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Special Dates

- **September 10 Annual Meeting & Social**
- **September 27 - Fall Classes Begin**
- **October 5 - Lunch Bunch, TBA**
- **November 2 - Lunch Bunch TBA**
- **December 7 - Lunch Bunch TBA**



Curriculum Chair Sue Zerangue and science instructor Rick Sollars

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FALL 2010 CLASS SCHEDULE EDITION

Dearest Encorians,

Has the word "halcyon" entered your thoughts lately? Today is such a day; warmer and brighter than yesterday, but not too much. Tranquil, idyllic...oblique sun on the water. Still lots of green. How long can you hold your breath? As soon as you exhale, the bigleaf maples will spin off their golden platters; the sun will start to scurry again through the shortening day; the moon will be a surprise if ever you catch sight of it... and the halcyon spell of weather reports without storm warnings will have come to an end.

But our Summer Picnic sure was fun! All the amenities were provided and our members brought a lavish array of food to share. Cullaby really turned on the charm with that warm mist that wasn't quite rain. The grandchildren & pet pooches added extra fun to the day as well. I certainly think we should continue having a picnic as an annual summer event, and my sympathies to those who missed it.

Something happened that day that has intrigued me ever since. We were talking about Kitty Paino's wonderful work on the website, so I asked only the people who didn't use a computer or didn't have access to one to raise their hands. Only three, of perhaps 30 or 40, went up...you know who you are.

This is really a good thing in the sense that all the effort that goes into getting and keeping ENCORE online is now available to a clear majority

of our members...(and everyone they know)...if only we would remember to go there: www.encorelearn.org. The printed Newsletter is a quarterly publication, and now will be combined in one mailing with our Schedule of new classes and Fall Calendar. These "hard copies" have their traditional uses, but currently so much expanded and updated information is available online that we're really hoping our



ENCORE Picnic at Cullaby Lake: (back) Elfie Gross, Marlene Colendich, Bernie Thomas, Madeline Gobel, & (front) Mary Ann Ylipelto) Photos by Zan Hare



Mary Ann Ylipelto, Cheryl West-Davies & Daisy

members will get into the habit of taking full advantage of it.

And it's interactive too! Please consider electronically submitting any stories, observations, suggestions, comments or questions to paino2060@charter.net. Feedback on classes will be especially welcome. Each current Newsletter will be posted on the website and the earlier ones archived, as well as all previous class information from the time the website began. It's like our own e-scrapbook, looking back to the events & courses of the past two years.

The website also has a "Bulletin Board" feature that posts opportunities and events of interest to seniors that are not sponsored by ENCORE. We hope this will be a helpful and informative addition to your online experience. Be sure to check out the items posted there now. (continued page 6)



Seth Tichenor



Alan Batchelder



Steve Berk

Re-Segregation Text:

Letters to a Young Teacher, Students are asked to obtain this book, locally or online, and please read, if possible, to page 44.



Drew Herzig

FALL 2010 CLASS SCHEDULE

Classical Greek Philosophy

Instructor: Seth Tichenor;
Coordinator: Helen McDaniel; 503-325-8933 helenmcdan1939@yahoo.com
Venue: Astoria Senior Center; 1111 Exchange St.
Time: 10 am to noon
Dates: Monday mornings, Sept. 27; Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25; Nov. 1, 8, 15.

his course will look at the earliest themes, insights, ambitions & speculations of Classical Greek philosophy. We will begin with the Milesians at the end of the 7th century before the common era, and run through the great sophists, Gorgias and Protagoras, at the end of the 5th century. In addition, we will look at the "Axial Age" - the era of universal principles of thought in cultures around the world - to see where and how the processes of these Greek philosophies stand with their contemporaries in China, Persia, and India..

The Re-Segregation of American Schools

Instructor: Steve Berk
Coordinator: Marjorie Spence; marjspence@msn.com; 503-325-4233
Venue: Clatsop College; 1653 Jerome Street; P326
Time: 10 am to 11:30 am - 6 classes
Dates: Tuesday mornings, Sept. 28; Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26; Nov. 2

Jonathon Kozol, one of America's greatest living writers on problems in public education. In lucid, unsparing terms, he describes the persistence of racial segregation among minority school children. Though no longer the law, or established custom, segregation continues because the United States has abandoned commitment to expansion of opportunity. Our text this term is Kozol's latest offering, Letters to a Young Teacher, the culmination of his compassionate, yet stinging insights on the cruel mania for high-stakes testing that dominates current public educational policies while draining all imagination and creativity from the educational process.*

All Aboard!

Instructor: Alan Batchelder
Coordinator: Jean Wingate; jwingate@clatsopcc.edu; 503-325-6959
Venue: Clatsop College; 1653 Jerome Street; Towler 207.
Time: 1:30 to 3pm; 4 classes and a day trip
Dates: Tuesday afternoons, Sept. 28; Oct. 5, 12, 19; trip date TBA

Combining lecture, audio-visual demonstrations, and open discussion, the emphasis in this class will be on planning a rail trip, both as individuals and as a class. We'll be using available resources such as the telephone, internet, time-tables and other publications to locate available options for routing, destinations, stop-overs, discounts, accommodations, and estimating costs. The internet will be used to gather information, make reservations, and (importantly) how to change them. Tips will be offered on what to pack and how to pack it; what are reasonable expectations for traveling with Amtrak, and how to take advantage of the Amtrak Rewards program. We hope to plan a one-day trip to the Chihuly Glass Museum in Tacoma following the end of this course.

International Folk Dancing

Instructor: Drew Herzig
Coordinator: Charles Schweigert; schweigertstudio@yahoo.com; 503-325-1895
Venue: Astoria Senior Center; 1111 Exchange St.
Time: 10:30 am to noon; 8 classes
Dates: Wednesday mornings, Sept. 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17

*Sample the wide world of folk dance! This class will introduce you to some of the beautiful, traditional dances from around the world. We'll explore music from Wales in the west, to Japan in the east; from northern Russia to southern Bolivia...and several more stops In-between. Wear comfortable clothing and flat shoes. Be ready to have lots of fun! We'll learn simple line and circle dances, typical of traditional societies world-wide. The historical and cultural backgrounds of these dance communities will also be studied. No experience is needed, **no partner required***

Astrobiology

Instructor: Rick Soller
Coordinator: Bernie Thomas; berniet@q.com; 503-861-2695
Venue: Astoria Senior Center; 1111 Exchange St.
Time: 1:30pm to 3pm; 4 classes
Dates: Wednesday afternoons, Sept. 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20.

Here we have a four week peek into the possibility of life on other worlds.

There is currently a significant body of science on this subject and has become an integral part of some graduate studies in Astronomy. We'll try to avoid crop circles, lights in the sky & the Roswell Incident as we touch briefly on the biological origins of carbon-based life on Earth and discuss the feasibility of similar occurrences taking place in our solar system, our galaxy...and beyond. Regarding the possibility of advanced life, we'll study the history and mission of the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) program and the Fermi Paradox...if advanced beings are "out there", why haven't we heard from them? Could life have developed on distant worlds, then gone extinct? This course will be interactive and open-minded. ET...call home.

Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn

Instructor: Donna Wright
Coordinator: Sue Zerangue; zerangue@hotmail.com; 503-338-0313
Venue: Seaside Library's Community Room; 1131 Broadway Street
Time: 10 am to noon; 8 classes
Dates: Thursday mornings, Sept. 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18.

Not a children's book, Huckleberry Finn is arguably the great American novel. Twain describes a desperate childhood in a morally inverted world against a background of the cruel realities of slavery, poverty, ignorance, violence, and a certain sweet freedom. Bring your mature 21st Century perspective to an old story...witty, charming, and horrifying. Explore the woes of a wily but unprotected child in company with an unforgettable runaway slave, and the free and easy life on a river raft. We'll also look briefly at several other notable short works in this anthology edition.* Study a classic today!

Reading Aloud

Facilitator/Coordinator: Sue Zerangue; zerangue@hotmail.com; 503-338-0313
Venue: Seaside Library's Community Room; 1131 Broadway Street
Time: 1:30 pm to 3pm; 8 classes
Dates: Thursday afternoons, Sept. 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18.

Do you enjoy the drama of reading aloud? Or recall fondly being read to as a child? You can easily indulge both of these pleasures by joining us in a reading fest that

is bound only by our imagination. Featured Readers will share their special talents and stories, also giving us tips on improving our speaking skills. Every student will share what they bring to class, be it poems, jokes, quotes, essays, anecdotes, journal writings or personal work...whatever you find appealing. Start gathering material and practicing your best delivery, though if you'd just like to hear others read, that's fine too. We'll try to stay within a 5 minute limit so that all will have an equal chance to read, leaving time to discuss the reading, as well. We've had lots of fun with this format in the past, so please join us on our new group-participation adventure!

Book Group: Astoria and Empire

Facilitator/Coordinator: Roger Williams; rognpliss@aol.com, 503-861-2766
Venue: Josie Peper Center, 16th & Franklin, Astoria
Time: 10 am to noon; 8 classes
Dates: Friday mornings, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5, 12, 19.

The ENCORE book group has chosen James P. Ronda's historical work, Astoria and Empire,* as their reading assignment for Fall. Noting that Astoria's bicentennial will be celebrated next year, the book group wanted to be informed of the events that made Astoria a central point of international rivalry. The British, Russians, Spanish, French and Americans were all competing for strategic control of the area and its lucrative fur trade. Not since the 1836 publication of Washington Irving's book, Astoria, has a full-length study of our area been made available to the public. Many lively discussions should arise from reading about how Astoria played such a colorful and important role in becoming part of the United States.

Book Group Text:

Astoria and Empire; James P. Ronda, 1990, 400 pages, University of Nebraska Press. This book is available in both paperback & hardcover, from local libraries, bookstores and online.



Donna Wright

Mark Twain Text: Mark Twain's Huck Finn, Puddinhead Wilson, Mysterious Stranger, and Other Writings. ISBN #: 1-883011-88-4. The instructor has received a copy from BangZo.com for \$12.95. ; please call 503-338-0313 for other availability.



Rick Soller



Sue Zerangue



Roger Williams

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DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

ENCORE Director Roger Williams

It will soon be two years since I became Director of ENCORE. It hardly seems like yesterday that I first sat at the head of the Board of Directors meeting wondering how I got myself into this situation. It has been a very enjoyable experience, It has been a challenging experience and it has been a very rewarding experience. It was also an easy job because of the help and support from the officers and committee chairpersons who were always ready to give what was needed to make ENCORE a great organization.

I especially want to give my thanks to Assistant Director Helen McDaniel, Secretary Meg Weaver, Treasurer Melissa Yowell, Membership Committee Chairperson Madeline Gobel, Curriculum Committee Chairperson Sue Zerangue, Trip Committee Chairperson Bob Westerberg, Web master Kitty Paino, Clatsop Community College liaison Paula Duncan and all of their committee people. It is their hard work and time that makes us all proud of our organization. We accomplished much during the past two years and of course there were a few hard decisions to make. I will miss being Director of ENCORE but I will continue on as Past Director for the coming year.

We will be electing new officers at our upcoming annual meeting and our new officers will find everything in good order and will be ready to carry our organization on to greater achievements. (Roger submitted 'A Volunteer's Prayer'.

Under the Umbrella - Clatsop Community College

ENCORE would like to thank Paula Duncan for her unfailing support, humor, and a constant smile that endears her to our community of seniors. We also want to thank Thom Trusewicz for representing the College so well in the community by his helpfulness in finding facilities for ENCORE classes. We also want to thank Lindi Overton for her support as interim President, and give a hearty welcome to the College's new President, Larry Galizio. The support of Clatsop Community College has allowed the organization to thrive!

MEMBERSHIP

Chair, Madeline Gobel

July Lunch Bunch

Outstanding weather, sun shining, and 82 degrees on our dashboard thermometer. Almost too warm. WOW!

We took a leisurely ride down to Hwy 26 and dined at Camp 18. Thirteen of us played a variation of Trivial Pursuit.

Towards the end of the game, we watched Gary Webb and Donna Wright duke it out. Donna won. She was presented with a lovely gift.

The food was good and plentiful, but nothing beats the comradery of our friends and fellow students.



Donna Wright

It has always seemed strange to me that in our endless discussions about education so little stress is laid on the pleasure of becoming an educated person, the enormous interest it adds to life. To be able to be caught up into the world of thought--that is to be educated. Edith Hamilton, educator and writer (1867-1963)

A Volunteer's Prayer

*I thank the Lord as a Volunteer
For the chance to serve again this year
To give of myself in some small way
To those not blessed as I each day.*

*My thanks for health of mind and soul
To aid me ever toward my goal;
For eyes to see the good in all
A hand to extend before a fall.*

*For legs to go where the need is great
Learning to love—forgetting to hate;*

*For ears to hear and heart to care
When someone's cross is hard to bear.*

*A smile to show my affection true
With energy plenty the task to do"
And all I ask, dear Lord, if I may
Is to serve you better, day by day.*

~Anonymous

Dear Encorians (continued from page 1)

So what's on the menu for fall? Delicious treats for body and brain. Monday mornings kick off with our young prof, Seth Tichenor, returning to sharpen our minds with Classical Greek Philosophy...1,200 years worth, culminating in a comparison of Greek thought to the variety of Asian philosophies Seth has introduced us to in the past.

Steve Berk, on Tuesday mornings, will lead us in some lively discussions, I predict, on the current ills of American education, especially among the disadvantaged. I have 7 copies left of his Jonathon Kozol text, Letters to a Young Teacher. Please call me (503-338-0313) if you'd care to purchase one. \$10/each. This is a quick and easy read for a fast-paced class.

Tuesday afternoons find Alan Batchelder holding court in the newly refurbished Towler Hall on the CCC campus, regaling us with his many years of Train adventures & helping us devise a trip to, possibly, the Chihuly Glass Museum in Tacoma. Private trips will also be planned. Alan has traveled over 50,000 miles by rail in the US and Canada, so is uniquely qualified to show us how it's done. All Aboard!!

Limber up for Wednesday mornings because Drew Herzig, a new member of our teaching team, has offered to lead us in Folk Dances from around the world. 8 dances in 8 weeks! Plus, we'll learn interesting facts about the culture and geography of the countries

where these dances originate. Astoria's Senior Center has been most gracious in allowing us to use their large open area in front for this frolicsome venture.

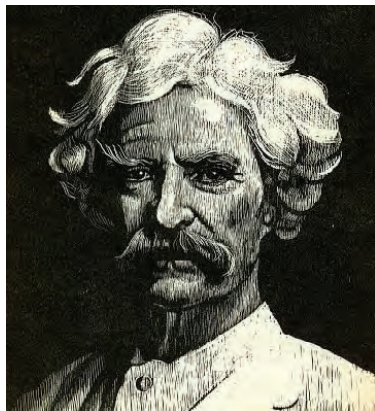
Then, on Wednesday afternoons, Rick Soller, our resident Science Guy, will

explore with us the multitude of questions generated from our study of Astrobiology. Could/does life exist in other places? Might "alien" life-forms exist here? What is life, anyway, and how far is it possible for humans to travel to find these answers? We'll see where Rick leads us with his latest quest. Open minds required.



Classical Greek Philosophy on Mondays

Thursdays bring us back to the Seaside Library's Community Room. Donna Wright, also new to ENCORE teaching but with many years of classroom experience, will fill our autumn mornings with the literary wonders of Mark Twain. First we'll focus on Huckleberry Finn, then move on to a few of Twain's other stories, as captured in the scholarly text Donna has chosen for us. 800 pages, plenty of references; I have 3 copies left at \$10/each. This class may even offer a field trip to celebrate the Netel Grange's 100th birthday on Saturday, Oct. 16th. Joseph Stevenson will be



Mark Twain -Thursdays in Seaside

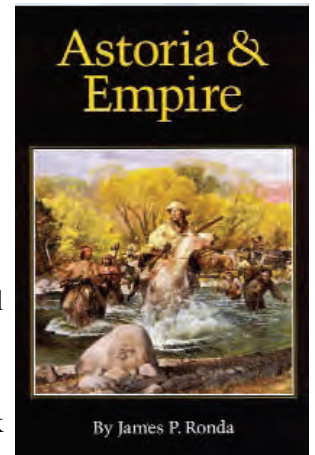
performing "Mark Twain Out West" and we may want to celebrate.

While we're in Seaside, let's spend our afternoons Reading Aloud. This informal gathering of writers & readers promises to be fun for all. Students are encouraged to bring material of any kind - poems, essays, quotations, jokes, journal or personal writings - anything you might want to share in 5 minutes or less.

We'll practice our reading skills, perhaps try out some Reader's Theater pieces...anything that tickles our fancy and keeps us amused. I'll do my best to tamp down the decibels...or close the door when all else fails. We've often been the loudest group in the library. Hilarity is like that.

Friday mornings still belong to Roger Williams and his intrepid Book Group, meeting once more in the Josie Peper Center's back room. Their choice for this season is James P. Ronda's comprehensive history of our area called "Astoria and Empire". John Jacob Astor's little trading post on the banks of the Columbia is shown to be at the very center of an international struggle for territory and power at the beginning of the 19th century. As we approach our bicentennial, this account of our history makes a fascinating, relevant read. You will not want to miss it.

So join us, won't you, in the classes of your choice. Curriculum is pleased to offer such a rich array of educational opportunities this fall, and all we really have to do is enjoy it. See you there! Sincerely, Sue Zerangue



Friday's Book Group



Folk Dancing