WELCOME TO FEBRUARY 2022 We have a busy month with eight lectures, a tour of Charles Towne Landing, and seven CALL classes ready to start. We hope you are staying healthy and will all soon feel comfortable gathering at Founders Hall. We have really enjoyed the new space, sunshine, gardens and friendship.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

February 7. 12:30 p.m.

Mepkin Abbey: Transformation in a Place of Unchanging Beauty.

2:00 p.m.

Speaker cancelled, so something different!!

February 14. 12:30 p.m.

Plastic Pollution: The Global Problem in Our Backyard.

2:00 p.m.

Electric Vehicles and The Grid.

February 21. 12:30 p.m.

Journey Through America's National Park System,

2:00 p.m.

Hidden Gems in America's National Park System.

February 28. 12:30 p.m.

<u>Patton's Third Army: Normandy to The Lorraine</u>.

2:00 p.m. A Taste of LifeLong Learning

Meetings are at Founders Hall at Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site in West Ashley.

Masks and proof of vaccination are required. Members must wear their 2022 name badges.

We will have a live-stream ZOOM available for those who cannot attend in-person. Our technological start has been bumpy. We have had problems with audio and video. It is challenging each Monday but we are working hard to correct problems and keep all our members connected. Please be patient.

Check your email every Thursday and Monday for weekly reminders and the Zoom link. More information is on the Weekly Presentations Tab of our website.

MEMBERSHIP - RENEW AND REBUILD

We look forward to a growing membership into 2022. Please use our online registration platform - College of Charleston Marketplace - or come to Founders Hall to sign up and pay dues for the semester. And please bring a friend....or two!

TRIPS & TOURS

Saturday February 5 at 1:30 p.m. Join members for our private tour of **Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site**. We will have video introduction to the park, a guided walking tour of

the sites, and the opportunity to enjoy the place CCR now calls home. \$7.50/person.

Thursday March 3 at 6:30 p.m. We gather at Circular Congregational Church on Meeting Street for **Sound of Charleston**. Hear Charleston history come to life through music performed by professional musicians. A 75-minute program includes gospel spirituals, Civil War songs, Gershwin, jazz and light classics and concludes with Amazing Grace. Masks must be worn. Proof of vaccination required. \$22/person.

Sign up with Trips & Tours Committee. Cash payment preferred.

Contact: bschwartz1945@comcast.net.

LIFELONG LEARNING - WINTER/SPRING 2022 SEMESTER

You have received the new catalog of classes via email. Be sure to register - College of Charleston Marketplace site - for one, or all, of the seven courses beginning February 15 through March 25. It's only \$10/course. Choose from:

Electricity, Magnetism, and Magic

Recognizing Relationships

Fun Facts about Birds of the Lowcountry

Women Spies of World War II

Memoirs Done Write

Improvisation Theater

Desert Queen - The Life and Times of Gertrude Bell

Classes are at The Riley Center, virtual, or in a hybrid format. Contact: Diana Barth.

CAforLifelongLearning@gmail.com.

BOOK GROUP

The March selection is <u>Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles.</u> Join the group and get the ZOOM link for the Wednesday March 2 meeting. Contact: <u>Janharman@netzero.net</u>

SERVICE IN ACTION

Mayor Tecklenburg announced at his January 10 presentation to CCR that he was initiating a mentoring program within the city. On **Saturday February 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** there will be a Mentor Recruitment Fair at The Arthur W. Christopher Community Center at 265 Fishbourne Street. Local mentoring organizations will be represented and offer the opportunity to volunteer, raise awareness of the importance of mentorship, and support local youth.

Faye Seigel has been in contact with the Mayor's office and will continue to gather more information in the months ahead. Contact: fayeseigel@aol.com.

2022 CCR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Since 2004, CCR has funded a scholarship to an undergraduate junior or senior at The College of Charleston. Named in honor of our late member Fred Feldman, the current \$4000

scholarship is awarded to two students who are in full-time status, maintain a 3.0 GPA, major or minor in Sociology, Biology, Psychology, or Public Health, and show a demonstrated interest in Gerontology as a profession upon graduation. Dr. Brenda Sanders is our College liaison and recommends the annual recipients.

For the current 2022-2023 academic year, the scholarships have been awarded to: Adam Dorsheimer and Eleanore Fish. Here is the introduction and thanks from each student:

Adam Dorsheimer: I'm a junior from just outside of Denver, Colorado studying English, Sociology and Asian Studies. I've been interested in working with older people from a young age, as I grew up very close to my maternal grandparents and still cherish the time I get to spend with them. I didn't fully become aware of gerontology as an academic field until my first semester of college, when Prof. Sanders, the instructor for my introductory sociology course, shared some of her passion for gerontology with our class. While I don't have any work experience in the field yet, I have plans to begin work with Aging Life Care Charleston in early 2022. Outside of the field of gerontology, I am passionate about creative writing, and I enjoy having the opportunity to write, publish, and teach classes on short fiction.

Your generosity will be enormously helpful in allowing me to continue my studies in social gerontology. I hope to pursue a career that allows me to work with older people in some capacity. Your help means a lot to me.

Eleanore Fish: I am a Senior Public Health (B.S.) and Political Science (B.A.) double major. As a member of the Honors College, I am pursuing research in the field of gerontology as the topic of my bachelor's essay project. This study examines the affect that the Covid-19 global pandemic has had on older adults living in long-term care facilities and their opportunities to participate in physical activity and chronic disease selfmanagement programs. My initial interest in the field of gerontology stems from my maternal grandmother and the experiences and challenges she faced while living in a long-term care facility. In addition to my academic endeavors, I am a former member of the Student Government Association and am Vice President of the College's Outdoors Club as well as an NCAA Division I student-athlete.

I am deeply appreciative of your support. The financial assistance you have provided will help me in paying my educational expenses as I work to complete my degree in the spring and summer semesters. Thank you for your generosity and support for students like me who are interested in studying the very important topic of aging in our society.

We hope to meet Adam and Eleanore at our May Membership Meeting. Our thanks to Dr. Sanders at the College for her assistance in our goal to support students in their future professions in Gerontology. Jean Marterre is Chair of the CCR Scholarship Committee.

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You can stay up-to-date on all our activities, programs, and plans on our website. Details for registration and committee activities are at your fingertips.

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