



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Happy New Year of Learning!

As we move into a new school semester and our schedule of fall classes, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our 25th anniversary and our continued growth. As an all-volunteer organization, I would like to recognize my dedicated fellow board, committee chairs and contributing members who have worked to ensure our continued excellence for hopefully another 25 years.

Also many thanks to Alan Zirkle, our computer science engineer and coordinator, Chuck Watkins, our web master, Kay McKinney, board secretary and Bryn Pavek, treasurer, for keeping information flowing smoothly to the membership.

I also want to state a special thank you to Eugenia Jones, Carolyn Sulima, Donna Lewis and Michelle Esbenshade for arranging our celebration and organizing the luncheons. Last but not least I want to commend Charlie and Randi Fennimore for their dedication in opening the classroom before each class and making certain that the media and audio systems are working properly. Again, our volunteers are the key to the ElderStudy we enjoy.

On a final note I would like to mention that our BLS Scholarship recipient of the past year, Anthony Wise, graduated in May of 2018 with a Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree in Leadership and Management. I think we should all be proud that ES was able to contribute to Anthony's opportunity to complete his degree and make his mark on the world.

Thank you all for your support and encouragement during my term as your president. It has been a great honor to serve.

Jack Allison

## ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The ElderStudy 2018 Fall Semester is beginning shortly. We hope that all ElderStudy members had a great summer despite the periods of excessive heat and what seemed like torrential downpours with flooding.

The Administration Committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, August 29 at 1 PM** in the ElderStudy classroom. This meeting will serve to “close-out” the 2017-2018 ES Year and to “ring-in” the 2018-2019 Year. It is anticipated that the Treasurer will provide a preliminary 17-18 Year-End financial report for review by meeting participants. Bryn may also provide a “first look” at 2018-2019 financial information based on membership fees received as of the date of this meeting (the 2018-2019 ES Financial Year formally begins on September 1). It is anticipated that the Policy & Procedures editor will provide a report regarding revisions being recommended in the 2018 revision to the Policy & Procedures Document. It is also hoped that the “search committee” will have a positive report relative to the upcoming Administration Committee Chairperson vacancy.

Comments and questions relating to the Admin Committee activities may be addressed to John Thompson (email: [johnsafet@cox.net](mailto:johnsafet@cox.net) or phone 371-4827).

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

This Newsletter is prepared by me, Dot Meyers, with the help of many members of ElderStudy. If you have any questions or suggestions for the newsletter, please feel free to let me know. You can leave a message on the phone, 540-654-1769, or call me at 540-760-1533.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Welcome back to our 26<sup>th</sup> year in ElderStudy! And welcome to our new members who have come on board! We had a banner year in membership as our numbers soared to 350+ in 2017-18. Members are reminded that renewal is available at a special rate of \$60 until September 9. After that date the price of renewal increases to \$65. (If you do not renew, this will be your final communication from us.) Both new and renewal membership forms are available on line.

Please remember to indicate your preference for email or postal communications and sign up today. By choosing email when it is available to you to receive your newsletters, you are assisting the organization in budget savings.

If you recently joined ElderStudy but have not pick up your name tags, they are available in the classroom office. New members receive a temporary name tag in the mail. Allow several weeks after joining for your tag to arrive (in the classroom.)

The Membership Committee will continue to maintain the ElderStudy voicemail phone line (540-654-1769) for the purpose of leaving messages only. The voicemail is checked every Sunday and responses follow, so if you have a timely question, please call Donna Lewis, the Membership Committee chairperson (571-259-6097.)

In order to better serve our membership, we need your help in two ways. First, please consider volunteering for a committee! Since our organization is dependent on volunteers, we need your ideas and energy. The Membership Committee always welcomes new people to our group. If you would be willing to help out, please contact Donna Lewis at 571-259-6097 or [dvlewis22@gmail.com](mailto:dvlewis22@gmail.com). Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 29, from 10-12 pm in the classroom.

The second way you can help us out is to provide your input and feedback. What works for you? What improvements would you suggest? What ideas do you have for topics? Please email your thoughts to Donna Lewis ([dvlewis22@gmail.com](mailto:dvlewis22@gmail.com)). We are anxious to hear from you! If you are not renewing in the fall, please share your reasons so we can be responsive.

We are continuing a popular practice of holding a one hour session (10-11 am) prior to our General Membership meeting. Please join us October 17, when Dr. Wayland Marks will address medical care for the very elderly (from 10-11 am). A full description of his session can be found in the classroom schedule. The General Membership meeting will follow. We hope to see you there! Come early to socialize! Light refreshments will be available at 9:30 am.

The Membership Committee is charged with reaching out to our members who are under the weather or who have suffered a loss. Please help us stay connected by letting Peggy Gratz ([mmgratz@verizon.net](mailto:mmgratz@verizon.net)) know when a member could use a cheerful message from our organization.

Donna Lewis, Chairperson      Membership Committee

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TRIP –IMPORTANT TIPS**

**LUNCH:** The Library of Congress offers several food options. In the James Madison Building—The main café is on the sixth floor. You get there via the tunnel & elevators. Most can eat here and some could even bring your own lunch and sit there and eat. (Don't want all of us to do so though.) On the tunnel level are Dunkin Donuts and Subway as well and the Jefferson/Madison Coffee Shop. Vending machines are available in all three buildings.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The bus will leave at 8:15 am from the Warrenton Road, Route 17 Target Parking Lot and return by 5:00. Feel free to bring food on the bus. Water will be provided. Due to strict security in the Capitol District, of which LOC is a part, our bus cannot park or leave us off in front of the library. The bus will drop us off at Union Station, where we will get taxis to take us to the Jefferson Building of LOC. Taxi stand at station, so no problem getting a taxi. (You can walk if you prefer.) You pay for the taxi. Four or 5 can get in one taxi. Take taxi or walk back to Union Station where bus will be parked. There is a second choice for where the bus could drop off/pick up, which is at Garfield Circle -the only other place where the bus can park. This spot is closer than Union Station for walking. The bus will let us off where we prefer. My preview was by taxi and it worked very well for me. (As the Dr. keeps saying- “at your age”, this uphill walk of 15+ minutes, will be strenuous.)

**TOUR:** We will be given **guided** group tours at LOC's Jefferson Building. Enter on Ground floor. Our tour will start at 10:45. We will leave LOC at 3:30 meeting on the ground floor by Library Gift Shop. During the time after our guided tours and before 3:30, we can tour on our own the many various exhibitions.

**Recommendations for Exhibitions:** *Thomas Jefferson Library (5\*)*, *Echo's of the Great War: American Experiences of WW I*, *Mapping a Growing Nation* (Showing first map that says America on it.) and *Hope (Bob) for America*.

At this point, we won't know all the happenings in October. Their web site is showing August events.

See schedule for complete info on our Road Trip to LOC.

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### LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Books and libraries were essential to America's founding generation. Most of the founders received vigorous classical educations. It follows, then, that most of the members of the new U.S. Congress, which met first in New York City and then in Philadelphia, were also avid readers. In both cities, Congress had access to sizable libraries: the New York Society Library and the Free Library of Philadelphia.

In 1800, as part of an act of Congress providing for the removal of the new national government from Philadelphia to Washington, President John Adams approved providing \$5,000 for books for the use of Congress—the beginning of the Library of Congress. Called Congressional Library at that time.

It was President Jefferson, retired to Monticello, who came to the new Library's rescue during the War of 1812. In 1814, the British burned Washington, destroying the Capitol and the small congressional library in its north wing. Congress accepted Jefferson's offer to sell his comprehensive personal library of 6,487 books to "recommence" its own library. Although it made popular literature available to the general public, the Library's primary purpose was to serve Congress. (Called the Congressional Research Library CRS today.

The situation changed dramatically after the Civil War as the country settled down. Ainsworth Rand Spofford (Librarian of Congress (1864-1897) took full advantage of the emerging cultural nationalism to persuade the Congress to view its Library as a national institution and therefore the national library. Spofford successfully advocated a single, comprehensive collection of American publications for use by both Congress and the American people. The centralization of U.S. copyright registration and deposit at the Library of Congress in 1870 was essential for the annual growth of these collections. Spofford's achieved the construction of the Library's much-needed separate building, which was authorized in 1886 and opened in 1897. This building was a monument to American achievement and ambition and in the 1980's; it was named the Thomas Jefferson Building - the building we will tour.

Herbert Putnam came to his post with a comprehensive plan for the Library of Congress as a national library, which he presented to President Theodore Roosevelt. The president supported Putnam's efforts, beginning with a 1903 executive order that transferred the records of the Continental Congress and the personal papers of six of the founding fathers to the Library. With President Roosevelt's endorsement, a vote of confidence through an increased annual budget from Congress and the space provided by an attractive new annex building known as the John Adams Building.

Having weathered two world wars, the Library of Congress approached the 1960s on firm footing and took on a new international role. The introduction of automation into the Library's cataloging procedures and the initial development of the Library's overseas acquisitions and cataloging programs contributed strongly to the institution's unprecedented rate of growth between 1954 and 1975. In those 21 years presided over by Librarian of Congress L Quincy Munford the Library's book collection increased from 10 to 17 million volumes, the staff from 1,600 to 4,500 and the annual appropriation from \$9.5 million to \$116 million. In collaboration with Congress and the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, in 1958 the Library initiated planning for a third major building on Capitol Hill called the James Madison Memorial Building, which opened to the public in 1980.

*The summary is from "America's Greatest Library: An Illustrated History of the Library of Congress" by Library of Congress Historian John Y. Cole and edited by S. Willis.*

## **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT**

The curriculum guide for the Fall Semester is in this newsletter. It will also be on the website. Get ready for a fabulous Fall and Winter!

### MARY WASHINGTON ELDERSTUDY 25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY SONG

TO THE TUNE OF:

“THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS”

There's no Study like ElderStudy  
We love learning new things  
Astronauts and chemists, lawyers, journalists  
Hist'ry, reading, acting and knee joints  
Nowhere else can you find such enthusiasts  
When we are watching those power points

There's no People like ElderStudy People  
We show up rain or shine  
Alan's thousand emails and Chuck's stupid jokes  
Hey Charlie, that damn mike is broke!!!  
We're a bunch of sharp retired happy folks  
Let's learn 25 more years  
Let's learn 25 more years

### **Treasurer's Report: ElderStudy 2018-2019 Budget**

The Board approved budget for the period from September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019 is included with this newsletter. Membership Fees for 2018-2019 remain the same as those in 2017-2018.



**APPROVED ELDERSTUDY BUDGET FOR 2018-2019**

September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019

Approved 6/6/2018

<b>Projected Income</b>	<b>\$22,200</b>	
Membership Fees	\$19,200	75% renewal plus 75 new members
Replacement Nametags	TBD	Price Increase to \$6 from \$5
Curriculum Offsite Prog Fees	TBD	Income from reservations = fees
Membership Offsite Event Fees	\$3,000	Projected reservations 120 @ \$25 €
Misc/Donations	TBD	
CDs Interest Earned	TBD	
<b>Approved Expenses</b>		
<u>Board of Directors</u>	<b>\$1,800</b>	
BLS Scholarship	\$1,500	1 BLS scholarship; funds to UMW D
Election Expenses	\$300	Increase \$50
Grants	TBD	June 2019 Board decision
Classrm Contingency	0	Avail in checking account w/ BOD a
<u>Curriculum Committee</u>	<b>\$7,800</b>	
Speaker/Programs	\$7,500	
Postage & Copying	\$125	
Gifts & Gratuities	\$25	
Stationery & Supplies	\$150	Increase \$50; printer ink
Offsite Programs	\$0	Expenses to equal fees (income)
<u>Administration Committee</u>	<b>\$1,100</b>	
General Operating Funds	\$250	Increase \$50
Supplies & Publications	\$650	Increase \$50
Postage & Copying	\$200	
<u>Membership Committee</u>	<b>\$7,370</b>	
Brochures	\$100	
Stationery / Supplies	\$200	
Gifts / Remembrances	\$200	
Name Tags & Lanyards	\$350	
Newsletters (5)/Communications	\$800	
Postage & Copying	\$270	Increase \$20
Website	\$150	Renewed Feb 2018 for 2 yrs
Telephone	\$300	
Memb Mtgs & Spec Events *	\$5,000	Offset by \$3,000 in projected hol lu
<b>Total Approved 18-19 Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,070</b>	

Questions may be addressed to the Treasurer or to BOD members.

\*Inclusion of catering costs for Holiday Luncheon new, but offset by projected income.