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A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

as recalled by Marian Ellert, pioneer member

Now that Veritas is going into the 18th year, I can't help but remember a spring day in April 1995 when Bill Stewart called a group of Bellarmine supporters together to discuss a concept he thought should be introduced to Louisville. An encounter with an adult education program in Cincinnati had inspired him and spurred the call.

Sixty of us heard his vision for creating a unique education program and see it come to life at Bellarmine. Within a few meetings a name was created, (inspired by Bill) committees were formed, the Veritas logo was decided on and an organization was off and running.

Challenges were numerous. Chief among them, finding available classroom space at Bellarmine, recruiting lecturers and enrolling attendees. I remember our collective sense of accomplishment when Betty Fleischaker convinced several Louisville physicians to lecture in their spare time,

Elizabeth "Betts" Meehan became the force behind the curriculum committee. Kathleen Keen was always ready to mail out the important information to prospective students. Kay Manger found the art historian, Lynn Meckler, we so wanted. Kathleen Lyons and Ken Stammerman stepped in to teach in their fields of expertise. Elaine Thomas came on board with many creative ideas. Jenny Peterson, Marie Heckel, Gwen and Irv Lambert and Ray Sales were ready to do whatever was needed and Clyde Cox kept the classrooms running smoothly with the the necessary equipment.

So many more followed and today, 18 years later, literally thousands of seniors have enjoyed the Veritas learning experience, with a roster of accomplished faculty and educators serving up stimulating lectures and lively debates. Yes, armed only with a vision, 60 volunteers dedicated their time and effort to create Veritas, and make Bellarmine its home. To those first 60, Bill Stewart, and the many Veritas supporters of the past 18 years, thank you for building this unique house of learning. And thank you, Bellarmine, for putting a roof over Veritas.

(Editor's note: Marian and her husband Hank, deceased, were two of the original members. Hank was founding president of the Board of Directors and both he and Marian provided hospitality and support during the initial years of the Veritas Society.)

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 13	Orientation and reception
October 1 to November 9	Fall classes
December 14	Holiday Luncheon
March 4 to April 12, 2013	Spring classes
July 2013	Summer classes



Thankfully it is that time of the year again. The opportunity to take new courses, meet new friends, and share “gossip” and news with ones we have not seen for many months. The class schedule is varied this fall and should provide us with many new experiences. Once again, we have the chance to have lunch, visit and listen to an excellent speaker at the revised Lunch and Learn series. If you have not already registered for one of the lunches, there may still be time to do so. As you will see, this is an experiment to see if other times are as successful as the more familiar time we had in the past. Field trips give us the opportunity to visit “foreign” lands. Even if you are an old timer, attend the orientation and reception to learn about local libraries, nibble and socialize. Fall is a beautiful time of the year and Bellarmine’s campus is a very pleasant location to enjoy it.

Remember too that we are guests on the campus and in the buildings, so it is important that we are “good” guests and not gather in inappropriate spots to talk loudly and disturb the younger students who share their campus with us.

Also, Board members want to know what you think about the activities offered. Let them know. Their names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses will be in the directory. You may also want to check for new information on the Veritas page of the Bellarmine website (www.bellarmino.edu/ce/veritas.aspx).

See you soon in class, in the library, the parking lot or in the coffee shop.

LUNCH AND LEARN SESSIONS ARE BACK FOR FALL!

by Marilyn Schorin, Board member

You once again have the opportunity to attend Lunch and Learn this fall, although on different days of the week. Lunch will be served in the Brown Activities Center in Frazier Hall at noon. Dr. Mary Hums will speak on “The Second Olympics – The Importance of the Paralympic Games” on Friday, October 5. David Roth, will discuss Kentucky Opera’s moves to make opera more intimate for its audience on Thursday, October 18, and Greg Heitzman will present “Louisville Water Company and MSD -- What’s Happening Now” on Friday, November 2.

The Lunch and Learn revival is an experiment authorized by Veritas' Board of Directors to determine if later-in-the-week sessions, when there is less competition for Bellarmine parking spaces, will be well received by members.

A Note from Sharon V. Hurley

To my dear Veritas Family,

Your wonderful, unflinching support during the extended illness and recent death of my cousin and friend, Mary Carolus Krebs, has been so deeply appreciated. The prayers, inquiries, visits and loving, caring cards all showed the special bonds which so unite the “Veritas Family” during times of sorrow as well as joy. Thank each of you very much.

Sharon V. Hurley

NEW SEMESTER BRINGS MINOR SCHEDULE CHANGES

By Mary Moll and Bud Spalding

With a new school year there are sometimes a few changes, and these are this year's changes.

Bellarmino University, our growing host institution, has need of the Alumni Hall conference room space we have used (mostly comfortably) for years for the morning book discussion groups. Accordingly, we have agreed to shift our four weekly morning discussion group meetings to the Library's B-level classrooms, which are spacious and comfortably furnished. Those spaces are available only during Bellarmine's "free period" on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 10:45 – 12:05.

This means that two discussion groups will be scheduled opposite each other at that time on Tuesday mornings, and two others on Thursday mornings, also opposite each other. There are no Monday or Wednesday morning book discussion groups scheduled.

Notice also that these changes necessarily involve shortening the discussion periods from 90 minutes to 75-80 minutes. One discussion leader was heard to say, "Well, we'll just have to read and discuss more, and faster!"

Another change is reflective of a growing Bellarmine's parking crunch. In the spirit of cooperation, we have scheduled our experimental revival of Lunch and Learn to later in the week – two Fridays and a Thursday at noon, when there are fewer students on campus to compete for closer-in parking for Veritas members.

And also scheduled on campus for Friday afternoons is Friday Afternoon at the Movies, featuring key films in Orson Welles' career, which could be a pairing with Lunch and Learn sessions. A number of other arts-related Friday afternoon courses at Louisville Ballet, Kentucky Opera, Speed Museum, and even area wineries, have proved to be appealing.

CATALOG MAILING POLICY

Veritas Society course catalogs are mailed in two waves, per a Board policy unanimously approved in 2011. An initial first-class mailing goes each Fall and Spring Term to the roughly 500 "active members," those who took courses in the preceding two semesters (Fall 2011 and/or Spring 2012, for the current mailing).

A second, bulk mailing next goes to some 500 "earlier-active members," those who took courses in the four semesters prior to the most recent year (sometime from Fall 2009 through Spring 2011, for the current mailing). New requests for catalogs are then processed, and the catalog is posted on Bellarmine's website, along with daily-updated registration form showing courses still available.

Those memberships dating further back than six semesters receive mailings only on request. Approximately 700-800 names from longer-ago were mailed catalogs for years, but research indicated that virtually no registrations resulted, leading to the Board's decision to adopt the present format. Former Guest members who did not subsequently join the Society are not included in either mailing list.

BOARD MEETINGS' HIGHLIGHTS

By Bud Spalding

The June 8 meeting of the Veritas Society's Board of Directors was launched with a welcome to four newly-elected members, Joe Bush, Sandra Cherry, Ron Gordon, and Jerry Thornberry, and reelected veterans Sharon Hurley, Jane Keller, Maggie McCarthy, and Anne Miller. With returning members Rebecca Beyerle, Jerry Hubbs, Kathleen Lyons, Mary Moll, Pat Oliver, Marilyn Schorin, Bud Spalding, and Bill Stewart, plus Bellarmine University liaison Linda Bailey, the Board now numbers 17, with nine constituting a quorum. Nearly half of Veritas members voted in the election.

Other numbers of possible interest: 72 attended the Spring Honors Banquet at Audubon Country Club, arranged by Special Events Chair Bill Stewart; 70 volunteers under Vice President Sharon Hurley continuously assist in registrations, mailings, distributing name tags, etc., for our volunteer organization's good; nine Interest Groups have been functioning, chiefly involved in book discussions and lunching and socializing, with a possible tenth group in the offing, centered on photography.

The other major concern of the June meeting was the report on negotiations with Bellarmine regarding classroom space accommodations and scheduling Veritas classes and events to avoid worsening the university's parking crunch, particularly earlier in the week.

By the time of the August 10 Board meeting, agreement had been reached between Bellarmine representatives and Veritas on switching Book Discussion Groups' meeting days, times, and classroom locations. (See separate story elsewhere in this issue.) Approval was also negotiated for an experimental revival of the Lunch and Learn program for two Fridays and a Thursday during the Fall Term.

Curriculum Committee Chair Mary Moll reported that the Fall Term curriculum was together and nearly in the printer's hands, in spite of a last-minute course substitution occasioned by a scheduled presenter's sudden medical leave. Summer 2012 enrolled 67 members for its seven courses during the last three weeks of July, but the hot, dry weather and storms affected attendance somewhat.

The next meeting of Veritas' Board of Directors was set for November 9.

VISIT BOTH INDIANA AND ENGLAND THIS FALL

by Rebecca Beyerle, Field Trips Committee Chair

Two field trips are planned for this fall. The first trip will be to Madison IN to visit its many historic sites, including 19th-century churches with their beautiful stained glassed windows, to hear a private organ concert, and to have lunch at Clifty Falls State Park.

The second trip will be to the Frazier History Museum downtown to celebrate the life of Diana, Princess of Wales. "Diana: A Celebration" is presented by J. P. Morgan Chase and Company. This exhibit comes directly from the Althorp Estate in England, the Spencer Family's 500-year-old ancestral home. Brochures will be mailed soon with more specific information.

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BELLARMINE CIVIC ORCHESTRA (BCO)

By Wendy Hupp, Manager, BCO

Bellarmino University now has a symphony orchestra! Directed by Maestro Aaron Boaz, the group is called the Bellarmino Civic Orchestra (BCO). The orchestra includes musician members who are Bellarmino students, faculty, and staff, as well as many people from the greater Louisville area. The group was formerly known as the Louisville Civic Orchestra, and has its roots in the community orchestra that had been associated with the Jewish Community Center for nearly 95 years.

Aaron Boaz, Professor of Violin in the Department of Music at Bellarmino University, leads the orchestra in his sixth season of conducting in Louisville. As well as performing responsibilities, Maestro Boaz serves as Director of the Boaz Performance Academy of Music. He is also author of the *Fiddle Steps Violin Method*.

The 2012-13 season of the Bellarmino Civic Orchestra will include a chamber music performance in September, a gala event in October celebrating the association of the group with the University, a holiday concert in December, and two more concerts in the second semester. Watch for notices regarding the specific dates of concerts in email and online at <https://sites.google.com/site/bellarminocivicorchestra/> and on Facebook. For more information or to assist the orchestra, please email wendyhupp@bellsouth.net. Volunteers welcome to help as ushers at concerts!

FALL RECEPTION AND ORIENTATION

Thursday, September 13 is the date to come to campus and learn more about the upcoming courses. All members are welcome, as “old” members welcome “new” members, beginning at 2 p.m. in Frazier Hall. Laura Kelleher, manager of the Bon Air branch of Louisville Free Public Library, will be available with information about library’s services. Refreshments will be served.

“shhhh” QUIET IN THE HALLS “shhhh”

by Mary Moll, Curriculum Committee Chair

This is a gentle reminder to all Veritas members to please be quiet in the halls at Bellarmino when classes are in session. This is especially important now that we will be having book discussion classes in the Library.

We are always so happy to see our friends, and are a very social group, so it is “second nature” to meet and greet, but we know what it is like when people stand in the hallway and talk outside the classroom door when our own classes are in session, or even worse, open the door and peek in to see if class is over.

So keep this in mind, and please be considerate of others as you enjoy your Fall Veritas semester at Bellarmino University.

INTEREST GROUPS UPDATES, FALL 2012

The Healthy Eating (HE) interest group meets the first Monday of each month (11:45 a.m.) at a fine Louisville restaurant. Future restaurants include the Bristol Cafe and the North End Cafe. New members are welcome. For more information, to join the group, or to make reservations please contact: Marilyn Schorin, schorin@schorin-strategies.com or 502-452-1100.

The Mystery Book Discussion Group meets the first Tuesday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12 at the Mid-City Mall Library. Sessions include book discussions, occasionally a local author, or mystery movies based on books. Occasionally the group attends local productions of mystery plays. For additional information, contact Maggie McCarthy, maggieannm@insightbb.com or 812-282-8179.

The Movie Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Baxter Avenue Theatres in Mid-City Mall to go to the first showing of the movie(s) selected. A notice with the title(s) and time(s) of the movie(s) is sent to everyone on the movie list the prior weekend. If you would like to be on the movie list, e-mail or call Michelle Shogren at 635-5041 or peytonshogren@aol.com.

The Non-Fiction Book Group has selected books for 2012-13. Topics include books on history, economics, science, biographies and memoirs. Upcoming books are: *Good Germs, Bad Germs*, by J. Sachs; *Autobiography Of Malcom X*, by Malcom X and Alex Haley or *Malcom X: A Life of Reinvention* by Manning Marable (Pulitzer Prize winner) and *The Political Mind*, by George Lakoff. The group meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Mid-City Mall library. For a copy of the complete list call or email Jo Folsome at 384-8777 or jofolso@insightbb.com.

The Ethnic Lunch Group meets the second Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at various locations for different ethnic food each time. For more information or reservations contact Kay Manger 502-893-3113 or klmanger@ATT.net.

The Current Affairs interest group meets monthly on the second Thursday at 2:30 p.m., usually on the second floor of the City Cafe at the Mid-City Mall. Topics are varied and wide-ranging, but remain non-partisan. Topics are selected by group members and reminders with suggested readings are emailed to them. All Veritas members who want lively conversation are welcome. For more information or to join the group, please contact Marilyn Schorin, schorin@schorin-strategies.com or 502-452-1100.

The Eat/Talk Group meets the third Monday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at the University Club on the U of L campus. Please contact Anne Miller to be added to the contact list, or for more information, (812-944-9833, or afm@insightbb.com).

The IVIES: (Indiana Veritas Eating Society) (non-Hoosiers welcome) meets sporadically, usually when Veritas classes are not in session. For information, contact Maggie McCarthy, maggieannm@insightbb.com or 812-282-8179.

The Moveable Feast Book Discussion Group meets monthly when Veritas is not in session. For future dates and books contact Barry Chafin at ABChafin@aol.com.