



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have reached the homestretch of our ElderStudy year together. I hope you agree with me that it's been a good year, and of course we aren't done yet. Check out what's left on our calendar for April and May. And as any member of the Curriculum Committee can assure you our program of fall offerings should definitely be up to the standard you have come to expect. Although you won't see that program until you receive your summer newsletter it is already pretty well in place and I believe you will find it irresistible.

On a different subject, I think you are all aware that our meeting room in Chandler Hall will eventually be lost to us when the building is demolished to make room for a new student center and dining hall for the University. Fortunately that will not happen for another year or so and we have been promised by the University that when it does ElderStudy will be provided for in another suitable venue on campus. We are in touch with the Mary Washington powers that be and will keep you informed of developments as soon as we are made aware of them. When we do move hopefully it will be to a location with more convenient parking for us. I know that the current parking situation has been a major frustration for many. We have tried diligently (but to no avail) to work with the neighborhood and the city to address the problem, and sad to say I fear there is no possibility of any change on that score in the foreseeable future.

The final item on our May calendar is a Board of Directors meeting on May 31. I would be delighted to see some of you at that meeting which is open to the entire membership. I also look forward to seeing you at the annual "pot luck" luncheon on Wednesday, May 16. Please return the orange registration form for that event that came with your February newsletter. Meanwhile I hope you are enjoying a pleasant Fredericksburg spring.

Phil Hall

DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS

At the March 16th General Membership Meeting, the membership elected three new Directors who will serve 3-year terms beginning September 1, 2012. The elected Directors are: Barbara Barrett, Phil Hall, and Bill Wemmerus. Although the New Director terms do not begin until September 1st, the electees will participate in the election of 2012-2013 Board Officers which will be conducted at the May 31st Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting.

A special Thank You to the members who volunteered to be candidates in the May 16 election; Best Wishes to the new Directors.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This year's End of Year potluck social will be held at the First Christian Church on May 16th. Rose Marie Schlemm will take reservations. The flyer for this event was included in the February newsletter. If your last name begins with:

A-H please bring a vegetable or fruit salad

I-P " " a dessert

Q-Z " " a meat or vegetable casserole.

Sign up now if you haven't already done so. See you there!

Effective at the end of this spring semester Suzanne Willis will be taking over as chair of the Membership Committee. I wish to take this opportunity to thank all whose help has made my tenure as chair so easy, and to ask that you extend that same cooperation to Suzanne in the future.

Stew Engel, chair.

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VOLUNTEER

ElderStudy is an all volunteer organization and relies on its members to carry out the business of planning the programs for all to enjoy and keeping the members informed of the events. In order for this to happen, volunteers are needed. Any help that you can offer, be it only a small part, will go a long way to keep the organization functioning smoothly. As the saying goes, "Many hands make the work easier".

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Administration Committee met on February 28, 2012 for their regular Quarterly Meeting. The Committee received the Treasurer's Preliminary Reports (Year-To-Date Operations Report and Balance Sheet Report) for the period September 1, 2011 to February 27, 2012; final reports were presented to the Board of Directors on March 7th. In addition, the Treasurer reported on two Certificates of Deposit which would be maturing in late March and on the submittal of the Annual Tax Return for the period ending August 31, 2011. Under Old Business, the Committee continued their review and discussions relative to a recommendations regarding changes to Section A of the Procedures Manual (Section A is titled Organizational Documents) to present to the Board of Directors on March 7; these activities proved to be more challenging than had been anticipated and the Committee recommendation will be delayed until the Board's May 31st Meeting. Additional discussions pertained to an approach for reviewing the remaining Sections of the Manual. A tentative schedule for developing the 2012-2013 ElderStudy budget was presented; inputs from the Curriculum Committee, the Membership Committee, and the Board of Directors will be solicited for submittal to the Committee by early May.

The next Quarterly Meeting of the Administration Committee is scheduled for May 29 at 10 AM in Woodard Hall Room 2. At this meeting, the recommended changes for Section A of the Procedures Manual will be finalized, a proposed operating budget for 2012-2013 will be finalized, and recommendations regarding distribution of any excess 2011-2012 funds will be completed. All of these items will be presented to the Board of Directors at their May 31st meeting.

Administration Committee contact: John Thompson (johnsafet@cox.net)

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The Curriculum Committee is well on its way to completing the schedule for the fall semester. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 23, when we begin working on Spring semester 2013. Please consider attending this meeting if you have any suggestions on topics or speakers. If you cannot attend, give any committee member your ideas. Also, feel free to contact me with any suggestions, observations, concerns, complaints, etc. about any curriculum-related issue.

Alan Zirkle, Chair, az@azirkle.com. 373-6448

ELDERSTUDY MEMBERSHIP

As of March 31, 2012, the membership count for this year is 247. This is an increase of 5 since the February Newsletter.

BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Book Group will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 1pm to 3pm in the Dodd Auditorium Foyer. The book to be discussed is *Pearl Buck in China* by Hillary Sperling. Carrie Allahut will be the leader for this discussion. Please join the group. You don't need to have read the book to come to the meetings. **Note the change in day and place for this meeting.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

The year-to-date Operations Report for the period September 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012 has been compiled. A copy of this report has been posted in Chandler 102 on the bulletin board. Any questions can be directed to John Thompson, treasurer.

REJOIN ELDERSTUDY IN AUGUST FOR THE 2012-2013 YEAR

Enclosed with the next (August) newsletter will be your registration form for the 2012-2013 Organizational Year. The ElderStudy fiscal year is September 1st through August 31st. We hope you are planning on continuing your membership for the next year, so please rejoin in August.

TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE

Members of the local community who might have questions about the ElderStudy program at the University of Mary Washington or would like additional information about the program can call the ElderStudy answering service at (540) 654-1769 (select Option 1) and leave a message. A member of the Membership Committee checks the service at least weekly and calls are returned or redirected to the appropriate ElderStudy Committee or Officer.

BULLETIN BOARD

ElderStudy maintains a bulletin board in Chandler 102 (our primary classroom) for the purpose of keeping the membership informed. Information, including the class schedule, is updated as required. Brochures, Opportunity Sheets, and a copy of the *Procedures Manual* are also available.

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