



### ***MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Here's hoping you are all enjoying the resumption of ElderStudy programming this fall. Along with the generally delightful weather of this season in Fredericksburg, isn't it great to have such a fine line-up of stimulating ES sessions to keep our dispositions sunny?

I need to call especially to your attention our up-coming General Membership meeting on Friday, October 12. Your president and board of directors need to hear from you about any concerns you may have as an ElderStudy member, and although we are available to hear from you at any time (phone numbers and e-mail addresses listed on-line at [elderstudy.com](http://elderstudy.com)) the GM meeting affords a timely opportunity to express such concerns and to interact informally with each other over some tasty refreshments. Of course you will also hear up-to-the-minute reports from our treasurer and each of our committee chairs. So, do get it on your Calendar.

Our Administration Committee has been hard at work on a thorough-going up-dating of our governing documents and procedures manual. The board of directors will review those revisions at its meeting on December 5 in anticipation of their presentation for approval to the full membership in March. If you would like learn more about this big project you are more than welcome to attend the December board meeting.

Down the road a bit will be our annual holiday luncheon on December 6 at Lake of the Woods (about which you will learn more in a later communication). I shall look forward to seeing you there.

Phil Hall

## **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Administration Committee Quarterly Meeting was held on August 29<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the Treasurer's Report of the preliminary end-of-year financial status, the Manual Review Sub-Committee presented a status report of their efforts and progress during the summer months; tentative plans to complete the review effort were described. Also discussed was the planning for the Annual Financial Audit and a member-proposal regarding ballot authentication. The Sub-Committee was approved to present their status report to the Board of Directors at their September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Relative to the Manual Review, the Sub-Committee plans to present their final recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval at the Board's December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Upon receipt of Board approval, a revised version of the ByLaws will be presented to the General Membership for approval at the General Membership Meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>; copies of the revised ByLaws will be distributed to the membership in late February for review, comment, and approval.

Future meetings of the Administration Committee are scheduled for November 27 (1-3 PM, Woodard Room 2), February 27 (1-3 PM, Woodard Room 2), and May 29 (1-3 PM, Woodard Room 2). Participation by the membership is encouraged.

For additional information, contact John Thompson.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The objective of the Lifelong Learning of 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 community. Your input is always welcome!

## **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Curriculum Committee meets several times each semester to plan the sessions for the following semester. We also discuss changes to the current semester's program, and general curriculum-related business. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 18 in Woodard Meeting Room 2. This is the last meeting planned for this semester.

If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers, or if you just want to see how our committee works, please attend any of our meetings. You are under no obligation to become a committee member, unless you want to.

If you can't come to a meeting, give your suggestions to me or any other committee member at any time.

We always welcome any kind of comments, favorable or unfavorable. We exist solely to benefit you; please help us do that.

Alan Zirkle, chair  
Curriculum Committee  
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## **ON CAMPUS DINING**

ElderStudy members may use the Seacobeck dining hall 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.

## ***FLASH***

On the ElderStudy web page, the Book Group is now listed under Interest Groups. [www.elderstudy.com](http://www.elderstudy.com)

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Mary Washington ElderStudy welcomes our 43 new members and our returning members, making a total of 212 members so far. This 2012-2013 year with its many diverse programs offers mind stimulation and pleasurable programs. Come to as many as you can or you will feel you have missed a golden opportunity.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact any person on the membership committee either in person, by phone, mail or via the website. When you go to the website and click on "contact us," you will see the list of people on the membership committee and their duties. You can contact us on the information line at 540-654-1769. Leave a message and your call will be returned. Write to us at MW ElderStudy, UMW, 1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401, email us, or talk to us in person at one of the sessions. There is also a box on the contact list where one can ask questions or make comments. We reply to these as well. In this newsletter, you will receive membership names with their emails and other contact information.

Please feel free to come to one of the classes/programs even if you haven't received your nametag or new member packet. We always welcome you.

Plan to attend the General Membership meeting on October 12 for business and conversation.

This year's Holiday Luncheon will be held on December 6, 2012 at the Lake of the Woods Clubhouse. In this beautiful setting, you will have great food, good company, and the music of Doug Gately. Eugenia Jones is in charge of this fete. Reservations are sent to Rose Marie Schlemm as you will see when filling out the form that is attached to the newsletter. Guests are welcomed.

The next membership committee meeting will be on November 6, 2012 from 1:30 to 3 at Wegmans Food Court, second floor. All members of ElderStudy are welcome to attend.

Suzanne Willis, Chairman of Membership Committee

Our newsletter is generally available on the website earlier than thru the US Postal Service because of the many zip codes. Go to [www.elderstudy.com](http://www.elderstudy.com) to read it online. Please let me know if you don't receive it after a reasonable time has elapsed.

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### **1. ElderStudy 2011-2012 Year End Financial Reports**

The Year-End Operations Report and the Year-End Balance Sheet Report for the period September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012 are enclosed with this Newsletter. The membership for the period was 247, about 10% greater than had been anticipated. This membership resulted in a 14% greater membership fee income than had been expected. Interest income was lower than expected because the interest accrued on the 2 Certificates of Deposit which matured in March 2012 was reinvested with the CDs rather than transferred to the checking account. All expense categories were within their budgeted levels. The financial success of 2011-2012 allowed the Board of Directors to approve both reduced membership renewal fees for 2012-2013 and the award of grants to the University departments whose staff presented programs to ElderStudy during the year. The Balance Sheet Report illustrates the successful management of the ElderStudy assets.

For additional information, contact John Thompson (ES Treasurer).

### **2. The 2011-2012 Annual Audit and Tax Return**

The Annual Audit of the ElderStudy finances is being conducted by Wendell Anderson, an ElderStudy member. The Audit Report is expected to be completed in mid-November and will be submitted to the President for review and approval by the Board of Directors at the December 5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Approval of the Audit Report is required prior to filing the ES Tax Return which is due not later than January 15, 2013.

For additional information, contact John Thompson (ES Treasurer)

### **3. 2012-2013 ElderStudy Membership Count**

As of September 15<sup>th</sup>, ElderStudy has 212 members for the 2012-2013 year; this number includes 35 new members, 171 renewing members, and 6 retired UMW faculty members. Additional memberships are anticipated during the remainder of September and for the Spring Semester.

**BOOK GROUP NEWS**

All ElderStudy members are welcome to attend the Book Group sessions on the second Thursday of the month, from 1:00 to 3:00. You are welcome even if you have NOT read the book!

We meet in one of the Woodard Meeting Rooms on the upper level – usually in Meeting Room 1 or 2 – sometimes in the Red Room. Occasionally the assigned room changes, 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 e-book availability through your Kindle, Nook, etc.

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      Cutting for Stone, By Abraham Verghese

Twin brothers born of a secret union between an Indian nun and a British surgeon. Orphaned by their mother's death and their father's disappearance, bound together by a preternatural connection and a shared fascination with medicine, the twins come of age as Ethiopia hovers on the brink of revolution.

Discussion leader: Chuck Morgan

For further information, please contact Anne McGrath, Temporary Book Group Coordinator. ([amcgrath08@gmail.com](mailto:amcgrath08@gmail.com))

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELDERSTUDY

The Celebrate 20 Committee welcomes photos, information, reminiscences and ideas to help us mark this special time. We are also searching for a roster of original members. Please share these with the committee members listed below. Plans include a panel discussion with original members during the spring semester, and the recognition of founding members at the spring potluck luncheon on May 16, 2013.

Committee members: Eugenia Jones ([Eugenia13812@yahoo.com](mailto:Eugenia13812@yahoo.com)), Peg Johnson ([pegraj888@webtv.net](mailto:pegraj888@webtv.net)) John Massaro ([johnem6411@hotmail.com](mailto:johnem6411@hotmail.com)), Dot Meyers ([dottie@pookaville.com](mailto:dottie@pookaville.com)), Mary Ann Stana ([mastana10@hotmail.com](mailto:mastana10@hotmail.com)), Rose Marie Schlemm, Margareta Williamson ([keestonekees@gmail.com](mailto:keestonekees@gmail.com)), and Alan Zirkle ([az@azirkle.com](mailto:az@azirkle.com).)

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### RESERVATION FORM

Don't forget to fill in the reservation form (attached to this newsletter) for the December Luncheon and mail it to Rose Marie Schlemm. If you misplace your form, let me know and I can get you a replacement. It is easy to spot - it is on colored paper!

Dot Meyers [-dottie@pookaville.com](mailto:dottie@pookaville.com)

## **ELDERSTUDY RELATED COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

For the convenience and protection of its members, ElderStudy has a policy that the membership list, newsletter and e-mail list be used for only the conduct of official business.

We occasionally get requests from outside organizations asking that we publicize events they are sponsoring. Examples are UMW professors holding special functions open to the public or National Park Service special one-time tours and events. In addition, many members wish to be notified of the occasional passing of one of their fellow colleagues or UMW faculty.

To accommodate these special cases, a separate e-mail list is maintained. You must request that you be added to the list by e-mailing Stew Engel at [stew@infionline.net](mailto:stew@infionline.net) with "**ES Xtra Info**" as the Subject. You may request removal at any time.