



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Let's begin with Holiday greetings for everybody. Even though I'm not so sure I would agree without reservation that this is necessarily "the most wonderful time of the year," I do hope your Holiday season is relatively free of the hassle that can sometimes create unwelcome stress.

This newsletter brings with it our ElderStudy spring program schedule, and as always it is a cornucopia of riches. Together with **Great Lives** plus the spring theatre and orchestra offerings of the University we are blessed with much in the way of intellectual nourishment, and with luck we will also be blessed with health and prosperity. Now, if only we can somehow dodge the looming fiscal "cliff," life should be a bowl of cherries!

I would be remiss if I did not again take this opportunity to encourage your involvement in one or more of our ElderStudy committees (Administration, Curriculum, Membership). Watch the schedule for meeting times and places. Also, in March the General Membership meeting will elect new Board members and take up an extensive updating of our governing policies and procedures. We'll need everybody to be there for those important votes.

So, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Phil Hall

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old familiar carols play  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

## Administration Committee Report

Happy Holidays from the Administration Committee.

The Administration Committee, with Board approval, develops policies and plans for operating the ElderStudy organization, monitors finances and projects future needs, proposes an annual budget, recommends annual fees, and periodically reviews ElderStudy governing documents for recommendation of potential changes.

Most of the Committee activities since the report in the October Newsletter have revolved around the continued review and proposed revisions to the Procedures Manual by the Manual Subcommittee. As part of the status report presented to the Board of Directors at their September 5th meeting, a draft of the proposed changes was provided to each Director and Committee Chairperson for review and comment; there were no changes proposed to the ElderStudy Constitution or to the Memorandum Of Understanding with the University. On September 26th, a joint working meeting was conducted to receive comments and to allow for discussion of any issues/concerns. Based on these discussions, the Committee recommended changes/revisions, including a title change from **Procedures Manual** to **Policy & Procedures Document** will be presented to the Board of Directors at their December 5th Meeting for approval. Pending Board approval, the revised ByLaws will be presented to the General Membership for approval at the General Membership Meeting on March 20th; copies of the revised ByLaws will be distributed to the membership in late February for review, comment, and approval.

The regular Quarterly Meeting of the Administration Committee was held on November 27th with a Tentative Agenda which included the First Quarter Preliminary Treasurer's Reports, discussion of the Manual review status, a discussion regarding the Bachelor of Liberal Studies Scholarship for 2013-2014, and likely discussion of the 2011-2012 Audit Report. The First Quarter Financial Reports will be posted on the bulletin board in Chandler 102 following approval by the Board of Directors on December 5. Subsequent Administration Committee Meetings are scheduled for February 27th (1-3 PM, Woodard Room 2) and May 29th (1-3 PM, Woodard Room 2). Participation by the ElderStudy membership is encouraged.

Respectfully Submitted: John Thompson, Committee Chair

### **Treasurer's Report**

The ElderStudy Operations Report for September-October 2012 is posted on the bulletin board in Chandler 102 (lower right corner). The First Quarter Operations Report and associated Balance Sheet Report will be posted on the bulletin board after approval by the Board of Directors. It is anticipated that there will be no unexpected situations in the organization's financial status.

The Annual Audit Report for the 2011-2012 year (September 1, 2011 thru August 31, 2012) is expected to be presented at the December 5th Board Meeting. Following Board approval of the report, it will be posted and the IRS tax return will be filed before January 15, 2013.

Contact Point: John Thompson, Treasurer

### **Celebrating Our Twentieth Year of Learning in Retirement**

The Celebrate 20 Committee is seeking photos, information, reminiscences and ideas to help us mark this special time. We especially need photos and hope to use them in a Flashback article in the Free Lance-Star. We are also looking for contact information for our charter members. A celebration is planned at the spring potluck luncheon on May 16, 2013.

Please share photos and information with the committee members listed below. Thank you.

Committee members: Eugenia Jones, Peg Johnson, Ann and John Massaro, Dot Meyers, Mary Ann Stana, Rose Marie Schlemm, Margareta Williamson, and Alan Zirkle.

The Newsletter is prepared by Dorothy Meyers, with the help of many volunteers from the members of ElderStudy. Any questions or additions to the newsletter should be sent to me. I am happy to include any information that is important to the members. Thank you for all your help.

### **ElderStudy Membership Growth**

Since the initial 2012-2013 Roster was compiled in late September (this Roster was included in the October Newsletter), **the membership has grown to 236** as of November 17. **PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING 24 NEW OR RENEWING MEMBERS:**

Lucille Anderson, 1811 Washington Avenue, Fredericksburg VA 22401

George and Margaret Brandel, 484 McCarty Rd, Falmouth VA 22405

Glen and Linda Cannon, 105 Hillside Drive, Locust Grove VA 22508

Sharon Chiles, 10121 Shawnee Lane, Spotsylvania VA 22553

Jennie Evans, 308 George Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Gerhard Hennes, 2700 Cowan Boulevard, Apt 130, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Andy and Carol Kavanagh, 2603 Glendas Way, Fredericksburg VA 22408

Barbara Leone, 11206 Lynchburg Drive, Fredericksburg, 22407

Donna Mammarella, 10 Shawnee Way, Stafford VA 22556

Wayland Marks, 29 Tally Ho Drive, Fredericksburg VA 22405

John and Susan Moundalexis, 16460 Machodoc Creek Lane, King George VA 22485

Kay and Ray Pollock, 530 Fagan Drive, Fredericksburg VA 22405

Margaret Rose, 4 Barksdale Court, Fredericksburg VA 22401

Dorothy Snapp, 11D446 Savannah Drive, Fredericksburg VA 22407

Betty Walker, 1220 Parcell Street, Fredericksburg VA 22401

Art and Jean Waterman, 1408 Washington Drive, Stafford VA 22554

Linda Wilhelm, 10120 Shawnee Lane, Spotsylvania VA 22553

### **Membership Committee Report**

Depending on when the ElderStudy Newsletter reaches your door, I hope you are planning to attend the **Winter Luncheon** on December 6 at Lake of the Woods or you enjoyed the ElderStudy **Winter Luncheon**.

Please mention to your friends and neighbors, that our 'second semester' of ElderStudy programs starts in January 2013 which means if you join at that time, the cost is half of what it was in September. Economically, thus it is a great time to join! (You missed scores of high-quality programs though.)

In memory of

Betty Blaisdell & Alice Rabson

Mary Washington ElderStudy made a memorial contribution to the Chappell Great Lives Lecture series of the University of Mary Washington.

These two vital and independent women were members of ElderStudy and were also significant leaders in our community. Their presence in the life of our community is a great loss.

The membership committee met on November 6, 2012. The minutes of the meeting can be found on the website, [www.elderstudy.com](http://www.elderstudy.com).

All members are welcome to attend the next membership committee, which will meet on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 1:30 on the second floor of Wegmans.

Suzanne Willis, Membership Chairman

**COMING TO THE THEATRE THIS SPRING**

**February 14<sup>th</sup> thru February 25<sup>th</sup> - *Harvey*** by Mary Chase. *Doctor, I wrestled with reality for 40 years, and I am happy to state that I finally won over It* - Elwood P. Dowd, Harvey. Kind and gentle Elwood P. Dowd is never far from his best – and invisible - friend, Harvey, a 6 foot-3½-inch-tall rabbit. When his exasperated sister, Veta, reaches a breaking point with Elwood's goings-on about the rabbit, she embarks on a plan to have her brother committed to a sanatorium. When the psychiatrist surprisingly diagnoses Veta a tad beyond loony, the imaginary Harvey becomes more real, and necessary, than ever.

**March 22 thru April 26 – Spotlight: Designers.** Take a peek into the world of theatre design. The exhibit is an examination of theatre designs and models from Julie Hodge, David Hunt, and Kevin McCluskey along with some former faculty designers. Through a compelling collection of drawings, renderings, and models, the world of our plays come alive first as images on the page, as models of the finished idea, and ultimately as realized costumes, lighting, scenery, and props.

**April 11th thru April 21st – *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare.** How beauteous mankind is! O brave new world. That has such people in't! - Miranda, *The Tempest*. Exiled and deposed with his young daughter, Prospero holds court on a desert island over an array of fantastic, magical, and mystical folk. With the sprightly Ariel, Prospero conjures a raging storm to bring ashore the brother who defied him. In a wondrous and gorgeous play, Shakespeare renders ambition, redemption, forgiveness, and revenge in his most bewitching work, ***The Tempest***.

**Mark your calendar!** ElderStudy classes are on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>. See the spring schedule for details.

Questions: Carole / Bob Hanus

[www.elderstudy.com](http://www.elderstudy.com)

What you need to know, when you need to know it!!!

## Book Group News

The Book Group is finishing a rousing first semester, with four well-attended sessions. Discussions have been lively and at times controversial (in a friendly fashion). We welcome any ElderStudy member – and you DON'T have to read the book to attend.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month, at 1:00 pm in one of the meeting rooms on the upper level of Woodard – usually Meeting Room 2. Occasionally we get moved around, so be sure to check the other rooms on that floor if you don't find us in Room 2.

Our schedule and group information is always on the webpage under the Interest Groups tab.

During the Spring semester, we will discuss the following:

**January** – Anne Tyler's *Back When We Were Grownups* Fifty-three year old Rebecca Danitch, reviews her past life by visiting her hometown in Virginia. Leader: Nancy Hansen

**February** – Anne Quindlen's *Every Last One* A novel that explores the complexities of raising teenagers today. Leader: Sherrill Bartholomew

**March** – Gail Tsukiyama's *The Street of a Thousand Blossoms* Japanese orphan brothers dream of their future lives rooted in the Japanese traditions; their lives are transformed with the events of World War II and the new Japan. Leader: Margareta Williamson

**April** – Pat Conroy's *My Reading Life* The author shares memories of his first encounters with the world of story-telling and reading through an array of anecdotes. Leader: Rose Reif

**May** – Isabel Wilkerson's *The Warmth of Other Suns*. The story of the six million blacks who migrated north between 1915 and 1970, told through the lives of 3 unique individuals. Leader: Phil Hall

Anne McGrath, Temporary Coordinator.

**Where Were We in '93??**

Mary Washington ElderStudy classes began in the fall of 1993. What do you know about the early years? Take this quiz and see!

1. The first president of ES was: A) Bill Clinton  
B) Bill Wemmerus  
C) Bill Smith  
D) Bill Bailey
2. The president of Mary Washington College in 1993 was: A) Dr. Woodard  
B) Dr. Chandler  
C) Dr. Oz  
D) Dr. Anderson
3. The meeting venue for early ES classes was: A) Dodd Auditorium  
B) Chandler Hall C) Seacobeck Hall D) Monroe Hall
4. The number of paid members recorded in September 1993 was: A) 87  
B) 42  
C) 94  
D) 79
5. The title of the first ES class (from a lecture series presented by Dr. Paul Slayton, Jr.) was: A) "The Great Little Virginian"  
B) "Great Rivers"  
C) "Getting Virginia Out of the Mud"  
D) "The Other George Washington"

Answers to quiz:

1. C. Bill Smith was the first president of ElderStudy.
2. D. Dr. William Anderson was the president of Mary Washington College in 1993.
3. A. Initially, classes convened in Dodd Auditorium.
4. C. There were 94 paid members in September 1993
5. B. "Great Rivers" was the title of the first class, though all listed were class titles for fall 1993.

This quiz was prepared by Mary Ann Stana from information obtained from history notes provided by Bill Smith and Larry Valade.