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MESSAGE FROM ANNE

As the year is coming to a close, I have realized that I've been your president for six months. Where, oh where does the time go?

It is a great pleasure to be part of a group that is constantly seeking to learn something new or different. After all, the modern world is a vast and changing medium – can anyone know it all?

Much has been accomplished by the group during my tenure. In addition to attending outstanding lectures and “focus groups,” the members of ALL hosted a successful state conference; enjoyed ourselves at the annual picnic at Petrifying Springs and at a French dining experience in Lake Geneva; learned about Shakespeare and attended a production of his *Macbeth* in Milwaukee; attended cooking classes at Gateway and had a hand in the preparation of hors-d-oeuvre and dessert for our lovely holiday luncheon. We have formed an Educational Study Group and a Strategic Planning Committee and have provided support for Parkside's international students.

Anne Sovish, President (262-632-2063)

STATE CONFERENCE REPORT

The State LLI Conference, Oct. 14 & 15, met the Planning Committee's expectations of education, networking and conviviality. Friday's first event, a two city bus tour thoughtfully researched by Jim and Arlene Gardiner, was highly commended by 44 attendees who now have a fine introduction to Southeast Wisconsin. Esther Letven led the group in round table discussions of “Change,” requiring everyone to explore their own characteristics and those of our organizations and communities. Following an impressive Marriott meal we were entertained and enlightened by our substitute keynote speaker, David Hudson.

Saturday included an introduction to Parkside by newly appointed Dean Tom Schnaubelt, breakout sessions dealing with leadership and general interest topics and a panel which expanded on the New Urbanism theories presented by Hudson.

Thanks to our hardworking committee and the generous cooperation of UW-Parkside staff and faculty, LLI members from throughout the state and Upper Michigan have a better understanding of each others' organizations. They also received a delightful taste of our corner of Wisconsin.

Darleen Chiappetta, Chair

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

At the Dec. 2005 Board meeting, these motions were voted upon and passed:

- ❖ ALL to give \$500 to Chancellor Keating's discretionary fund
- ❖ All to contribute \$100 to the Aging Well Conference coordinated by Mark Marlaire, UW-Parkside
- ❖ All to co-sponsor and contribute \$100 for the lecture “Why Do We Have Difficulty Understanding the Arab World” given by Dr. Andrea Rugh.
- ❖ The Lighthouse used as the State Conference logo will be the new ALL logo
- ❖ The mission statement of the Educational Study Committee was approved
- ❖ Mary Larsen is the new chair of the Publicity Committee

BULLETINS

PARKING PERMITS

It has come to our attention that there are people parking with ALL permits and not hanging them in the vehicles. Recently while ticketing, a Parkside officer was approached by an upset member of ALL that didn't think she had to hang the permit. At this point he was approached by several other ALL members who didn't have their permits hanging in their vehicle but were able to show the officer they had permits in their glove box or in a tray in their vehicle.

The UW-Parkside Police Chief asked that ALL members be made aware of this situation. Since we have permits, we need to display them, or risk getting citations for non-display of permits. So, please remember to hang them from your mirror when you park at Parkside.

LECTURES

January 23, 2006: How to Get Your House Ready to Sell: Pat Formella, Realtor and Advisor

February 6, 2006: Eye Care and Aging: Drs. Kanwar and Paul Singh of the Eye Centers of Racine and Kenosha

February 20, 2006: Identity Theft: Susan A. Wisnecki, Asst. Vice President, Johnson Financial Group

March 6, 2006: The Amazing Lives of Parasites: Prof. Scott Thomson, Assoc. Prof. UW-P Dept. of Biological Sciences

March 20, 2006: Scientology: Mr. Molinaro

April 3, 2006: Changes in Russia since Gorbachev: Dr. Oliver Hayward

April 17, 2006: Respite for Caregivers: Ninna Frank, RN, Director of Community Outreach of Lincoln Lutheran

May 1, 2006: The New Civil War Museum in Kenosha: Paula Trohey, Director, Kenosha Public Museum

May 15, 2006: Dragon Boats: Adam Snith, Racine County Convention & Visitors Bureau

June 5, 2006: Humor, Good for Body and Soul

June 19, 2006: Annual Meeting and Lunch – Music Around the World: John Nichol森, Gateway Radio Reading Service

COMMITTEES

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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DID YOU KNOW? All has an Education Study Group? Our new ESG has been formed to broaden our understanding of the values of education in our Southeastern Wisconsin community and to acknowledge its benefits to us all.

DID YOU SEE? Julie Friedman's Letter to the Editor in the Kenosha News? Julie touched on one of the goals of the ESG – to enlighten area residents on the benefits of having UW-Parkside in our midst. For those who didn't see her letter, here it is: "A while ago someone wrote to the VOP about the many things to do in Kenosha. The local colleges and high schools have many fine offerings as well. I am most familiar with the UW-Parkside and would like to list just a few of the excellent programs that I have enjoyed there:

The Parkside Theatre presentations by the students are absolutely outstanding – the recent program of *Iphigenia at Aulis* and *The Trojan Women* was marvelous: a merging of two Greek tragedies with original music composed by a senior student. I am in awe of the talent of the students and instructors in this program. Many local high school students attended the performance and were absolutely riveted.

Other offerings: The Arts Alive series brings in many fine performers ranging from jazz to Chinese acrobats. The Foreign Film series has exciting and provocative movies from around the world for an absurdly low cost. Free Wednesday noon concerts are a lovely way to spend a lunch hour. The Art Gallery is always fun to walk through – some exhibits are by students, some by professionals. Parkside also provides many conferences and workshops for the community. There are Lectures, Science Nights, Friends of the Library talks and many others. There is the opportunity to audit courses free if you are over sixty and you have the consent of the instructor. It provides a home for Adventures in Lifelong Learning, a group of older adults who enjoy learning through lectures, classes, day trips and focus groups.

I am a transplant from New York and find this area stimulating, friendly and a wonderful place to live. The Kenosha News does a real service to the community by listing events in their Get Out section – so take advantage of what Kenosha offers – you will have a good time and will be so proud to live here. And, no, I am not on the staff of the college, I am just very grateful for all that Parkside provides."

Julie Rae Friedman

DO YOU HAVE A PARKSIDE EXPERIENCE TO SHARE? Or do you know Parkside alumni who would share their professional career with us?

- ❖ Look for regular updates on the progress of the Education Study Group Committee.
- ❖ Contact ESG Chairperson Christine Patton, 652-8816, for further information.
- ❖ **The next meeting of the ESG committee will be January 18th at 11:00 a.m.**

October 19, 2005 ESG meeting minutes: Kim Plache showed how an idea became a bill and went through intense scrutiny by several committees before it passed both houses of the legislature and then is sent to the governor. First, she said, a legislator will build a mailing list of his constituents – using lists of clubs, organizations, churches and any grouping of people with whom he can react in legislative matters. Pro and con pressures are possible at any point during a bill's progress through the system. Letters from the people are very important during the formation of bills, expressing approval or disapproval of its intent. She described how constituents' letters were regarded, i.e. five personally written letters were more influential than a packet of form letters signed by different people.

The members of the ESG were very interested in learning about this procedure and requested Ann Gehring to line Kim up for a next-fall presentation to the ALL membership. This is in no way a political talk; it is only an explanation of the way things are done in the legislature and has informational value to all of us. We would no doubt accompany this lecture with our ESG program to inform our members of legislative activity in which we are interested. In the time before the January meeting, we hope to have drafted samples of the flyer, APB column or other notification that the committee will want to distribute to the ALL membership – in keeping with our mission to inform.

Members of the ESG are encouraged to go on line and scroll around and surf about to find websites with information about our legislature's current activities. Main website for State of Wisconsin is wi.gov – go to Wisconsin Reference Bureau and the Wisconsin Fiscal Bureau. The Audit Bureau audits programs and prepares analyses. Others web sites are: www.wispoliticsd.com and www.thewheelerreport.com. We might get into the habit of checking these out occasionally to see what there is to see.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meg Andreitsch , Chair 886-5533

The Finance Committee meets regularly to review our financial processes. We go over the procedures for bill paying, trying to identify ways to save money or streamline the process. We have an event report to track income and expenses for classes and trips. We recently met and refined this event report. We also met with financial personnel at UW-P to get their input on our process, and to stay current with UW-P practices.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Mary Larsen, Chair 653-9669

ALL will have a new logo and a new publicity brochure. Watch for them.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

Frank Klein, Chair 654-8719

The International Friendship Committee hosted a picnic for UW-Parkside international students in September. It was well attended and had plenty of committee members who provided food and games.

Monthly friendship hours with the international students were held at UW-P in Oct., Nov. and Dec. With a new format, location and date, they were much better attended than the first year they were held (about 20-25 attending.) Food and beverage is provided at these socials with some funding assistance by ALL. The next Friendship Hours will be Feb. 15, March 22 and April 26. The location is room 163 in Molinaro Hall from 12 Noon to 1 p.m. ALL members are invited to these events. There were 14 new international students in fall 2005. Five additional students are expected for the next (spring) term. There are about 75 international students at Parkside.

The International Friendship Committee will be participating in the "World Festival" Celebration of Cultures sponsored by the Parkside International Club and the Center for International Studies. This is a weeklong set of events to be held March 27 to March 31st. There will be food, flags, music, art and exhibits from around the globe. New guidelines for Friendship Families are being prepared. Please consider joining this committee or just joining an activity to see what it's all about.

CLASSES

Pat Kummings 553-9944 and Pat Makarewicz 694-4978

The Class Committee closed 2005 with a flourish. Almost 40 members learned to make hors-d'oeuvres and cookies in a two-session class. These were served as an addition to the luncheon menu served by Gateway to 100 ALL members. Not only did we feast our eyes with the centerpieces made by ALL-Abloom, our noses, with the scents of Christmas foods, our taste buds with the food, our ears with bassoon duets, our hearts with Myrtle Johnson's reading of "A Christmas Tea," some of us were lucky enough to win the centerpieces.

Plans for 2006 include "Governments and their Political Systems" taught by Professor Jonathan Olsen in January and February and, in April, two lectures and attendance at "Romeo and Juliet" presented by Parkside. We'll sample Japanese cuisine and culture at the Spring Ethnic Dining event. Watch for the flyers on these classes. Join us. If you have ideas for classes, please contact either Pat Kummings or Pat Makarewicz.

A WEEK OF LEARNING (AWOL)

An organizational meeting for this year's Week of Learning is scheduled for January 18, 2006 in the Orchard Room at Tallent Hall. Any member interested in this committee is welcome. BRING YOUR IDEAS.

FOCUS GROUPS

ALL-ABLOOM

Nancy Elsmo 554-6509

Group meets Tuesdays Oct/May and Wednesdays June/Sept. Summer meetings are field trips. We are always open to new members. Just call Nancy Elsmo for details. Upcoming meetings to be held at 1:30 in the Tallent Hall Orchard Room are:

Tues. January 17, 2006: Swap and Share garden pictures and ideas plus a business meeting to plan for 2006.

Tues. February 21, 2006; Tues. March 28, 2006; Tues. April 25, 2006; Tuesday, May 23, 2006.

Nancy encourages ALL members to watch for information on "Wintergreen," a gardening one-day conference hosted by Gateway on January 27th. So don't suffer with cabin fever or the winter doldrums. Join ALL-Abloom and Think Spring!!

ART4ALL

Meg Andrietsch, Chair 886-5533 MegWi@aol.com

ART4ALL meets on the second or third Friday of the month at noon in Molinaro D130 (new classroom.) This group started in January of 2003 making this next year our 4th year of art learning. We started with the High Renaissance and we've moved along through history. We schedule an artist or two each month. Each member does research, and we all get together to talk about what we've learned. We try to find videos on the artist or the style.

Here's the schedule of dates for January-June, 2006: January 20, February 17, March 10, April 7, May 19, June 16.

These are all Fridays and we meet at 12:15. Let Meg know if you're interested. She'll add you to her email list and you'll get notices of where the meeting is that month. We'll be studying artists in the Rococo and Neoclassical styles. We're moving into the 1700s. Here's a few names we'll be looking at: Watteau, Tiepolo, Hogarth, Fragonard (all Rococo) and Reynolds, Gainsborough, Creuze, Copley, David and Ingres (Neoclassical)

BRIDGE

Julie Friedman 942-7113

The ALL Bridge group will be meeting on alternate Thursday afternoons starting Thursday, January 5 at 1:30 – 3:00 at Tallent Hall in the lunch room area – when you get to Tallent Hall just ask for directions at the desk. The room is on first floor on the Southeast corner of the building. Dates are: January 5,19; February 2,16; March 2,16,30, April 13,27 (may not meet on April 27 – due to a possible class session on Romeo and Juliet); May 11, 25.

If you like bridge we would love to have you join us for a very friendly, learning-teaching kind of game. Some are very good players and others are beginners or intermediates, so, no matter your skill, you'll have company! Spend a nice afternoon with some really nice people. If you need information, please call Julie Friedman at 262-942-7113.

OVER THE HILL HIKERS

Marge Miller 554-1613 margemiller1234@sbcglobal.net and Barbara Hart 554-7317

Two possibilities for walking indoors are:

1. 7 am – 9 am Fridays on the track of the UW-Parkside Physical Activity Center. Cost is \$3 per person or bring your membership card if you have one. There will not be a group leader there so you must pay at the desk according to J.R. Reed, the person in charge. Tell the desk you are an ALL member. You must wear sneakers or athletic shoes on the track. No heels, outdoor boots or other marking shoes. We are not sure if anyone will show up or not but for you early risers, this may be a chance to keep moving. This begins January 11th and runs through March. No tai chi is planned for this indoor walking.
2. Regency Mall in Racine is open at 9:30 am for indoor walking – no charge.

Future planning: Outdoor hiking will resume in early April depending on the weather. Think about leading a hike then, and during our 2006 season. Offer suggestions for places to go and explore and we can help. Call Marge Miller 554-1613 or Barb Hart 554-7317. Thanks to all who led hikes last season. If you were at all of those hikes, you walked 57 miles! Keep moving – take the stairs, not the elevator.

Any ALL member is invited to get on the e-mail or snail-mail list by calling one of the hiking coordinators, Barb Hart (554-7317) or Marge Miller (554-1613) or emailing a note to: margemiller1234@sbcglobal.net

BOOK DISCUSSION I

Alice Soule 652-3118

Meet third Wednesdays from 1 – 3. Book selection is rotated among members from 100 Best Books of the 20th Century. Selector leads discussion. This group is open to new members. Just call Alice Soule.

GREAT BOOKS

Sandy Halmo 552-8370 shalmo@execpc.com

Discuss Great Books as established by the Great Books Foundation. Meet 4th Monday of the month at 9 am in Tallent Hall. Currently the group is reading selections from *Order and Chaos*. Some selections are: *Bhagavad-Gita: Troth*; Gregor von Rezzoi; The Bacchae; Euripides: *Everything that Rises must Converge*; Flannery O'Connor and Poetry by Yeats, Stevens, Frost and Bishop.

SUGGESTIONS FOR A CLASSES OR FOCUS GROUPS

WANNA DANCE? WARM UP THIS WINTER BY GETTING IN STEP WITH JEANNE! EVERYONE (no partner necessary!) is welcome to meet with dance instructor Jeanne Ferraro AFTER the regular ALL program on January 23, 2006 to talk about the possibility of getting together to dance perhaps once a week. When Jeanne recently presented a program to ALL, she proved her instructional talents in getting us moving to her easy-to-follow instructions. She could introduce us to the basic steps, whether swing, fox trot, waltz, polka, country, rumba, salsa (but maybe half speed), or simple folkdances. She'd even throw in some tango for more fun. It's our choice so give us your input and let us know what you'd like.

IF INTERESTED BUT CANNOT BE AT THE JANUARY 23 MEETING, please call Marge Miller at 262-554-1613 or email her at: margemiller1234@sbcglobal.net.

FINANCES & INVESTMENT FOCUS GROUP

It might be fun and informative to compare small investments, picking stocks or mutual funds with some initial investment in index funds as an experiment. Is there someone in ALL who trades on-line and might be willing to teach and lead us? Contact Marge Miller (554-1613) if you are interested in forming this focus group, and whether you might consider leading/guiding it.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

If you know of any members who could be featured in the "SPOTLIGHT ON" please call the editor, Sandy Halmo at 552-8370 or e-mail at shalmo@execpc.com.

❖ **Pat Formella** was awarded the Humanitarian Award 2004-2005 by Kenosha Realtors Association, Inc. for involvement in Community Service. Congratulations, Pat.

❖ **Delores Gapanowicz.** Kenosha News readers probably saw the picture and article Oct. 13, 2005 about our own ALL member, Delores Gapanowicz. It begins, “When Delores Gapanowicz sat down 25 years ago to begin writing a haunted house mystery story for her elementary students, she didn’t envision publishing it. She just wanted to have a story that didn’t bore her students to sleep.” Now, at 76 years old and retired from teaching for nearly 15 years, the story Gapanowicz set out to write may soon be getting attention from more than just children in Kenosha. Last fall, Gapanowicz removed the dusty, typewritten pages of her mystery from a shelf and had the story published.

“With the help of Nightengale Press, a small publisher in Gurnee, IL, ‘*The Finchley House Mystery*’ recently made it to store shelves. The publisher has called the book “a humorously chilling tale that keeps the tension high and the young reader’s interest engaged from start to finish.” The book is appearing at the Frankfurt International Book Fairs this month and the Beijing International Book Fair in November.” Gapanowicz’s calendar is also starting to fill with visits to club meetings and promotional stops.

“Looking back, Gapanowicz doesn’t mind it took 25 years to get her next career started. She’s just glad ‘The Finchley House Mystery’ now has a life of its own. “I’m just glad it’s finally between covers because I really thought it would have been a shame for all that work of mine to go to waste,” Gapanowicz said. “I never read a story like that when I was young, but wish I had because it’s a very interesting and suspenseful story.” *The Finchley House Mystery* is available at amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com and borders.com, and at the Kenosha Public Library.

You’re an inspiration to all of us, Delores. We’re so proud of your achievement.

❖ **Marnie and Frank Klein - Lois and George Alfsen**

Friday, Nov. 25, 2005, Kenosha News had another article about ALL members. They give us good publicity, don’t they” I glanced at the picture and recognized Frank’s smiling face. He’s pictured with his niece and host daughter, Desiree Geissdorf. The article features Frank and Marnie, acknowledging ALL’s International Friendship Committee.

Frank explained how the Committee helps international students become accustomed to a new way of life by inviting them to dinner, shopping, family outings, holiday gatherings, helping fill out IRS forms and more. Frank is quoted: “I like the ongoing education I receive about students and their cultures. It’s really the intercultural thing we like. The students never live with their host families, not permanently, because most people our age don’t look to having more people at home.”

Lois Alfsen says in the past three years she has grown close to Bindra Sukheja of Punjab, India, an accounting student at Parkside and has learned much about the customs and culture of India.

❖ **Julie Friedman.** On the same page in the Kenosha News, a sidebar had information on joining All and an interview with our own President-elect Julie Friedman (including her photo).

Julie gave information about ALL activities and told that when she moved to Kenosha from New York seven years ago, she was pleasantly pleased to find a group of older adults who were doing more than just sitting around and playing cards – although the organization has offered a crash course in the art of playing bridge. “I think we’ve always loved to learn. That’s why this group is so interesting for us because we’re always learning something different or new. It’s like popcorn for us. I just think we’re all fascinated and the lectures are all really very good” said Friedman, a retired professor who was the chairwoman of the food and nutrition department at State University of New York.

Copies of these newspaper articles are available from the ALL office, if you wish to read them in their entirety.

**A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL
MAY WE LEARN MORE AND MORE TOGETHER**

Sandy Halmo, Editor