

## **ALL'S FOCUS GROUPS (Revised December 2017)**



### **ALL-A-BLOOM**

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ALL-A-Bloom is a subject group devoted to members interested in nature, horticulture and exploration of area public and private gardens. The goal is to continue learning about horticulture from each other and from area experts. The group plans meetings and field trips.



### **ALL P. M. BOOK CLUB**

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The ALL P. M. Book Club will alternate between selections of fiction and non-fiction, including general fiction, mysteries, science and/or historical fiction, plus a variety of non-fiction books. The only criteria are to read the book and be ready to enter into the conversation. Meetings are usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 1 PM in Tallent Hall. Meetings will not be held in June or December.



### **AM NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB**

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The AM Non-Fiction Book Discussion group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month in Tallent Hall at 9:30 AM. This group will focus on the non-fiction category. A list of non-fiction books will be compiled for future discussion. Everyone is welcome.



### **CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSIONS**

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Meetings are held in the Tallent Hall Orchard Room at noon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month where a group of curious, thoughtful ALL members get together to discuss local, national and international events of the day. Topics have ranged from infrastructure to privatizing long-term care in WI, from net neutrality to Brexit, from the South China Sea to the White House, from Russia to hopeful innovations in science and technology. We search for solutions that elude politicians, economists, and leaders in business, labor and education. We generate a better understanding of the issues due to the diversity of our participants. Simply put, we learn from each other. You are invited to join us. We think you will enjoy participating in our spirited discussions.



### **DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

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The Duplicate Bridge focus group has a lot of fun while learning to play and score a round for 2 or 3 tables, or learning how to use the Stayman Convention. You do not need to have a bridge partner to join the group. If you want to be dealt in, call Patti or email to be included in our schedule.



### **GREAT BOOKS**

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The Great Books group gives members the opportunity to read examples of important writings and to participate in lively discussions. A key component of the discussion is skillful listening. Read carefully, listen closely and occasionally offering thoughtful input creates an atmosphere where personal opinions and ideas flow quickly and freely. The group meets at 9 AM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month in Tallent Hall. We take turns leading the discussions. Everyone is welcome.



### **GREAT DECISIONS**

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Great Decisions is a discussion program offered through the Foreign Policy Association. Founded in 1918, the FPA, through balanced, nonpartisan programs and publications, encourages citizens to participate in the U.S. foreign policy process. The Great Decisions program has been in existence for 60 years. It is adapted to multiple formats, including informal discussion groups, public lectures and formal secondary and university courses.

The All Great Decisions group uses the informal discussion format. Published annually by the FPA, the Great Discussions briefing book with eight timely foreign policy topics serves as the text to read and study before each topic discussion and along with a DVD presentation on the date of the session, it provides background information, expert analysis and suggested questions for each foreign policy issue under discussion. Program is the oldest and largest grass-roots world affairs educational program of its kind in the country. We're pleased to announce the topics for *Great Decisions 2018*! This year's topics are as follows:

- The waning of Pax Americana?
- Russia's foreign policy
- China and America: the new geopolitical equation
- Media and foreign policy
- Turkey: a partner in crisis
- U.S. global engagement and the military
- South Africa's fragile democracy
- Global health: progress and challenges

The briefing books are pre-ordered by the coordinators once members have signed on to participate and paid for the book. Sign-up takes place in October of each year for the following year's

participation. The books are printed in December by the FPA and distributed the following January. Sessions are scheduled once each month for 8 months, February through September. Tentative dates and times are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 1:00 – 2:00 pm, in Tallent Hall, Rooms 182 and Orchard Room.

If you are interested in participating in this group or want more information, please contact Therese Constant by phone or e-mail. A reminder with information about signing up will be posted in the APB previous to the October date.



## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FRIENDSHIP**

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### **The office of International Student Services invites ALL to participate in the NEW Cultural Connection Program for the 2017-2018 academic year! What is the Cultural Connection Program (CCP)?**

The Cultural Connection Program pairs UW-Parkside international and exchange students with members of the community. Similar to a host family program, it has no live-in component. The CCP is a great opportunity to foster relationships with incoming international students and make them feel welcome at UW-Parkside and in the USA. As a host, you share culture, tradition and favorite things/pastimes with the student, as the student's role is to share the same with you! This program aims to provide opportunity to develop mutually beneficial relationships through interacting and engaging with people from diverse backgrounds and cultures.

#### **What will the student and I do together? What should I expect?**

There are no limits on how often CCP students and hosts meet/spend time together. The growth and maintenance of the relationship is completely up to you! **Some ideas for mutual activities include:** inviting students for holiday events (Independence Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.), touring and shopping trips, having a meal together, etc. Hosts are not expected to support their student financially, provide lodging or get involved in any legal situations. For more details on the program, visit us online at: [www.uwp.edu/learn/internationalstudentservices/culturalconnection.cfm](http://www.uwp.edu/learn/internationalstudentservices/culturalconnection.cfm).

#### **Who can become a host?**

- . Single individual, a couple, or a family who is a member of the UWP campus community
- . Must commit to being involved in the CCP for one academic year and adhere to the CCP Guidelines.
- . Must desire to engage in an international friendship and be open to learning about and experiencing a new culture while sharing the values and traditions of their own!

#### **Apply to become a CCP host now! Applications are available on line:**

[http://uwparkside.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3q6egaaJEVZ9jhP](http://uwparkside.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3q6egaaJEVZ9jhP)

Hosts will be informed of their assigned student once a match has been made and will be invited to the Fall International Welcome Picnic in September. This is a great opportunity to cultivate relationships and create memories that will last a lifetime! If you have any questions regarding the program or involvement, please contact Diane Mantey at [mantey@uwp.edu](mailto:mantey@uwp.edu).



### **OVER-THE-HILL HIKERS**

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The coordinators plan hikes to start in May and usually begin at 10 AM and go until about 11:30. Afterwards the group often gathers for lunch at a local restaurant near the hiking location. There is usually no cost to participate in the hike except for an occasional park fee or lunch if interested. Most of the hikes are in Kenosha or Racine counties with an occasional hike in northern Illinois or Lake Geneva. Afternoon hikes will also be offered from 4 to 6 pm. Details about each hike will be emailed to all hiking participants in advance. To contact the leaders to add your name to the list, send an email to [parksidehikers@gmail.com](mailto:parksidehikers@gmail.com).

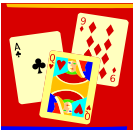


### **POETRY**

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The poetry group is for those who enjoy poetry and want to understand more about it and wonder where the rhymes are. Members take turns leading and the leader suggests a poet or poem to be discussed, interpreted, and better understood. This group meets at 10 AM the second Monday of each month in the Prairie Room of Tallent Hall.



### **SOCIAL BRIDGE**

Contact

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Social Bridge is a friendly group of players who try to improve their skills and practice strategies. We play in the Tallent Hall break room Thursdays from 1:30-3:30 PM. To be dealt in, call or email Patti to be included in our schedule.



### **TECHNOLOGY**

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The Technology Focus Group will provide opportunities for expanding knowledge of current and new technology including gadgets and gizmos. This will be accomplished through demonstrations and discussions with members helping members or by inviting guests to present topics. Meetings are usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 1:30 PM in Tallent Hall. For hands-on instruction, the group meets in a UW-Parkside Computer Lab.