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3 NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO VERITAS BOARD, 5 INCUMBENTS REELECTED

Newly elected by the Veritas Society's membership to its Board of Directors are JoAnne Hohman, Roz Shaffer, and Herb Zimmerman. They join reelected incumbents Jerry Hubbs, Mary Moll, Pat Oliver, Marilyn Schorin, and Bill Stewart for the 2013-15 term. Election results were announced by Vice President Sharon Hurley at the June 14 Board meeting.

Eight other incumbents' terms run through 2014: Joe Bush, Sandra Cherry, Ron Gordon, Sharon Hurley, Jane Keller, Maggie McCarthy, Anne Miller, and Jerry Thornberry.

JERRY HUBBS ELECTED PRESIDENT, SANDRA CHERRY VICE PRESIDENT, MAGGIE MCCARTHY SECRETARY

2013-15 Board officers, elected by the Board members at the June 14 meeting, are Jerry Hubbs, President, and Sandra Cherry, Vice President. Maggie McCarthy was elected to continue serving as Secretary.

Outgoing president Bud Spalding serves on the Board 2013-14 as Immediate Past President, to assist and advise new officers and members in the transition.

DESIGNER'S SHOW HOUSE

For 39 years the Bellarmine Women's Council has conducted a Designers' Show House to raise funds for scholarships to Bellarmine. This year the Show House will be held September 7th – 22nd at The Anchorage, located at 804 Evergreen Road. This home, which was built in 1872, has over 7,000 square feet and sits on 19 acres in the heart of Anchorage. Individual rooms are decorated by some of Louisville's top designers.

Plans are being made for a special tour and lunch package for Veritas members. Tentative plans call for the bus to depart Bellarmine in the morning and return to campus in the afternoon.

When plans are finalized a brochure will be mailed and you can then make reservations.



Summer has arrived and with it the time to try something new. If you have not taken summer classes in the past, this is the year to give it a try. It is only three weeks long and offers the opportunity to explore poetry, learn some local history, or about upcoming future developments in Kentuckiana. In the middle of a hot July you can cool off and view films you may have enjoyed in the past or see some you wish you had seen. Bud Spalding, one of our Veritas film buffs, always selects a nice variety of films each week, usually with a specific theme. Checkout the Interest groups; they give you the opportunity to eat, read, discuss, keep current on news and topics of interest, and to see a new movie or two. Also, as usual both the classes and the interest groups provide an opportunity to socialize which as you know is good for your health.

Please review the Volunteer sheet and see how many of your fellow Veritas members and non-members give so much time to Veritas to provide the excellent learning opportunities we have. Remember all of this time is provided free. A word of thanks is always appreciated.

Note too that your evaluations are used in planning for future classes and activities. It is important that you provide this feedback so the curriculum committee knows the classes you want the most and that quality instruction is being provided.

At the June 14 Board meeting a motion passed eliminating the guest program to free a few course slots for current members. Board members are there to serve you. If you have comments or suggestions let them know. Their names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses are always listed in the front of the spring and fall directories. Remember too, that this newsletter is published for *you* to keep *you* informed. If there is something you want to know about Veritas, let me know and I will see if we can provide the information in an upcoming newsletter.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Summer Classes July 8 to July 25

Designer's Showhouse September 7 to 22

Fall Classes September 30 to November 6

Check back page of this newsletter to see what day of the week Interest groups meet. Most continue throughout the summer. Contact the facilitator for exact dates, topics, and location. New members are always welcome. The eating groups usually require reservations.

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BETTS MEEHAN LIFE-TIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD

by Jane Keller

Several years ago, the Veritas Society initiated a life-time membership award to an individual who had been a course presenter or discussion leader for ten sessions. At the recent Board of Directors meeting that award was named the Betts Meehan Life-Time Membership Award to honor one of the founding members of the Society.

Betts was more than a founding member; she was the Mother Superior of Veritas. She was the first secretary of the Board of Directors, chaired the Curriculum Committee for seven years and served as the Society's president from 1999-2001.

In the Curriculum Committee, the heart of the Veritas program, Betts set the criteria for the courses that would be offered to the membership. Each semester the Society would offer a diversity of courses that were of a high academic quality and challenging to the participants.

Betts was born and reared in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her professional career brought her to Louisville as a custom lighting designer, contracting for General Electric.

Betts had traveled the globe and was knowledgeable about a wide range of subjects which she pursued with a passion. She can truly be called a Renaissance woman.

EVANTHIA SPELIOTIS

This year the Veritas Society awarded the Betts Meehan Life-Time Membership Award to Evanthia Speliotis, a member of the Philosophy Department of Bellarmine University. She first became involved with Veritas in 2003 when she organized a course that explored the theory and practice of ethics. Since then, she has stimulated us with her insights about Greek epics and dramas, historians and philosophers. An advantage for us is that Evanthia is conversant in the Greek language, sharing with us the true meanings and nuances in the work we are discussing, challenging our perceptions with her probing questions. The Society is pleased to recognize Evanthia with this award because she, too, is a Renaissance woman, guiding us to broaden our understanding of Greek writings and culture.

Dear Bud,

I wanted to thank you, the entire Veritas board, and especially Jane, Jo, Sharon, Tina, and Louise for the recognition and honor you offered me at this year's Veritas banquet. If I were better in a public setting, I would have stepped up to the microphone and said that the reason I volunteer to offer another Veritas class each year is because of the Veritas members. Ever since I offered the class on Zorba, Bill Mathis, you, Jane, Katy Christopherson, and all the others have been my primary motivation for returning. I have loved working with Veritas members. And because all of you have been so great--smart, interested, eager to learn, happy to study, reflect on, and discuss great texts--my own education has been greatly enriched these last few years.

If you could pass this message on to your members, especially to those who have taken a class or more from me, I would appreciate it. It has in fact been a great boon to me to be able to be part of the Veritas community.

Thank you,
Evanthia

VERITAS SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS 2012/13

Course Presenters

Virginia Karem Brown
Rev. Adam Bunnell,
OFM-Conv
Curt Bergstrand
Aly Cambron
Sandra Cherry
Laurie Duesing
Don Graeter
Ion Grumeza
Gail Henson
Jerry Hubbs
Robert Korn
Kathleen Lyons
Wyatt MacGaffey
Lynn Meckler
Anne Miller
David Mosley
Deanna O'Daniel
Marilyn Schorin
William C. Schrader
Roz Shaffer
Alexander T. Simpson
Joseph Sinski
Bud Spalding
Nancy Urbscheit
Michael Williams

Group Discussion Leaders

Christine Adams, M.D.
Brad Asher
Jo Folsome
Mary Margaret Mulvihill
Frederick Smock
Evanthia Speliotis
Herbert Zimmerman

Course Organizers

Sharon Hurley
Jane Keller
Maggie McCarthy
Marilyn Schorin
Bud Spalding
Elaine Thomas

Course Facilitators

Aly Cambron
Barry Chafin
Bill Daisey
Jo Folsome
Ron Gordon
Jerry Hubbs
Sharon Hurley
Jane Keller
Bill Mathis
Mary Moll
Ernestine Muth
Margaret Sebrey
Roz Shaffer
Bud Spalding
Nan Spalding
Bill Stewart
Vicki Ullrich
Nancy Walker

Tech Specialists

Ron Gordon
Jerry Hubbs
Jerry Thornberry

Course Panelists

Dr. Johnny Alse
Fr. Thomas Boland
Dr. Judy Bullock
James Cain
Aly Cambron
Grand Master Choi
Casey Clements
Rev. Dr. Deborah DeMars
Conrad
Kathleen Cooter
Joe Donaldson
Jonathan Erdman
Rhoda Faller
Dana Fallot, R.N.
Dr. Jasmine Farrier
Rollo Fox
Joshua Golding
Rebecca Heid
Rev. Dr. Jim Holladay
Eleanor Jordan
Haleh Karimi
Abigail Keam
Cecy G. King
F. Frederick Klotter
F. Alexis Kouris
F. Larry Legakis
Sandra Leonard
Mike Marple
Rabbi Stan Miles
Mike Miller
Janet Moore
Elaine Munsch
Beverle Myers
Venerable Nanda
Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt
Bill Noel
Dr. Jansen Pederson
Cecelia Price
Steve Reister
Mike Rhea
Rev. D. John Roper
Belinda Setters

VERITAS SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS 2012/13

Course Panelists

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Nanette Schmitt
G.A. Shareef
N. James Strull, M.D.
Richard Sweet, M.D.
Gerald D. Temes, M.D.
Harry Tileston
Patricia Van Houten
Samuel Watkins
March Wells
Dr. Lee Remington Williams
Rabbi Michael Wolk
President Woodbury
Sister Woodbury
Anthony Zipple

Catalog Mailers

Sandra Cherry
Marie Heckel
Sharon Hurley
Gene Keene
Jane Keller
Kay Manger
Mary Moll
June Morris
Pat Oliver
Bud Spalding
Barbara Stewart
Bill Stewart
Vicki Ulrich
Nancy Walker
Martha Wimsatt

Interest Group Leaders

Barry Chafin
Jo Folsome
Kay Manger
Maggie McCarthy
Anne Miller

Betty Neurath
Marilyn Schorin
Michelle Shogren

Registration, Mailers, Table Greeters

Elizabeth Bealmear
Rebecca Beyerle
Joe Bush
Marie Bradley
Anne and Brady Buckley
Betty Clements
Fran Coady
Bill Daisey
Buzz and Betty Dawson
Judy Edwards
Ron Gordon
Norma Gruen
Mary Hardin
Marie Heckel
Tom and Carolyn
Hereford
Debbie Heuser
Jerry Hubbs
Sharon Hurley
Gene Keene
Rose Killmeier
George Kleyer
Ginny Krueger
Gwen and Irv Lambert
Sharon Lewis
Marilyn Macklin
Kay Manger
Joann Marquart
Bill Mathis
June Mattingly
Barbara Maxwell
Maggie McCarthy
Anne Miller
Nola Miller
Mary Moll
Sudie Moseley
Janice Murphy

Ernestine Muth
Carol Nance
Pat Oliver
Pat Peet
Joyce Purdon
Pat Richardson
Grace Helen Rooney
Margaret Sebrey
Cathy Shoemaker
Adelaide Smith
Bill and Barbara Stewart
Rita Teasdale
Vicky Ullrich
Nancy Walker
Margaret Webb
Bill and Judy Werst
Audrey Williams

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Rebecca Beyerle
Marian Ellert
Jo Folsome
Jerry Hubbs
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Maggie McCarthy
Anne Miller
Mary Moll
Betty Neurath
Pat Oliver
Marilyn Schorin
Michelle Shogren
Bud Spalding
Bill Stewart

If we missed anyone or misspelled your name, we apologize. We tried.

JERRY THORNBERRY RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

by Bud Spalding

Featured at the Spring 2013 Awards Banquet was the recognition of the special services rendered by Jerry Thornberry to the Veritas Society.

Jerry T is the junior member of “the Two Jerries,” who keep the Veritas classes running, in terms of audio-visual and other technical support. As noted in a profile of the Jerry Guys not long ago in *The Veritas Voice*, when they came along, “everything began working as smoothly as silk.” No more calling in a Bellarmine student to help with the video or power-point presentation that wasn’t working, which had happened earlier, more than once.

Honoree Jerry Thornberry retired from an accounting career with the State of Kentucky in Louisville and Frankfort, and brought his acquired computer skills (he has been in the game since the mid-1970s, LONG before most of us) to Veritas Society classes. He now assists course presenters in finding images that supplement their presentations, and sometimes routinely before classes patches in to classroom screens maps and other images that will figure into the lecture to follow.

Jerry is a lifelong bachelor who has kept to family commitments and travels around the world. His commitment to the Veritas Society has been so strong that not even recent double knee surgeries could keep him away except for a few weeks. His award at the Spring Banquet was noted with the remarks that he “makes sure that presenters and their images can be clearly seen and heard for best effect. He is constantly striving for new and better ways to help make our courses better, and now he brings that spirit to the Board of Directors.”

Oh, yes, and keep a lookout for the cool kid in the Corvette cruising around the Veritas courses’ parking lots: it could well be our distinguished service award winner, Jerry T!

FALL RECEPTION AND ORIENTATION

Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

Speaker: Chancellor Dugan

Bellarmine Women's New Basketball Coach

Get the scoop on Fall's new courses!

See old friends and meet new ones!

IT'S VERITAS SUMMERTIME AGAIN: JULY 8-25

Things do slow down in summer, and so the Veritas Summer Term, in its seventh edition, is a little more relaxed, running for only three weeks. This year's term runs July 8 thru 25. Morning courses, which meet on consecutive Mondays, or consecutive Tuesdays, etc., 10:30 to noon, include Frederick Smock on Rainer Maria Rilke's poetry; tours of historic Louisville churches (Cathedral and St. Augustine, First Unitarian and Calvary Episcopal, Broadway Baptist and The Temple); the history of the Portland Canal's McAlpine Dam and Locks; and a Louisville Development update (Whiskey Row, NuLu, Big 4 Bridge, 4th St. Live, etc.).

Three movie series, popular every summer, are offered afternoons, 1:30 to 3:00 or so. Week 1 (Monday thru Thursday) features Cincinnati's own Doris Kappelhof (Day), in Calamity Jane, Love Me or Leave Me, Pajama Game, and Jumbo. Week 2 spotlights several world cinema classics: Blue Angel and Wings of Desire from Germany, China's The Blue Kite, and the Russian Ballad of a Soldier. The final week's offerings are movies with Great Casts! Grand Hotel, The Greatest Show on Earth, High Society, and Charade will close out Veritas Summer 2013.

Summertime Veritas remains inflation-free, with the membership fee remaining at \$35 for up to three courses, and a modest \$5 for each additional course.

Thanks For Sending In Evaluations

by Mary Moll, Curriculum Chair

Thanks to all who sent in their course evaluations to Veritas, whether by hard copy or through SurveyMonkey, the email evaluation form. We appreciate your patience in dealing with an early "glitch" in the SurveyMonkey system.

We closely read all the comments, and love to see that a course was "excellent!" We are really pleased that more of you are elaborating as to why you loved a course, such as "...she has opened a new world to me..." "... he does such a superb job in bringing history alive..." "...course was so much fun..." "...thorough, informative and well organized." We also carefully read the comments concerning constructive ways to improve the presentations. As you can imagine, not everyone is in agreement, even about a particular course. One person may say "too many DVDs used," while in the same class another may say "loved the use of DVDs" to augment the presentation. Some want more discussion in a class, while others want to hear only the teacher's presentation, with very little, if any, input from the class. All comments count, however, and help us to achieve a balance. The suggestions for future courses and possible field trips are also important and are taken under consideration. So please continue to take the time to send us your comments through the Course Evaluations. They are really appreciated and useful in planning for future Veritas offerings, guiding us in continuing to offer great courses to you, our valued members.

INTEREST GROUPS UPDATES

Summer 2013: All groups meet monthly unless stated below.

The Healthy Eating Group meets the first Monday of every month except this July to avoid possible holiday conflicts. The next lunch will be in August at Havana Rumba. Contact Marilyn Schorin at schorin@schorin-strategies.com or 502-452-1100 for reservations or additional information.

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 year-round. Sessions include book discussions, sometimes a local author, or mystery movies based on books. Occasionally the group attends local productions of mystery plays. For additional information, contact Maggie McCarthy, maggiannm@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 movies selected. A notice with the title(s) and time(s) of the movie(s) is sent to everyone on the Movie Group list the prior weekend. To be on the movie list, e-mail or call Anne Miller (812-944-9833, or afm@insightbb.com).

The Non-Fiction Book Group meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Mid-City Mall library. For a copy of the list of 2013 books 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 Ginna Willenbrink at 425-5937 or e-mail at gw131@bellsouth.net

The Current Affairs Interest Group meets the second Thursday of each month at St. Matthews Library (3940 Grandview Avenue) from 2:30 to 4:00 PM. All topics and perspectives are welcome except partisan politics and religious proselytizing in a climate of respectful controversy. Meetings this summer are July 11 and August 8. For more information or to join the group, 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, (812-944-9833, or afm@insightbb.com) to be added to the contact list or for more information.

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

The Moveable Feast Book Discussion Group meets monthly, usually at Mid-City Mall's Library branch when Veritas is not in session. For future dates and books contact Barry Chafin at ABChafin@aol.com.