks in Spain and Germany this August. Doug took his Academy logo shirt along and sent in this photo taken at the cathedral in Burgos, Spain.

To have your travel picture shown in *The Spiral*, take your Academy Logo apparel or accessories with you as you travel. Then take a photo in an interesting locale featuring you with a visible and recognizable Academy logo. Attach the photo to an email and send it to spiral@aikenlearning.org.

Nikolas Hartwig, Former Academy Scholarship Recipient

Academy scholarships are awarded each year to current USCA students, with preference given to Armed Services veterans and other non-traditional students.

One of last year's recipients of an Academy for Lifelong Learning scholarship was Marine Corps veteran and then-Senior Business



Administration student Nikolas Hartwig. A recent article in a USCA publication chronicles his obtaining a position with the Veteran Employee Trajectory initiative (VET) in Washington DC. You may view the article here:

www.aikenlearning.org/documents/USCA_Mag_SUMMER_2017_Harwig.pdf

New Publicity Chair

Rachel Pirkle has volunteered to replace Nancy Meinhardt, who has stepped down as Academy Publicity Chair. The Board publicly thanks thank Nancy for her dedication and service as Publicity Chair for the last three years and wishes Rachel well as she takes over this vital position.

This leaves only one empty position on the Academy Board, that of President-Elect. The President-Elect assists the President for one year, then moves up to the President position the following year. If you'd like to give back to the Academy by filling this position please contact President Jan Van Slyke, pres@aikenlearning.org.

Courses Beginning This Month

Please see the published catalog for full descriptions and additional information. (You can download the current catalog from the Academy website at <http://www.aikenlearning.org/catalog/>). To enroll, return the form in the catalog along with any required payment. For questions, contact USCA Department of Continuing Education at USCA (803-641-3563 / info@aikenlearning.org).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do NOT attend these classes or events unless you have pre-registered AND have received written confirmation of your registration from USCA.

JAMES MATTHEWS LEGARE: AIKEN'S NINETEENTH-CENTURY MAN OF GENIUS

Date: Thursday, October 5

Time: 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

"EIN FESTE BURG IST UNSER GOTT"---MARTIN LUTHER & THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

Dates: 4 Mondays, October 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 3:00 – 4:15 p.m

Location: Business & Education Bldg., Room 124

Note location change.

TOUR ITALY FROM TOP TO TOE**Dates:** 5 Tuesdays, Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7**Time:** 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**Location:** Business & Education Bldg., Room 122**Note location change from some versions of catalog.****CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH****Dates:** 6 Tuesdays, Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14**Time:** 2:30-3:30 p.m.**Location:** Business and Education 124**LINE DANCING ADVANCED CLASS****Dates:** 6 Weds, Oct. 11, 18, 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15**Time:** 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.**Location:** Business & Education Bldg., 2nd fl. Gym**CONTEMPORARY POETRY****Dates:** 4 Wednesdays, Oct. 11, 18, 25; Nov. 1**Time:** 2:00-3:15 p.m.**Location:** Penland Administration Bldg., Room 110**HEADSTONES-GANGSTERS EVER AFTER****Class 1:** Thursday, October 12, 10:00 a.m.; Sons of Israel Jewish Cemetery, Hampton Ave. NE in Aiken**Class 3:** Thursday October 19, 10:00 a.m.; Cedar Grove Black Cemetery, 120 Watkins St. in Augusta**Classes 2, 4, 5:** 3 Tuesdays, October 17, 24, 31; 1:15-2:15 p.m.; Business & Education Bldg., Room 124**LINE DANCING FOR BEGINNERS****Dates:** 6 Fridays, Oct. 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17**Time:** 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.**Location:** Business & Education Bldg., 2nd Fl. Gym**WINTER COLONISTS' PROFILES****Date:** Friday, October 13**Time:** 2:00 -2:50 p.m.**Location:** Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106**GERONTOLOGY 101****Dates:** 2 Mondays, October 16, 23**Time:** 1:00-2:00 p.m.**Location:** Business & Education Bldg., Room 124**WHITHER AMERICAN HEALTH CARE****Dates:** 4 Thursdays, Oct. 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16**Time:** 2:00-3:00 p.m.**Location:** Business & Education Bldg., Room 124**SUSAN GLASPELL'S "TRIFLES" AND "A JURY OF HER PEERS"****Dates:** 2 Thursdays, October 26; November 2**Time:** 4:00-5:00 p.m.**Location:** Business & Education Bldg., Room 124**MONARCHY IN ENGLAND 1000-1300****Date:** 3 Fridays, October 27; November 3, 10**Time:** 9:00-10:15 a.m.**Location:** Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106**SOUTHERN HONOR****Dates:** 4 Fridays, October 27; November 3, 10, 17**Time:** 1:00-2:00 p.m.**Location:** Penland Administration Bldg., Room 106**Curriculum Committee Short Handed**

The Curriculum Committee is the life's blood of the Academy. Committee members put together each semester's slate of courses and events, serve as the liaisons between the Academy and the instructors, and introduce the instructor to the class. The Committee is in need of several new members to help with this essential function.

If you'd like to help the Academy plan and run future semesters, please contact Curriculum Chair Harriet Haynes, curric@aikenlearning.org.

More on Last Semester's Aiken Veterans of WW II course

Last semester, associate professor in the USCA English department Dr. Douglas Higbee presented an Academy course, *Aiken Veterans of World War II*, about wartime experiences of World War II veterans from the Aiken area. The interviews upon which the course was based were collected in a US Library of Congress program sponsored locally by the Augusta Richmond County Historical Society.



A collection of these local stories, *In Their Own Words: Augusta and Aiken Area Veterans Remember World War II*, was published a few weeks after the class ended. Dr. Higbee served as one of the editors of the book which includes additional local stories not covered in the Academy class.

The book may be purchased from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), from the Augusta Richmond County Historical Society website (<https://www.thearchs.org/publications.html>), or by calling the Historical Society's office at 706-737-1532

on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Historical Society also has a documentary DVD available, assembled from the local interviews.

In addition, interviews from the national project can be found via the Library of Congress website's Veterans History Project page (<https://www.loc.gov/vets>). The site's search facilities can be used to find interviews by name, war, branch of service, etc.

August 3, 2017 Board Meeting

[Approved by the Board September 13, 2017]

The meeting was called to order at 8:58 am by President Jan Van Slyke.

Present: President Jan Van Slyke, Past President Doug Cook, Secretary Doug Wilson, Treasurer Abby Grizzle, Curriculum Chair Harriet Haynes, Curriculum Chair Elect Kathy Rachick.

Guest: Karen Edgington, Director of Continuing Education

MINUTES

Minutes of the prior Board meeting, held May 19, 2017, were approved without change.

TREASURERS REPORT – Amy Grizzle

Last meeting we were looking for an explanation of the substantial balance decrease in our operating account from the previous month. Doug C obtained data from Laura Anderson showing it was made up of:

Instructor fees for part of Spring Semester
Our per-student administration charge from USCA
Kauffman Luncheon expenses

Recent expenses since the last Board meeting break down as follows:

Remaining instructor fees from Spring Semester (direct compensation + fringe benefit) + honoraria	\$8757.60
Annual website renewal	101.70
Ad in Aiken Community Playhouse programs for 2017-18	575.00
Catalog printing costs	598.00

We have not yet been billed for mailing costs of physical catalogs.

Carry-over balance from last year was sufficient to cover these expenses. This August's carry over is about the same as last year's, so that means the Academy essentially broke even for the last academic year.

In addition, Karen brought us up to date on the latest (Aug 1) spendable balances on our various Endowment funds.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT – Harriet Haynes

The 2017 Fall catalog was printed and mailed according to schedule, with release on August 1. Abby also emailed copies to the email list that same day. Doug W reported that website updates for the new semester went "live" July 31, including the downloadable catalog and online calendar.

For the upcoming Spring semester the Committee is working on 27 short courses and 3 trips.

The Curriculum Committee is down to about 12 active members and there is a need to add to this group. A flyer soliciting new Committee members will be placed in B&E 124 on registration days.

Karen reported that for registration days, all registration materials containing financial information (credit card numbers or attached checks) must be handed directly to USCA staff members and not to Academy volunteers. This is to maintain USCA accreditation for fund handling.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

As her final act, outgoing Publicity Chair Nancy Meinhardt submitted a nice article regarding our upcoming Fall semester which was published in the *Aiken Standard*. Abby reported she had received quite a few phone calls as a result of the article, from both current and prospective members – mostly inquiries re when the catalog would be available.

At this point we still have no replacement for Nancy. The need for a Publicity Chair will be included in the flyer on registration days.

OLD BUSINESS

Software Update

The *Active Network* installation is underway and is expected to be completed by the end of the week. Active Network training of USCA personnel is in progress. As there is insufficient time for debugging, the Academy will not be using *Active Network* for Fall registration, but USCA intends to use it for around 50 of their own online and external programs this fall to give it a good shake down. If all goes as planned the Academy should be able to switch over to *Active Network* from the current antiquated *Student Manager* software to handle registration and class assignments for the Spring term. The main benefit for our members is that we can offer them online registration, including credit card payment. There are additional internal capabilities and office procedure efficiencies that will benefit the Academy and USCA as well.

Administrative Assistant

At our last meeting in May, USCA was still in the recruiting and selection process for a new Administrative Assistant to replace Amy Westra who left in November. Laura Anderson had returned from retirement to help out in the interim.

The process was completed in June and Abby Grizzle was hired to fill this void. Laura has agreed to continue long enough to provide a smooth transition. The Board has been working with Abby this summer in preparation for the Fall semester and to say we are very pleased with her capabilities and personality is putting it mildly.

NEW BUSINESS

Academy Treasurer

Academy bylaws state that a vacancy in office occurring between elections shall be filled by a vote of the Board. The Board elected USCA Administrative Assistant Abby Grizzle as Academy Treasurer and welcomed her to the Board.

Checking Account

Balance in the Academy checking account (used for petty cash expenses and charges that either must be paid more quickly than the USCA system can deliver, or for items that cannot be charged via USCA credit card) is thought to be sufficient for several years, based on past usage. Accordingly the Board voted to suspend diverting Academy membership fees for Board members into this fund for the time being.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20 at 9:00 am in B&E 102.

A rectangular advertisement with a dark red background. On the left is a white polo shirt with a small logo on the chest. To the right of the shirt, the text reads: "Visit the ACADEMY LOGO SHOP" in large white letters, followed by "Apparel and other items with the Academy for Lifelong Learning Logo" in smaller white text, and the website "www.cafepress.com/A4LLL" at the bottom.

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ACADEMY CALENDAR – OCTOBER 2017						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <i>Understand Faiths</i> 10-10:50a [B 124] <i>Amazing Aikenites</i> 11:15a-12:15p [B 124] <i>Motion Illusion Dev.</i> 1-1:50p [B 124]	3 <i>Curriculum Comm.</i> 9a [P 110] <i>Live From The MET</i> 11a-12p [B 122]	4 <i>Symphony</i> 3-3:50p [B 122]	5 <i>James M Legare</i> 1-2p [B 124] <i>Energy Sources</i> 3-4p [B 124]	6 <i>Appalachian Culture</i> 10a-12p [P 106]	7
8	9 <i>Amazing Aikenites</i> 11:15a-12:15p [B 124] <i>Luther & Reform.</i> 3-4:15p [B 124]	10 <i>Italy Top To Toe</i> 11a-12p [B 122] <i>Convers. Spanish</i> 2:30-3:20p [B 124]	11 <i>Adv. Line Dancing</i> 10-11:15a [B Gym] <i>Contemp. Poetry</i> 2-3:15p [P 110]	12 <i>Headstns/Gangsters</i> 10a [Sons of Israel Cem] <i>Energy Sources</i> 3-4p [B 124]	13 <i>Beg. Line Dancing</i> 11a-12:15p [B Gym] <i>Winter Colonists</i> 2-2:50p [P 106]	14
15	16 <i>Gerontology</i> 1-2p [P 106] <i>Luther & Reform.</i> 3-4:15p [B 124]	17 <i>Italy Top To Toe</i> 11a-12p [B 122] <i>Headstns/Gangsters</i> 1:15-2:15p [B 124] <i>Convers. Spanish</i> 2:30-3:20p [B 124]	18 Board Meeting 9:00a [B 102] <i>Adv. Line Dancing</i> 10-11:15a [B Gym] <i>Contemp. Poetry</i> 2-3:15p [P 110]	19 USCA Fall Break <i>Headstns/Gangsters</i> 10a [Cedar Grove Cem]	20 USCA Fall Break <i>Beg. Line Dancing</i> 11a-12:15p [B Gym]	21
22	23 <i>Gerontology</i> 1-2p [P 106] <i>Luther & Reform.</i> 3-4:15p [B 124]	24 <i>Italy Top To Toe</i> 11a-12p [B 122] <i>Headstns/Gangsters</i> 1:15-2:15p [B 124] <i>Convers. Spanish</i> 2:30-3:20p [B 124]	25 <i>Adv. Line Dancing</i> 10-11:15a [B Gym] <i>Contemp. Poetry</i> 2-3:15p [P 110]	26 <i>Amer Health Care</i> 2-3p [B 124] <i>Susan Glaspell</i> 4-5p [B 124]	27 <i>English Monarchy</i> 9-10:15p [P 106] <i>Beg. Line Dancing</i> 11a-12:15p [B Gym] <i>Southern Honor</i> 1-2p [P 106]	28 <i>Steeplechase</i> 11a-4p [Bruce's Field]
29	30 <i>Luther & Reform.</i> 3-4:15p [B 124]	31 <i>Italy Top To Toe</i> 11a-12p [B 122] <i>Headstns/Gangsters</i> 1:15-2:15p [B 124] <i>Convers. Spanish</i> 2:30-3:20p [B 124]				
[Location Codes] B = Bus & Educ Bldg @ USCA H = Hum & Soc Sci Bldg @ USCA RP = Ruth Patrick Sci Ctr @ USCA N = Nursing Bldg @ USCA P = Penland Bldg @ USCA CC = Cedar Creek Community Building						