NEW LEARNING EXPERIENCES ON TAP FOR SPRING

The learning opportunities for the spring 2017 term can take you back in history, offer new perspectives on art or classic books, or help you learn about everything from native plants to nutrition.

Veritas course offerings always promise an eclectic mix of subjects. And the Lunch and Learn series is a great way to get a behind-the-scenes look at some of the Louisville area’s organizations and institutions – big and small.

The spring term will run from February 27 to April 7. Catalogs with times, dates and course details will arrive soon in your mailbox, along with instructions for the online registration system. Registration will open January 17. (See related story on next page.)

The discussion courses will include a follow up to the Ulysses course begun last fall, a study of “A Tale of Two Cities” and works by Chekov, plus a study of “living with hope in cynical times.”

Several courses started last fall will continue, including Germans in Louisville Part 2 and Great Inventions II. A review of the Arab Spring will continue with a look at what’s happened six years later. And Wisdom Based Retirement Part 4 is on the schedule.

Courses with an historical bent include a look at Winston Churchill as a 20th century “titan”; a study of barbarians, plus a look at the suffering of war from ancient Greece until today. Courses exploring culture and artistic expression will include “Art Outside the Box.”

Other courses will look at “When Hatred Reigns,” Kentucky native plant gardening, nutrition advice that “mother never taught you,” “Come Sail with Me,” television’s fascination with mystery writers, mental health first aid for older adults, and “Money and Power: The Chautauqua Experience.” The Friday film series will focus on biographies of courage and faith.

Lunch and Learn presentations will include: Congressman John Yarmuth on changing prospects in a changing world; Ian Derrer, director of the Kentucky Opera on new directions for the opera; and James L. Blanton, director of the Louisville Free Public Library, on modernizing the library.

Also Steve Wiser, architect-historian, on Cave Hill Cemetery; Frank Dimmock of the Vissing Association on Louisville’s “Lost Boys of the Sudan”; and Jane Evans and Sister Anne Mary Lochner on refugee and immigrant placements.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 17  Registration Opens
February 27 – April 7  Spring term
ONLINE REGISTRATION: TIPS AND CHANGES

The biggest lesson learned from the new online registration system that was fully implemented last fall was: GET ONLINE PROMPTLY AT 9 A.M.!!

That’s because some courses were filled within an hour or two. But don’t despair – there were still openings in many fine courses a week later.

Registration for the spring term will open on Tuesday, January 17, at 9 a.m. So study your course catalog in advance. Prioritize the courses you want, plus have a “back up list.” The online form will tell you how many slots are still available in each class, so you can choose accordingly. And have your credit or debit card handy. Remember, the new system requires one for payment.

The course catalogs, which you’ll soon receive, will include detailed information about the online process, which Veritas used for the first time last summer. But enrollment is much smaller in the summer, so the real test came this fall when 371 members enrolled.

There were a few hiccups in that process, as there are with most major changeovers. So Veritas board members, Bellarmine staff and information technology staff have been working to iron out the kinks and make registration as seamless as possible.

If you don’t have a computer, team up with a friend who does. Or you can come to the Veritas “help desk” on January 17. Board members will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to assist you in the library in Room 218.

Keep these points in mind when you register:

- Courses and Lunch and Learn programs will be combined into ONE form. You’ll only have to submit payment information one time.

- A line will be added asking you to double check that you’ve signed up for exactly the courses you want.

- After submitting your payment, you will receive a payment receipt e-mail from the payment provider. If you don’t have an e-mail address or a computer, ask a friend if you can use their address so you can get the receipt.

- The week of February 13, you will receive a confirmation packet in the mail that will include information about the location of each course and a campus map.

WHAT TO DO IF IT SNOWS

We may call it the “spring term” but having classes in February and March means we’ll likely encounter winter weather at some point. Here’s what to do if you think classes might be cancelled because of snowy or icy conditions.

*Whatever is announced for Bellarmine applies to Veritas as well.* Veritas students will NOT be called individually about cancellations. You can check the Bellarmine website, [www.bellarmine.edu](http://www.bellarmine.edu), to find out the status of Bellarmine classes.

Closings also will be posted on all the radio and television stations – just watch a newscast or check a station’s website, following links that say “weather” or “closings.” If you’re not tech savvy, arrange a buddy system with a Veritas friend whom you can call.
FACES OF VERITAS – CAROL CORIELL

By Nancy Walker

(This story is part of a series profiling interesting members of the Veritas Society.)

Veritas members may come some distance to attend classes, such as Carol Coriell, who drives from New Salisbury, Indiana.

Carol was born in Louisville and attended St. Cecilia Elementary School and Presentation Academy. She graduated from Angela Merici High School and Spencerian College. She worked in hospitals and doctors’ offices as an assistant/medical secretary and office manager.

Carol’s parents were Jim and Dottie Motley. She has three siblings, Dan, and then Linda and Jimmy Jr., who are deceased. She was married 31 years to Michael Curl before he passed away. She has been married 14 years to Rory Coriell. Carol has two children, David and Dennis Curl, and five grandchildren.

Carol worked at a nursery, became a Master Gardener and has taught Faith Formation (Catholic Christian Doctrine or CCD) for 40 years. She is a Eucharistic Minister and has a Master Degree certification from the Archdiocese of Louisville religious education office.

In Louisville, she taught her own children CCD classes, where one called her “Mrs. Mommy” during class. In Indiana, she also taught her grandchildren. She took ministry formation classes, in which the Catholic Church teaches lay people how to do some church duties because there are fewer nuns and priests to do them.

One of the first female Boy Scout leaders in Louisville, Carol had to wait to do her training until another woman wanted to be one, too. That’s because she was not allowed to train without another woman present.

Carol is a busy lady and hasn’t retired yet. She works for a horticulturist and a day care center. She ushers at Actors Theatre (for 24 years) and the Clarksville Little Theatre, and she volunteers occasionally at the Derby Dinner Playhouse gift shop. She loves teaching Bible school to kids and Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes.

She tutors dyslexic adults and children through the Charles L. Shedd Association and is a member of the Right to Life Association. She loves to paint with acrylics and to travel.

Carol Coriell

Carol’s husband went back to school in 2001, attending Bellarmine at Carol’s suggestion. Rory saw the Veritas signs on Bellarmine’s campus and mentioned it to her. He was a full-time student at the same time she was a Veritas student.

Carol has been a facilitator for Veritas classes. Veritas is her favorite thing to do! She especially loves the church history and art classes.

Carol is one of the nicest people you will ever meet. Veritas is very lucky to be counted as her favorite activity.
When I took my first Veritas class in 2013, I quickly discovered I was in for a totally different learning experience on a college campus than the one I remember from my undergraduate days in the late 1960s and early ‘70s.

Back then, we often didn’t do the required readings. Professors vainly tried to generate class discussions. When we did respond, our answers were usually limited by what we read in books; we brought little life experience to the table. We fretted over tests and papers. And who of us ever thanked a professor for all their hard work?

Veritas, I quickly learned, would be so, so different.

My first course involved the writings of Marcel Proust, a French novelist, critic and essayist. It was a topic I never would have considered exploring 45 years ago on my calculated march to a journalism degree. But now I was hungry to go “outside the box.”

Our first meeting was an eye-opener. Everyone had done all the readings. One woman had read ALL of Proust’s major works. Hands shot up to offer insights or raise questions. The lively discussion went non-stop for an hour. At the last class, students showered the teacher with thanks.

And it has been like that ever since. All the “good stuff” that should be part of the college learning experience, but without the stress over grades, tests or writing papers. There’s no risk in taking on challenging, unfamiliar topics. But there is delight in the open-ended discussions that challenge how I think about them.

Veritas is a home where you can learn for the sheer joy of it and share that passion with others.

Because of that, I’ve come to see Veritas as a “second chance” of sorts. It’s a chance for many of us to “re-do” college -- to read the assignments, take part in heady discussions, fully engage with teachers, appreciate their hard work, and savor the life experiences our classmates bring to every topic.

For those who bypassed college and headed straight to jobs and raising families, it’s a chance to immerse themselves in a rich, college-like learning experience. And for those who worked while going to school, it’s a chance to enjoy learning free of the stress of dual responsibilities.

We don’t get a “second chance” at many things. Let’s count our blessings that we have this one.

WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE FALLS

If someone falls on campus and is injured, campus security should be called at 272-7777. (Put it on your cell phone contacts list so it will be handy.) There will need to be an incident report filed with Bellarmine. If you’re assisting someone and you think injuries are severe enough, call 911.
**DINING AT BELLARMINE**

By Linda Miller

If you have had the opportunity to dine at Bellarmine, you already know that the food is good, there is an incredible number of choices and the staff is both friendly and very helpful to Veritas members.

I had the opportunity to meet and talk with Steve Santo, the director of dining services at Bellarmine, and I came away learning a lot and appreciating what a big job feeding so many staff, students and visitors can be.

Steve has worked for Sodexo Services for more than 28 years. Sodexo is the large multinational company operates Bellarmine Dining. He came to Bellarmine in 2013 after working at DePauw University in Indiana. He attended Kansas Wesleyan University and worked in food service while in college. His wide smile and relaxed attitude belie the complexities of his job.

Steve is responsible for dining services at as many as five locations on campus and he also oversees catering services. He projects that more than 20,000 meals are served each month, and this does not include the smaller snacks and meals served in Horrigan, Allen, and Pasteur halls, and The Palio. The Palio, located in a residence hall, serves breakfast daily and a late-night dinner and snack menu.

On any given day in the University Dining Hall, you can choose a pasta bar, vegetarian items, made to order stir-fries, and sandwiches and wraps made to your liking.

There are always gluten-free and allergen free choices and menu choices for the calorie conscious. Local and fresh fruits and vegetables are available on the large salad bar.

There are 70 to 85 staff who work for Sodexo. Some of Steve’s staff are students. He says that staffing is his biggest challenge. Like other Louisville food services and restaurants who have trouble finding help, Sodexo has trouble finding enough people who want to work or can work at the school. Summer presents even more challenges when the student and staff population drops dramatically.

“**Cashier Sharon Gibson and Steve Santos, director of dining services**

“I love working with people and I love working with food and new menu items,” says Steve. He described how menus and choices change and how he and his staff work to meet student requests and needs.

Veritas students can eat in the University Dining Hall for a very reasonable price, especially since you can have unlimited choices.

The lunch meal is $7.84 and the dinner meal is $8.80, a price lower than that charged to the general public. Just show your identification badge or your Veritas membership card.
VERITAS MEMBERS ENJOY TWO FALL FIELD TRIPS

Blessed by warm and sunny weather, Veritas members enjoyed two field trips last fall. On September 23, a group visited Swallowland Farm, a well-known Icelandic horse farm in eastern Shelby County.

After a delicious lunch in Frankfort at the Sage Garden Cafe, the group shopped in the restaurant bakery and nearby Wilson Nursery, and in mid-afternoon they went to the Buffalo Trace Distillery for a tour and a tasting.

At the end of October, more than 70 Veritas members boarded the CQ Princess yacht at Captain’s Quarters Riverside Grille on River Road. This boat trip lasted almost four hours and participants enjoyed a sumptuous brunch, viewed the fall foliage lining the Ohio River, sat outside in the warm sunshine, and had a rare chance to talk and visit leisurely with old and new friends.

Kitty Darst makes a new friend at Swallowland Farm.

Janet Heinhold enjoys brunch on the Ohio River cruise.

Veritas members surround the Pegasus statue at Captain’s Quarters.
GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 16 members of the Veritas Board of Directors work behind the scenes to do everything from organize our classes, special events and field trips to pulling in even more volunteers to mail catalogs and newsletters. Here’s a brief introduction to who they are, what they do, when they joined, and why they love Veritas!

Sandra Cherry, president. Joined in 2008. “Veritas has offered me the opportunity to serve, to teach, to expand friendships and to share experiences with other colleagues of lifelong learners.”


Bud Spalding, secretary, helps organize field trips and Lunch and Learn. Joined in 1995. “What grabs me the most about Veritas are the variety of courses and the interested and interesting class mates.”


Leslie Ellis, newsletter co-chair. Joined in 2013. “I love the depth and breadth of life experience that members bring to our class discussions.”


Jerry Hubbs, production committee. Joined in 1999. “What I love about Veritas is the variety of class subjects and the interesting people I have met.”

Susan Irving, membership chair. Joined in 2013. “Veritas is like being welcomed with a warm cup of coffee at the corner of learning and friendship.”

Mary Moll, curriculum chair. Joined in 2000. “I love Veritas because for 16 years I have had the opportunity to learn from great teachers while developing a social network with education-oriented members on Bellarmine’s wonderful campus!”

Ernestine Muth, coordinates volunteer activities. Joined in 2004. “I enjoy the ongoing educational opportunities and interaction with other members.”

Pat Oliver, field trip committee. Joined in 2001. “I enjoy the fun of other members and the enthusiasm for learning.”

Marilyn Schorin, finance chair, bylaws and curriculum committees. Joined in 2008. “I love the commitment of Veritas members to support health of body, mind, and spirit.”

Bill Stewart, special events chair. A Veritas founder in 1995. “I continue to marvel at the number of Veritas members who grace the Bellarmine campus every semester.”

Nancy Walker, newsletter co-chair and archives. Joined in 2004. “What I love about Veritas is very simple – the acceptance and kindness of its people.”

Herb Zimmerman, curriculum and bylaws committees. Joined in 2004. “I love the camaraderie of the fellow students and the experience of teaching.”

Linda Bailey, program coordinator, Bellarmine director of continuing education. “What I love most about Veritas is that it provides an excellent way for seniors to continue lifelong learning.”
VERITAS INTEREST GROUPS

The Healthy Eating Group meets the first Monday of every month. Contact Marilyn Schorin at mschorin@gmail.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 noon at the Highlands-Shelby Park Library in the Mid-City Mall. 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 Rebecca Beyerle at beyerler@gmail.com or (502) 454-0268.

Veritas Varieties meets the second Monday of the month at 2 p.m. at the Highlands-Shelby Park Library in the Mid-City Mall. Members discuss local theater activities and movies. For more information, contact Arleen Carr at arleencarr@att.net or (502) 893-1858.

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 gw131@bellsouth.net or (502) 425-5937.

The Eat/Talk Group meets the third Monday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at the University Club on the U of L campus. Contact Anne Miller at afmfox@gmail.com or (812) 944-9833 for more information.

The Moveable Feast Book Discussion Group meets monthly, when Veritas is not in session, to study literature. Sessions are usually held at the Highlands-Shelby Park Library in the Mid-City Mall. For future dates and books, contact Barry Chafin at ABCChafin@aol.com.

The Movie-Dinner Group meets the first Thursday of the month. They attend an early movie and then go to dinner to discuss it. Members share the task of making movie and dinner arrangements. For more information, contact Margareta Kessler at margaretak32@gmail.com or (502) 724-1545.

Dish ‘n’ Dine meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. during the Veritas spring term beginning March 1 in the Bellarmine dining hall. Have dinner and some good conversation. Contact Marilyn Schorin at mschorin@gmail.com or at (502) 452-1100.

SOLDIERS ON THE ATHLETIC FIELD

If you listen carefully, on Bellarmine’s athletic fields, you can almost hear the 100-year-old sounds of soldiers singing “the yanks are coming,” says Veritas member Jerry Hubbs. He’s heard stories about the field along Newburg Road being used as a parade grounds for the nearby Camp Zachary Taylor, which was built in 1917 on more than 2,000 acres in the area around Poplar Level Road and Preston Highway for the American effort in World War I.

Jerry has a particular interest in Camp Taylor because his grandfather Chris Luckett, pictured below, was a soldier there. He’s heard stories of children from a nearby orphanage sitting on the hillside watching the soldiers. The 100th anniversary of Camp Zachary Taylor is being celebrated in 2017. The camp, which was big enough to house 47,500 soldiers at one time, was dismantled at the end of the war.