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August 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we begin another year of ElderStudy, our eighteenth, I want to thank all who have served on the Board and Committees and continue to serve. Special thanks to departing Board members Phil Hall, Roger Bourdon, David Hill and Alan Zirkle. Welcome to new Board members Eugenia Jones, Margaret Rose, and Dennis Van Derlaske.

As an outreach program of the University of Mary Washington, ElderStudy is an all-volunteer organization of retirement-age people over fifty-five designed to provide low-cost educational opportunities for those who want to continue learning.

However, remember that active participation by the membership is the cornerstone for a successful Learning In Retirement program here at the University of Mary Washington. Membership is more than attending classes. Included with your membership is a responsibility to contribute. Active participation means attending classes, serving on committees and coordinating class sessions. Being an involved ElderStudy member is important to assure a wide variety of interesting classes and to achieve a smooth functioning organization. By serving on the various committees you can help develop the curriculum, contribute to the newsletter, help maintain membership records, and process registration applications and plan social events, while at the same time contribute to the overall mission of supporting the University of Mary Washington and the local community. **REMEMBER** – we are an all-volunteer organization!

As you can see, the enclosed fall schedule is full of interesting learning experiences. The Curriculum Committee provides a great variety of classes and is always searching for new ideas. Make a personal commitment to get involved!

Enclosed is the ONLY renewal form you will receive. Make note of the deadline to take advantage of the reduced fee for 2010 - 2011.

Our winter social will be December 2nd at Lake of the Woods. Put the date on your calendar and join your colleagues for an afternoon of socializing and relaxation.

Carole Hanus

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

In reviewing the finances of the organization, the committee works to ensure that the three committees (Administration, Curriculum and Membership) have the necessary funds to achieve

their objectives as discussed in the *Bylaws* while at the same time insuring that ElderStudy remains financially sound. This also requires that the organization's policies and procedures are current.

An updated version (August 2010) of our *Procedures Manual* has been posted on our website and a copy is located in Chandler 102 next to our bulletin board. Please note that the *Procedures Manual* contains the policies and procedures that have evolved since the organization was formed in 1993. Accordingly, it is considered a living document and therefore is subject to modifications and changes as policies and procedures for accomplishing the various tasks and responsibilities are further defined and/or changed. In this version you will find our new Memorandum Of Understanding with the University, the updated Constitution/Bylaws, current information/requirements from the Internal Revenue Service, new election procedures and information, and numerous updates and expanded areas of interest pertaining to the Board of Directors and all Committees.

With the economy as it is, our goal for the 2010 – 2011 budget was to continue to keep the cost for returning members at a minimum, to provide an incentive for members to rejoin while maintaining a balanced program, and to continue to place emphasis on the most important aspect of the entire organization – our curriculum. The budget proposed to the Board of Directors achieved that objective. In separate articles you will find information on the approved 2010 – 2011 budget.

On a final note, ElderStudy is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3). A copy of the Internal Revenue Service exemption letter is contained in the Procedures Manual. Copies of the ElderStudy exemption application and supporting documents, and our exemption letter are available upon request.

The next meeting of the Administrative Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1st. Interested members are welcome to attend all meetings.

Questions: Bob Hanus, Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

For those members and guests attending, the End of Year Potluck was a relaxing and enjoyable end to nine months of classes. *The Spotlighters* of Spotsylvania provided a relaxing interlude of music. A big **THANK YOU** to all who worked to set up, brought good food, and helped clean up.

For new members downloading the application form from our website, we have included a new member "Opportunity/Comment Form" which asks for their individual preferences and provides a listing of areas where they can become "involved" in the program.

For returning members and to reduce reproduction/mailing expenses, Opportunity / Comment Forms are available in the document holder next to our bulletin board in Chandler 102. Your "Opportunity / Comment Form" is important because the program would not exist without ideas and volunteers. Remember, ElderStudy is a program designed by and run by the members. Your contribution is important and needed.

Mark your calendar: The winter social has been scheduled for December 2nd at the Lake of the Woods clubhouse. Joe and Carolyn Spero have again agreed to sponsor this event.

The next meeting of the Membership Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 1st. Interested members are welcome to attend all meetings.

Questions: Carole Hanus, Chairperson

OFFICERS / COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2010 – 2011

The Board of Directors, at its June meeting, elected the following members of the Board of Directors to serve as officers for 2010 – 2011.

President	Carole Hanus
Vice President	Peggy Johnson
Secretary	Margaret Rose

The following members have been asked to continue in their current positions.

Treasurer	John Thompson
Administration	Bob Hanus - Chairperson
Curriculum	Janet Wishner - Chairperson
Membership	Carole Hanus - Chairperson

IT PAYS TO REJOIN - REDUCED MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2010-2011

Each year the Administration Committee reviews the financial balance to determine the amount of excess funding, if any, which will be available at the end of the current ElderStudy organizational year.

This review is based on a minimum Certificate of Deposit financial reserve of \$15,000 to ensure solvency and to provide a financial buffer for approximately one year's operating expenses. In addition, a smaller reserve is retained in the checking account to cover any unexpected shortfalls in the budget during the next organizational year. Based on this year's review, the Administrative Committee recommended and the Board of Directors has approved a distribution of excess funds in the form of reduced membership fees for rejoining members.

Questions: Bob Hanus

REJOIN ELDERSTUDY NOW FOR THE 2010-2011 ACADEMIC YEAR

Enclosed with this newsletter is your registration form for the 2010-2011 Organizational Year. **This will be the only copy of the registration form that you will receive and it is not available on our website. Please take time to rejoin ElderStudy now!**

The ElderStudy fiscal year is September 1st through August 31st. If you are going to continue with the ElderStudy program, please rejoin now. **If you do not rejoin by mid September, this will be your last mailing.**

Rejoin - Be part of Our 18th Year of Lifelong Learning

As noted on your membership application form, each member's personal information including phone numbers and e-mail addresses will be included on the Membership maintained roster that is available on request to members only, and will be used by ElderStudy for important announcements, program cancellations / changes, etc. Contact Chuck Johnson for further information.

Questions: Carole Hanus

REACHING CLASSROOM CAPACITY

As you know, all classes are open to members and you may attend as many or as few, classes as you choose, depending on available space. To ensure our continued use of classroom space on campus we must follow the University's safety guidelines. Our primary classroom on campus is Chandler 102, which has a capacity for 50 persons, including speaker(s). Seating is first come, first served. Seats cannot be saved. When capacity is reached, the program sponsor is responsible for posting a "**Class is Full**" sign on the outside of the entrance door and closing the door. Please respect this requirement.

Questions: Carole Hanus

WHERE IS CLASS?

Most ElderStudy class sessions are held in Chandler Hall, room 102. The Klein Theatre in duPont Hall is used for theatre programs, while Membership, Board, and Committee meetings are generally held in the Woodard Campus Center.

From time to time it is necessary to change the venue to a different location on campus. To assist you in locating other campus locations, your ElderStudy welcome packet included a campus map. A campus map is also posted on the ElderStudy bulletin board located in Chandler 102 and can be found on the ElderStudy website.

Questions: Bill Toomey

CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGES / CANCELLATIONS

Whether you have e-mail access or not, members can call to get schedule changes as updated by the Curriculum Committee by calling **654-1769 (select Option 2)**. Changes are also available on our website at **www.ElderStudy.com**. The goal is to update both sites within 24 hours of receiving new information. The schedule, with changes, is posted on our bulletin board in Chandler 102 and schedule announcements are also made at the start of each class session.

Questions: Carole Hanus

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP (2010 – 2011)

The ElderStudy Book Discussion Group meets monthly, on the second Thursday, usually in a meeting room in Woodard, from 1300 to 1500. Participation is open to all ElderStudy members.

September – **What the Dog Saw and Other Adventures** by *Malcolm Gladwell*.

Discussion Leader – Anne McGrath

October – **The Lost Symbol** by *Dan Brown*.

Discussion Leader – Sue Corbett

November – **Olive Kitteridge** by *Elizabeth Strout*.

Discussion Leader – Margaret Rose

December – **Geography of Bliss** by *Eric Weiner*.

Discussion Leader – Roger Bourdon

January – **Nine Lives: Death and Life in Anew Orleans** by *Dan Baum*.

Discussion Leader – Carrie Allahut

February – **Still Alice** by *Lisa Genova*.

Discussion Leader – Sherill Bartholomew

March – **The Help** by *Kathryn Stockett*.

Discussion Leader – Rose Rief

April – **A Confederacy of Dunces** by *John Kennedy Toole*.

Discussion Leader – Larry Turner

May – **Luncheon of the Boating Party** by *Susan Vreeland*.

Discussion Leader – Phil Hall

Questions: Roger Bourdon or Anne McGrath

COMING TO THE THEATRE

The Department of Theatre and Dance will offer one production during the fall semester: November 11th thru November 21st – ***Summer and Smoke*** by Tennessee Williams. Tennessee Williams weaves a sultry and sensuous tale of unrequited love, desperate passion, and insistent devotion at the turn of the 20th Century in this remarkable play by one of the most significant writers of the American theatre. After a lifetime of repressed desire, the lonely minister's daughter, Alma Winemiller, begs for the attention of the dashing Dr. John Buchanan in a desperate attempt to garner his affection. As her tenacious yearning intensifies, ***Summer and Smoke*** erupts with life changing consequences that shatter the stifling tranquility of a sweltering Mississippi summer. **Mark your calendar!** ElderStudy class is on Wednesday, November 10th from 1000 to 1200. **This class is open to guests.**

Questions: Carole / Bob Hanus

PURPOSE OF THE PROCEDURES MANUAL

This ***Procedures Manual*** provides the basic guidance to assist individuals in positions of responsibility in Mary Washington ElderStudy in performing the tasks necessary to meet the needs of their areas of responsibility. This manual provides: (1) accountability and liability control for the University of Mary Washington and Mary Washington ElderStudy, (2) coordination of assignments and responsibilities as derived from the organizations Constitution

and Bylaws, (3) guidance information to responsible individuals and the membership, and (4) is based on a fiscal year dating from September 1st thru August 31st.

Questions: Bob Hanus

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No food or drinks in the Classrooms!

ELDERSTUDY BUDGET

For your information, the ElderStudy Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget, as approved by the Board of Directors, is enclosed with this newsletter.

Questions: John Thompson

www.elderstudy.com

what you need to know – when you need to know it!

ON CAMPUS LIBRARY ACCESS

ElderStudy members have access to both the Simpson Library and the Center for Professional Development Library facilities and services. Members needing library items may request them through the Central Rappahannock Regional Library system.

PUBLICATION OF THE NEWSLETTER

Mark your calendar! The Membership Committee publishes five newsletters per year to coincide with significant ElderStudy events and mailings. The dates for the newsletters are, October 1st, late December or NLT January 1st, February 1st, April 1st and August 1st. *If you don't receive your copy within 15 days, please let us know.* Remember, copies are also posted on our website shortly after publication.

The **October** issue provides a discussion of any specific issues or Board proposals for the General Membership Meeting, which is held on the second Friday in October and general program information. The **December** issue contains the spring schedule. The **February** issue contains election information, a discussion of any specific issues or Board proposals for the General Membership Meeting, which is held on the second Friday in March and general program information. The **April** issue contains general program information and information on the Annual "End of Academic Year" Potluck Luncheon. The **August** issue contains comprehensive program information, your renewal application, the Board approved budget for the coming year, and the fall schedule. This will be the only copy of the membership renewal application that you will receive. If you do not rejoin by mid September, the August newsletter will be your last mailing.

Questions: Carole Hanus

TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE

Members of the local community who might have questions about the ElderStudy program at the University of Mary Washington or who 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.

Questions: Dottie Bourdon

ON CAMPUS DINING

ElderStudy members may use the Seacobeck dining halls for full meal service and should display their ElderStudy nametag. Each person will pay the cashier a flat full price fee when entering the dining hall. Members may also eat in The Eagle's Nest, the student snack bar located in the Woodard Campus Center.

Questions: Carole Hanus

ELDERSTUDY BLS SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS AWARDED

The Associate Dean for Financial Aid, in consultation with the Bachelor of Liberal Studies Office, elected to award the ElderStudy BLS funds to two upperclassmen - Pippa E. Curran and Maryann B. Kane. The funds are provided pursuant to our Memorandum of Understanding with the University and in accordance with the "Terms of Agreement - the Mary Washington ElderStudy Scholarship for BLS Students". These documents state in part that – *"The recipient must have financial need as demonstrated through the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance (FAFSA) needs analysis. The selection of the recipient will be the responsibility of the Associate Dean for Financial Aid in consultation with the Bachelor of Liberal Studies Office."*

Questions: Carole Hanus

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/Comment Forms, and a copy of the *Procedures Manual* are also available.

Questions: Nancy Snyder

MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of the Lifelong Learning Program at the University of Mary Washington (Mary Washington ElderStudy) is to design and execute an academic program to suit the interests of retirement-age people who share a love of learning and to be a positive influence in the University and community. Your input is always welcome!

Questions: Board of Directors

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events scheduled for the University of Mary Washington campus can be found online at **www.umw.edu**. The online calendar lists all concerts, lectures, theater and athletic events. Once at the website, select “Events” and that will take you to the University Public Events Calendar. *The University no longer publishes this information as a quarterly printed publication.*

PARKING FOR ELDERSTUDY PROGRAMS

Augustine Avenue is one block west of and runs parallel to College Avenue. On Augustine and on the streets running perpendicular between Augustine and Stafford Avenue is where many ElderStudy members park to attend ElderStudy programs at the University. *(Note: there is no parking on Augustine from Rowe to Rt 1.)*

Public parking is not permitted on streets perpendicular to College Avenue, which have “Resident Permit Parking Only” signs. The restriction applies only to the block closest to College Avenue. These streets are: Thornton, Seacobeck, Rowe, Parcell, Payne, and Brent. Other streets near the University have “No UMW Student Parking” signs. This applies to registered students at the University – not to ElderStudy members.

Public parking is allowed along College Avenue from William Street to Route 1, but is rarely available during times when ElderStudy programs are held.

The campus Parking Deck is also available for your use. The parking deck can be accessed by driving on College Avenue away from William Street and toward Route 1. Turn right onto Route 1 and then make the first right. The parking deck is straight ahead. When you enter the parking deck you will be on the top level that is reserved for visitors. You may enter Campus Walk from this level. *(FYI, walking from the parking deck to Chandler is approximately 50% farther than parking on Augustine Avenue.)*

Members with a DMV – issued handicapped parking license plates or hangtags may park in the University’s handicapped designated spaces. The locations of the campus handicapped spaces are indicated on the campus map sent to new ElderStudy members. A copy is also posted on the ElderStudy bulletin board located in Chandler 102.

Requests for parking passes for additional parking privileges must be made to the UMW Police Department. ElderStudy members may obtain a yearly parking “dash” pass for UMW parking lots from the University’s Police Department. A Temporary Parking Permit Request Form must be filled out and submitted. These forms are available at their office. The parking pass displayed on the vehicle’s dash board will allow members to park in any faculty/staff lot on the University of Mary Washington campuses when space is available.

Questions: Board of Directors

FALL 2010 - SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Another year of learning is just around the corner and the Curriculum Committee has a schedule of interesting classes/events lined up for us. The fall program is well balanced offering classes in history, medicine, art, music, drama, science, world issues, the media, literature, politics, economics and psychology. Something for everyone! Enclosed with this newsletter is our fall class schedule. Check class times and locations!

Questions: Margaret Rose

Please take time to rejoin ElderStudy now!

This newsletter is published by the Membership Committee (Carole Hanus – Chairperson) for the members of the University of Mary Washington Lifelong Learning Institute, Fredericksburg, Virginia. For additional information, visit our website at www.ElderStudy.com or contact our voice mail at (540) 654-1769.

**MARY WASHINGTON ELDERSTUDY
PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2011**

	<i>From:</i>	9-1-2010
	<i>To:</i>	8-31-2011
INCOME		
Previous Years Carry-Over Balance		TBD
Membership Fees		12,050
Interest on Checking		0
Interest on Certificates of Deposit		300
Miscellaneous		0
TOTAL INCOME		12,350
EXPENSES		
Board of Directors		
Awards		0
BLS Scholarships		1,000
Grants (Excess Funds)		0
	Subtotal	1,000
Curriculum Committee		
Speakers / Programs		6,500
Postage / Mailing / Copying		125
Off-Site Location		0
Gifts / Gratuities		25
Stationery / Supplies		100
Telephone Service		150
Special Activities (net)		0
	Subtotal	6,900
Administration Committee / Board of Directors		
General Operating Funds		150
Stationery / Supplies / Publications		150
Postage / Mailing / Copying		50
	Subtotal	350
Membership Committee		
Brochures		150
Stationery / Supplies		100
Gifts / Remembrances		200
Name Tags (net)		200
Newsletters (preparation/distribution)		2,000
Postage / Mailing / Copying		200
Website		100
Telephone Service		150
Membership Meetings		1,000
	Subtotal	4,100
TOTAL EXPENSES		12,350
CAPITAL RESERVE		
CD 1		5,000
CD 2		5,000
CD 3		10,000
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE		20,000