

Dear CCR Member,

Welcome to January 2021. We are starting the New Year with positive news and optimistic plans.

PROGRAMS

We have 15 presentations for the Winter/Spring 2021 Semester on ZOOM beginning January 11th. The complete Winter/Spring 2021 Schedule is attached to this email.

MONDAY JANUARY 11. Wojciech Milewski, Artistic Director of the Summerville Orchestra, will talk to us about the **Music of Charleston.** Think of this as a fun Music Appreciation class on steroids, taught by a high-energy, entertaining teacher.

MONDAY JANUARY 18. We do not meet this Monday as an honor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

MONDAY JANUARY 25. In preparation for Chinese New Year, February 12, 2021, we welcome Wei Ma, Director of Charleston Chinese Language Center. Wei Ma will help us appreciate **The Chinese New Year: Celebrations and Traditions.**

ZOOM

We are very glad to be switching to ZOOM for our presentations in 2021. You must install ZOOM on your computer, I-pad, and/or phone. You will be sent a link to the Monday program by email on Thursday and again on Monday morning. We will send login instructions each week. Here are the basics:

- 1. Connect to ZOOM through the weekly link. Click JOIN the meeting at @12:50 p.m. There is no password. Instead, you will be "admitted" to the meeting by our host/moderators.
- 2. Click GALLERY VIEW and you will see members who are watching that day and have a chance to use your own VIDEO and AUDIO to see and talk with them before the program begins.
- 3. At 1:00 p.m., ALL members will be MUTED. Click SPEAKER VIEW. You will see and hear the introductions and our speaker. You can TYPE questions by clicking the CHAT icon. The questions will be read to our speaker by the moderator only.
- 4. For more information helping you use ZOOM, please go to our Website
 go:cofc.edu/CCR. Use the Weekly Presentations Tab. You can also access our past online presentations.

REGISTRATION

You must be registered to receive the ZOOM link to the Monday meetings. Dues are optional, but registration is **required.** You can:

 Go online at College of Charleston MarketPlace - Touchnet and the Center for Creative Retirement box then "click" to your registration ticket https://secure.touchnet.com/C20590 ustores/web/index.jso or

- 2. Email Jim Andressa at jandressaj@aol.com or
- 3. Call Alison Burkey at The Riley Center 843-953-6103.

SERVICE THROUGH ACTION COMMITTEE

The CCR Board has approved a new committee, with Faye Seigel as its chairwoman, to coordinate the skills, interests, and ideas of our members with community not-for-profit organizations and projects compiled by The Riley Center. Dr. Kendra Stewart and her staff will create an organization database. Faye will send an application to CCR members to list your talents, skills and interests which will be cross-checked for volunteer opportunities - projects matched to your interest.

In the meantime, Faye will make a list of needs that our members can help with now - from home - with little or no contact - keeping safety and health first - yet provide assistance to others. We can be proactive even during these difficult times.

More detail will follow in the next month. Please contact Faye Seigel with your ideas and she will be glad for other members to help on her committee. fayeseigel@aol.com

NEW BOARD MEMBER - MIDGE MORAN

At the December Board meeting, Midge Moran was appointed to serve as Board Member to fill one vacancy until May 2021. There is one vacancy on the Board still to be filled. If you are interested, please let me know. cathmlang@msn.com

CCR FRED FELDMAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR 2020-2021

Each May, CCR presents its \$5000 Scholarship award to two rising Juniors at CofC who are studying gerontology-related courses. Dr. Brenda Sanders at The College is our advisor. Because the pandemic prevented our May luncheon, we did not have a formal introduction to the award winners. Their story, their pictures, and their acceptance letters are attached. Please take a minute to meet them both.

Congratulations to Morgan Mann and Savannah Myers

CALL

Diana Barth and the CALL committee are working on the Winter/Spring course offerings and plan to begin the programs @ February 23. We will have a presentation of the complete CALL course selection as our Monday February 1st program. For more information, contact Diana at dianabarth09@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUB

The group meets again by ZOOM on Wednesday January 6th to discuss <u>Night</u> <u>Watchman by Louise Erdrick.</u> The February 3d selection is <u>A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende</u>. Contact Jan Harman (843-276-5165) or <u>JanHarman@netzero.net</u>. She will send you the Zoom link each month.

OTHER NEWS

A new CCR member, Richard Winett, recently retired professor at Virginia Tech, writes a newsletter each month - <u>Master Trainer</u> - focusing on exercise training, nutrition, and health maintenance as we age. You can contact him for a copy of his December newsletter and get more information. <u>richardwinett@gmail.com</u>

Our CALL presenter Medford Wilson has published a book on China now available through Amazon. Here Comes China by Medford A. Wilson

We would like to add to our monthly newsletter information about our members who are doing interesting things. Let us know what's going on...!

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF CCR

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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