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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Members will elect the ALL Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in June. President Patti Gross, President-Elect Wren Ide, and Immediate Past-President Ted Anderson will continue in their positions for a second term.

We will elect a Treasurer to replace two-term incumbent Wendi Schneider, and three Members-at-Large to replace Pam Drummond, Tricia Frost, and Jeff Timm, who will have completed their two-year commitments. Continuing for a second year as Members-at-Large are Terrence Constant, Ruth Fear, and Larry Gregg.



Now is the time to nominate yourself or another capable and willing member for one of the open positions as Treasurer or Member-at-Large. Please email your nominations

to Ted Anderson at trawisc@gmail.com.

Patti Gross, ALL President

IMPORTANT CREDIT CARD PAYMENT CHANGE!

To comply with University financial and audit procedures, we've made a change to how we handle **credit card payments** for ALL events.



When an ALL class, day trip, or other event (such as the annual meeting in June or the September picnic) is announced, Vanessa will send an email with key information for that event, including a **link** you can click on to register online via credit card. Note: this feature is open to members only; guests need to send in their paper registration forms and checks to Vanessa at the ALL office. Members still have the regular options of paying by cash (there's a drop box outside of Vanessa's office if she's not at her desk when you stop by) or by writing and mailing your check(s).

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On January 2, 2016, the *New York Times* published an article about lifelong learning, noting that membership at the Johns Hopkins program costs \$500/year. We really have a bargain with annual dues of \$45/year!

**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

*INCLUDES SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES, A DELICIOUS LUNCHEON, A QUICK BUSINESS MEETING WITH ELECTIONS, AND AS ALWAYS, ENTERTAINMENT!*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****ALL'S WEEK OF LEARNING COMMITTEE**

Charlotte Short, charshort1@hotmail.com, 764-3066

*June 20 Week of Learning Topic Announced!*

**“Dreamers and Their Creations —  
Buildings: Old, New, and Evolving.”**

Ever wonder how a building came to be? Or who had the dream about what might be, if only s/he could just get those ideas down on paper, and then actually have the building constructed? Or wonder about who looked at some old abandoned building and dreamed how it might be brought back to a vibrant new life, totally different from its earlier one(s)?

And then, once those dreams became reality, come the next questions of whether the new building really accomplished what was hoped, is it livable, can a cook use that new kitchen, does it work well for that new business, can one get a decent view from those big windows, and will the sun coming in through them be wonderful or otherwise? These ponderings led us to the working title for our 17th Week of Learning.

Southeastern Wisconsin has a wealth of wonderful architecture, ranging from the ornateness of some older buildings to the stark

lines of newer ones. We will have a local expert on Frank Lloyd Wright's work, and the Preservation Racine group that conducts the annual tour of historic places. Both have agreed to share their special interests.

There are local architects and the School of Architecture and Urban Planning at UW-Milwaukee – invaluable resources we hope to utilize. Plus, there is the fabulously redesigned Milwaukee Art Museum that we plan to explore. Maybe we'll look at neighborhoods with their distinct looks and personalities – for example, the small brick houses for workers in Racine and in Milwaukee's Third Ward.

We always try to find places for lunch that we would not often go to by ourselves. We may be able to work out an arrangement with an amazing private club in Milwaukee with a wonderful lake view. (This, too, is a work in progress as the club really is private, but it proves the old adage that it never hurts to ask).

We are also trying to find access to a film that was made in Denmark and shown as part of the recent Chicago Architectural Expo. It focuses on the experimental concept of creating a “village” in one unique building. The film, called “Infinite Happiness,” shows the building, its setting, and the people who live there. While obviously not about Southeast Wisconsin, it presents an unusual learning experience for the architect, the residents, and the viewers.

The Week of Learning will be held the second full week in June: June 13-17, 2016. Our headquarters will be at Parkside with day trips and always interesting learning opportunities.

**Thanks to Mac MacCaughey for this overview.**

If you are newly interested in serving on the committee or would like to suggest a topic for AWOL 2016, send an email to Charlotte Short, Chair, charshort1@hotmail.com

## AUDIO-VISUAL COMMITTEE

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Jarlene needs help with occasional equipment setups for classes in Tallent Hall. If you already attend these classes please talk to her about this easy-to-do process. You'd be a real hero!

**HELP  
WANTED**



Larry Gregg video records most of the semi-monthly lectures, and past lectures are available on DVD. The DVD box is usually in the back of the lecture hall. Contact Larry with any questions.

## CLASS COMMITTEE

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*Coming soon to a classroom near you....*

February's classes have already been announced; they include:

**February 5:** "Hand-built Clay Pottery" - the second of 2 sessions with Professor Lisa Barber. Ceramics Studio, Molinaro D134, 10 AM - noon.

**February 10 & 17:** "Love Poetry" with Professor Patrick McGuire. Tallent 182, 1 - 3 PM.

**February 18:** Professor Frances Kavenik discusses the text of Ibsen's play, *Hedda Gabler*. Tallent 182, 10 AM – noon.

**February 25:** Brian Gill will focus on the production aspects of the Parkside Theater Group's presentation of *Hedda Gabler*. To be held in the Black Box Theater in the Rita, 1-3 PM.

*March's classes will include:*

**March 4:** The start of ongoing Metropolitan Opera Simulcast sessions with Gregory Berg.

**March 3 & 10:** "The Queens of England" presented by UWP Professor David Bruce. Tallent 182, 10 AM – noon.

**March 16:** Professor Joseph McAlhany of Carthage offers a class on "Ancient Greece: Real & Imagined," Talent 182, 1 - 3 PM. This class is being held in conjunction with ALL's upcoming trip to the Chicago Field Museum.



Note: Some of these classes will be conducted in Tallent Hall, the freestanding building located east of Wood Road (30th Avenue). Please be aware that there is another building on the west side of campus named Rita Tallent Picken Center for Arts and Humanities, also known as "The Rita." Although some ALL members attend plays and concerts here, it is NOT a class location.

*Planning is still underway for April and May classes, including:*

"Extraordinary Women: Living through the French Revolution" with Dean Lesley Walker.

Parkside Theatre's production "The Inspector General" with Professor Lisa Kornetsky.

*As always, details on times and locations are mailed/emailed to each member. For more information, check the ALL website.*

Your suggestions for future classes are always welcomed by Co-chairs Merrilee Unrath (mleeu@wi.rr.com) and Darleen Chiappetta (dchiappetta2@wi.rr.com).

### WHO DO I CALL WITH A QUESTION?

- Call Vanessa, if you want to know if there are still spaces available for an ALL event, if you need to cancel your registration, or anything else related to registration-specific questions.
- **CALL** the Committee chairs or the event sponsor (the person who’s name and contact info is shown in the “question” line of each flyer) if you have a question such as “can I order a vegetarian lunch?” or “will there be a lot of walking; will there be an elevator?”




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### DAY TRIP COMMITTEE

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This spring we will really go theatrical. We know this season is heavy on theater, but these plays have limited runs and we thought you would enjoy UW Parkside’s student productions.

**March 11:** ALL will attend the 10 AM matinees of Norwegian Henrik Ibsen’s *Hedda Gabler* and on **May 6** Russian Nikolai Gogol’s *The Inspector General* at the Rita on the Parkside campus.

Subscribers and those who prefer to go in the evening may do so and still attend our two classes (Feb 18 and 25) on *Hedda Gabler*: one by Fran Kavenik on the playwright and the written play, the other by the director, Brian Gill, who will talk about bringing this play to the stage.

**April 21:** Lisa Kornetsky, the Chair of the Theatre Arts Department and the director of *The Inspector General*, will talk about this Russian play, and her vision of how it should be staged.

**March 29:** We will go to Chicago’s Field Museum to see the new exhibit “The Greeks-Agammemnon to Alexander the Great,” an exceptional journey through 5,000 years of Greek history and culture. We will then explore the tasty part of Greek culture at the Parthenon restaurant in Greek town, and finally, we’ll visit the National Hellenic Museum across the street.

In conjunction, look for the flyer for the class on Ancient Greece on March 16 to be taught by Professor Joseph McAlhany of Carthage College.

**April 27:** Once again our very generous ALL member Donald Cress has given us 50 free tickets to the Milwaukee Chamber Theatre in Milwaukee and we will go there to see Noel Coward’s *Fallen Angels*. We will attend the pre-performance lecture and have a late lunch/early dinner at the French restaurant Coquette Café following the performance.

**May 25:** For a change of pace ALL will see Las Vegas style “Dancing Horses,” go behind the scenes, pet baby animals, see an exotic bird show, and eat lunch – all in one spot in Delavan!

**Registering for Day Trips.** If you are interested in a trip, register right away – online if possible.

**If you find you cannot attend an event, call Vanessa at the ALL office at 595-2793.**

If we know *before* the deadline, we can refund your money (but as we pay for tickets and confirm restaurants in advance, we need to pay what we’ve contracted for).

If you are unable to attend *after* the deadline, we usually have a waiting list and will try to sell your spot to the next person on the waitlist.

*As always, events are subject to change. Call the trip leader listed on the flyer for more information and details on each trip.*

### Milwaukee Symphony:

Don't forget the remaining four concerts in the Friday Prelude Series at the Milwaukee Symphony on March 11, April 22, May 6, and June 10. We leave Tallent Hall at 8:30 AM and Racine Roma Lodge about 8:45 AM, returning about 2:30 PM.



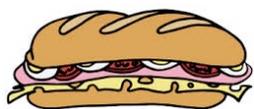
For information about this season, or for information on a single ticket if there is a cancellation, contact Bev Friedrich at 633-2304 or email bevfried@aol.com. Or you can phone Darleen Chiappetta, 654-0177.

We are always looking for new committee members to help us plan and implement day trips. Please call Martha or Julie if interested.

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE

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*Before the lecture, join us for lunch in the Brickstone Grill, inside Student Center.*

*Bring your 10% meal discount card – mailed to you in early January. Join ALL members around noon; we'll be sitting near the pizza section.*

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### LECTURE COMMITTEE

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**February 1:** "The Pike & Root River Watersheds: Ensuring a Healthy Great Lakes" with Todd Brennan, Watershed Project Manager.

**February 15:** "Most Doctors Recommend Camel Cigarettes," with Joyce Erickson, Coordinator, KRW Tri-County Tobacco-Free Coalition.

**March 7:** "We Recruit Graduates," with Chancellor Deborah Ford. Real. Amazing. Also: "The College of Arts & Humanities: Today & Tomorrow," with Dean Lesley Heins Walker.

**March 21:** "Ecological Sustainability: What is Happening in Racine & Kenosha?" David Rhoads, Director, Greening Greater Racine: a Community Initiative.

**April 4:** "The Jewish Museum, Milwaukee." Highlights from the permanent collection and changing exhibits.

**April 18:** "The Coming Makeover of American Politics," with Mike McCabe, founder and president, Blue Jeans Nation.

*Lectures are held at 2 PM  
in the Parkside Student Cinema*

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### WHAT DID HE SAY?

If you're having a bit of trouble hearing the speaker at our lectures, there's help! Just ask for one of the hearing assistance devices available at the concierge desk, just outside the cinema. Return the device after the lecture. Easy!



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### MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE

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We currently have about 600 members. The Meet & Greet for new members in November was a success, many indicating that they'd be willing to work on committees – thanks!

### **PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

If you have a flair for publicity, contact Patti Gross. We need a new chairperson.

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

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The 2015 Holiday Gala was held at the Racine Marriott Hotel. Over 120 members and guests enjoyed the delicious lunch. We were treated to wonderful entertainment, having the fortune and privilege to welcome Greg Berg, music professor at Carthage College, and two of his students, Matt and Austin, who sang Christmas carols along with a mix of opera renditions. Many members commented on the quality and beauty of their voices. Greg then led us in a group sing-along to “The Twelve Days of Christmas,” which really put us in a merry mood.

A big thank-you to Darlene and Frank Santarelli, and Vera Schalk for helping with registration at the Gala. Also many thanks to Vanessa Greco, Bob Jensen and Marilee Unrath, who happily greeted friends and guests as they arrived for the winter celebration.

Greeters for January were Bob Jensen, JoAnn Hansen, Sharon Uttley and Carol Zeit. Scheduled for February are Julie Schilf, Doreen DeCesaro, Dorothy Sack, and Margie Hannes.

Greeters are so appreciated by ALL members as they welcome us before each lecture with a warm friendly “Hello.” Please contact Joyce if you are interested in being an ALL greeter.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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### **VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE**

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Would you like to be an ALL volunteer?  
PLEASE contact Kathy to learn more.

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### **CONFIRMATIONS AND CHANGES**

Registration confirmations from the ALL office for classes and trips, or room changes, are sent via e-mail. So we really need your current email address. 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.



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### **FOCUS GROUPS**



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

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ALL-A-BLOOM will kick off the 2016 season on Wednesday, March 23, at 12:30 PM. This will be after Great Decisions so those of you in both groups can finish up your season. We hope to kick things off with a guest speaker that day.

Our Wednesday April 27 meeting will switch back to our normal start time of 9:30 AM. We will convene in the Orchard Room of Tallent Hall.

New members are always welcome. Questions? Contact Dawn Feldman-Brown at 262-694-1748 (pdfbrown@yahoo.com) or Judith Knutson at 262-657-5658 (jknutson6906@sbcglobal.net).



### CURRENT AFFAIRS DISCUSSIONS

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Current Affairs meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in the Orchard Room of Tallent Hall from 12 to 1:30 PM (so you have time to get to the 2 PM lecture).

In these sessions we try to solve the problems of the day. We search for solutions that seem to elude leading politicians, economists, and leaders in business, labor and education. We attack local, state, national, and international issues, all with equal gusto. And we generate a better understanding of the issues due to the diversity of our participants. Simply put: we learn from each other. Join our spirited discussions.



### 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 to be included in our schedule.



### GREAT BOOKS

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The Great Books group meets at 9 AM on the 4th Monday of every month in Tallent Hall. We take turns leading the discussions, guided by included questions. Everyone is welcome.



### GREAT DECISIONS

Terrence & Therese Constant  
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Forty-three participants signed on for study and discussion of eight important foreign policy subjects. These discussions take place each Wednesday in February and March, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM in Tallent Hall, room #182. An organizational meeting took place on January 27th and topic books were distributed.

The goal of these discussions is to deepen our awareness and understanding of eight topics that relate to U.S. Foreign Policy Objectives. This takes place by watching experts on a DVD each week, individual readings, and group discussions. Participants also have the opportunity to voice their opinions through a Foreign Policy Association on-line opinion ballot.

The results of the National Ballot report are sent to the White House, the State and Defense Departments, members of Congress and the Media. Some of the results from the 2015 opinion ballots showed:

#### SUPPORT FOR:

- \*A peaceful resolution to the crisis in eastern UKRAINE.
- \*Increasing economic sanctions against RUSSIA.
- \*INDIA to become a permanent member of the UN Security Council.
- \*The international community to send aid, enforce sanctions and evacuate refugees from SYRIA.
- \*Maintaining or increasing financial support to countries to combat HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

#### OPPOSITION TO:

- \*UKRAINE's NATO membership.
- \*Staying out of RUSSIAN affairs entirely.
- \*SURVEILLANCE on American citizens living in the U.S.
- \*Deploying ground troops to fight ISIS.
- \*Taking a more active role during EGYPT's failed democratic transition.



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FRIENDSHIP

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Jim Burch: 948.9249

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 please contact us if you are interested in joining the group. 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.

*Meeting dates are subject to change based on other student activities, so email Linda or call Jim to get on our list of instructions and reminders.*

Our group and the international office at Parkside are in transition. **Laine Isaacson Philippa**, who had a similar role at Cardinal Stritch, has been hired for Consuelo's position, and she is busy learning the ropes, getting information to the 12-16 new international students, and organizing some off-campus trips. Laine is very excited about our group and thinks it is really a unique and valuable resource. We are all thinking about innovative ways to use our group in a meaningful way.

Susan Blust, to whom we are so grateful for her many years of service, has been replaced by Karin Baskin, who has been working in Parkside Admissions. We wish Susan the best of luck and welcome Karin. The duties of the two international office jobs have been revamped and share more. We have not met with Karin since her recent hire, but remember her from orientation meetings.

Laine, the PIC, and our group are open to optimizing our group's role in helping international students thrive. One thing that will remain, with ALL's generous support, is the fall picnic – invaluable to helping students connect with our group and the campus community.

As of this press deadline, no dates have been set for Worldfest Week or PIC meetings. In the meantime, our members are welcome to attend any PIC meeting, held every Wednesday in the usual spot. We have been updating our members via email, so be sure you are on our list.

We have agreed to stay on as co-chairs during the transition period and until further notice.

We welcomed 12-16 winter semester students on January 28<sup>th</sup>. We met before the orientation session to discuss ideas for our group. If you are interested in getting involved now is the time, as students need the most help at the start of their stays here. Let us know if you are interested. Please remember you must have insurance and driver's license on file with Laine's office if you want to drive students. Also, students must sign the release forms.

We would love to have new members! If you have any questions, contact Linda Burch via email at lindaburch11@gmail.com. If no email, please phone Jim Burch at (262) 948-9249.



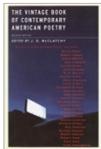
## OVER THE HILL HIKERS

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Our hiking season ended last October. We enjoyed 22 hikes this past season with several at locations that were new for us. Attendance at hikes varied, but overall averaged a higher number than last year. We had several hikes

with more than 30 hikers. A few hikes were along the lakefronts in Kenosha and Racine, with many more in wooded areas and parks. New hikes included Moraine Hills State Park in McHenry, Illinois, the Winthrop Harbor Marina in Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, and St. Francis Seminary Woods in St. Francis, Wisconsin.

Contact Wren if you'd like to be included in announcements on our upcoming hiking season, which begins in April of 2016.



**POETRY**

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On August 10, 2015, the Poetry Focus Group welcomed Kenosha's poet laureate, Jean Preston. Jean began her visit by reading a sampling of her own poetry, and then led the group through a writing exercise, which drew on our memories to form the basis for a poem.



Jean created a project during her tenure as Kenosha's poet laureate to publish a selection of poems under the heading "Letters to Kenosha" that were written by three groups of seniors: one from high school, one from college, and one from retirees.

Jean, a writing professor at Carthage College, completed her term as Kenosha's poet laureate this past fall. The Poetry Focus Group looks forward to a similar session with the new poets laureate of Racine and Kenosha in the coming years.



**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.



**TECHNOLOGY**

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I am wondering how many of our ALL members received new-fangled technology in their stockings this Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanza. The ALL Technology Focus Group is a good place to ask questions, and to share successes and failures using those new gadgets, and to hear about new technologies.

For the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting we have a guest presenter scheduled who trains in all things Google. And this will also be your chance to learn about a cheap way to create documents and store them along with your photos for easy access from a variety of devices.

Contact Jarlene to join the email group list to receive meeting reminders and topics. If you have a suggestion, please submit it to one of the members on the planning committee.

>> Save the dates of February 22, March 28, and April 25 at 1:30 pm for upcoming meetings.



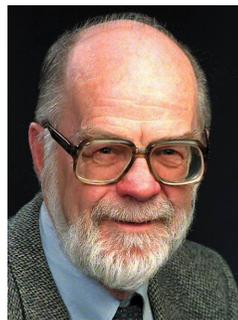
**TECH TIP:** If every American home replaced just one light bulb with one that has earned the ENERGY STAR

certification, we would save enough energy to light 2 million homes for a year, save about \$460 million in annual energy costs, and prevent 6 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions per year, equivalent to the emissions from about 550,000 cars.

Learn more at <https://www.energystar.gov/>

## IN MEMORIAM

Our sincere condolences to Marialyce Kornkven and her family on the death of her husband, **James Kornkven** who passed away January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Jim was the Kenosha News sports editor for many years, as well as a long-time member of ALL.



One of our fairly new members of ALL, **Monica (Mona) Lopour** of Racine, passed away on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. John Hinze talked about Mona recently, noting that they both attended Horlick High School in the 1950s and were very close friends at that time. Our great sympathies.



## HIGHLIGHT ON . . . the POETRY group

Years ago, UW Parkside Professor Emeritus, Don Kummings, held a 2-session poetry class, which turned into a focus group led by Pat Kummings and Marilyn MacCaughy. When Ron Story joined a few years ago, he became the moderator.



**Why your interest in poetry, Ron?** Ron said he’s been interested in poetry since middle school – an interest that developed into a genuine love during his junior and senior years in college when he enrolled in a four-semester seminar on contemporary poetry. The poetry written in those turbulent times often expressed what Ron, too, was feeling, but in a language, he noted, that often seemed magical in its originality.

**What do you do at meetings?** Typically we have about 10 people, who take turns reading one of the 5 to 6 poems we study each month, and lead the discussion, with the others sharing their impressions as well. Although most of our discussion focuses on the poem’s content, we do address the poem’s mechanics: such as rhyme schemes, metaphors, rhythmic patterns, etc.



Marilyn MacCaughy (left) explained that for her, “it’s really wonderful to hear someone read the poems out loud.” And Ross Boone

(right) observed that from early on, most of us were exposed to poetry through church hymns.

**Where do you find your poems?** Early on the group wanted to focus on contemporary American poetry, so Ron suggested a few anthologies, and then the group decided on *The Vintage Book of Contemporary American Poetry* by J. D. McClatchy.

The group is more than halfway through the 590+ page book. When they finish, Ron plans to introduce a selection of books written by a single poet and will again ask members to choose. He prefers that members have the experience of reading one poet in depth, rather than short selections of many poets an anthology offers.



**Isn't poetry dead?** No, says Mary Norris, noting, "this is a renaissance of poetry, this time we're living in right now." She mentioned performing arts groups in Racine (Bonk!) and Kenosha (Fusion) that hold readings, some sponsored by local libraries. She suggested that folks listen to the *Writer's Almanac* to hear Garrison Keillor read a poem a day. Go to [writersalmanac.org/](http://writersalmanac.org/)

**What benefits do you get from studying poetry?** Jim Payne said he keeps coming to the group because he learns something new about poetry every time. Mary Norris likes that they share ideas with each other, "but we also share ourselves. Now I know a little bit about these people in a way that I don't know others. I know their ideas and insights."

**Where can I find out more about poetry?** Ron points out that in addition to local readings, there are many poetry events in both Milwaukee and Chicago, and that he tries to attend several of these events each year, including those at the Woodland Patterns bookstore in Milwaukee. He also suggests that folks check out the amazing Chicago Poetry Foundation with [lots](#) of programs and resources including audio and video. The Foundation also sponsors The Poetry Series,

featured on the PBS *Newshour*, with in-depth reports on contemporary poets and poetry.

**Poetry Month is in April**, Judy Knutson reminds us. Inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996, the month-long event is the largest literary celebration in the world with schools, publishers, libraries, booksellers, and poets celebrating poetry's place in our culture.

**Favorite poems?** When asked for some of their favorite poems or favorite lines within a poem, many members started reciting favorites – way too many to recall in this article, but certainly a tribute to the group's love of poetry.

**Notable Senior Citizens** [from the e-health Medicare website, September 2014]

Laura Ingalls Wilder published her first book, *Little House in the Big Woods* at age 64.

Anna Mary Robertson Moses, known as "Grandma Moses," started painting in her 70s.

Norman Maclean published his first novel, *A River Runs Through It*, in 1976 when he was 74.

Nola Ochs holds the Guinness World Record for being the oldest college graduate at age 95.

Colonel Harland David Sanders franchised Kentucky Fried Chicken at 63 and opened the KYC headquarters in Kentucky at 69.

Over the Hills Hikers, resting after a May 2015 walk around Lake Geneva.



## ODDS AND ENDS

- Write “ALL” on your envelope when sending in event registrations so the mailroom knows where to deliver it.
- Vanessa Greco staffs the ALL office in Tallent #115 from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM Monday through Thursday (hours subject to change).
- To keep our membership director up to date, mail any address changes to Vanessa, including email addresses.
- There’s a free shuttle from Tallent Hall to the Student Center – although the bus driver takes a lunch break from 1-1:30 PM, so plan your ride needs accordingly.

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## ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

We publish new members’ phone numbers and emails as they are received. Contact Vanessa Greco in the ALL office if there are any needed changes.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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