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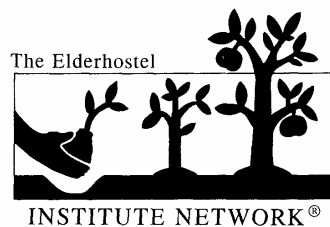
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Dear Neighbors,

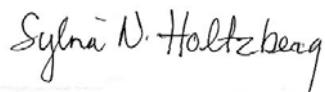
Welcome to Peconic Landing's Lifetime Learning Spring term. We note with pride the improvements that have been made to our classroom since they create an enhanced learning environment. We are now pleased to present this current catalog so that you may review the study groups being offered.

As you will see, the variety of course offerings runs the gamut from serious study to lighter fare, all conducted in a relaxed setting that demands nothing more than a willingness to participate in good faith. Some of us have spent the Fall and Winter studying James Joyce's "Ulysses", while others have made virtual tours of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Louvre. The Spring term, while again offering old favorites, also promises new and interesting opportunities.

This term, registration for study groups begins on March 16th and closes on March 26th. Classes start the week of April 5th. As in the past, if you paid your registration fee in the Fall or Winter terms, you are entitled to register without additional cost. We value the participation of both residents and sponsored non-residents and each will find the appropriate registration form attached at the back of this catalog.

Your comments and suggestions about study group topics are most helpful in the design of the Lifetime Learning program. Particularly important are the volunteer teaching services of our study group leaders. Would you think about becoming part of that cadre and perhaps lead a new class next Fall? We would welcome your ideas.

Sincerely,



Sylvia N. Holtzberg

The Lifetime Learning Association's

Catalog of Study Groups

Spring 2010

LIFETIME LEARNING -- SPRING 2010

Term begins the week of April 5th

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	AM	AM	AM	AM
	<u>Your Amazing Mind</u> Charlotte Grube 10:00-11:30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <u>Current Events</u> John Fife, Fred Holtzberg, Dot La-Barbera 10:00-11:30 Card Room </div>	<u>Choices in Dying</u> Don McKinney 10:00-11:30	<u>Crazy About Words</u> Joe McKay 10:00-11:30
PM	PM	PM	PM	PM
	<u>Great Decisions</u> Sherry and Thornton Smith 1:30-3:00 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <u>Poetry Today</u> Joe McKay, Audrey & Charles Raebeck 3:00-4:30 2nd flr Activity Rm </div>	<u>Changing Trends</u> Paula Shengold 1:30-3:00 <u>17th Century Dutch Art</u> Vivian Sheehan 3:00-4:30	<u>Science Times</u> Lou Remsberg 1:30-3:00 <u>Ulysses</u> Connie Denne 3:00-4:30	<u>American Frontiers</u> Ken Ewald 1:30-3:00

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STUDY GROUP #10-S-1 -- CHANGING TRENDS

Class time: Wednesday 1:30-3:00

Class size 12

4 sessions

Leader: Paula Shengold

We will explore some of the changes in photography, film, fashion and food with the introduction of guest speakers in various fields.

We are changing all the time and are stimulated by outside influences. What makes these changes? How do we respond to the changes around us?

Once a teacher, always a teacher! I have taught kindergarten, reading and second and third grades. Learning and teaching go hand in hand. I am looking forward to being part of Lifetime Learning's Spring semester.

STUDY GROUP #10-S-2 -- CHOICES IN DYING

Class time: Thursday 10:00-11:30

Class size: 20

6 sessions

Leader: Don McKinney

In today's world of incredible medical and technological advances and an ever-stronger emphasis on patients' rights, end-of-life decision making often involves difficult ethical, moral, political and societal issues- and big, tough personal choices. While some of these issues have been discussed in earlier "Bioethics and You" classes, this series will be far more personally focused. What does each of us think, feel, believe about refusing medical treatment or fighting to the end? Would we leave these decisions to the doctors, our children, God or Fate?

What about suicide, physician-assisted suicide euthanasia?

At each session, the Leader will attempt to frame the issues involved as objectively as he can and there will be ample time for discussion, questions and sharing of concerns and convictions.

New and former participants are welcome. Weekly handouts are the only required reading.

Please note: The first class will be held on April 15th.

During Don McKinney's 40 years as a parish minister in NYC he became intensely involved for over 30 years in the complex and controversial issues surrounding patients' rights and end-of-life decision making. In 1985, he was appointed by Gov. Cuomo to his newly-formed "Task Force on Life and the Law." McKinney served on this 21 member panel of physicians, lawyers, ethicists and other clergy for 15 years, wrestling with various bioethical concerns submitted by the Governor for study and recommendation.

STUDY GROUP #10-S-3 -- CRAZY ABOUT WORDS

Class time: Friday 10:00-11:30

Class size: 18

7 sessions

Leader: Joe McKay

“Crazy About Words” explores the many pleasures which words and language offer from puzzle-y to literary. The emphasis is on learning and stimulating our minds while having fun.

We might look at imported words, anagrams cryptograms, oxymorons, proverbs, puns and other pithy pleasures. We share and savor well-worded articles and essays. We spend time discussing etymology and look at examples which demonstrate that English is the most dynamic language on the planet.

Sometimes we do a bit of writing ourselves and make up words we think should exist. And we plan for the Fall “Dictionary Project”--a community outreach program of the “Crazy About Words” alumni group

Joe McKay has been leading “Crazy About Words” since 2003. He also writes a regular column of the same title for “The PL Crier”

STUDY GROUP #10-S-4 -- CURRENT EVENTS

Class time: Wednesday 10:00-11:30

Class size: 15

On-going sessions

Leaders: John Fife, Fred Holtzberg, Dot LaBarbera

The Current Events study group offers an opportunity to discuss issues of interest to all. In each session, members will introduce and discuss topics currently in the news. Such topics can include, but will not be limited to, local and national elections, the economy, health care, international affairs and local and national government issues.

The group will meet in the **Card Room**.

John Fife is a former CIA member active in the Middle East, an amateur politician and a business executive. Fred Holtzberg earned a PhD in Chemistry and conducted basic research at IBM’s T.J. Watson Research Center. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Grenoble, France and received the American Physical Society’s International Award for New Materials. Dot LaBarbera was a teacher of English in a Senior High School in New York City; was Chairman of the Guidance Dept. at Flushing H.S.; Principal, Flushing H.S.; she conducted Summer Internship programs for H.S. Principals; and was a member of the Council of Supervisors, NYC High Schools.

STUDY GROUP #10-S-5 -- THE FRONTIERS IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Class time: Friday 1:30-3:00

Class size: 15

5 sessions

Leader: Peter K. Ewald

The American frontier has served the nation and its people as the “Safety Valve” until 1893. As the United States grew, it could rely on the great west as a source of growth for its aging eastern seaboard. We can see the influence of this vast area in politics, social customs literature and music. We can also feel the emotions of these integrated men and women who settled the land by “circling the wagons” every night as they sought their “manifest destiny”.

Ken Ewald holds a PhD degree in American History.

STUDY GROUP #10-S-6 -- GREAT DECISION--WORLD ISSUES

Class time: Tuesday 1:30-3:00

Class size: 20

8 sessions

Leaders: Sherry and Thornton Smith

This is the fourth year that the Smiths will lead an 8 session course on world issues as designed by the Foreign Policy Association. There will be weekly readings and discussions based on the 2010 booklet along with a half-hour DVD highlighting the relevant topic. The cost for the booklet is \$18 payable to the Lifetime Learning association.

The global issues under discussion this spring will be:

1. Special envoys and diplomacy in American foreign policy
2. Halting atrocities in Kenya: “responsibility to protect”
3. Global crime: organized sex trade, fraud, drugs
4. U. S. and China: relationships, growth and security
5. The global financial crisis and regulations
6. Russia and its neighbors: sphere of influence
7. The U. S. and the Persian Gulf: appeals and challenges
8. Peace building and conflict resolution

Sherry and Thornton Smith have led the spring sessions of Great Decisions for the past three years and attended many earlier sessions.

STUDY GROUP #10-S-6 -- JAMES JOYCE’S *ULYSSES*

Class time: Thursday 3:00 4:30

Class size: 30

8 sessions

Leader: Connie Denne

In a poll of notable literary figures, both writers and scholars, conducted by a New York publishing house in 1998 and reported by the New York *Times*, James Joyce’s *Ulysses* was selected the greatest novel of the 20th century. Since its publication in 1922, this modernist masterpiece has been read, studied, discussed and argued about by millions of people around the globe.

In this course we are studying this wonderful novel over a period of 24 weeks, divided into three 8-week terms. Each meeting of the group includes a 30-minute video lecture by Prof. James Heffernan, of Dartmouth College, on one chapter of the work, followed by a group discussion conducted by the Group Leader.

The reading requirement is James Joyce, *Ulysses* (Modern Library Edition \$23.95)

In addition, approximately twenty pages of handouts: photographs, map of Dublin, a time line, comparative outline of *Ulysses* and Homer's *Odyssey*, a glossary and biographical notes have been provided at a cost of \$2.00.

Please note: The third and final session of this course will begin on April 8. No new students can be admitted. Registrations for this term cannot be accepted.

Dr. Denne's 44-year professional life involved the study and teaching of English, American and World literature. She has a special interest in Irish literature and has taught courses on James Joyce's short stories *Dubliners* here at Peconic Landing. A dual citizen of both the US and Ireland, Connie has traveled widely in Ireland, has visited most of the places associated with Joyce, and has a thorough knowledge of Dublin, the setting of *Ulysses*.

STUDY GROUP #10-S-8 --POETRY APPRECIATION

Class time: Tuesday 3:00 4:30 Class size: 16 On-going sessions

Leaders: Joe McKay, Audrey and Charlie Raebeck

All study group members select a poem each month to read and discuss briefly. The poem may be an old favorite, a new find or an original piece. Our scope covers classical and modern.

Using this simple format, we develop an appreciation and understanding of the varieties of forms employed over time by poets, diverse in style and choice of subject.

Articles about poetry and notice of scheduled readings outside Peconic Landing are also shared to heighten our awareness of the current world of poetry.

Classes meet once a month on the last Tuesday and are held in the **2nd Floor Activity Room** across from the elevators.

Audrey and Charles Raebeck are retired Professors of Education at Dowling College and have a lifetime interest in literature, theater and poetry.

Joe McKay is an enthusiastic newcomer to poetry having been introduced to it by Margy Brehmer in 2004 via their mutual interest in words. Since then he has participated in several poetry workshops and attended many readings.

STUDY GROUP #10-S-9 --17TH CENTURY DUTCH ART

Class time: Wednesday 3:00-4:30

Class size: 16

6 sessions

Leader: Vivian Sheehan

Art and politics of the Netherlands when this country had reached its political and economic height. We will be viewing portraits, still lifes and landscapes--paintings produced in a period similar to New York in the 20th century (the center of the artistic world).

Discussion and opinions of students are encouraged and expected.

This is the 6th art appreciation course given by Vivian Sheehan at Peconic Landing. Previously she was a docent at the Parrish Museum for 12 years. She has presented art programs to children, seniors and the handicapped.

STUDY GROUP #10-S-10--TOPICS FROM THE SCIENCE TIMES

Class time: Thursday 1:30-3:00

Class size: 24

8 sessions

Leader: Lou Remsberg

Topics covered in recent editions of the New York Times Science Section will be discussed. One or two items of particular interest may be presented and explored in more depth. The expectation is that participants will occasionally select items of special interest and present them to the group.

Louis Remsberg was a research scientist at the Brookhaven National Laboratory and has a PhD in Chemistry. He has led the Science Times study group at Peconic Landing from the start and managed to engage both novices and professionals in stimulating discussions.

STUDY GROUP #10-S-11 --YOUR AMAZING MIND

Class time: Tuesday 10:00-11:30

Class size: 15

7 sessions

Leader: Charlotte Grube

The course will begin with a general discussion of what is the mind, its relationship to the brain and a brief historical account of the subject. It will go on with a discussion of the mood and the mind (emphasis on depression and anxiety), the well mind and keeping it that way, the disordered mind (psychosis and dementia), stress and the mind and memory and the mind.

Charlotte Grube MD is a retired Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at New York Medical College and Consultation Liaison Psychiatrist and Ward Chief--Acute Inpatient Ward--Metropolitan Hospital, NYC.

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Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

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We will try to place you in your first choice. Then, depending on Study Group limitations, we will attempt to place you in your second and third selections. If a Study Group is oversubscribed, placement will be made by lottery.

HOW MANY COURSES DO YOU WISH TO TAKE?: _____

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FRIDAY MARCH 26, 2010

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