What a wonderful holiday gala we enjoyed this past December!

Thank you to the committee who found a great location and arranged for a terrific program. We all enjoyed it. The gala is one of only three membership social gatherings we have annually.

Hard to believe but we are already thinking about our annual meeting in June as well as the week of learning (AWOL). Nominations for president-elect and three member at large positions will be needed. Other board positions will run for a second term. Please consider running if asked.

John Hinze is retiring from his historian position on the board and from the lecture and class committees. John helped arrange for our many history oriented classes as well as other topics. Thank you, John, for your enthusiasm for serving our members. We hope to continue seeing you in classes as you are able.

Thank you to Dave Westman for serving as our publicity chair. This position has been open a long time.

Finally, enjoy winter while we have it. Spring will be coming soon.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

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VOLUNTEERS are occasionally needed to help with equipment setups for classes in Tallent Hall.
Larry Gregg video records most of the lectures, and past lectures are available on DVD. The DVD box is usually in the back of the lecture hall.

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Occasionally change of location is required, so please check your email regularly for class updates.

Tuesday Classes:
March 6 & 13
Introduction to the Native Tribes of Wisconsin is an overview of environmental concerns related to recent mining interests the tribes are facing.

March 20 & 27
Professor David Bruce will continue classes on World War II, this time focusing on the Pacific Front.

April 17 & 24
Peter Chiappori, well-known Egyptologist returns to us. On April 17th he will concentrate on Egyptian temples and on April 24th, on the rise of the pyramids.

Thursday Classes:
February 16 & 23
Dr. Pippin Michelli will present Islamic Art, exploring the history of Islam. On Feb 16th she will focus on the construction of mosques, then on Feb 23rd enlighten us about a fabulous jeweled carpet.

Friday Classes:
February 9, March 2 & April 13
Professor Gregory Berg will continue to prepare opera lovers for upcoming Simulcast showings of the Metropolitan Opera in nearby theaters.

We love getting suggestions for speakers and topics. Just contact either Merrilee Unrath or Darleen Chiappetta.

TAKE A TRIP!

DAY TRIP COMMITTEE
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What you should know for Day Trips:
GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN RIGHT AWAY — on line if possible. If you have registered and are unable to attend an event, call Vanessa at 595-2793. If we know about it before the deadline, we will refund your money. If you are unable to attend after the deadline and we have a waitlist, we will try to sell your spot to the next person on the waitlist. Call the trip leader listed on the flyer for information on the trip itself. As always, events are subject to change.

The MSO Prelude Series has 20 members signed up for the Friday matinee series. The school bus leaves Tallent Hall at 8:30 am and then stops at Roma Lodge in Racine at 8:45 am. It returns at approximately 2:30 pm. There is a preconcert lecture or style show before the performance.
Contact Darleen Chiappetta at 262-654-9177 or Nancy Barda at 414-852-0645 for information, to get on an “extra” list, or to book a ride to downtown Milwaukee on the symphony dates: Feb 2, March 9, April 27, 2018 for your group or self.

2017 WAS A VERY BUSY YEAR!
Sept 13 we went to the Chicago Art Institute for free senior day and enjoyed lunch at Russian Tea Time.
October 19 was a popular trip! We had 80 members on board the East Troy Electric Train to enjoy a nice meal in the dining car and see the changing leaves and then the depot museum. Ice cream afterwards added to the perfect fall day. A rainy November 1 was the Alternative Energy trip north all the way to Two Rivers, WI to learn about Nuclear Power and then to Malone, WI to learn about Wind Energy Turbines. A buffet lunch was enjoyed in-between. Both speakers did a fine job explaining our HUGE need for electricity. To round out the year on December 7 we went to Barrington, IL, to see the Sanfilippo Estate for a
Christmas performance. The Wurlitzer Organ Concert was enjoyed by everyone, and the sit-down meal was very elegant. They really do have quite a collection of musical items, including a carousel!

UPCOMING TRIPS FOR 2018:

Monday, February 19, 2018
Racine Art Museum opens for our group only for a closer look at its contemporary craft collection. Lunch follows at Olde Madrid, famous for tapas. No bus; 50 people max; this is close to home so please carpool because parking may be a challenge in downtown Racine. Be at the RAM at 10:00. Lunch is from noon to 1:30 pm. Cost $29. Call Tom Coe 262-631-0424 for more info. Inclement weather date: Feb. 26, 2018.

Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 2 pm
Come to Parkside’s Main State Theater for the matinée performance of “One Man, Two Guvnors”. Daylight savings begins this day, be sure to spring ahead! This comedy by Richard Bean is one of the cleverest of the last decade, filled with satire, songs, slapstick and glittering one-lines. Arrive at the Rita/Comm Arts building at 1:45 am and because it is Sunday there should be no parking problems. Cost $15. Call Frances Kavenik 262-654-7570 for more info.

Thursday, April 12, 2018
It’s the opening day of Milwaukee Art Museum’s “Art in Bloom”. Come see exquisite floral creations by top regional designers, inspired by the masterworks throughout the museum’s collection galleries. This bus trip will be from 9 to 4 pm with lunch or early dinner in Milwaukee. Look for the flyer to go out February 12. Call Nancy Barda 414-852-0645 for more info.

Wednesday, April 18, 2018
Once again, our wonderful friend, Don Cress has given us FREE tickets to Milwaukee Chamber Theater to see the matinee performance of “Doubt”. We will take the 80-seat bus for this 11 to 6 pm trip! We will be eating at Coquette Café following the show. Cost is estimated $70. Flyer to go out February 12. Call Frances Kavenik 262-654-7570 for more info.

Wednesday, May 2, 2018
Chicago’s Lyric Opera House presents: “Jesus Christ, Superstar”. Bus trip will be from 9:30 am to 7 pm with lunch at Lloyd’s Chicago before the show. Cost is estimated $120. With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice, this global blockbuster tells the story of the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ. Filled with an exciting mix of musical styles that draw on 1970’s rock, gospel, folk and funk, this high-energy show is a must-see Broadway hit! Flyer to go out March 5. Call Frances Kavenik 262-654-7570 for more info.

Mark your calendars for overnight trip “Clowns, Cranberries, & Cranes” October 9, 10, 11, 2018
We will stay 2 nights in Baraboo, WI. Plans are in the making to visit the Clown Hall of Fame, Al Ringling’s mansion and theater, International Crane Foundation and much more.

Also, a ride up to Warrens’ cranberry marshes to see cranberries harvested and processed. Lunch follows at a cranberry museum with cranberry items on the menu. Flyer to go out April 2. Call Carole Scotese 262-948-0764 or Peggy Walker 262-652-6210 for more info.

TRIPS WE ARE WORKING ON:

July – a ‘Bikes and Beer’ bus trip to the Harley Davidson museum and then to Lake Front breweries or head over to German Fest, 9 to 3 pm.

August – we will do Ravinia and the outdoor concerts with food under the tent.

September – we hope to take a bus trip for an architectural tour of Chicago, have lunch and then see the ‘Real sets of SNL/Second City’ on loan. Come November we may do a bus trip to tour the Milwaukee Journal Newsroom, with lunch somewhere and then a tour of TMJ newsroom/studio.

NOTE: The March 8 trip to Chicago’s Lyric to see Cosi Fan Tutte was cancelled due to cost and the number of theater trips already scheduled. The WE Energies and Water treatment plant tours are on hold, due to the announced closing of the coal power plant.

New members welcome:
If you’d like to get involved with the Day Trip Committee, call the co-chairs and sit in on a monthly meeting! We are always looking for innovative ideas on places to visit.
FINANCE COMMITTEE
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The Finance Committee met in November to look over the finances for the first four months of this fiscal year. Everything is on track - there have been no unexpected or unplanned expenditures.

Treasurer
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LECTURE COMMITTEE
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2018 is a great time to continue learning!

You should have received your Lecture Series Schedule which gives you detailed information for the lectures up through June.

February, March and April lectures include:

February 12 – “Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) – Drones: an Overview”
February 19 – “If a Collection Could Talk – Artifacts from the Civil War Museum”
March 5 – “RAM at 15: The Growth and Development of the Racine Art Museum Since 2003”
March 19 – “Economic Development in Racine County”
April 2 – “Current Perceptions and Problems of Higher Education in America”
April 16 – “So What Have Parkside Students Been Doing in the Lab This Year?”

The Lectures Committee will be meeting shortly to plan for the second half of 2018. We always appreciate suggestions/recommendations/speakers from members.

New committee members are welcome, too! Contact me if interested.

CONFIRMATIONS AND CHANGES
Registration confirmations from the ALL office for classes and trips, or room changes, are sent via e-mail. If you change your email address, notify Vanessa Greco, greco@uwp.edu. Please check for new messages every few days! No email? We’ll phone you.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE
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The 2017 Holiday Gala!!
If you missed the December 4th event, you missed a real holiday treat!! Over 170 members and guests attended the gala held at The Covenant at the Murray Mansion in Racine. The dining hall was decorated in colorful elegant style and the food was delicious. The entertainment provided nostalgia with humor and provided audience participation which was a delight for many who recalled the “good old days”.

Thanks to my planning committee: Patti Gross, Frank Santarelli and Marilee Unrath. Their time and effort was much appreciated. Also, thanks to Frank and Dorene Santarelli, Vera Schalk and Patti for helping with registration. I enjoyed welcoming everyone to The Covenant and our Annual Holiday event.

Greeters welcome members and guests for the lectures and special events. They greet with a big smile and a friendly “hello”. 

Greeters for January: Doris Colombe, Gayle Caldwell, Carolyn Seeger and Norma Rukavina.
Greeters for February: Nola Gordon, Judy Treleven, Pam Drummond and Nat Cycenas.
I am very proud of my greeters and grateful for their volunteer time. They willingly arrive 30 minutes early, in good and bad weather, bringing those inviting smiles and warm welcomes.

A big shout out “thank you” to each and every one!!
MEMBERSHIP SERVICES
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2018
We’re still growing strong!

The meet and greet for new members in November was very successful with a good number of the attendees being interested in focus or committee groups. We have increased our membership since the last newsletter and now have 564 members.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE
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I’m Dave Westman and have recently volunteered to chair the Publicity Committee, which had been running on “bare bones” for quite a while. I’d like to give special thanks to Peggy Walker and Bob Samer for maintaining some of the communication to the media outlets during the time void.

As my first publicity task, I’ve organized and updated the newspaper and radio communications process (I plan on doing this communication task)...and now am moving on to additional areas, which includes recruiting one or two other publicity volunteers!

Currently, I am in contact with 6 media outlets within Racine and Kenosha. These include the Kenosha News (both Events and My Life), Racine Journal Times (both Community and Lifestyle), Kenosha radio WGTD, and Racine radio WRJN.

Publicity means and requires communication. But, it’s a two way street. Reaching out is step 1, reaching back is step 2. Step 2 involves all of you. Both short and long term members have thoughts and ideas. These need to be heard for all of us to benefit. Please feel free to pass them on to me. Our objective is to support and build the best ALL organization possible.

And always remember, you can bring a friend.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE
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Many thanks to all the awesome volunteers who help out. WE NEED YOU – your volunteer service is important!

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Current Affairs meets every third Monday at noon in the Orchard Room of Tallent Hall, where we continue to address the compelling issues of the day.

Each meeting is different, as changing local, national, and international events provide timely fodder for spirited deliberation. Recent topics of discussion have ranged from death with dignity to FoxConn to wealth inequality. The debate is energetic and lively, sometimes contentious but always civil and reasoned. We are a diverse group, with varying backgrounds and views; what brings us together is a keen interest in what is going on in the world.

The coming months will provide plenty of issues to keep the conversations going. You are invited to join us!

SOCIAL BRIDGE
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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 on Thursdays from 1:30-3:30 PM. To be dealt in, call or email Patti to be included in our schedule.
DUPLICATE BRIDGE
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The Duplicate Bridge 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 a bridge partner to join the group. If you want to be “dealt in,” call Patti or email her to be included in our schedule.

GREAT DECISIONS
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Members who are participating in the GREAT DECISIONS Focus Group discussions on U.S. foreign policy received their 2018 briefing books in January.

For an online summary of the discussion topics go to: http://www.fpa.org/news/index.cfm?act=show_announcement&announcement_id=418

Our group meets from 1 pm - 3 pm on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in Tallent Hall, Rm #182.

The scheduled meeting dates for 2018 are February 7 & 21, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, and May 2 & 16. If you have any questions, please contact me at T2constant@aol.com, or call (262) 657-0877.

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The International Friendship Committee is linked with International Student Services efforts to assist international students. Opportunities include helping with the orientation for new incoming students and hosting the fall International Student Welcome Picnic.

Currently, there is a need for homestay for some of the ELS students. If you are interested in sharing your home and community with a foreign student, please contact the ELS Center Director, Osa Relacion, at 262-595-2919 or email orelacion@els.edu

GREAT BOOKS
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The Great Books group meets at 10:00 am on the 4th Monday of each month in Tallent Hall.

The Great Books group offers the opportunity to read examples of important writings and to participate in lively discussions. A key component of the discussion is skillful listening. We take turns leading the discussions.

We are currently using the reader “imperfect ideal” for our selections. We will be discussing selections by Yokomitsu, de Montaigne and Dostoevsky in the next few months.

Questions? Contact Doris Nice, nice@uwp.edu

A.M. NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB

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Our small group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 9:00 am in the Prairie Room in Tallent Hall.

Our January book was “Ants Among Elephants” by Sujatha Gidla.

We have selected 2 books for February 19th. They are “Disrupt Aging” by JoAnn Jenkins and “The Third Chapter: Passion, Risk and Adventure in the 25 Years After 50” by Sara Lawrence Lightfoot. Both give seniors insight on how to make the most of golden years. We can read both or just one as we choose.

On March 19th we turn to food and will read “Italian Cuisine: A Cultural History” by Alberto Capatti and Massimo Montanari.

On April 16th we have selected the book “Notes on a Foreign Country” by Susie Hansen.

May 21st finds us reading “The Unsettlers” by Mark Sundeen.

Our selections are widely varied and if any catch your attention - please join us for a great discussion.
THE P.M. BOOK CLUB
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ALL’s Afternoon Book Club alternates between fiction and nonfiction. All are welcome.

Feb. 12  “Rules Of Civility: A Novel”, by Amor Towles
March 12  “Evicted: Poverty And Profit In The American City”, by Matthew Desmond
April 9  “When We Were Strangers: A Novel”, by Pamela Schoenewaldt
May 14  “The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates”, by Wes Moore
July 9  “A Gentleman In Moscow”, by Amor Towles

Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday each month, at 1:00 pm in the Orchard Room of Tallent Hall.

POETRY
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The Poetry Focus group began the new year by wrestling with the complex poetry of Amy Clampitt found in our anthology of contemporary American poetry.

Anyone wishing to assist us in similar endeavors should meet the members of this group in the Prairie Room of Tallent Hall at 10 am on the second Monday of each month.

Or, for more information, contact Ron Story (ron.story@att.net).

ALL-A-BLOOM
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ALL-A-Bloom is a group devoted to members’ interests in horticulture, nature and exploration of area public and private gardens. Our goal is to continue learning about horticulture from each other and from area experts.

2017 was a wonderful year to be out-of-doors, visiting some wonderful area gardens! However, our group missed the energy and creative planning of our long-time leader, Judith Knutson who struggled this year with health issues. But, thankfully, she has started back on the road to recovery! Continued prayers from the All-A-Bloom group!

We are currently focused on our upcoming planning meeting for the 2018 season. Look for our spring/early summer schedule in the April APB.

A big THANKS to all who are involved in making our group gatherings and field trips a great success!

Only a few short months ‘til SPRING!

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The next meetings of the Technology Focus Group are scheduled for the fourth Mondays on these dates: February 26th, March 26th and April 23rd (4th, not 5th Monday). We meet in Tallent Hall.

Contact Jarlene to join the email group list for the meeting reminders and topics chosen for that meeting. If you have suggestions for topics, please submit them to one of the members on the planning committee.

The topics are chosen based on the availability of presenters or access to resources. Members of all ability levels and interests are welcomed at the meetings.
OVER THE HILL HIKERS
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The Over-the-Hill group hikes go from May through October and usually begin at 10 am and go until about 11:30 am. Afterwards the group often gathers for lunch at a nearby diner or cafes.

There is usually no cost to participate in the hike except for an occasional park fee or lunch if interested. Most of the hikes range from 1.5 miles to 3 miles in length, usually on well-groomed trails and in interesting places such as the Lake Michigan lakeshore or along rivers and streams in southeastern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. Most of the hikes are in Kenosha or Racine counties with an occasional excursions to northern Illinois, Lake Geneva area and Milwaukee County parks.

The PM Hikers afternoon hikes are at 4 pm - 6 pm, often in conjunction with some music event such as Jazz concerts at Kemper or POP's concerts in Kenosha in the late afternoon/early evening.

Details about each hike will be emailed to all hiking participants in advance.

To join the Over-the-Hills Hiking mailing list contact: parksidehikers@gmail.com

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Call 262-658-3508 today to register for the March 22 workshop.

Afternoon Hikes (PM Hikers)

Everyone knows about Tai Chi, right? It’s an ancient meditative form of exercise that began in China. But do you know about “Hiking”, specifically “Afternoon Hiking”?

It is also an ancient form of exercise, and it began in all parts of the world almost simultaneously, not only China. It was not always called “Hiking”. Records show that as recently as 100,000 years ago, the Neanderthals referred it as “I got to get away” from (name it…): boredom, my husband/wife, kids, mother-in-law, neighbors, ALL members living too close, etc.

Today, we have come a long way. Our afternoon hikes are for noble reasons. On our hikes there is no getting away. It is all about getting together to enjoy camaraderie, lively discussions, natural wonders and, of course, exercise. And after it is all over, we get together to enjoy a meal, entertainment and/or dancing at a local pub or restaurant. Sounds Dionysian? You bet yah.

Have fun – JOIN US!  Al Locke  ael@wi.rr.com
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