



Learn · Engage · Discover

Want to Know More About Central RED Society?

What is Central RED Society?

Central RED Society is Central College's innovative lifelong learning program that enriches members' lives through relevant, broad-based learning experiences. Central RED Society will foster creativity, intellectual curiosity and engagement with Central College and the community!

Courses range from recreational to academic: everything from organic gardening to water aerobics to financial planning to philosophy to... you decide! It's part education... part socializing... and always fun!

Do I have to be a Central alum to join?

No! While we anticipate that many of our members will be alumni, membership is open to anyone.

How does it work?

Members pay a \$35 per person annual membership fee to be a part of Central RED. Join with a friend—two for \$50. Eight to ten courses/workshops/events will be held each semester. Some of those will be free; others will have an associated fee. All of the classes and workshops will be available only to members of the Central RED society, with memberships running from July 1 to June 30 of each year.

Mission Statement:

The Central RED (Ready to Engage and Discover) Society is a volunteer-driven, lifelong learning and social organization with an abiding partnership with Central College alumni and friends who wish to share knowledge, talents, and experience. RED offers non-credit educational opportunities to enrich the lifelong intellectual, cultural, social, and spiritual lives of its members.



SUMMER 2014

Social Gathering at Peace Tree Brewery

Tuesday, June 17, 5 p.m.
Peace Tree Brewery Knoxville, IA
Cost: \$20

Before Prohibition, Iowa was number-three in producing wine and beer in the nation. An interest in these ancient arts has made a comeback, and Peace Tree Brewery, located in Knoxville, is one of the premiere breweries in the state. Come join other Central RED friends for an evening of beer tasting and touring the premises to see how these brews are made.



FALL 2014

Mary Kramer: *“Adventures of an Unlikely Diplomat”*

Wednesday, Sept. 10
Noon to 1:30 (Lunch and Learn Series - box lunch \$10)
Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex
No cost

Imagine getting a phone call one day from President George W. Bush, inviting you to serve as the U.S. Ambassador to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean. Mary Kramer knows about that... as well as the lengthy, and sometimes frustrating, road to ambassadorship. She'll discuss her adventures along the way, as well as how she put together her book, "More Than a Walk on the Beach." Copies of her book will be available for purchase, with all proceeds going to Iowa Public Television.

Mary Kramer served in the Iowa Senate and was elected president of the Senate in 1997. In 2003 she was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to act as ambassador to the Barbados and Eastern Caribbean. She currently serves as the vice-chair of the Greater Des Moines Performing Arts Board and is a member of both the Iowa Public Television Board and the IPTV Foundation Board. Mary holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Iowa. She is married to Kay Kramer and is the mother of two children and grandmother of four.

Bring on the Spring: *“A Visit to the Des Moines Botanical Garden”*

Tuesday, Oct. 7
Approximately 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. (program starts at gardens-leave Pella at 9:30)
Cost: \$25

The Des Moines Botanical Garden has recently undergone a multi-million dollar transformation, and we'll go take a look! We'll travel to Des Moines, take a tour of the new gardens with Botanical Garden staff, and have lunch at the facility's new restaurant, Trellis, recently opened by Chef Lisa LaValle. You will also have the opportunity to purchase the Botanical Garden Kelly Norris' new book, "A Guide to Bearded Irises." Limited transportation will be available from Central, on a first-come, first-served basis, leaving at 9:30 am.

Walter Cannon: “Poetry with Wine and Cheese”

Thursday, Oct. 23

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex

Cost: \$10

Central’s Dr. Walter Cannon will read works from his new book, “The Possible World,” at an evening of fun and fellowship. You will have the opportunity to purchase the book if you like.

Walter Cannon is Professor of English at Central College in Pella, Iowa where he teaches courses in early modern literature, especially Shakespeare and his contemporaries, and writing, including writing for non-profit organizations and poetry. A collection of essays he co-edited, Who Hears in Shakespeare? Auditory Worlds on Stage and Screen, (Fairleigh Dickinson U. Press) appeared in 2012. His poems have appeared in a variety of journals and reviews including, Flyway, Mid-America Review, The Blue Earth Review, Water-Stone Review, and Nimrod. His chapbook, The Possible World, (Finishing Line Press) was published in 2013.

Ron Rietveld: “U.S. Presidents Who Have Touched My Life”

Tuesday, Nov. 4

10:30 a.m. -12:00

Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex

Cost: \$10

Even as a kid, Ron Rietveld has always had a fascination with U.S. Presidents. From corresponding with them as a boy to campaigning with them as an adult, Rietveld has a glimpse into the lives, acquaintances, and homes of the Presidents that few others have. Come hear about the relationship he has had with the leaders of our nation.

Ron Rietveld served as a professor of history at California State University, Fullerton from 1969 to 2009, where he taught 19th century American history and courses on church history and American religious history. He serves as a member of the Historical Advisory and Content Team for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois. In addition, he recently served as an advisor to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission in Washington, D.C.





Dan De Cook and Valerie Van Kooten: “Return to Downton Abbey: An Era of Revolution, Re-creation, and Re-invention”

Thursdays, Nov. 13 and 20

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Nov. 13 Location: Van Emmerik Studio

Nov. 20 Location: Heritage Lace

This two-part series will tap into the “Downton craze” that has swept the world. The first session, we’ll meet at Van Emmerik Studio on Central’s Campus to hear Valerie Van Kooten talk about the time period in which the series was set—what was happening in the world, the United States, and in Iowa. We’ll then view an episode of the series on the “big screen.”

The second session, we’ll meet at Heritage Lace to hear Heritage CEO Dan De Cook talk about the partnership Heritage has with the award-winning series... and to see some of the items Heritage has produced.

Whether you have loved the show from Day One or aren’t sure what all the fuss is about, come fall in love with Downton!

Valerie Van Kooten is a writer and editor and taught technical writing at Central College for many years. She now works in Central’s Advancement Office as the Grants Proposal Writer. She has loved the Downton series from the start and traveled to Highclere Castle (the location site of the series) in July 2013 with a group of women. Van Kooten has tied in her love of vintage clothing with this series, presenting “Downton Style Shows” to the Iowa Public Television Friends in 2012 and 2013.

Dan De Cook was raised in Pella and attended the Pella Community Schools. He continued his education at Central College majoring in Business Management, with an emphasis in Marketing, and spent a year in the Netherlands on Central’s Leiden program. Currently, Dan is Co-CEO of Heritage Lace and enjoys serving on several local boards. He is currently serving on the Aspen Collaborative with the RCA and the National Advisory Council for Central College. In his free time, Dan enjoys reading, travel and “restoration” activities. He is currently restoring a mesic prairie and riparian wetland and on his farm in Lucas County.

SPRING 2015

*This list is tentative, as plans continue to be made. Dates, times, costs and locations to be announced.

***Dr. Russ Benedict, Central College: “An Intro to Ornithology”**

Don’t know a junco from a chickadee? Wondering what that bird is on your feeder? Dr. Russ Benedict will lead us into the world of birdwatching, so that we can more fully enjoy the world around us.

***“A Visit to the Red Rock Dam”**

You drive over it all the time, but the work that goes on inside the Dam is amazing. Red Rock Corps of Engineers personnel will take us on a guided tour of the inner workings of this Dam on Iowa’s largest lake.

***Tony Pierson, Central College: “Central Students During the U.S. Civil War”**

The U.S. Civil War found Central College struggling to survive as most of its male student body took off. Where did those students end up, and how did Central hang on?

***Mike Morgan, “The Mystery of Gasoline”**

Gas prices and supply affect all of us. How is gasoline processed? How are prices set? And what does it mean for our future supplies?

***Doug Wilson, “History of Coal Mining in Iowa”**

South-central Iowa supported a wealth of coal mines in the late 1800s and early 1900s. We’ll look at who worked at them, where they were located, and what mining meant for the economy of Iowa.



YES! SIGN ME UP FOR CENTRAL RED!

Name(s): _____
Street address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____

Membership:

Please sign me/us up for _____ memberships at \$35 each, or two for \$50

_____ Check enclosed. Please make checks out to Central College.

_____ Charge my credit card.

Type _____ (MC, Visa, Discover)

Credit card # _____

Expiration date _____

Three-digit security code _____

Or, if you prefer, call the alumni office at (641) 628-5154 with your credit card information.

Want to get involved?

_____ I'm interested in serving on the Board.

_____ I'm interested in being on a committee (please state where your interests lie):

_____ Executive _____ Curriculum _____ Membership/Marketing

_____ Finance _____ Social _____ Nominating

_____ I'm interested in teaching a class (please state what kind of class or workshop):

www.central.edu/red

Mail with your payment information to: Central College Alumni Office,
Attn: Mary Benedict, 812 University, Pella, IA 50219.

Fall 2014 Class Registration
SIGN ME UP FOR CLASSES!

- Class reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Class sizes may be limited.
- You may sign up more than one person on a sheet. Please include both names and payment for both people.
- Please mail to Central College Alumni Office, 812 University, Campus Box 5200, Pella, IA 50219. Be sure to add a check or include your credit card information. Class reservations cannot be held without payment.
- Sorry, no refund on classes unless the entire class needs to be canceled.
- You must be a member of Central RED Society in order to sign up for classes.

Name(s): _____

Street address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Classes I'm signing up for:

Name(s) Attending

_____ Social Gathering at Peace Tree Brewery: \$20 each = _____

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