

COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

CENTER FOR CREATIVE RETIREMENT

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PLAUDITS TO OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE !!

Blue Moon Inn Cheese Spread

1/2 cup pecans 3/4 cup mayonnaise
1 tsp . Worcestershire 1/3 cup bottled chili sauce
1/2 cup pimiento– stuffed Spanish olives, chopped
10 oz. block sharp Cheddar cheese, finely shredded

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake pecans 8-10 minutes until toasted. Cool 5 minutes. Finely chop. Stir together mayonnaise, olives, chili sauce and Worcestershire. Stir in cheese and pecans. Serve with crackers or vegetables.



Edith Crane is the Chair of our Social Committee which provides the great snacks between our two program sessions each week and plans our two catered luncheons. She makes the cheese balls and dips. Edith has shared the recipe for one of the members' favorite cheese spreads. Sharryn Clark bakes brownies and cookies and does the table decorations. Toni Johnson and Joanne Lowder bake goodies for our enjoyment. Both have been doing this since 2005. One of their recipes is shared below. Linda Cox purchases the fruit, nuts, paper products and other things needed by the committee. She has also been doing this since 2005. All of the ladies help with the set up and clean up and work to make our two luncheons special. It is amazing how seemingly effortless these women do this week after week. Be sure and let them know how much you appreciate their efforts and the results.



Tropical Kumquat Cake

3 eggs 2 cups sugar 3 cups flour
1 cup oil 2 tsp. soda 1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon 1 cup nuts, chopped
1 1/2 cups kumquats (or mandarin oranges) ,chopped
20 oz. crushed pineapple, well drained

Beat eggs, sugar and oil. Fold in dry ingredients. Mix well. Add chopped kumquats, nuts and pineapple. Pour into greased and floured tube pan. Bake 1 hour and 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool. Remove from pan.

Each week before our first program begins, a team of seemingly tireless women arrive with their push carts and containers. In what seems like a short period of time, they have set a table of goodies that appeals to the eyes, smell, and taste of members. There is always a variety of tastes-sweet, sour, and salty. Fruit, dips, cheese spread, candy, baked goods, and nuts are all provided for the enjoyment of members.

Eating is not merely a material pleasure. Eating well gives a joy to life and contributes to goodwill and happy companionship. It is of great importance to the morale.

Elsa Schiaparelli

Our Program Committee provides the "brain food" for our thought and reflection. Our Social Committee provides delicious "comfort food " that brings people together for a great time of refreshment, eating, talking and getting to know one another. Thank you ladies. You do it beautifully week after week.

Judy Murdoch: Editor



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, DAVID BARNARD

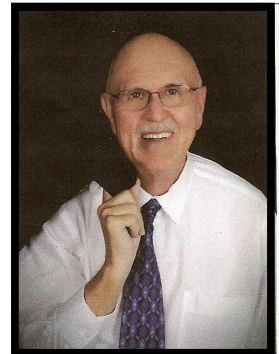
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**MARTIN H.
FISHER**

I am excited to begin my tenure as President and will depend on the great support I have come to enjoy with all of the Curriculum Committee with whom I've served and with our board. We have such a great group of people with so much to give and share, it humbles me to work with you all. My hope is that together with all you, our board, committees,

and members we can continue to make lifelong learning and friendships a mutual adventure. I look forward to your input as we journey together. This time of our lives is such a special one. We are so blessed to live in a community with so many riches to explore. My thanks to all who have had this job in the past for bringing us where we are and my

hands and heart to all of you who will journey with the Center for Creative Retirement in the coming year.



OTHER CCR OFFERINGS

Book Club Schedule

June 6
Clara and Mr. Tiffany by Susan Vreeland 1:30 pm

September 5
22 Britannia Road by Amanda Hodgkinson 1:30



Lecture Series

Beginning in September, every Tuesday, two stimulating programs are given at CCR. One at 1:00 and one at 2:30. These may cover cultural, political, scientific, or historical issues.

Field Trips

Several trips are offered each year. Members car-pool to trips in the area. Buses are chartered for more lengthy trips. David Clark arranges our trips. David can be reached at 884-6999. Email at davidclarkus@yahoo.com

Lunch Conversations

Several times a year members get together to enjoy a good restaurant and good conversation. Speak with Ron or Kathy Zigli at 813-3654. Email : outoftownron@aol.com.

Book Group

This group selects books to read. Stimulating discussions are held the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 in Room A at the main library in Charleston on Calhoun Street. Jan Harman is the contact person. See information below.

Study Groups

Small groups meet to study topics in greater depth. These are offered twice each semester at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 714 Riverdale near Savannah Hwy. and Magnolia. There is a charge of \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Jan Harman, 573-1810 is in charge. Email: janharman@netzero.net

**College of
Charleston
Classes**

Members of CCR who are 60 years old or older and residents of South Carolina, can enroll in classes for or without credit. Classes are available on a space available basis. There is a \$25 registration fee. For more information, visit the College of Charleston website. Type in Center for Creative Retirement. Or call 953-5620. Registration is at the Admissions Office, Craig Building, 65 George, Charleston.

MESSAGE FROM OUTGOING PRESIDENT, PAT GANDER

**REMEMBER,
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PAT GANDER

As the azaleas bloom and the mosquitoes attack-spring has come again to the Low-country, chasing a not very cold winter. I hope you have enjoyed the programs we have presented at CCR. Del and the Curriculum Committee put in a lot of effort to bring us the weekly lectures on wide-ranging topics. If there is something of interest to you, missing from the selection, let them

know as they are always looking for ideas. It's hard to believe that another year of CCR is coming to a close and with it my two years as President. If you enjoy CCR remember nothing happens without members to take on the job. Remember, someone has to step up to make things happen. Let that someone be you !



THE UPCOMING PROGRAM SEASON

The 2012 Fall Lecture Series will begin on the 18th of September with its second "Wine and Cheese With CCR" event. This is a new opportunity for our members to learn more about each other and about CCR. Our speaker that day will be Bret Lott, noted author and professor of English at the College of Charleston.

The semester will unfold

with talks on such diverse topics as, "A Day With a Charleston Harbor Pilot," "Istanbul: Crossroads of Cultures," "Inside the C.I.A.," and the remarkable story of Dr. Reshma Khan, a young Muslim woman who is a physician at the V.A. and who has recently founded a free clinic for uninsured women in Mt. Pleasant. These are but a random tasting of the

many programs that await us. The complete schedule is listed on the insert in this newsletter.



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**JAMES RUSSEL
LOWEL**



CCR Scholarships

This year's scholarship recipients are Emma Keech (left) and Alex Riesmeyer (right). In the middle is their College of Charleston advisor, Brenda Spears. Each year CCR grants a scholarship that can either be granted to one person or divided. This year it was divided between the two recipients.

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THE CENTER FOR CREATIVE
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Meetings Held Tuesdays 1 pm

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HOW TO BECOME A PART OF THE CENTER FOR CREATIVE RETIREMENT

The College of Charleston Center for Creative Retirement focuses on the ideas that the skills, insights, life experiences and educational backgrounds of retirees are important assets, helping to make their post-career years vital for living creatively and continuing to learn. In CCR members work to design their programs, select their roles in the group and be participants in projects and groups of their choice. CCR members are involved in a learning experience that improves the quality of their lives.

The Center for Creative Learning has two semesters. The first is from September to December. The second is from January through May. An annual membership for both semesters is \$50.00. A membership for only one semester is \$30.00.

You can sign up at the first meeting in September. Or you may mail checks to Claire Robinson at 317 Education Building, 66 George Street, Charleston, SC 29424.

Not sure you want to join? You may come for one or two meetings for free and see if this appeals to you. If so, then to attend more meetings you may join.

Meetings are held each Tuesday from 1:00-3:30 at the Saint Joseph's Family Life Center at 1695 Raoul Wallenberg Blvd, Charleston, SC 29407. Each meeting includes two programs and refreshments.

CCR has no religious affiliation. We are a part of the continuing education section of the College of Charleston. We meet at St. Joseph's as it has space available for a group our size and is in a convenient location. Our membership chairs are Karen and Stan Whitman. Contact number is 767-0007. Email: Stanley_whitman@bellsouth.net.