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FALL TERM BRINGS DIVERSE CHOICE OF COURSES

This fall's course lineup will tempt you with classes that will immerse you in everything from weighty issues like the Arab Spring and legal controversies, literature and history, plus lighter looks at musical instruments and the world of inventions.

Study Shakespeare or James Joyce. Learn the history of Paris or Germany. Discover the beauty of opera. Plus there's a diverse group of speakers for Friday Lunch and Learn sessions.

The fall term will run from October 3 to November 11. Catalogs with times, dates and course details will arrive soon in your mailbox, along with instructions for the online registration system launched this summer.

The morning discussion groups will include a study of Kentucky short stories and James Joyce's "Ulysses," plus a look at Kentuckian Henry Clay. There'll be a study of exercise through the SuRF fitness center, plus thought-provoking discussions in "We live. We die. We find our meaning in between."

Friday at the Movies will focus on biographies of courage and faith. Another course will study "War and Peace" through film. Literature courses will include studies of "King Lear" and "The Tempest."

Contemporary issues will include a look at women of the Supreme Court, the aftermath of Arab Spring, continuing controversies in the courts, and the roots and meaning of balkanization. History buffs can take a historical tour of Paris, study the Mississippi River's important place in American history, and learn about the German Reformation and the history of Germans in Louisville.

Learn the keys to financial planning during retirement, discover the impact of world-changing inventions, or learn "12 Healing Strategies – for Under \$12." Get a detailed look at six musical instruments and find out how to "prepare for a pilgrimage."

Lunch and Learn presentations will include "Revitalizing the Ali Center" with Jami Logan, development director at the Muhammad Ali Center; "The Irish Whiskey Experience – in Ireland" with Shawn Hadley, an architect with Brown-Forman; and "Where Dare to Care is Going" with Annette Ball, programs director.

Other programs are "How Bellarmine's Sodexo Cafeteria Reaches Out" with Steve Santo, general manager of Bellarmine's cafeteria; "Kentucky to the World" with founder and director Shelly Zegart; and "The Speed Museum's New Film Program," with museum film curator Dean Otto.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 22

September 12

October 3 – November 11

Registration opens

Fall reception

Fall term

UPDATE ON THE ONLINE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Veritas members registered for summer courses in June using the new online registration procedure. The summer issue of the Veritas Voice described the process in detail as did the summer term course description brochure you received in June.

Linda Bailey and Patricia Worley in the Veritas office said the registration process went smoothly. Eighty-four members successfully signed up for courses online. A year ago, the number of registrants was 106 for the summer term.

Catalogs are scheduled to be mailed the week of August 15. The course catalog will again contain very detailed information on how to renew your Veritas Society membership and register for courses. Online registration will open at 9 a.m. August 22.

Assistance for those needing help with the online process will be offered at the Bellarmine library from 10 a.m. to noon August 22.

FALL RECEPTION SET FOR SEPTEMBER 12

The Veritas Fall Reception will be on Monday, September 12, starting at 2 p.m. in Frazier Hall. Bring friends and introduce them to Veritas! Refreshments will be served; it's free and there's no need to RSVP. The guest speaker will be Raoul Cunningham, the president of the Louisville branch of the National Association for

the Advancement of Colored People. He fought to bring down racial barriers in public accommodations and housing, and is a recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Award. He remains involved in politics, as well as government and racial justice issues.

VERITAS FIELD TRIP TO DA VINCI EXHIBIT

Veritas members learned about the many talents of Leonardo da Vinci on a July field trip to the Cincinnati Museum Center, where more than 200 items illustrating his contributions are on display. Da Vinci was a leading painter, architect, and inventor during the 15th and 16th centuries.



Barbara Maxwell



Herb Zimmerman and Rebecca Beyerle

FACES OF VERITAS – ROCKY YATES

By Nancy Walker

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

Veritas's Rocky Lane Yates was named after Allan Rocky Lane, a movie star and the voice of Mr. Ed, the horse in the 1960s television sitcom. In fact, his half brother, five half sisters and one full brother are all named after movie stars! Being the youngest in the family, his sisters loved taking him downtown and pretending he was their baby. When he was three, his mother became ill and his oldest sister and maternal grandmother took care of him for over a year.

Rocky's parents were Herschel and Daisy Yates. Rocky says that all of the good that he is comes from them, including his dad's work ethic. He has always lived in Louisville except when he attended Western Kentucky University while he pursued his bachelor's and master's degrees in French, English and education. Rocky attended Kenwood Elementary and Pleasure Ridge Park Jr. High School, and he was in the first graduating class at Doss High School in 1971.

His first job was as a neighborhood ice cream truck man. He worked at Frisch's restaurant while in college and then at the old Frankfort Avenue Hardware store. His first teaching job was at Bishop David High School in 1977. He was a substitute teacher for six years in Jefferson County Public Schools. Rocky taught English and French for 21 years at Shawnee High School and Fern Creek High School. He retired in 2010.

Rocky married his partner of 36 years, Dennis Wiseman, on December 30, 2015. Rocky has a huge family, including 36 nieces and nephews, some being greats and great-greats! He has been in all 50 states and seven continents. He loves reading and collecting magnets and post cards. He enjoys the theater, the Louisville library's dinner-movie group and field trips. Rocky supports the WHAS Crusade for Children, the House of Ruth, the Salvation Army and the Angel Tree at Christmas

His friend Mike Marple told him about Veritas. He and Dennis attend some Veritas classes together, but not all. Rocky is a facilitator, and he co-presented the Mysteries Around the World class in 2014. He loves classes about



Rocky Lane Yates

Alaska, religion, UFOs, literature, musicals and the Kentucky state parks. He attends Veritas's Eat and Talk, Mystery Book Club, and Ethnic Lunch interest groups.

In spite of recent events and controversies, Rocky thinks there is more inclusion of people with diverse views or lifestyles in our society. He feels it is wrong to claim to be a Christian and then to do horrible things in the name of the Bible.

Rocky says he wants to live life to the fullest and he "wants it all"! Rocky, congratulations on your recent marriage. We hope that all your dreams come true!

THE VILLAGE VOICES TALK ABOUT THE VERITAS SOCIETY AS A COMMUNITY

By Linda Miller

(The Village Voices is an ongoing column reflecting the observations and opinions of the newsletter staff.)

The Veritas Society is more than just a place to take courses. You can take courses online, at the local school system, at the library and even within Bellarmine's continuing education programs.

The Veritas Society was created more than 20 years ago with a much broader vision for older adults.

All of the medical and social research I could find about healthy, fulfilling living in our senior years emphasizes the need for social interaction, deep friendships, mental stimulation and an opportunity to "give back" by sharing our energy, skills and knowledge.

In the seminal book "Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community," social scientist Robert D. Putnam describes how Americans are less involved and connected to traditional organizations such as churches, community and civic groups and social clubs. He laments the erosion of what he calls our "social capital" and the accompanying damage to civic life and personal well-being.

The Veritas board and other society members express concerns that attendance at receptions, the Honors Banquet, and other planned activities does not reflect the larger membership numbers in the society.

We propose that we consider our membership in the Veritas Society as both a privilege and a responsibility. As members we need to take advantage of as much as the society has to offer and then find ways to share our talent and time with Veritas.

Here are some ideas to consider as a member of this valuable society:

- Try to attend as many planned social functions as possible and make a real effort to make at least one new friend.
- Participate in one of our interest groups where you can really get to know others on a more intimate level as you share experiences like dining, reading or enjoying movies and drama.
- Inventory your unique skills and share them with the society as a volunteer.
- Offer to facilitate a class or join the Production Team to help with audio visual needs in classes.
- Ask to attend a board meeting or share your ideas with a board member.

This fall, do not JUST come to class. Actively participate in the Veritas community.

MEMBERSHIP CARD PERKS

Your Veritas Society membership card could get you big savings at some of Louisville's museums and arts venues. Several Veritas members have said they've gotten student discounts on tickets at various venues around town, some reaping substantial savings. So whenever ordering tickets, mention you are a Veritas student at Bellarmine – no guarantee you'll get a discount, but it doesn't hurt to try!

Your card is sent to you in the packet with your course confirmations and parking pass. So tuck it away in your wallet for safe keeping as soon as your packet arrives.

WHO ARE THE VERITAS STAFF AND WHERE CAN I FIND THEM?

By Linda Miller

I found Linda Bailey and Patricia Worley in their brand new office in the nearly-completed Centro building. The office is spacious and lit by huge windows overlooking the outdoors. Considering the fact that this office has re-located at least four times in the past four years, this area appears to be both beautiful and ideal for this busy staff.

Linda Bailey is the director of continuing education. She directs all continuing education, which includes continuing education courses, the Road Scholar program which is scheduled at Bellarmine twice a year, the online courses, and the Veritas Society.

She began working at Bellarmine in 1987 and moved to the continuing education department in 1992. At that time, Bellarmine hosted the Elderhostel program now known as Road Scholar. The Road Scholar organization promotes lifelong learning programs throughout the country, and Linda worked with Bill Stewart, who was on Bellarmine's staff at the time, to establish the Veritas Society in 1995. Bill now serves as a Veritas board member.

Linda describes her job as "very busy and filled with variety." She thinks her biggest challenge is pleasing so many people in all of these programs.

She pointed out that the Veritas Society differs from the traditional continuing education program at Bellarmine in that it also provides programs throughout the year such as the Christmas luncheon, the honors banquet and field trips. Linda also is instrumental in helping to see that the Veritas Voice is printed and mailed at least three times each year.

Patricia Worley has worked in the continuing education office for almost a year, but she has been at Bellarmine for six years. Previously, Patricia worked in the financial aid office. She

is involved in the administration of both the continuing education and the Veritas programs. Patricia agrees that the fast pace and variety are what she likes about her job. She noted that she



Linda Bailey and Patricia Worley

is fascinated by the variety and type of classes Veritas offers and looks forward to being a member in the future. She thinks one of her challenges is helping people be more flexible. Linda and Patricia share a very positive outlook on their jobs, which is nurtured by a sense of humor and easy work rapport.

The Veritas office is located within the Office of Continuing Education in Centro 003 (C003) in the new Centro building. Centro is connected to Horrigan Hall at the other end of the large atrium area.

The easiest way to find the office is to enter Centro through the new door facing Newburg Road. Near this door there is close level parking with some handicapped spots and no stairs. Enter the door, take an immediate left and you will see the office.

VERITAS INTEREST GROUPS

The Healthy Eating Group meets the first Monday of every month. The group meets at a wide variety of restaurants in Louisville. Contact Marilyn Schorin at mschorin@gmail.com or (502) 452-1100 for reservations or additional information.

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 attend to discuss local theater, movies and other cultural activities. 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.

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.

The Eat/Talk Group meets the third Monday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at the University Club on the University of Louisville 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 ABChafin@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 fall and spring term in the Bellarmine dining hall. Enjoy dinner and some good conversation. Contact Marilyn Schorin at mschorin@gmail.com or at (502) 452-1100.



Veritas summer term participants in "Louisville's Historic Churches" led by Sandra Cherry visited St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Crescent Hill.