

THE VOICE

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SUMMER PROGRAM STARTS JULY 11

Time to start thinking about which Veritas courses you want to take this summer. There's a wide range of offerings, from fashion to Churchill.

Course catalogs with detailed descriptions will be emailed Wednesday June 8. Registration opens June 15 and closes July 1. And classes will run July 11 – 29. Fees are \$10 for membership and \$5 per course.

Here's a look at the course offerings.

"A Passion for Fashion" is a Zoom course in conjunction with the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles. It traces the rise and fall of hemlines, necklines, and hair fashions, and ever-changing trouser and necktie widths. It also will cover the popularity of precious gems, their symbolism and design.

"Winston Churchill, a 20th Century Titan, Continued" examines Churchill's long life after he became Great Britain's prime minister at 60 in May, 1940.

"Mediterranean Cooking for Summer" (adapted from a Great Courses course) is about Mediterranean cooking, with chef Bill Briwa, including healthful olive oil and fishes, and the contributions of Italian, Greek, Provencal, and French Riviera cuisines.

Details of the fourth course are still being worked out. It will be either "Kentucky Opera 2022-23," which will have Kentucky Opera personnel telling about its coming 70th season, or "Traveling in Pandemic Times" with presentations by Veritas members who are experienced travelers.

The afternoon film series has a different focus each week. It will feature movies of recently deceased actor Sidney Poitier, director Peter Bogdanovich and special effects wizard Douglas Tumbull.

NEWS NUGGETS AND NEWS YOU CAN USE

BOARD ELECTIONS: Nine seats were up for election this spring on the Veritas Board of Directors – but all 10 candidates who ran will become board members. That's because there was a very tight race resulting in a tie for the final board position. Veritas staff and Dennis Wiseman, board president, and Rebecca Beyerle, vice president, decided to elect all 10 who sought a seat. The board's bylaws allow some flexibility in the number of board members.

All those elected will serve two year terms starting in June. Incumbents returning for another term are Sandra Cherry, Ron Gordon, Ann Nunn, Marti Rosenblum, Jonathan Smith and Judith Skretny. Newcomers are Maureen Fitzgerald, Ann McWilliams and Herb Shulhafer, plus Panzi Panzera, who has previously served on the board.

FALL TERM: Already planning your Fall activities? Know that Veritas classes will be October 3 through November 11.

VERITAS QUESTIONS: Have a question about Veritas? It's best to send an email to Veritas@bellarmine.edu rather than call the office. It's staffed by just one person now and phones aren't answered as often as usual.

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

VERITAS KICKS OFF LECTURE SERIES

The launch of the new Veritas Lecture Series was a resounding success with a program celebrating the life and art of internationally renowned sculptor Ed Hamilton of Louisville.

About 350 people signed up for the event held March 24 in Frazier Hall on the Bellarmine campus. That celebration followed an event the night before at the Frazier History Museum. At Bellarmine, Hamilton, who also showed his story telling skills, was interviewed by Marilyn Schorin, a Veritas member who was among those who organized the event. Veritas plans to offer similar public lectures in the future.

Hamilton said he was teaching at Iroquois High when a chance meeting with Louisville sculptor Barney Bright caused him to shift his career path to creating sculpture and public art. He explained the painstaking steps it took to create an image, cast a mold and get the final piece. His pieces are on display around the U.S. and the world.

The early days were rough, he said, but Barney Bright showed him he could make a living as an artist. During the interview, Marilyn Schorin told him his sculpture faces always “pack such an emotional punch.” One example is the Abraham Lincoln Memorial he did for Waterfront Park in Louisville.

“I wanted to do a Lincoln that was accessible,” he said. “He always loved talking to people.”



Ed Hamilton, Marilyn Schorin, Abigail Walsh, Dennis Wiseman



VERITAS MEMBERS CELEBRATE SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Our annual celebration to honor successes of the past year and the people who made them happen took place on April 28 at Frazier Hall on the Bellarmine campus. Nearly 90 Veritas members, friends, family and staff enjoyed being back together again after meeting online for last year's event.

Musical entertainment was provided by Dan and Susan Blosser and Dr. Shawn and Audrey Dawson. Speakers were Veritas members Sandra Cherry (who organized the event), Dennis Wiseman, Judith Skretny, Ron Gordon and Keith Clements. Several awards were announced:

The Betts Mehan Lifetime Membership Awards for presenting 10 or more Veritas classes went to Barry Chafin, Mike Marple and Dennis Wiseman. The Bill Stewart Distinguished Service Award went to Leslie Ellis for her eight years of work producing The Veritas Voice newsletter. Bill Stewart was a founding member of Veritas. The Outstanding Volunteer Award went to production team member Gary Dodson.

Here's a look at the event:



MEET BOB BRAVERMAN

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

Why and when did you join Veritas?

When my wife and I retired in Dallas, Texas, in 2003, we moved back to Louisville where we had lived for over 14-years previously, while I helped to build the American Air Filter Company into a world-wide business. Also, we wanted to be near to our only child, Chris Ann Cestaro, and her family. My wife Beverly met a few like-minded older women, particularly Anne Miller, a frequent Veritas presenter, who talked her into joining Veritas in 2005. Beverly stayed active in Veritas until she passed away last year. Beverly got me involved starting in 2007.

Do you like doing Veritas classes online or would you rather be back in the classroom?

What are your favorite kinds of classes?

I enjoy the online Zoom classes. It is a time saver and allows me to do a lot of other things as well. History, arts, medical and nutrition, biography, philosophy, etc., are among my favorites.

Are you retired? What kind of work did you do?

I have always been involved in international sales and marketing, general management, and corporate development. I started at Westinghouse Electric first; then became American Air Filter Company's chief marketing and sales officer; in Texas, I became president of Printing Research; and then president of other companies before becoming president of Bran Management Services, an international turn-around management and investment firm. That is where I retired from.

What is a childhood memory that still impacts you today?

A strong sense of duty, honor, and accountability was instilled in me by my stern, demanding architect father. His two favorite sayings were: "Do not confuse efforts with results! It's results that matter" and "If you do not know where you are going, any road will take you there."

Tell us something about YOU that might surprise us, or we may not know about?

I am a BMW car guy and have owned 12 midsize, 5-Series BMW's, all light metallic blue (and one red one for Beverly) over the last 50 years. Originally, I did my own work on them before they became too complex for me to work on!

How do you relax at home? Any hobbies, and if so, why that one?

Sorry to say I have been a workaholic most of my life, and only lately starting to really enjoy myself. I have always been a military weapons and memorabilia collector until recently when I sold them all off as I am downsizing.

What is your idea of the perfect way to spend a day in Louisville?

As my golfing son-in-law, Art Cestaro, would say "Play it as it lies!"



What makes you laugh?

Almost everything, as I follow my recent mantra, "Enjoy yourself now, it's later than you think!"

Who inspired you and why?

Over the years the outstanding group of Veritas Instructors that gave us so much of their time and talents really got me back in the learning mode again. Also, my fellow attendees like me that really wanted to learn and contribute their own knowledge and unique experiences to the group.

What's the best piece of advice ever given to you? By whom?

My father-in-law to be, just before my wedding, told me his secret of a happy long-lasting marriage: "Give 60 percent and hope to get back 40 percent." It worked well for him and for me as well, as Beverly and I were very happily married for 62-years before she died.

SOME INTEREST GROUPS ARE STILL MEETING

Several interest groups continue to meet, some in person and some using a hybrid format with members at a meeting site while others participate remotely via Zoom. And a new group focusing on spirituality has organized.

The Spirituality Interest Group has both in-person and zoom meetings. The in-person group meets at 10:30 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Douglass Blvd. Christian Church, 2005 Douglass Blvd. The Zoom session meets at 10:30 a.m. the last Wednesday of the month. The groups are led by Barbara MacDonald, who has taught courses on Christian identity. For more information and to get the Zoom link, contact Barb at barbpmac@gmail.com.

Movie Discussion Group is following a hybrid approach right now. In addition, a group of four to eight members have started meeting in person to attend movies at Baxter Theatres, Village 8 and the Speed Cinema. Events are planned based on what movies are available, so there is no set schedule. For more information on the next movie, contact Linda Miller at linda.loves.walking@gmail.com or (502) 216-4075.

The Healthy Eating Group is meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month, eating at various restaurants that specialize in healthy fare. Contact Rebecca Beyerle beyerler@gmail.com or (502) 454-0368 for reservations or additional information.

Mystery Book Discussion Group is meeting in person and on Zoom; it meets the first Tuesday of the month from 10:30 p.m. to noon at the Highlands-Shelby Park Library in the Mid-City Mall. Contact Rebecca Beyerle by email at beyerler@gmail.com to receive notices of future book choices.

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 information and reservations, contact organizer Mary Helen Thompson at (502) 459-5750 or email her at thompsonmaryhelen1@gmail.com.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LESLIE ELLIS

Leslie left a tiny bit of blank space in this summer edition of the newsletter, and I could not think of a better way to use it then to thank her for all she has done to make the Veritas Voice what it is.

Since taking over as chair of the Veritas Voice eight years ago, Leslie Ellis has consistently produced a high quality, informative, and engaging newsletter that is a vital communication tool for our Veritas members. While she had an active committee to assist her for many of those years, she has been flying solo (with a little bit of editing and formatting help from Ron Gordon) for the last couple of years, coming up with ideas and writing all the stories herself.

Veritas President, Dennis Wiseman, and I have been joking for years that there should be a newsletter competition among the Lifelong Learning groups around the country. We thought about starting our own contest but decided it would be unfair to competitors for the Veritas Voice to always win because of Leslie's great work.

As Leslie's time on the Veritas Board of Directors and as chair of the newsletter comes to an end, I would like to give one final salute to her dedication and a round of applause for her exceptional work. Leslie will still be an active Veritas member, and hopefully we can talk her into being a guest writer for the Voice.

Veritas Board Member, Jonathan Smith, will be taking over as chair of the Veritas Voice beginning with the Fall newsletter. Jonathan is looking for Veritas members who would like to serve on the newsletter committee. Please reach out to the Veritas Office if you are interested in writing for the Veritas Voice.

Thank you, Leslie!

Abigail Walsh
Veritas Society Liaison