



# ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Academy of Lifelong Learning  
University of Delaware

March 13, 2006

## WELCOME BON LIP FONG



Bon joined us in January as an audio-visual technician, replacing Chris Ginn who left the part-time position for a career position in Aberdeen, MD.

Bon's interest in electronics began in high school in his native Hong Kong. He studied analytical chemistry at DeSales University in Allentown, PA but, rather than continuing in chemistry, he entered his family's restaurant business. He recently retired from that business.

Bon lives in Hockessin with his wife, a first grade teacher. His oldest son is a UD graduate, now with AOL and his other son is currently a senior at Georgetown University, majoring in government.

Bon continues to enjoy his interests in electronics and computers as well as gardening. He is glad to be part of a place devoted to the exchange of knowledge, quoting Confucius, "When three people get together, one has to be the teacher."

## OFFICER PAIGE

Officer Janet Hedrick who has been with us for six years has been transferred to Newark where she will assume new responsibilities. We are now served by Officer Paige Seppanen who is quickly learning about our members as he greets us with a friendly smile.

## SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

The Academy will be offering the popular Summer Lecture Series from June 19 to June 23. The series consist of a week of lectures, two each day. They start at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 12:15 p.m. The fee remains at \$50, the same as last year, and includes lunch on Friday. Many excellent speakers will give presentations. Speakers include Susan Del Pesco, Delaware Superior Court Judge in Wilmington, who will discuss her cases and Margaret Tocci, Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore who will inform us about the life of Queen Victoria, and many others. Pick up a flier at the Reception Desk. Please join us!

Nancy Peters  
Chair, Summer Lecture Series

## SUMMER COURSES

Course listings for the Academy's second year of Summer Courses will be handed out at the doors starting April 3. Registration will begin the same day in the Lobby.

Members may choose up to six courses for the same \$60 fee as last summer. The Summer Courses will run from July 5 through July 27. Classes meet Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 9-10:15 a.m. and 10:30-12 noon. There is one exception. For the first week only the Tuesday classes will be held Wednesday afternoon as July 4 falls on Tuesday.

Several of last summer's many successful courses will be repeated and there will be a number of new offerings. Additional information and reminders will appear in "This Week at the Academy."

Jean Kennedy and Chenda Davison  
Co-chairs, Summer Courses

## ART SHOW

An art exhibit and sale by Academy artists will be on view in room 105 from March 13 -23.

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Schedule for the *Academy Newsletter*

<u>Submittal deadline</u>	<u>Issue date</u>
Mon. Mar. 20	Mon. Apr. 17
Mon. July 30	Tue. Sept. 5

Submit articles to [rehlich@udel.edu](mailto:rehlich@udel.edu), or place in the Newsletter mail slot on the rear wall in the Reception Area.

### **P.T.T.P.- ACADEMY MATINÉE BUS TRIP**

The Professional Theater Training Program ( P.T.T.P. ) of the University offers an intensive three year course in the various phases of classical theater production, including acting, stage management and technical activities, leading to a Master of Fine Arts Degree. This is the second year of the Class of 2007. The students present professional quality productions under the direction of the faculty.

As part of the special relationship of the Academy with P.T.T.P. we offer a bus trip from Arsht Hall to attend a Saturday matinée each semester. The spring 2006 matinée will be Sat., April 22. We have reserved fifty seats in Hartshorn Hall, the P.T.T.P. theater, for the performance which begins at 2 p.m. A bus will leave the Academy parking lot at 1 p.m., and return immediately after the performance. Seats on the bus are on a first come, first served basis. The Parking Garage across the street from the theater is available if you prefer to drive on your own.

We will be seeing "The Rivals " by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, a comedy of manners that features that wonderful invention, Mrs. Malaprop. Silly young girls, handsome suitors, lords, ladies, and country bumpkins fill the

stage with duels, lovers' quarrels, high comedy, and farce.

Tickets for the performance and bus trip go on sale in the Lobby during lunch hour the week of April 3. Costs will be \$8 for the performance, and \$7 for the bus, an increase that reflects the current price of fuel and other charges. Look for more information on posters, the Bulletin Board, and in "This Week at The Academy."

The play is a popular one, the students are delightful, and the performance affords an opportunity for us to be a part of this wonderful cultural tradition.

### **THE CASE OF THE MISSING NEWSPAPER**

During the first week of classes, Reading Room monitors were perplexed and members disappointed because one of the four daily newspapers that are available for Academy members disappeared! Probably a member did not realize that our Cannon Reading Room is not a lending library!

The Reading Room is a quiet place to study or read. You can find magazines on many subjects, minutes of Council meetings, articles on the history of the Academy, books on art and history, art exhibits that change every two weeks, and much, much more. The reading Room is available for Academy instructors to place class related materials for the primary use of class students.

To preserve this wonderful benefit, please follow these simple guidelines:

- Do not remove any of the reading materials.
- Do not bring in any food or drink.
- Speak quietly.

The Reading Room Committee and 110 Monitors and Substitutes thank you!

NEWS FLASH: The Sunday New York Times Book Review is now available in the Reading Room!

Joyce Merges, Sara Lu Schwartz  
Co-Chairs, Cannon Reading Room

## REMEMBERING DAVE MUNSON

Who could forget his "lovely day", even if it was raining outside?

His enthusiasm and love for the Academy was something he could not hide.

We were the happy couple wearing twin shirts, you know.

Our love for each other was strong, our faces a-glow.

An unexpected heart attack - he quickly passed away,  
He's no longer here to enrich and brighten our day.  
January 25th - our lives will never be the same.  
But we'll all remember him and smile at the sound of his name.

His News Media Classes were eagerly and fully attended.

In his Circle Singers class voices and instruments blended.

His involvement on Council, and then Council Chair-  
He accepted these challenges with gusto and flair.

Whether bungee jumping, canoeing, volunteering or singing,

Or talking with friends, and cheer to them bringing,  
He joyfully tackled each day, so full was his life.

For six years I was thrilled to be his loving wife.

Ellie Munson

## SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS

A big Academy thank you to Al Santoro and the Hi-Liters, David Hutton (Delaware Photographic Society), Debbie Engel (Delaware Symphony Orchestra), and comedian Scott Mason as Dame Edna for getting the Special Events Wednesdays Spring 2006 semester off to such a great start!

Our next events are described below and are sure to please. Come one, come all to Room 105 from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. with or without lunch to enrich your day and continue our lifelong learning adventure!

### March 15 - Ralph Begleiter and David Hoffman, "The World at Large: Headlines and What's Behind the Headlines"

Ralph Begleiter, UD Distinguished Journalist in Residence, has considerable experience in traveling the world covering the news for CNN. David Hoffman, Assistant Managing Editor, Foreign News, Washington Post, has been a reporter and bureau chief in Jerusalem and Moscow. They possess interesting perspectives on electronic and print media newsgathering, and, as in the past, promise to stimulate our thinking about the news.

## March 22 - One on One: Interviews with Interesting People

This semester's One-on-One will feature two students from the Academy, Jean Kennedy and Glen Barbaras. Both are long-time members and volunteers at the Academy. Glen was involved with the Manhattan Project, and has an interesting story to tell about his early professional life. Jean, from a coal mining town, has had experiences with people most of us have only imagined. She will tell us about her life in this unusual community. They will be interviewed by Howard Hoffman.

Joann Kinsley, who was originally scheduled for March 22, had to cancel because she was called to Pakistan to continue her human rights work.

## March 29 - Spring Break – Academy Closed

## April 5 – Colm Connolly on Cyber Safety

United States Attorney Colm F. Connolly is one of many US attorneys who have been leading a campaign to educate the public about the dangers to young people of inappropriate internet behavior.

## April 12 - Margaret Orner as "Mother Jones"

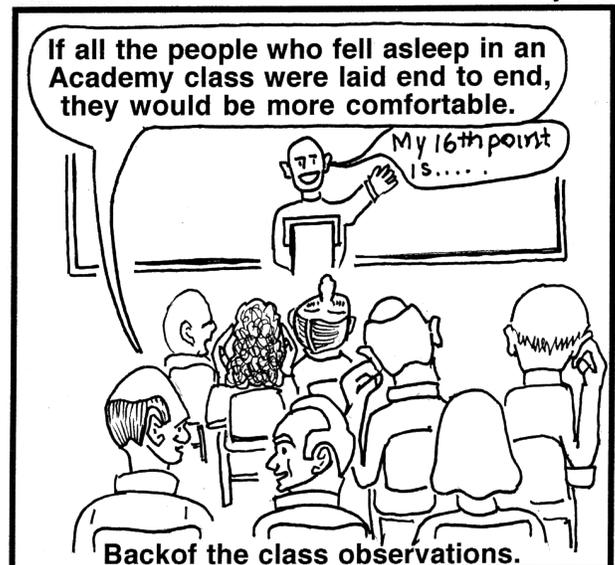
Mary Harris Jones was a woman activist committed to worker's freedom, unionization, and regulation of child labor in the period from 1870 through 1920. "Mother Jones" was a significant figure in the history of the labor movement. Margaret Orner presents a one woman play that characterizes the life of this colorful personality.

Lyn Newsom

Chair, Special Events Wednesdays

ALL in Fun

by Bolt





# Schedule of Events



## SOCIAL HOURS

Academy members will have two more Social Hours this semester with tea, coffee, and delicious homemade cookies. There will be time for conversation with old friends and new ones.

Thurs., March 16 1:45 p.m.  
Wed., April 19 1:45 p.m.

Barbara Golin  
Social Committee Chair

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON LECTURE SERIES

Invite a friend to the Academy. Come hear stimulating, public lectures, on Friday afternoons, 1-2:30 p.m. with time for questions and answers.

March 17 – Ann Boylan, UD Department of History, will speak on "Cavalcade of America." This popular radio program created by the DuPont Co. ran from 1935 to 1953 and featured historical re-enactments and dramatizations of historical personalities, 22% of whom were women.

March 24: Balaji Panchapakesan, UD Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, will inform us on the application of nanotechnology to treating cancer, referred to as a "cancer bomb." Balaji and his work were featured in the News-Journal on Feb. 24.

April 7: Nick Kotz, formerly of the Washington Post and Pulitzer Prize winner, will speak on his recent book, the acclaimed *Judgment Days: Lyndon Baines Johnson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Laws that Changed America*.

April 14: Joseph E. Trainor, Projects Coordinator for the UD Disaster Research Center, will speak on his team's fieldwork exploring the social impact of Katrina.

April 21: Gretchen Rubin will discuss her new book (published in October, 2005), *Forty Ways to Look at JFK*.



Sat., Mar. 25 – A Day in New York  
Mon., Mar 27 to Sun., Apr 2 – Charleston/  
Savannah  
Fri., Mar. 31 – Philadelphia – U. of PA Museum  
of Archaeology and Anthropology  
Sat., Apr 8 – A Day in Washington  
Thu., Apr 20 – Washington, DC - F.D.R.  
Memorial & Smithsonian Institution  
Sat., Apr 22 – Gettysburg – Electric map,  
Battlefield tour, Eisenhower farm  
Sat., May 6 – Philadelphia/Constitution Center  
Fri., May 12 – Brooklyn Botanical Garden  
Fri., May 19 – Washington, DC – National  
Arboretum  
Tues., June 13 to Thurs., Jun 15 – NY Finger  
Lakes/ Auburn / Lake Skaneateles /Tiffany  
Glass / Seward Homestead  
Thu., Aug. 17 to Sat., Aug. 19 – Long Island  
Sat., Oct. 14 – Harrisburg/PA Capitol/Hershey  
For more information, visit the Travel Desk  
in the lobby, Monday through Thursday,  
11:45 – 12:30 p.m.



## SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAYS

This series continues in room 105 from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. See page 3 for the full schedule and more details.

ACADEMY CALENDAR	
2006	
Mon., Mar. 27 - Fri., Mar. 31.....	Spring Break
.....	ACADEMY CLOSED
Fri., May 12.....	Spring Semester ends
Tues., May 30 - Fri., Jun. 2.....	ALLSTEL
Mon., Jun. 19 - Fri., Jun. 23.....	Summer Lectures
Wed., Jul. 5 - Thurs., Jul. 27.....	Summer Courses
Tues., Sept. 5 .....	Fall Semester begins
Fri., Dec. 8.....	Fall Semester ends