ALL Points Bulletin April 2024



NOTE FROM THE ALL OFFICE:

For a few years now ALL has been using different online streaming services such as Zoom to facilitate online classes. With the different online services there comes a variety of issues that are usually easy to fix. Here are a few suggestions to help with online issues:

- 1. Shut down device and restart. A simple restart refreshes all the system memory registers making it ready to start over.
- 2. Check for slow or unreliable internet connection. This could mean upgrading your equipment such as modem and router. Contact your internet provider for help with this.
- 3. Use headphones for better sound. Headphones are designed to reduce background noise, making it easier to hear what is being said. Also: Turn off Bluetooth to make sure your sound is not inadvertently going to a connected Bluetooth device instead of your computer speakers, and be sure your computer volume is turned up.

If these suggestions don't help you can try contacting your internet provider for more help.

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 <u>lifelonglearning@uwp.edu</u>.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLASS COMMITTEE

Merrilee Unrath: <u>mleeu@wi.rr.com</u> or Mary Ann

MESSAGE FROM THE ALL PRESIDENT:

Thank you to everyone who donated to ALL during our winter fundraising campaign! Thanks to your generosity, ALL is stronger financially after the setbacks of the pandemic. Other ways for our members to get involved in ALL is through volunteering (contact Vanessa to learn more) or making suggestions for classes, lectures and day trips. To do this, go to our wonderful website <u>uwp.edu/all</u> and click on the black box "Adventures in Lifelong Learning" on the right side. From the dropdown menu, click on "Suggest a Topic".

Since the pandemic began, we have worked hard to make ALL lectures, classes, and many focus groups available to everyone online regardless of the weather, a member's personal health and preferences, and the ebbs and flows of the pandemic. These online opportunities, which didn't even exist four years ago, have served to keep more members actively engaged in ALL. We know, too, that sometimes it has been a bumpy ride for our members as we work through technical problems that inevitably crop up. We believe recent problems have now been fixed. For better online viewing, see the ALL Office column for suggestions on how to troubleshoot.

Shelly Underhill, President Adventures in Lifelong Learning

FOCUS GROUP INFO

ALL-A-BLOOM Dawn Feldman-Brown, Coordinator <u>pdfbrown@yahoo.com</u>, 262-694-1748 and



Pam Piatek, Coordinator, piatekpam@gmail.com

We are changing the day that we meet to the

Cassani: maryann.cassani@att.net

Another quarter has gone by and we continue the popular long running Met Opera series with Greg Berg. In addition we had Dr. John Skalbeck return for a class on global sustainability and Dr. Kenny French exploring residential segregation with a focus on Milwaukee. Doctor Elizabeth Brownson did a timely presentation on the Israel/Palestine situation. And speaking of time, she was running out of time at the 1967 war and was spontaneously recruited with great enthusiasm by those in attendance to continue her presentation beginning with 1967 to the present. We also had a class on the historic Milwaukee Braves given by a group whose hobby is reminiscing about the Braves history. In anticipation of an MSO concert day trip, Laura Rexroth did a class on Bernstein and Gershwin. To prepare those planning to day trip to the Yerkes Observatory, and other interested parties, we had a Badger Talks presentation on Galileo dispelling some old myths but giving us insight into the fascinating person he actually was. The final class of the first guarter was a hands on essential oils demonstration with a take home oil.

Coming up soon is the aforementioned <u>Part Two</u> <u>class on Israel/Palestine</u> and a program about <u>set design for an upcoming Parkside theater</u> <u>production</u> of Peter and the Starcatcher. <u>Downsizing</u> seems to be a topic of great interest to many of our members and we

have duly found someone who helps seniors sort through their "stuff" while navigating a move to a smaller space. We also have a presentation about the <u>Indian burial mounds at</u> <u>Aztalan</u> by Robert Birmingham who literally "wrote the book" about this historic Wisconsin site.

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.

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> 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.

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

3rd Thursday of the month at 10 am.

Tentative dates are:

4/25/24- First meeting at UWP, Tallent Hall, Orchard room. We will have coffee and snacks and discuss the upcoming season. Feel free to bring something to share.

5/16/24- TWO GARDENS:

10-11 am Visit to Marvin Letven's yard/garden at 4341 Greenbriar Lane, Racine, WI, he is the president of the Root River council. 11a-12p- Visit to Susan Blackwell's garden at 5102 County Line Road, Racine, WI.

6/20/24- Visit to Virginia Fennema's yard/garden at 8520 108th Avenue, Pleasant Prairie, WI.

7/18/24- Visit to Dawn Feldman-Brown's yard/garden at 10169 Lakeshore Drive, Pleasant Prairie, WI, for the annual picnic. Also, Art Scheele will give a talk on how to trim bushes and trees; bring your questions.

8/15/24- Visit to Pam Piatek's yard/garden at 10409 Prairie Crossing Drive, Franksville, WI.

9/19/24- Melissa Warner from Root River Council, is going to give us a tour of Colonial and Island Park in Racine. Meet at **TBA**.

10/17/24- Visit to Apple Holler, 5006 S Sylvania Ave, Sturtevant, WI 53177, for tour and lunch to finish off the year. *Separate events and lunch are not included.*

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: <u>barda3989@gmail.com</u>



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:

- <u>March 27-</u> Valiant Women, Lena Andrews
- <u>April 24-</u> Lincoln Highway, Amor Towles
- May 22- How the word is Passed, Clinton Smith

there will be a 40 person capacity limit for inperson 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 inperson walk-ins allowed**.

<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.

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 <u>mleeu@wi.rr.com</u> or Mary Ann Cassani, <u>maryann.cassani@att.net</u>.

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>

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:

Feb 21, 2024: We had 45 members enjoy a 5course tasty lunch created by the Racine **Gateway College's culinary students** made just for us! Thank you, Nancy, for the lovely self-

Everyone is welcome to join us.

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

BRIDGE Patricia Gross:



patriciagross368@yahoo.com

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: <u>*dajacobson@hotmail.com*</u> 714-805-3519



The ALL Current affairs group will continue with in-

person discussions this year. The upcoming meetings will be on the third Monday of each month, with the March 18 and April 15 being the next dates. We will gather between 12pm and 1:30pm, in Tallent Hall, Orchard Room.

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, 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

drive trip. See link for photos.

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

Mar 10, 2024: A coach bus took 40 members to see the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. Many took the self-guided tour of the newly renovated Bradley Symphony Center and marveled at how the new architecture tied in with the old. George Li mesmerized the audience with his ability to play the piano seemingly with his whole body. The music of Ravel, Bernstein and Gershwin was a real crowd pleaser. Our dinner at MO's Irish Pub was just around the corner. Nancy led this delightful, classical trip. <u>See link</u> for photos.

Mar 26, 2024: A coach bus took 40 members to Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, WI for a guided interior tour. We learned about its history and architecture, the astronomers and astrophysicists who worked there and the ongoing restoration of this iconic landmark. Lunch at Chuck's Lakeshore Inn in Fontana was delightful. Frances and Doreen led this informative trip. See link for photos.

Planned Trips:

April 10, 2024: Wednesday: Bus trip Two Firehouse Tours in Milwaukee. Take a docentled tour of MKE fire department Historical Society & Museum, housed in a 1927 firehouse designated as a historical landmark. Lunch at Omega Restaurant, followed by a visit to the Oldest Firehouse #1 in Milwaukee, founded in 1839 and still in use. We will see equipment, historic photos, and fire engines, both old and modern. Peggy to lead.

April 18, 2024: Thursday: Bus trip to Oak Creek, WI for lunch at Water Street Brewery from noon to 1:30 pm and then on to the MKE Art Museum for the <u>"Art in Bloom"</u> event with stunning art-inspired floral arrangements, set among the collection galleries. Debbie to lead.

April 26, 2024: Friday: self-drive to MSO Prelude Series #4 for Liszt Piano & Symphonie Fantastique. Concert from 11:15 to 1:30 pm. Nancy to lead.

May 5, 2024: Sunday: Bus trip to Milwaukee Chamber Theater to see a matinee performance of *The Not-so-Accidental Conviction of Eleven MKE Anarchists.* A comedy based on the true story of the 1917 bomb explosion inside the Oneida Street police station. Early dinner at Trattoria di Carlo in Oak Creek. Frances to lead.

May 10, 2024: Friday: self-drive to MSO Prelude Series #5 for Dvorak's New World Symphony.

increase the depth and breadth of our knowledge. If you wish to discuss a specific issue or would like to make a presentation on an issue of interest, feel free to contact our moderator, Linda Jacobson, in advance of an upcoming meeting. If you are new to ALL or just interested or curious, please come, sit and listen. Regardless of your participation level, come prepared to consider the pressing issues of the day. **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 <u>dajacobson@hotmail.com</u>. If you would like to be on the group's mailing list, just contact me at <u>dajacobson@hotmail.com</u>.



The CLIMATE GROUP

Nancy Barda and Colin Carter, Coordinators <u>Barda3989@gmail.com</u>,

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.

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



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We welcome those interested to join us on the fourth Monday of each month from 930-11 am. We will continue meeting on Zoom.

The Great Books focus group is reading from "Great Conversations 3" published by the Great

Concert from 11:15 to 1:30 pm. Nancy to lead.

June 14, 2024: Friday: self-drive to MSO Prelude Series #6 for Hadelich Plays Tchaikovsky. Concert from 11:15 to 1:30 pm. Look for the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Prelude Series 2024-25, SIX concerts flyer in the July emails. Nancy to lead.

June 26, 2024: Wednesday: Bus trip to Milwaukee and to the Mitchell Park Domes for a docent-led tour of the 3 domes: Floral, featuring *United Plants of America*; the Arid; and the Tropical. Lunch in between and then a docentled tour of the Grohman Museum. It is home to the world's most comprehensive art collection dedicated to the evolution of human work. From 8 to 5 pm. Look for a flyer in May emails. Debbie 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





Lectures Have a New Day of the

Week and a new location! Live in person lectures are going well since being resumed in August, 2023 on Fridays at 2 PM twice a month. Lectures this semester are being held in Talent Hall since UWP needed the classroom in the Rita Building we used last semester. Lectures continue to be streamed live and recorded for members unable to attend in.

Upcoming 2024 topics will include:

- 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
- 06/14/24: Brian Mullgardt: The 1968 Chicago Democratic Convention

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: <u>ALL calendar</u>

Recordings of past Lectures can be accessed online at:

https://www.uwp.edu/connect/friends/all_lectur es.cfm, scroll to the bottom and choose the date Books Foundation. The book contains essays, plays, poetry, etc. We discuss one selection each month. <u>Upcoming selection</u>: We will begin a new, yet to be decided on, reader in June.

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. Members buy their own 2024 briefing book directly from the Foreign Policy Association (fpa.org). 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, with summers off.

Remaining topics for 2024 are:

Climate Technology and Competition - April 3 Science Across Borders - May 1 U.S.-China Trade Rivalry - Sept. 4 NATO's Future - Oct. 2 Understanding Indonesia - Nov. 6 High Seas Treaty - Dec. 4 you want to view.

Any ideas for speakers or topics of interest can be sent through our website: go to the <u>ALL</u> <u>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.

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: joygy31@wi.rr.com

SAVE the DATE!! Monday, June 17th - ALL'S Annual Meeting & Luncheon! Election of Officers , Board Members at Large, Focus groups and committee information & sign-up.

You won't want to miss the awesome entertainment all the way from Tennessee hopefully tentatively, almost certain they can be here that day. They plan to shower us with music you will love!

Look for the flyer in May- mark your calendars. Monday, June 17th !! Looking forward to seeing many friendly ALL members and guests!

Joyce Gyurina, Social Committee Chairperson



WELCOME to our NEW members!

January: Eggert, Nancy Kastelic, Diane McConnell, Mike Shore, Susan Please contact me if you are interested in joining our group.

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

Click here to view Hiking flyer



HIKING GROUP

Wendi Schneider, Coordinator wendiannette@yahoo.com

The ALL Hiking Group invites you to join the fun of discovering the many scenic

trails in Racine and Kenosha counties (plus some beautiful spots in Milwaukee and Northern Illinois). *SEE FLYER ABOVE for more information.*

We meet every Thursday morning from April through October at 9:30 am- about 11:30 am (barring severe storm warnings). Walks are generally 2+ miles in distance (although many offer options for shorter or longer routes).

Trail surfaces are moderate – mowed or groomed walkways, hard packed earth, gravel, asphalt, etc. There may be some change in elevation and walking surface on various trails, but we try to let you know what to expect for each hike.

Some places we'll go in 2024:

- Petrifying Springs Park
- Poerio Park
- Lake Andrea (3 different hikes)
- Wehr Nature Trail (Whitnall Park)
- Hawthorn Hollow
- Pike River North Trail
- Van Patten Woods Sterling Lake
- Chiwaukee Prairie
- Seno Conservancy Woodland Trail
- Kenosha & Racine Lakeshore hikes
- River Bend Nature Center
- Grant Park Seven Bridges Trail
- Lake Geneva Lakeshore segment

To be added to the email list for group reminders/information please email Wendi at <u>wendiannette@yahoo.com</u>.

Wendi Schneider

Non Fiction BOOK CLUB Clarice Rohling:

February:

Blandford, Lissy Caporaso, Marsha Cross, Frederick Huck, Sally Larsen, Mary Raimonde, Mary Raimonde, Michael Walter, Don Walter, Kathy Wheeler, Rochelle

March:

DeFrancesco, Linda Flashinski, Linda Fornander, Eric Mangi, Pat Nikolai, Joan Nowicki, Julia Sanborn, Tim Spencer, Jody

There will be a NEW MEMBER MEET AND GREET on May 8th from 10a-12p in the Orchard Room, Tallent Hall. We will provide the Kringle but please bring your own drink.

This meeting is open to anyone that has questions regarding ALL. Please RVSP to Marion Sperer, Membership Chair at: mjs1831@yahoo.com.



ALL Calendar

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

The calendar is updated as information comes in.

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,

<u>drohling1@outlook.com</u>

We meet the second Tuesday of each month from 1:30 to 2:30 PM. Our small but vibrant Non-fiction



Book Club **zooms**, *(meets by Zoom only)*. The next meeting is going to be on **4/9/24 at 1:30** pm.

Upcoming readings:

- <u>April 9th</u> our book is *Poverty by America* by Matthew Desmond
- <u>May 14th</u> our book is *The Wager* by David Grann

New faces are always welcome to join us. Contact Clarice at <u>drohling1@outlook.com</u> 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 still working our way through the April 2023 issue of Poetry magazine which features poetry from 2023's eleven winners of the Ruth Lilly Prize. New members would have to find a copy of this magazine in order to participate now or wait until we finish with it sometime this summer.

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: <u>ronstory45@gmail.com</u> for further information.

PUBLICITY

Judy Reynolds, Coordinator <u>reynojud@icloud.com</u>

Our website is now included in Racine ADRC's directory for "active" adults at www.racinecounty.com/departments/human-services/aging-disability-services/active-adults/activities.com.

WGTD continues to include ALL's events in its radio spots. Click to view their site: www.wgtd.org.

consider a bequest to ALL to enable it to serve seniors for years to come.

To make a donation please click: https://www.uwp.edu/giving/all-giving.cfm

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

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

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



<u>Richard "Spike" Herz-</u> <u>Please click to view obituary</u> <u>information.</u>

Thomas George Mueller-Please click to view obituary information.

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

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