ADVENTURES IN LIFELONG LEARNING - FOCUS GROUPS

ALL-A-BLOOM
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ALL-A-Bloom is a subject-interest group devoted to members’ interests 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.

BRIDGE
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The ALL Bridge Focus Group is an enthusiastic group of bridge players who are striving to improve their skills & strategies in a friendly, non-competitive atmosphere. We view our weekly sessions as practice; we help & teach each other as situations arise; we enjoy short lessons led by members when requests are made. The members are at many skill levels: members who have played bridge for years, members who have not played regularly, & members who are new to the game. Anyone interested can contact the Chair of the group by e-mail or telephone.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE
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It is the intent for the ALL Duplicate Bridge Focus Group not to achieve master points, but rather to have fun learning the operation of duplicate bridge with bidder boxes, trays and score sheets for each hand. You need not have a bridge partner to join the group. Since this is a new group, please contact Patti Gross for the time and location.

CURRENT AFFAIRS
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This is an “Open End” monthly free-wheeling discussion group. Members will decide the issues to be addressed and share thoughts along with new or differing perspectives. Sessions will be in three parts – current affairs, local and national news.
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 discussions is skillful listening. Reading carefully, listening closely and occasionally offering thoughtful input creates an atmosphere where opinions and ideas flow quickly and freely. This group reads shorter selections compiled in one book. Meetings are in Tallent Hall at 9 am on the fourth Monday of the month.

Great Decisions began late in 2007 when the Education Study /Futures Committee was reclassified as a focus group. Developed by the Foreign Policy Assn. in 1954, the Great Decisions Discussion Program is the oldest and largest grass-roots world affairs educational program of its kind in the country. Members purchase a study guide booklet each year and attend the eight meetings held on Wednesdays during February and March.

If you want to make the world a better place and meet bright, interesting young people from other countries, this is the group for you. There are many students, and we can always use more people, so consider joining. Members are involved only as much as they want to be – there are no set duties or time requirements. A friendly, open spirit and the desire to promote international goodwill are the only requirements. Members sometimes offer transportation, a home-cooked meal, shopping or cultural adventures, etc. The mission statement and goals are being written to reflect the change of International Friendships from a committee to a focus group who will serve the changing needs of the University. We are proud to be the only service organization of ALL, and are grateful for the support of ALL so we can serve the students.
OVER-THE-HILL HIKERS
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The Over-The-Hill Hikers meets weekly April through October. Hikes are at various locations in Racine, Kenosha and Lake County, IL as well as occasionally in Chicago, Lake Geneva and Milwaukee. This group enjoys hikes of about 2 miles in length on mostly easy to moderate trails. In addition to the exercise many hikers enjoy coffee or lunch following the hikes. This group is a good way for new ALL members to get to know other members. We are a fun and friendly group!

POETRY
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This group is for those who enjoy poetry, 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. The Poetry group meets on the 2nd Mondays

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The Technology group will provide opportunities for expanding knowledge of current and new technology including gadgets and gizmos. This will be accomplished through demonstration and discussion with members helping members or by inviting guests to present topics. Meetings are usually the 4th Monday of each month at 1:30pm in Tallent Hall. For hands-on instruction, the group meets in a UW-Parkside computer lab.

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