

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As another beautiful summer gradually slips away and becomes fall, we embark on a new semester of classes and events for ElderStudy members. Our Winter Luncheon is going to explore a new venue at the Pavilion of Belmont to hopefully create an improved and more enjoyable dining experience. Full details will be available later in this newsletter, but thank you to Eugenia Jones, Carolyn Sulima and Michelle Esbenshade for their hard work in locating a lovely historic site to hold the luncheon. Be sure to reserve your seats soon.

Many thanks to Chuck Block for the suggestion to acquire an American Flag to display in the CLL, and securing and assembling the flag which will be dedicated at the October 18th General Meeting. A slightly different agenda on the morning of the GM will include a presentation by Lynn Richardson (who you may recognize from her weekly business column in the Free Lance-Star) on Networking. This will begin at 10AM and the GM at 11AM. An assortment of bakery goodies, fruit and beverages will be available during this time for our enjoyment. Plan to attend and join in the board discussion.

The membership committee is interested in getting input about how we should celebrate our 25 Anniversary, welcoming ideas or pictures of prior members or events. Please be sure to contact Donna Lewis to submit them. We will celebrate our successes at the Spring luncheon in May.

Finally, thank you to all the former and current Board and Committee members who selflessly volunteer their time and experience in service to our organization so that we are able to provide a learning experience that rivals many larger and more costly Life long Learning groups.

Jack Allison, President

### **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT**

Our fall Semester programs are off to a rousing start, and I am sure all ElderStudy members are busy planning what programs they will try to attend.

The Curriculum Committee (CC) had its first spring 2018 planning meeting on August 16, 2017, and a subsequent meeting on September 21, 2017, and there were a number of great ideas for programs suggested. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2017. As always, we continue to solicit volunteers who have ideas for programs and are willing to sponsor a program.

During a recent Board of Directors meeting, it was noted that other Life Long Learning programs include a wavier when scheduling bus transportation for a scheduled program. The Board decided that ElderStudy should add such a wavier as part of the tour description involving bus transportation. The statement that will be added in the schedule is: By registering for this tour, the member releases UMW and ElderStudy from any and all claims for injury or damage as a result of the activities of this tour. Note that there will be no documents to sign to go on any tour involving bus transportation.

Unfortunately, there appears to be an increase in the number of cell phones ringing during presentations. This is an obvious distraction for both the speaker and those in attendance. Please make an effort to leave your phones in your vehicle or turn them off prior to the beginning of a program.

Finally, please be advised that the tour of the 6 Bears and a Goat Brewing Company scheduled for November 15, 2017 has been cancelled. Unfortunately, a number of issues arose that could not be resolved. There is no plan to reschedule the tour.

Chuck Johnson, Chairperson Curriculum Committee

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Throughout this year we will take time to celebrate this milestone in our organization. We hope you will join us for the many informative sessions as well as the meetings and luncheons that are hallmarks of our organization.

Upcoming, on Wednesday, October 18, we will be holding a special session. Light refreshments will be available as members are invited to gather and socialize beginning at 9:30 am. At 10 am, we will welcome Dr. Lynn Richardson (UMW) who will lead us in an hour-long, interactive session on the importance of networking as seniors to support strong social and emotional health. We will take a brief break at 11 am, where you can refresh your coffee and resume with our General Membership Meeting. We will have a special presentation during the meeting. We hope to see you there!

#### Winter Luncheon

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 7, when we will hold our Winter Luncheon. Please note that we have a <u>change of venue</u> from that which had been listed in the schedule. This year, for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we will hold our luncheon at the Gari Melcher Home (Belmont) in the Studio Pavilion located at 224 Washington Street, Falmouth. Additional information is contained on the attached reservation form. Please note the RSVP deadline of November 21, 2017. We hope to see you there!

#### Reminders:

- If you have not picked up your nametags, please do so when you come to the classroom. They can be found in the classroom office.
- If your contact information changes during the year, please send your changes to membership@elderstudy.info
- The ElderStudy voicemail (540-654-1769) is no longer posting curriculum schedule changes. It is monitored by the Membership Committee and checked once a week. (If you have an urgent need for information, please contact Donna Lewis at 571-259-6097.)
- There is a book shelf in the classroom designated for sharing books. Since we do not have a management system, we encourage you to be selective in books you donate. Feel free to borrow from this bookshelf as well.

# Donna Lewis, Membership Committee Chairman

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

The ElderStudy Board of Directors quarterly meeting was held September 6, 2017. The CLL Classroom was reconfigured to accommodate 88 with additional chairs available for high attendance events. The possibility of adding a second projector and screen will be investigated with UMW. It is anticipated that UMW will be assigning staff to the IT office adjacent to the CLL Classroom. Future ElderStudy Tours will include a liability waiver in the Curriculum Schedule that indicates that by registering for the tour, you absolve both UMW and ElderStudy of any liability. This is our 25th Anniversary and there will be several opportunities throughout the year to recognize and celebrate this milestone.

Kay McKinney, Secretary

### ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Update of the Policy & Procedures Document with 2017 revisions is in progress. The revised pages are being inserted in existing P&P copies and a new label is being put on the front cover. There are 2 or 3 P&P copies which have not yet been provided to me for update. If you see me in the classroom, I can do it for you. Next Admin Committee Meeting is November 29 at 1 PM in the classroom.

John Thompson, Committee Chair (johnsafet@cox.)

This Newsletter is prepared by me, Dot Meyers, with the help of many members of ElderStudy. If you have any questions or suggestions for the newsletter, please feel free to let me know. You can leave a message on the phone, 540-654-1769, or call me at 540-760-1533.

#### DIRECTIONS TO GARI MELCHERS HOME AND STUDIO PAVILION

### From I-95

Take Falmouth-Warrenton Exit 133A

Follow U.S. Rt 17 (toward Falmouth) 1.25 miles to Washington St (just before flashing light)

Turn right into Belmont

### From Fredericksburg Visitors' Center

Turn left onto Caroline Street

Turn right onto William Street (State Route 3)

Cross the Chatham Bridge

Take the first left onto River Road (State Route 607), pass under bridge bearing right

Turn left onto Washington Street (Route 1001)

Follow Washington Street up hill and turn left into Belmont's second gravel driveway

## From Rt. 3 East from Spotsylvania or Rt. 3 West from downtown

Fredericksburg, Take I-95 North to exit 133A

### From US 1 Southbound

Continue straight through the traffic light at Rt. 17 intersection Immediately bear right before Falmouth Bridge going down Cambridge Street

Turn right onto Washington Street (State Route 1001)

Turn left into Belmont's second gravel drive

#### From US 1 Northbound

Cross the Falmouth Bridge (stay in right lane)

Turn right onto Butler Road (at light)

Take first right onto Carter Street

Turn left onto Gordon Street

Turn right onto River Road, and, after passing under bridge,

Make first left onto Washington Street (State Route 1001)

Turn left into Belmont's second gravel drive

#### From Rt. 17 Northbound

Once you've passed the Rt. 1 and Rt. 17 intersection, take a right on Melchers Dr.

(You cannot turn left from Rt. 17 onto Washington Street.)

Turn left at first traffic light (@ Arby's) heading south on Rt. 17

Turn right on Washington Street (just before flashing light)

Turn right into Belmont's drive

ADVENTURES IN LIFELONG LEARNING est 1993 OCTOBER 2017 **Mary Washington ElderStudy** 9/6/17 Rept Date: 2016-2017 Operations Report #11 **BOD Approved:** 9/6/17 2016-2017 Approved YTD: 9/1/2016 % of Plan Budget (6/1/2016) thru8/31/2017 **Accounting Category/Subcategory** INCOME Membership Fees (293) + 7 One Plus (300) \$15,500.00 \$16,926.00 109.2% (a) NameTag Replacement Fees \$0.00 \$15.00 \$0.00 \$42.47 Interest from Certificates of Deposit \$0.00 \$0.66 Miscellaneous (excludes replacement NameTags) \$1,595.00 Membership Special Events Fees (LOW) \$0.00 loss \$91.98 Curriculum Off-Site Fees (NASA Goddard) \$0.00 \$1,404.00 profit \$274.10 Total ES Income/Revenue \$15.500.00 \$19,983.13 **EXPENSES Board of Directors** Awards \$0.00 \$0.00 BLS Scholarships \$1,000.00 \$1,200.00 120.0% Election Expenses (copying, printing) \$200.00 \$127.49 \$2,500.00 Grants (from excess 2016-17 Funds) TBD Classroom Contingency is available \$5.56 \$1,200.00 \$3,833.05 **Subtotal BOD Curriculum Committee** Speakers/Programs (Sept-July) 76.0% \$7,500.00 \$5,700.00 Postage/Mailing/Copying 0.9% \$125.00 \$1.18 Off-site Location Programs \$0.00 \$1,129.90 (see income) \$25.00 Gifts/Gratuities 0.0% \$0.00 \$100.00 15.0% Stationery/Supplies \$15.00 \$150.00 Telephone Service [12 mos.] \$132.00 88.0% Special Activities \$0.00 \$0.00 **Subtotal Curriculum Committee** \$7,900.00 \$6,978.08 (#) **Administration Committee/BOD** General Operating Funds \$200.00 \$0.00 Stationery/Supplies/Publications \$600.00 \$250.36 Postage/Mailing/Copying \$200.00 \$12.38 **Subtotal Administration Committee** \$1,000.00 \$262.74 **Membership Committee** Brochures/Rack Cards \$100.00 \$67.13 67.1% Stationery/Supplies \$200.00 \$205.11 102.6% Gifts/Remembrances \$107.93 107.9% \$100.00 Name Tags \$400.00 \$334.66 (see income) \$1,000.00 Newsletter/Communications \$631.77 63.2% (b) \$200.00 Postage/Mailing/Copying 91.0% \$182.02 \$0.00 Web Site \$0.00 88.0% Telephone Services [12 mos.] \$150.00 \$132.00 Membership Meetings/Spec Events \$1,200.00 \$2,588.68 158.9% **Subtotal Membership Committee** \$4,249.30 \$3,350.00 (#) Total ES 2016-2017 Expenses YTD \$13,450,00 \$15,323.17 (#) (#) Includes all expenses (a) Actual Revenue 16-17 fees = \$16926; \$504= One Plus membs that transfer to 17-18 (b) includes new white board supplies

# Elder Study 2016-2017 Year-End Financial Report

At its September 6, 2017 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors approved the financial operations report for the 12-month period which ended on August 31, 2017. This financial report appears in this newsletter as "2016-2017 Operations Report #11".

The income from 2016-2017 membership fees (289 paying members) was sufficient to cover the budgeted expenses as well as providing funds for year-end grants to University Departments and whose faculty provided programs during the year, plus a grant to support the Great Lives Program. Income from fees associated with the October 2016 Goodard Space Center Tour Program were sufficient to cover the transportation and dining expenses for that program, and left a positive balance of \$74.10\*. Reservation fees associated with the December 2015 holiday luncheon at Lake-Of-The –Woods were nearly sufficient to cover the associated expenses, and left a balance of -\$91.98. These offsets produced a total loss of \$17.88 which was covered by savings in newsletter costs by the membership committee.

The 2016-2017 financial records are currently undergoing a required independent audit which is expected to be completed prior to the December 2016 Board Meeting. Board approval of this independent audit is necessary prior to filing the Annual Federal tax Return in early January 2017.

Inquiries for additional information regarding the 2016-2017 Operations Report should be addressed to the Treasurer at <a href="mailto:brynpavek@aol.com">brynpavek@aol.com</a>.

• Note: On Operations Report #11 this balance appears as \$274.10 due a prior fiscal year bus deposit of \$200 which is not reflected in the expenditures of this fiscal year. Actual program expenditures if that bus deposit amount is included is reduces the balance to \$74.10 for the program.