ALL Points Bulletin January 2024





Thank you again to Barb Leable and the entire committee that helped create a memorable celebration of ALL's 25 years.

<u>Committee Members:</u> Barb Leable, Sharon Acerbi, Meredith Clubb, Patti Gross, Joyce Gyurina, Karen Kempinen, Patricia Koessl, Marilyn and Moreau MacCaughey.

Click here to view the Kenosha News article:

More than 100 members of Adventures in

Lifelong Learning — a University of WisconsinParkside Community Partner — gathered in the

UW-Parkside Ballroom to celebrate the
organization's 25th anniversary.

NOTE FROM THE ALL OFFICE:

Parking Permits (<- click here for the flyer) must be displayed in your vehicle when parked in any UWP lot. Please purchase passes from the ALL office. Day parking passes are available for \$6. The 2023-24 passes are available for purchase now.

If you have any questions please call 262-595-2793 or email me at lifelonglearning@uwp.edu.

You can also access all events on our website: https://www.uwp.edu/connect/friends/all.cfm, then choose Classes, Daytrips to register online.

MESSAGE FROM THE ALL PRESIDENT:

As ALL kicks off its 26th year, I would like to thank all who generously gave in response to ALL's fundraising appeal. I am overwhelmed by the generosity of our members and am very happy to report that we met our goal for this year's appeal. Thank you so much!

I would also like to thank the volunteer organizers and over 100 attendees who came to ALL's 25th Anniversary Celebration in the UWP Ballroom on Nov. 15. We enjoyed cake, camaraderie, and a look back at all that ALL has done. Barb Leable in particular worked long and hard to bring us a multimedia event!

On Dec. 4, the Holiday Gala was also a great success and put everyone in the holiday spirit! Thank you, Joyce Gyurina!

Pat Koessl is stepping down as chair of ALL's Finance Committee, and Jerry Topcik has generously stepped up to take on the role. Thank you to Jerry, and a very big thank you to Pat for her many years of service for ALL! We are glad she will be remaining on the Finance Committee.

Debbie Wiersum has stepped down as recording secretary, and Ed Bowden has volunteered to serve the remainder of her term. Thank you to both Debbie and Ed!

The Publicity Committee has been very active as we work to return our membership back to pre-pandemic levels. You may have noticed articles and ads in the Kenosha and Racine newspapers and we now have a very active Facebook group which I encourage you to check out and join. Promotional spots on WGTD begin in early 2024. And this busy committee is looking for additional members who are able to help and/or co-chair the committee! Please contact Vanessa for more information.

Many people at the 25th anniversary party mentioned how much they have enjoyed past Weeks of Learning. If you are one of them,



COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLASS COMMITTEE

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Another quarter has gone by and we continue the popular long running Met Opera series with Greg Berg. In addition we learned about Mary D. Bradford and Lawrence of Arabia. We covered inflation, along with gene editing for health.

Looking forward to this first guarter of 2024 we will be on the ground covering **Sustainable** globalization and Ethnic residential segregation. We also have Doctor Elizabeth Brownson scheduled and she will be covering Israel and Palestine relations over the years. And on a lighter historical note, there will be a class on the History of the Milwaukee Braves. In March we are hoping to have two classes to coordinate with planned day trips. One class we hope to schedule will be on the music of Bernstein and Gershwin. And getting off the planet and into the sky we want to schedule a presentation on Galileo to complement a day trip to the Yerkes Observatory.

The committee is now putting its efforts toward the second quarter, brainstorming ideas for classes and potential presenters. We hope you like what we are coming up with for 2024 and are able to attend many of them.

While the majority of our classes are provided by in-person presenters we still seek out subjects of interest that may best be done in an on-line format due to the location of some of the highly qualified presenters that are not available to us in-person.

PLEASE NOTE: The university parking shuttles are no longer running, and there is no plan at this time to resume offering that service to students or guests on campus.

consider volunteering to plan out a WOL for this summer! We are most in need someone who could serve as chairperson for the committee.

As an all volunteer-led group, volunteering is vital to our operations and survival. Volunteer opportunities abound, no matter what your preferences and abilities. Volunteering is a great way to meet people, have purpose, make a difference, feel good about yourself and feel needed and appreciated! Please contact Vanessa for more information or to volunteer.

Shelly Underhill, President Adventures in Lifelong Learning

FOCUS GROUP INFO

ALL-A-BLOOM

Dawn Feldman-Brown, Coordinator pdfbrown@yahoo.com, 262-694-1748 and



Pam Piatek, Coordinator, piatekpam@gmail.com

We will resume meeting in 2024, watch for more information in the April 2024 APB.

We usually meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10 am from <u>April until September</u> unless mentioned otherwise.

To be put on the email list for 2024 ALL-A-BLOOM events please email Dawn Feldman-Brown at the email above.

ALL Books All the Time

Nancy Barda: barda3989@gmail.com



Our group normally meets via Zoom the fourth

Wednesday of every month at 1 pm. The book selections are determined by the group and alternate between fiction and nonfiction.

The next meeting is going to be:

- January 24- The Secret Life of Sunflowers, Mata Molnar
- <u>February 28-</u> Everything Everything, Nicola Yoon

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Contact Nancy at the information listed above to join the mailing list and receive the list of

Due to the parking situation on campus and a lack of a shuttle option, it is our plan to offer most classes in rooms at Tallent Hall where there is ample parking near the entrance. During times the campus is not in full session we may occasionally use rooms in the main buildings.

The rooms at Tallent Hall are smaller in size so there will be a 40 capacity limit for in-person attendance. Virtual enrollment is unlimited. At the time you are registering for a hybrid option class you will be given a choice for inperson or virtual. Once in-person room capacities are reached all enrollment after will be automatically virtual. There will be **no in-person walk-ins allowed**.

In-person attendees will be asked to silence any phones and also asked to refrain from talking to each other once Vanessa has turned on the microphone in the classroom. Any noises and conversations in the classroom are picked up by the microphones in the ceiling of the rooms and then become annoying background noise for those listening in virtually and the conversations are broadcast to those listening on line.

<u>Parking permits</u> must be displayed in your vehicle when parked in any UWP lot. Please purchase those passes from the ALL office if you have not yet done so. Day parking passes are available for \$6 from Vanessa or the UWP police department.

We want to thank all of you who have supported our classes by virtual and in-person attendance. Our class fees help support our organization. And a big thank you to Vanessa who has worked diligently to make the on-line experience work well for us.

If you have questions with regard to the above class guidelines please contact Merrilee Unrath at (262) 694-7424 or Mary Ann Cassani at (815) 409-1807.

As always, the committee welcomes anyone that would like to join our committee. Contact co-chairs Marylee Unrath mleeu@wi.rr.com or Mary Ann Cassani, maryann.cassani@att.net.

Send us suggestions through our webpage, go to the <u>ALL website</u> and scroll down to Suggest a topic or use this form (<u>Suggest A Topic</u>). Choose the specific category so your request will be sent to the correct group.

DAYTRIP COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs: Fran Kavenik: <u>kavenik@uwp.edu</u> or

Carole Scotese: <u>mscotese@aol.com</u>

books.

BRIDGE

Patricia Gross:



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Social Bridge:

The bridge group meets at UW-Parkside, Tallent Hall break room on **Thursdays at 1:30 pm**.

Duplicate Bridge:

The duplicate group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday from

1 – 3:30 in the Tallent Hall break room.

You are all invited to participate independent of your skill level.

Everyone is welcome to join. Contact Patti at the email above for more information.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Linda Jacobson: dajacobson@hotmail.com
714-805-3519

Considering our sizable attendance, the ALL Current affairs group will continue with in-person discussions this year. The next meeting is Monday, January 15 and will continue monthly on the 3rd Monday between 12pm and 1:30pm, Tallent Hall, Orchard Room.

Our able moderator during 2023 has been Jeff Timm. THANK YOU, Jeff for giving your time and thoughtful leadership to our group!!! Jeff has decided to retire from this job, passing the duties to me, Linda. Jeff has left "big shoes" to be filled but with the group's patience and support, I hope to serve in his role. No worries, however, Jeff will continue to participate in the group discussions, keeping us on the "straight and narrow".

Our group is open to interested ALL members, who wish to discuss current topics relating to:

- 1. LOCAL issues near and around Kenosha and Racine
- 2. STATE issues: and
- 3. NATIONAL topics.

We occasionally branch out into the global/international arena, since whatever happens in the world can affect us locally. In the past, willing participants have made presentations on broad items of interest,

New Refund Policy for Day Trips

If you opt out of an ALL Day Trip, a refund will be given only if the refund request is made prior to the deadline for signing up for the event. You will be refunded the trip cost minus 11% UWP financial service fee and a \$5 office support fee. Alternatively, your ticket is transferable to someone else, and it's up to you to work out payment details. You must let Vanessa know who is taking your place before the trip's date.

If you choose to be refunded, it will be issued via original payment method or check at the discretion of ALL. Checks can take up to two weeks.

Completed Trips:

Oct 11, 2023, was the perfect day for 35 ALL members to view the fall leaf color on a coach bus trip to The Basilica & National Shrine of Mary at Holy Hill in Hubertus, WI. Inside the basilica, we marveled at its beauty. A few climbed the 178 stairs in the scenic tower for a better view. Just below the entrance to the church, 20 of us strolled down a tree-lined path to see the life-sized stations of the cross. A lovely dinner at nearby Fox & Hounds historic restaurant and tavern was a nice way to end this beautiful day trip. Thank you to Debbie and Pam. Click link for photos.

Oct 20, 2023: Friday: Self-drive to Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Prelude Series #1 Josefowicz & Bolero. Concert from 11:15 am to 1:30 pm. First concert in the series for 2023-24. Nancy led.

Oct 25, 2023: A coach bus took 41 ALL members to the Holocaust Museum and Education Center for a docent-led tour. We explored pre-war European life, rise of Nazism, the Holocaust, and post-war experiences of survivors as they resettled in Skokie, IL. We watched a hologram program, featuring Eva, a Holocaust survivor, and were able to ask questions afterwards. Our deli lunch, catered by Max & Benny's, was fabulous. Frances led this informative trip. Click link for photos.

Nov 10, 2023: Friday: Self-drive to MSO Prelude Series #2 *DeWaat Conducts Elgar*. Concert from 11:15 am to 1:30 pm. Nancy led.

Nov 30, 2023: A coach bus took 21 ALL members to Manitowoc, WI. First stop was lunch at the Courthouse Pub. Then on to the public library to learn about Manitowoc's Evergleam Story with a Kitsch-mas presentation by delightful hosts Barb and Jordan on aluminum trees from the 1960's. Later we got back on the bus for a guided tour of the

helping to expand our common knowledge. Examples included the Foxconn project, Social Security, union membership and background on Israel.

Our group will continue to respectfully welcome diverse perspectives, in order to increase the depth and breadth of our knowledge. If you are new to ALL or just interested or curious, please come, sit and listen. Of course everybody is encouraged to participate. I look forward to seeing you and hearing your thoughts.

If you would like to be on the group's mailing list, just contact me at dajacobson@hotmail.com.



The CLIMATE GROUP

Nancy Barda and Colin Carter, Coordinators Barda3989@gmail.com,

colincarter188@gmail.com

This is a new focus group. We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10am in the Orchard Room in Tallent Hall.

Upcoming Climate Meetings:

January 23 - Monthly meeting at UW-Parkside- 'Transportation' February 26 - Monthly meeting at UW-Parkside- Water Issues

In this group we will be talking about all aspects of the current climate crisis. We will also be collecting and sharing data about organizations that ALL members currently support, both globally and locally. Most importantly, we will be discussing what action we can take, both individually and as a group.

New members are welcome.

For more information or to join contact Nancy or Colin at the information listed above.

GREAT BOOKS

Doris Nice, Coordinator



dorisnice101@gmail.com, 262-694-2650

We welcome those interested to join us onthe fourth Monday of each month from 930-11

downtown shops with sparkling light displays of the aluminum trees in their windows. Thank you, Debbie, for a dazzling trip that you have been planning since 2019. Click link for photos.

Planned Trips:

Feb 21, 2024: Wednesday: Self-drive to Racine Gateway College's Breakwater Dining Room for a 5-course lunch created by the Gateway culinary students from 11:30 am to 2 pm. Max 45 people. Nancy to lead. Look for the flyer in your ALL January emails.

Mar 8, 2024: Friday: Self-drive to MSO Prelude Series # 3 for Bernstein & Gershwin. Concert from 11:15 am to 1:30 pm. Nancy to lead.

Mar 10, 2024: Sunday: Bus trip to the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra to see the Bernstein & Gershwin concert. May take a self-guided tour of the newly renovated state-of-the-art concert hall at the Bradley Symphony Center. Dinner after the concert at MO's Irish Pub. From 12:30 to 6:30 pm. We hope this one-time event will encourage more members to join ALL's MSO concert group that attends 6 concerts a year on Fridays. Nancy to lead. Look for a flyer in your ALL Feb emails.

Mar 26, 2024: Tuesday: Bus trip to Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, WI for a guided interior tour. Learn about its history and architecture, the astronomers and astrophysicists who worked here and the ongoing restoration of this iconic landmark. The telescope restoration is not yet complete, and the tour involves navigating uneven stone staircases with handrails. Lunch at Chuck's Lakeshore Inn in Fontana. From 830 am to 3 pm, look for a flyer in ALL Feb emails. Frances and Doreen to lead.

Send us suggestions through our webpage, go to the <u>ALL website</u> and scroll down to Suggest a topic or use this form (<u>Suggest A Topic</u>). Choose the specific category so your request will be sent to the correct group.

LECTURE SERIES

Meredith Clubb: docswife28@hotmail.com



Lectures Have a New Day of the Week and a new location! Live in person lectures resumed in August 2023. Moving the lectures to Fridays at 2 PM in Room L-131 of the Rita Building has worked well since parking close to the building is no longer a problem, and there are also more handicapped spaces then in the Cinema lot. Live attendance has been between 30 and 35 members. Lectures

am. We will continue meeting on Zoom.

The Great Books focus group is reading from "Great Conversations 3" published by the Great Books Foundation. The book contains essays, plays, poetry, etc. We discuss one selection each month. <u>Our upcoming selections</u> are by: Beauvoir, Paley and Szymborska.

New members are welcome. We always have thoughtful discussions using the text to deepen our understanding of the ideas presented.

For more information or to join contact Doris Nice at the information listed above.



GREAT DECISIONS

Shelly Underhill and Ed Bowden, Coordinators shelly.b.underhill@gmail.com 414-303-4264

The Great Decisions program is a discussion program designed to encourage study and discussion about important global foreign policy challenges faced by the U.S. It is sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, a non-profit organization founded in 1918 and dedicated to inspiring Americans to learn more about the United States' relationship with the world. Through balanced, nonpartisan programs and publications, the FPA encourages citizens to participate in the US foreign policy process.

Published annually by the FPA, the Great Decisions briefing book serves as the focal text for discussions on 8 topics and, along with a video lecture on each topic, provides background information, expert analysis, and suggested questions for each foreign policy issue. Participants are asked to volunteer to lead the discussion on one of the topics.

Our meetings are held in the Orchard Room of Tallent Hall on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 1-3 pm, typically with summers off.

Members buy their own 2024 briefing book directly from the Foreign Policy Association (fpa.org). I have purchased the lecture DVD set for the group's use, and we can split the cost of that (probably amounting to \$1-2 per attendee) at the first meeting.

are also streamed live and recorded for future viewing on the ALL website. There is also an elevator for those who have problems with stairs.

Upcoming 2024 topics will include:

- 01/12/24: Mayor John Antaramian of Kenosha
- 01/19/24: TBA
- 02/02/24: The New Children's Library in Kenosha
- 02/16/24: TBA
- 03/01/24: Mayor Cory Mason of Racine
- 03/15/24: TBA
- 04/05/24: Dr. Jeff Damaschke, topic pending
- **04/19/24:** History of Racine, Christopher Paulson
- 05/03/24: Halo Homeless Shelter of Racine
- **05/17/24:** The Underground Railroad, Pauline Mitchel
- 06/07/24: TBA

Each lecture will be announced the Thursday before with the link for easy viewing access. The links will also be available on our online calendar: ALL calendar

Recordings of past Lectures can be accessed online at:

https://www.uwp.edu/connect/friends/all lectures.cfm, scroll to the bottom and choose the date you want to view.

Any ideas for speakers or topics of interest can be sent through our website: go to the <u>ALL</u> website and scroll down to Suggest a topic or use this form (<u>Suggest A Topic</u>). Choose the specific category so your request will be sent to the correct group.

The Lecture Committee is always looking for new members to help select lecture topics and then arrange for a speaker. It does take some time to set up a topic and arrange for a speaker, especially since lecturers do not receive an honorarium, it takes them time to develop their lecture, and give up part of a Friday afternoon to present it. If you are interested, or would like more information, text Meredith Clubb at docswife28@hotmail.com.

If you are having any issues accessing these lectures please contact Vanessa in the office at 595-2793.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Joyce Gyurina: <u>joygy31@wi.rr.com</u>

ALL's Annual Holiday Gala (click here to view the photos) was held on Monday, December

This year's topics are, with tentative dates (see below):

Mideast Realignment - Feb. 7 Climate Technology and Competition - March 6 Science Across Borders - April 3 U.S.-China Trade Rivalry - May 1 NATO's Future - September 4 Understanding Indonesia - October 2 High Seas Treaty - November 6 Pandemic Preparedness - December 4

Participants can sign up anytime to lead discussion on a topic by emailing me.

In addition, the FPA has put out a similar 20-topic briefing book all about Ukraine. At the February meeting, we can decide if we want to purchase copies of this book and discuss any of these topics in addition to the above topics, such as in summer sessions in June, July, and August. I will bring a copy of this book to the meeting for anyone who wants to peruse it.

Shelly Underhill, Coordinator shelly.b.underhill@gmail.com



HIKING GROUP

Wendi Schneider, Coordinator wendiannette@yahoo.com

Hi, my name is Wendi Schneider and I'm taking over as the new coordinator of the

ALL hiking group. I first want to thank Nancy Barda for organizing the hikes over the last few years. It was much appreciated! I am also grateful to Julie Schilf and Gerrie Faber, who have volunteered to help organize the new hiking schedule, and Doreen DeCesaro, who has information about the various hikes we did in the past. The hiking group is on a break for winter but will resume in April 2024.

We will meet in January to plan a hiking schedule. Hiking routes in Racine and Kenosha county will be included, as well as northern Lake County in Illinois and southern Milwaukee County. Of course, we will also do the next leg of the Lake Geneva lake shore path in the fall. We will probably do Petrifying Springs more than once since it is between Racine and Kenosha and a beautiful park. We probably will continue to have the hikes on Thursday mornings. More details will be sent in early spring. We hope you will join us.

Don't forget you can hike in the winter, too! Get someone to go with you and choose days when there is little or no ice.

Wendi Schneider

4th, 2023 at Infusino's Banquet Hall in Racine, WI. The lunch was served family- style and included delicious Italian food as well as the entertainment. The Brandgas Strings played beautiful Christmas music with a "Jingle Bells" sing-a-long that put many in the Holiday mood. Four lucky attendee's went home with festive door prizes. There was much socializing and camaraderie — A great way to start this wonderful season.

Joyce introduced two guests from UWP; Crista Kruse, Director of Professional and Continuing Education and Stephanie Stamper, her Assistant Director.

Joyce also thanked Nat Cycenas and Patti Gross for helping with registration and Merrilee Unrath who helped plan the menu. There was a big round of applause for our secretary, Vanessa, for all her hard work and effort to make this such a successful event!!

Joyce Gyurina, Social Committee Chairperson



Our registration volunteers, Nat Cycenas and Patti Gross.



WELCOME to our NEW members!

October:

Anderson, Maureen Corning, Barb Davies, Dee Dee Friss, Patty Koeppen, John Larsen, Karen Lee, Judith Levis, Diane Petretti, Rita

November:

Binzel, Susan Coons, Bonnie Hansen, Marylis Knisley, Barbara

Non Fiction BOOK CLUB

Clarice Rohling: drohling1@outlook.com



We meet the first Monday of each month from 1:30 to 2:30 PM. Our small but vibrant Nonfiction Book Club zooms, (meets by Zoom only), every first Monday of the month at 1:30PM. The next meeting is going to be on 2/5/24 at 1:30 pm.

Upcoming readings:

- We will skip Monday Jan. 1st.
- Feb. 5th our book is *Revolutionary Sam Adams* by Stacy Schiff
- March 4th our book is Girlhood Letter to my Transgender Daughter by Carol Hays
- April 1st our book is *Poverty by America* by Matthew Desmond

New faces are always welcome to join us. Contact Clarice at drohling1@outlook.com or 262-653-0203 to join the mailing list and receive the link for the meetings.

POETRY

Ron Story, Coordinator ronstory45@gmail.com



We meet the second Monday of each month, 10- 11:30 am online via Zoom.

We are currently reading the April 2023 issue of *Poetry* magazine which features poetry from this year's eleven winners of the Ruth Lilly Prize. New members would have to find a copy of this magazine in order to participate.

Members volunteer to read and lead a discussion about the individual poems in the book. (We do not write our own poetry).

New members are certainly welcome. They should contact Ron at: ronstory45@qmail.com for further information.

PUBLICITY

Judy Reynolds, Coordinator reynojud@icloud.com

The Publicity committee has refined the first group of ads for the WGTD radio spots and signed the contract with the station. If you want to check out the site it's at www.wgtd.org.

Marlaire, Mark Miszewski, Barbara Norton, Carol Smith, Gilda Vash, Bernard Vash, Deb

December:

Bruss, Scott
Fennema, Paul
Fennema, Virginia
Nosalik, Susan
Smith, Tom
Smith, Cherry
Spa, Laurie



ALL Calendar

<u>Click here to view the calendars for January,</u> <u>February and March 2024.</u>

The calendar is update as information comes in.

The first of two holiday ads with Kenosha News and Racine Journal Times have also appeared. Our next venture will involve contributing to Racine County's new website focusing on active adults.

If you are or anyone you know is interested in joining the committee please email Judy Reynolds at reynojud@icloud.com.

ALL members know how much this organization has touched our lives by providing intellectual growth and social connection. Through several decades, dedicated ALL volunteers have continued to provide a wide array of enriching activities that gently consider our physical challenges as our minds and hearts remain open to new experiences.

Part of our stage of life is estate planning. Of course, provisions for loved ones should be our first priority, but if you are able, please, also, consider a bequest to ALL to enable it to serve seniors for years to come.

If you have any questions on this matter please contact the ALL office at 262-595-2793.

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Please forward any information to be listed to the ALL office: <u>LifelongLearning@uwp.edu</u>

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