

# COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

## CENTER FOR CREATIVE RETIREMENT

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### MEET SOME NEW MEMBERS OF CCR



**Dr. Stanley and Karen Whitman**

Dr. Stanley Whitman is the Membership Chairperson for CCR. He is ably aided by his wife, Karen. Stan sent an email to the 17 new members asking how each found out about CCR and also asking each to share a little about themselves. We encourage you to greet these newcomers at our meetings.

**Joyce Chabot:** "I am really enjoying my membership in CCR. I found your information online, after I retired February, 2013. My last child was graduating from CofC, so I have a connection to the college. I am a native New Englander-moved to the Low-country in 1996. A retired Preschool Director, I currently write and illustrate children's books, and hang out with my English Bulldog, Winston Churchill. My entire family are history buffs so Charleston is the perfect home for us. I am also an amateur photographer. Most of my pictures were taken at Magnolia Gardens, where I like to bird (and gator) watch."

**Alan Bowen:** "A couple of friends mentioned CCR, so I decided to drop by and learn more about the programs. I was born and raised in Mass., coming to the Charleston area after my work career in Wilmington, DE. I am fully retired. I intend to remain so."

**Marguerite Gregory:** "I heard about CCR while looking into CofC offerings for senior programs or classes I could attend that would be similar to those at UNCA in Asheville, NC (where I moved from) which has a program for seniors with an incredible selection of classes. I lived in Venezuela, Central America, and Mexico for most of my life. I am fluent in Spanish, German and Dutch. I was the Language Coordinator for the local hospital in Naples, Florida for 10 years. I enjoy the programs CCR offers."

**Karen Delcioppo:** "I learned of CCR through Pat Gander who passed a brochure at our book club meeting. Several other friends had talked about the programs. Born and raised in Buffalo, NY, I have lived in South Carolina since 1981 and for the last 25 years in Charleston. I work 20hr/wk as a dialysis nurse and enjoy cycling, yoga, and reading. Unfortunately, I have not been able to attend often but have been very impressed with the program offerings."

Why at different times do we willingly choose to spend our time, energy, and resources in groups such as CCR? I googled the question and found two original CCR programs had explored the question and the answers helped shape their mission statements. The answers included:

1. **Intellectual Stimulation:** Sharing of knowledge, experiences and expertise, learning from peers and expert speakers and keeping the mind sharp.
2. **Affiliation and Social Interaction :** Developing new relationships with others like minded people who share an interest in learning
3. **Ownership and Leadership Opportunities-**
4. **To Be Entertained and Have Fun**

**Judy Murdoch: Editor**



## CCR SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Contributed by David Barnard



David Clark

The Board recognizes David Clark for his outstanding contributions to the Center for Creative Retirement. In his years of service he has given generously and with enthusiasm and warmth.

Each curriculum meeting he works to enhance the program with great speakers. David has worked to provide a diverse and rich dimension to our curriculum.

Each weekly meeting he comes early and sets up our sound. He greets the speakers and makes them comfortable with microphones, etc. He researches equipment and shops to get us great deals and effective sound for all of us who sometimes experience challenges in hearing the varied voices of our speakers.

Each Board meeting David brings his experience and expertise adding a balanced and enthusiastic voice to issues under discussion.

Each year David researches and plans to create a program of great trips. He works hard to check all the details and puts together a great itinerary.

David's contributions to all of us have made and continue to make a great difference to our experience as members of CCR.

Thank you David.

### By Popular Request– Matzo (Or Saltine) Toffee

2 sticks butter ( salted if want it saltier)      Package semi-sweet chocolate chips

1 cup light brown sugar      Nuts of choice ( Slivered almonds were used)

Line lipped cookie sheet with foil. Arrange crackers in single layer on sheet. Combine butter and sugar in saucepan and bring to slow boil. Cook 3 minutes more, stirring, until thickened. Spread this toffee on crackers. Bake 15-20 minutes (350 degrees) until bubbling. Take out of oven. Spread chips over to melt and cover. Sprinkle nuts on top of chocolate. Refrigerate for about 45 minutes. Break into odd size pieces to serve.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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**David Barnard**

Two years have flown by and I want to thank all of the people who made it possible for me to serve as President of CCR with a great sense of confidence. I knew that the finances were in the capable hands of Val and that the Curriculum would be stimulating and entertaining thanks to del and her committee. I knew we would all be well fed thanks to Mary and her social committee and all who provided snacks. I knew that sound would be taken care of by Dave and visuals taken care of by Fred, Louis and Allen. I knew that registration and membership would run smoothly thanks to Stan and Karen. They make great welcome folks as we arrive each Tuesday. I knew that Louis had worked hard to put us out there in the press. I knew that David's trips would fill the buses. I knew that Jan's study groups would challenge and encourage us to grow and I knew that Sally's book club would add another important dimension for our members.

My job was easier because Nancy took great minutes and the Board attended all the meetings filled with ideas and enthusiasm to make CCR a better experience for all of us. Fred's work on the directory helped me to communicate with all of you and finally Judy's weekly reminders and excellent Newsletters gave me confidence that you would be well informed.

I thank all of you for your smiles of affirmation each week and for your involvement in our program. I enjoy working with Creative Retirees who share their wisdom and enthusiasm, who still seek to learn and grow.

The years have flown and I have enjoyed my time as your president. I look forward to many more years of working with you and I encourage you to get involved in your CCR. It flourishes with good volunteers stepping up to fill jobs. I thank Waltraud for finding and filling our slate for next year and I hand over the gavel to Sandy with great confidence that CCR will continue to flourish.

### Kudos to David Clark by Maxwell Mowry

Members of CCR have enjoyed some entertaining and educational field trips, thanks to the organizational skills of David Clark who has provided our group with some special outings.

The first outing was held even before CCR reconvened in mid-September with an evening dinner cruise of Charleston Harbor. Diners could choose from several entrees as they sailed around the peninsula at twilight. In November David organized a bus trip to the Columbia Museum of art to enjoy a docent-led tour of the Annie Leibowitz photography exhibition. This was followed by lunch at the McCutcheon House on the USC campus where, during the academic year, students in the hospitality curriculum provide a buffet that is as varied as it is delicious. December's field trip took us to Mepkin Abbey in Berkeley County to see the annual exhibit of Nativity scenes, followed by lunch at Gilligan's on the water in Moncks Corner.

The first trip of 2014 consisted of a morning spent at the Charleston Museum for a behind the scenes tour, plus a visit to the nearby Joseph Manigault House Museum. The group then convened for lunch at the Rue d Jean French restaurant. The last trip of the academic year included a visit to the Darla Moore Botanical Garden near Lake city, then a drive into Lake City to visit the Jones-Carter Gallery, with lunch at the Railroad Restaurant.

Kudos to David Clark for providing our group with such outstanding field trips.

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## The Faces of More New Members

Be sure to look for, meet and greet these newcomers and introduce yourself.



Karen DelCioppo



Lois & Alan Ascroft



Dr. Robert Wall