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**eNAUTILUS August 2009**

## **NEWS from the North Carolina Center for Creative Retirement**

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### **NCCCR Executive Director Search Update**

Next time you visit our office, say hello to Jonalyn Crite of UNC Asheville's human resources department, who has been assigned to staff the efforts of the NCCCR executive director search committee. Jonalyn has had extensive experience with campus searches and will be publicizing the executive director's position description, scheduling search committee meetings, organizing the visits of the final 3 candidates and much, much more. Her office is located outside Cissie Stevens, the interim director's office. The executive director's job description is almost finished and the search committee is being recruited. We'll keep you posted as more information becomes available. Questions should be directed to Cissie Stevens, co-chair of the search committee, at 251-6188 or [istevens@unca.edu](mailto:istevens@unca.edu).

### **Summer Food Drive Success**

Congratulations to those who participated in our summer term food drive in July—we raised 650 meals for our WNC friends and neighbors in need! Thank you to everyone who donated food or money, as well as those who staffed our information stations and helped spread the word for this great cause. Stay tuned for information about our fall food drive, coming in the next several weeks.

### **Space Remaining on Educational Trip to Turkey**

There's still time to sign up for a fabulous educational trip to Turkey. The tour runs from September 7-17, and all proceeds benefit the College for Seniors. On August 17-19, Turkish Air is offering a "Ramadan Special": the flight from Chicago to Istanbul is only \$475 round trip, including taxes. Wondering how to get to Chicago? AirTran flies from Charlotte to Chicago for only \$260 round trip. For more information about this great opportunity, contact Lewis Lamb at 255-8044.

### **Notice of CFS Course Change**

Here's a reminder that the dates of Ed Loewe's course, "The Wisdom of Eckhart Tolle," have changed. The correct dates are: Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Nov. 4.

### **Come One, Come All...**

...To our second Faculty Workshop Day on Tuesday, September 15, from 9 am- 3:30 pm. The workshops are designed for current instructors as well as potential ones, allowing for a wonderful exchange among participants. Topics for workshops include Copyright Considerations for Instructors, Using the Internet to Research Your Subject, Effective Design for Visual Presentations and PowerPoint Tips, among others. There is no charge for the workshops and lunch will be provided. To register, please contact Anne Mock at [amock@unca.edu](mailto:amock@unca.edu) or at 251-6198.

### **Put a Lid On It!**

Coffee mugs, that is. We are continuing with the practice we initiated this summer of "Going Green" and we are no longer furnishing paper cups for the coffee bar. We ask that you check the cupboards above the coffee bars on both floors of the Center and remove your ceramic mugs. After the second week of fall classes, all remaining mugs will be donated to charity. If you wish to make use of the coffee bars, please bring travel mugs **WITH LIDS** when you come to the Center. If you do not have one, you may purchase a UNCA travel mug at the office for \$5.00.

### **Liability Waivers**

As a result of conversations with the University Attorney, and with the recommendation of the Center Steering Council, all members engaged in exercise/dance classes will be asked to sign a liability waiver, beginning with fall classes.

### **Course Evaluations**

Ever wonder why you are asked to evaluate your class even before it's over? Or experience frustration at having to fill out the form in 10 minutes when you also want to grab a cup of coffee and use the facilities? Well, relief is on the way! This summer we ran a pilot program to evaluate some of our courses online. The results were so successful that we will institute an online evaluation process for all of our fall courses. The evaluations will be emailed to all who have registered for a particular course, whether you complete the course or not. That way you can take your time and experience the whole course before you fill out your evaluation. We will have paper evaluations available for those with no email address. And to all of you who participated in our pilot program this summer, a hearty "thank you" for being our guinea pigs!

### **Bring a Friend to School**

Ever wish you could SHOW a friend what the College for Seniors is like and not just TELL them? Well, in the fall, you'll get your chance! Our new Guest Pass program allows you to invite friends/neighbors/relations to experience a CFS class. After the second week in a course, you will be able to bring a guest with you for a class. We hope that by showcasing College for Seniors, more people will be enticed to join our community of learners. For more information, see Janice Banks or Susan Poole in the office or call 251-6140.

### **Classes on Yom Kippur**

Some members have expressed concern that we are holding classes on Yom Kippur. The schedule of classes was made in keeping with the University's calendar. If you choose not to attend classes that day, please notify your instructor(s). Instructors may choose to cancel their class on that day and reschedule it at the end of the regular term. This policy applies to holy days of all faiths.

### **UNCA Retiree Services**

Calling all experienced oral historians! Deirdre Wiggins with the Reuter Center's office of retiree services is working on oral histories of UNC Asheville retirees. If you have experience with oral histories, please contact Deirdre at 250-2340. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

### **Artists & Writers Quarterly**

Monday, August 31 is the deadline for submissions to the Artists and Writers Quarterly fall online edition. To see what it's all about go to <http://www.unca.edu/ncccr/awq/index.html>. Writers, photographers and artists are invited to submit their work for the next quarter. Let others enjoy your talent!

### **SIG Updates**

Look for a complete listing of SIG events in the upcoming *eNautilus events* but please note these changes.

- "BEARS 101": Members of the Reuter Center are invited to join the Wild Bunch SIG members for a special presentation on black bears by two specialists in our region. It will be held Thursday, August 27 at 7 pm in room 102A of the Reuter Center. Anne Allison and Kathy Sherrard are retired educators who are board members and volunteers at the Appalachian Bear Rescue center in Tennessee. They will share their knowledge of black bears and answer all those questions you have wanted to ask an expert. This is a different program than last year.
- The Creative Singles SIG will have a potluck at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, September 9 in room 230 at the Reuter Center. For further information contact Sharon Harrell, 299-3280.
- Elk in Cataloochee Valley: You are invited to join the Wild Bunch on Thursday night, September 10 in room 206 at 7 pm for a personal slide show put together by Wilma Durpo from her experience as a volunteer at the first release of Elk into Cataloochee Valley in 2001. We will discuss the progress of the experimental program in The Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

### **Get Involved! Volunteer News**

*One of the special reasons* for the ongoing success of the NCCCR is the extensive involvement of our members, creating a unique community. Over 400 members currently volunteer their enthusiasm and expertise at the Center, working in conjunction with 10 permanent staff members. In an effort to recognize volunteer efforts and to inform our members of volunteer needs, we present the Volunteer News section of the eNautilus. If you would like to get involved and wonder how to do so, please contact **Volunteer Coordinator Michelle Rogers at 250-3871 or mrogers@unca.edu** .

The first day of registration is always a hectic day for NCCCR staff, especially fall term, our busiest term of the year. This year, that day was especially challenging because of a coincidental staff shortage. On Friday, July 31, we took in more registrations than any previous year, and relied on the help of three very dedicated volunteers: **Sandra Brown, Marge Campbell and Stan Glickman**. Sandra and Stan helped staff member Ann Cadle accept registration forms and payments outside the office, and Marge staffed our front desk, fielding phone calls and answering dozens of questions. All three volunteers faced the busy day with friendly, helpful attitudes that made the experience more pleasant for everyone.

“These three volunteers went above and beyond,” says Ann Cadle. Their handling of questions and paper flow enabled staff to more efficiently deal with receiving payments and troubleshooting. This type of help is the essence of Center volunteerism: often we find practically insurmountable projects work smoothly and cooperatively with the contribution of our dedicated volunteers, some of whom rarely receive recognition. Please join us in thanking Sandra, Marge and Stan for their “behind-the-scenes” role in a successful registration day.

**Check out these NEW OPPORTUNITIES to get involved:**

The NCCCR **Orientation Subcommittee** plans three events each year to welcome new Center members and to educate them on all the Center has to offer. This subcommittee needs 2-3 new members to help with everything from planning the event to handling refreshments, program, and most importantly, to facilitate an atmosphere of FUN and learning for our new members. They meet three times per year, before orientation events in September, January and March. For more information, please contact chair Linda Bushar at 254-4108 or lindabushar@yahoo.com

UNC Asheville’s **Center for Diversity Education (CDE)** is co-hosting an exhibit at Pack Library from September 17 through October 30, called “Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation. Docents are needed as tour guides of the exhibit; greeters are needed to ensure smooth traffic flow through the exhibit and to answer questions. Training will be provided. Please contact Courtney Gauthier, CDE volunteer coordinator at 232-5024 or cgauthie@unca.edu for more information.

For a complete list of volunteer opportunities, please see any Reuter Center bulletin board or stop by Michelle’s desk in the office. **GET INVOLVED** -- There’s something for everyone!

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