

Welcome to December 2020. We are still adjusting to the impact the virus is having within our communities. Yet, there is hope for vaccines and treatments and, perhaps, sometime in 2021 we can meet again. In the meantime, please stay safe as you find joy in your celebrations this month.

For our holiday gift... WE ARE GOING TO ZOOM! We have had problems with Microsoft Teams and the College now has a newer, more secure ZOOM platform. So, CCR will be using ZOOM for our Monday programs beginning in January. So, make sure you are ready to ZOOM with us. Easy to install. Easy to join. Easy to chat.

PROGRAMS

We conclude our Fall 2020 Program Schedule with two programs focused on our environment. (Microsoft Teams)

Monday, December 7th. **The Incredible Monarch Butterfly** presented by Billy McCord, retired Marine Biologist.

Monday, December 14th. **Putting Plants to Work** presented by Kim Counts Morganello, Water Resources Extension Agent from Clemson University.

CCR Winter-Spring 2021 Program Schedule is attached. We begin on January 11th (via ZOOM) with a presentation by Wojciech Milewski, the Artistic Director of The Summerville Orchestra on **Music of Charleston**.

We do not meet on Monday January 18 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday January 25th we learn about **The Chinese New Year: Celebrations and Traditions**.

Programs will be online Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. You will receive a ZOOM link to the week's program each Thursday and Monday morning.

We thank all of you who have watched our programs this Fall. We've had our glitches... but we have had extraordinary speakers who have been entertaining, enlightening, knowledgeable, and just plain fun to watch.

You can watch every presentation from this Fall Semester by going to our website under the Weekly Presentations tab. go:cofc.edu/ccr

Thanks go to Ray and Sherry Stewart and our amazing Curriculum Committee for their hard work and commitment to continuing education. Great Job!

CALL

Diana Barth and her committee put together seven programs this Fall and had a challenging time combining social distance with virtual learning. The topics were varied and the students were engaged.

New Lifelong Learning programs will begin in February. You can sign up for as many as you choose and spend a few weeks with other members learning a new topic in depth with our peer-to-peer format. Diana Barth will send out the Catalog in early February and present the **Preview of 2021 CALL Classes** at our Monday February 1st meeting.

REGISTRATION

You **must** register to receive the Monday ZOOM links for the next semester programs online. You can register online or directly. Payment of dues is optional this year, but registration is required. Please go to our website go:cofc.edu/ccr to get the information and details to register.

Jim Andressa, our membership chairman, can answer all your questions. Contact him at jandressaj@aol.com or Alison Burkey at The Riley Center 843-953-6103 or 770-639-7487. You can MAIL in your registration - just talk to Jim or Alison and just do it - your way.

It is very important to get your registration completed and part of our electronic roster. All of our information is sent via email and we don't want you to be missing the news and updates as 2021 begins.

BOOK CLUB

January 6th. Night Watchman by Louise Erdrick.

February 3rd. A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabele Allende.

March 3d. Redhead by the Side of the Road by Anne Tyler.

Contact Jan Harman (843-276-5165) or janharman@netzero.net. She will send you the Zoom link each month.

BOARD MEETING

CCR Board will meet via Zoom on Friday December 11th at 1:00 p.m. If you have a topic you want discussed, please contact me via email. cathmlang@msn.com

THANKS

This has been a challenging nine months. We hoped to make it easy for members to get connected and watch our presentations. We wanted to get our registration back to the great numbers we had last year. We had problems along the way. But, through it all, we have people helping, suggesting new approaches, and keeping the faith that CCR is resilient enough to make through 2020.

I thank The CCR Board, our Committees, our past president Fred Rosenberg, our speakers, The Riley Center staff, and - most of all - our MEMBERS who tuned in each Monday. Knowing you are there and receiving your emails with good reviews and upbeat messages keeps me going. WE ARE CCR. Best wishes for a joyful and healthy Holiday season.

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