



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As summer hurtles toward its hot, humid conclusion, our thoughts begin to anticipate the coming of a new ElderStudy year with its cornucopia of enriching programs. The mailing which brings you this newsletter includes as well our schedule of offerings for the 2012 fall semester. Feast your eyes -- politics, science, the arts, history, literature, international affairs, Fredericksburg local color -- we've got it all! Several of our favorite presenters are on deck for return visits and we will meet a number of new ones whose topics sound intriguing. Don't fail to renew your ES membership before the deadline for discounted dues.

Besides enjoying our sterling programming, let me invite you also to take a hand in running the show by joining one of ElderStudy's operating committees (Administration, Curriculum, Membership). Committee meeting attendance is open to all (you'll find meeting times and places on the enclosed fall schedule and also on the handy on-line calendar - posted on our Website, www.elderstudy.com). Attending a meeting on a no-obligation walk-in basis is the best way to determine whether or not it's your cup of tea. Yes, I do realize how overcommitted so many of us already are and I understand the general reluctance of busy folk to take on anything else, but without your voluntary involvement our precious organization cannot function. So, please!

I have some sad news to share. Margaret Rose has been diagnosed with life-threatening pancreatic cancer and thus will be unable to carry on in her capacity as ES Board member and secretary. So, we shall need to find someone else to assume her responsibilities. The Board will need to tend to that matter at its upcoming meeting on September 5.

In all events I look forward to sharing ElderStudy with you during our 2012-2013 20th anniversary year.

Every best wish,

Phil Hall

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELDERSTUDY

Make a wish! Mary Washington ElderStudy turns 20 this school year, and plans are beginning for some birthday celebrations this spring.

We welcome any photos, information, and ideas to help us mark this special anniversary. If you have names of the early members, or are willing to help or supply pictures/info, suggestions and help, please let us know or bring them to an ES class session. Thank you!

Committee members: Eugenia Jones (Eugenia13812@yahoo.com), Mary Ann Stana (mastana10@hotmail.com), Margareta Williamson (keestonekees@gmail.com), and Alan Zirkle (az@azirkle.com.)

Administration Committee Report

The Administration Committee met on May 29, 2012 for its regular Quarterly Meeting. The Committee received the Treasurer's Preliminary Third Quarter Financial Reports for the period September 1, 2011 to May 29, 2012; the reports were approved for presentation to the Board of Directors on May 31st. Under Old Business, the Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee reported on progress and plans for the complete review of the current Procedures Manual; a presentation to the Board of Directors at its September 5th meeting is now planned. Under New Business, the Committee developed recommendations regarding (a) a Proposed 2012-2013 ElderStudy Operating Budget, (b) a proposed distribution of excess funds as Grants to University departments supporting the 2011-2012 Program, and (c) an individual to serve as Administration Committee 2012-2013 Chairperson. These recommendations were presented to the Board of Directors on May 31st and received Board approval.

The Administration Committee Quarterly Meetings for 2012-2013 have been scheduled as follows: August 29 (Wednesday) from 10-12, November 27 (Tuesday) from 1-3, February 27 (Wednesday) from 1-3, and May 29 (Wednesday) from 1-3. All Quarterly meetings will be held in Woodard Hall Room 2. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed to complete Committee assignments.

Administration Committee Contact: John Thompson (johnsafet@cox.net or 371-4827)

On the following page is the Operational Budget for the year 2012-2013. This budget was approved by the Board of Directors at the May 31, 2012 meeting.

				2012-2013 Budget
INCOME				
	Previous Year Carry-Over Balance			TBD
	Membership Fees			\$12,645
	Interest on Checking			\$0
	Interest on Certificates of Deposit			\$310
	Miscellaneous			\$0
TOT INCOME				\$12,955
EXPENSES				
	Board of Directors			
	Awards			0
	BLS Scholarship			\$1,000
	Grants (Excess Funds)			TBD
		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			
	General Operating Funds			\$150
	Stationery/Supplies/Publications			\$350
	Postage/Mailing/Copying			\$150
		Subtotal		\$650
	Membership Committee			
	Brochures			\$100
	Stationery/Supplies			\$100
	Gifts/Remembrances			\$200
	Name Tags (Net)			\$200
	Newsletters			\$2,000
	Postage/Mailing/Copying			\$200
	Website			\$100
	Telephone Service			\$150
	Membership Meetings/Special Events (Net)			\$1,000
		Subtotal		\$4,100
TOTAL EXPENSES				\$12,650
CAPITAL RESERVE				
	CD's 1,2, 3, and 4 [each \$5,000 min.]			\$20,000

Membership Committee

Welcome to the Mary Washington ElderStudy for 2012-2013

The programs offer an abundance of knowledge and wisdom which give us all a greater understanding and perception of our world. Thank you curriculum committee. The membership committee consisting of Sherrill, Miriam, Millie, Peggy, Chuck J, Eugenia, Anne, Dot, Kay, Alan, Chuck W, Rose Marie, Pat, John, Stew & Suzanne, welcome you and will be open to assist you in any manner.

A big **THANK YOU** to those who brought tasty food and to those who helped with the before and after arrangements for the annual End of the Year Potluck on May 16. After nine months of remarkable classes, members and guests feted themselves. John and Mary Vreeland from the Music Ministries of St. George's Church, entertained us with popular melodies of our time.

Mark your calendar: December 6, 2012. Winter Luncheon.

Lake of the Woods Clubhouse. Entertainment.

The next meeting of the Membership Committee is Tuesday, August 28, 2012, at 1:30 at Wegmans. Interested members are welcome to attend.

Suzanne Willis, Chairperson.

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

RENEWABLE REGISTRATION FORM

Enclosed with this newsletter is the renewable registration form for the year 2012-2013. Mail your fee before September 12 and save 20%. The form will not be sent again, but if you need another one, go to the website and download and print it yourself. If you know anyone who wants to be a new member, that form is also available on the website and can be downloaded and printed.

Book Group News

We're ready for the fall semester with an exciting lineup. The Book Group welcomes all ElderStudy members – you can attend even if you have NOT read the book! The titles for the fall semester were chosen by the group last spring.

We meet in one of the Woodard Meeting Rooms – usually Room 1 or Room 2 on the upper level. Occasionally we find ourselves in one of the other meeting rooms on that floor, , so if you don't find us in 1 or 2, keep looking.

Books are available at the public library (limited quantities). Amazon.com usually has cheap second hand copies, and of course, check out availability through your Kindle, Nook, etc.

All sessions are held on the second Tuesday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Sept. 13 **The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court**, by Jeffrey Toobin.

An inside look at the 9 judges of the Supreme Court. Written in 2007, it looks particularly at Rehnquist, Roberts, Alito, Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, David Souter, the Bush vs Gore story, and Sandra Day O'Connor's battles with George W. Bush.

Discussion leader: Chuck Watkins

Oct. 11 **Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet**, by Jamie Ford.

The love and friendship of a Chinese boy and a Japanese girl during the Japanese internment during World War II in the Seattle Washington area.

Discussion leader: Donna Turner

Nov. 8 **Dissolution**, By C. J. Sansom

A vivid picture of the reformation activities of Henry VIII and Thomas Cromwell ridding the kingdom of papist institutions (monasteries, abbey etc.) AND one hell of a gripping mystery novel to boot.

Discussion leader: Larry Turner

Dec. 13 **Back When We Were Grownups**, by Anne Tyler

The story of 53 year old Rebecca Danitch, the proprietor of the "Open Arms" catering business. She decides to review her past life by visiting her hometown in Virginia.

Discussion leader: Nancy Hansen

For further information, please contact Anne McGrath, Temporary Book Club Coordinator. (amcgrath08@gmail.com).

COMING TO THE THEATRE THIS FALL

September 20th thru September 30th - Talking With... is an American play by Jane Martin, published by Samuel French Incorporated. The play is composed of eleven ten-minute monologues, each featuring a different woman who talks about her life. The play deals with the personal ordeals of each of the female characters. Many of them are very touching; a few are even intensely emotional. However, there is also the very comical. Even the funny ones, however, have an underlying depth to them that gives a sensitive insight into each of the characters involved. The ladies cover a wide spectrum of life and age from the fading rodeo star in "Rodeo" to the young aspiring actress in "Audition", there is much tenderness and diversity in the subject matter involved in the play.

November 1st thru 18th - Into the Woods is a musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine. The musical intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales and follows them further to explore the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests. The main characters are taken from the stories of Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel, and Cinderella, tied together by a more original story involving a baker and his wife and their quest to begin a family, most likely taken from the original story of Rapunzel by the Brothers Grimm. It also includes references to several other well-known tales.

Mark your calendar! ElderStudy classes are on Wednesday, September 19th and October 31st. See the fall schedule for details.

Questions: Carole / Bob Hanus