Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Membership
Thursday, May 21, 2015
Wheeler Hall, Ware Student Center

Art Exhibit

“Through the Year”
A photo retrospective by Maureen Rosen

Welcome
Julie Machen, Adventures in Learning president

Remarks
Tom Galligan, Colby-Sawyer College president

Business Matters
John Ferries, Governance Committee chair

President’s Report
Julie Machen

Acknowledgements and Tributes
Les Norman, Curriculum Committee chair
Julie Machen

Celebratory Concert
Kearsarge Chorale Chamber Singers

Wine and Hors d’oeuvres Reception and Art Exhibit

Flowers at today’s meeting are rented from Spring Ledge Farm in New London.
Adventures in Learning
2015 Annual Reports

Governance Committee Report

Actions already taken this year

- The AIL Board approved the nomination of a new Curriculum Committee Chair for a 1-year term:
  Derek Hunt

- The AIL Board approved the nomination of current Standing Committee Chairs to serve additional 1-year terms:
  Public Relations Committee: Deb Rucci
  Finance Committee: Tom Stark
  Governance Committee: John Ferries

- The AIL Board approved bylaw changes. The revised bylaws were emailed to members.

Actions to be taken at the May 21 annual meeting

- Membership vote on the nominations of new members of the AIL Board for 3-year terms:
  Derek Hunt
  Randy Hanson
  John Roberts
  Mary Doyle

- Membership vote on the nomination of a current AIL Board member for a second 3-year term:
  Pat Stewart

Actions to be taken by the AIL Board following the May 21 Annual Meeting

- Approval of the slate of nominated board officers for 1-year terms:
  President: Joanna Henderson
  Vice President: John Ferries
  Secretary: Mike Moss
  Treasurer: Tom Stark

John Ferries, chair
Joyce Kellogg
Joanna Henderson

Tom Stark
Pat Stewart
President's Report

On this, the 17th anniversary of Adventures in Learning, we continue to have much to celebrate. Outstanding study leaders and diverse, fascinating subject areas have contributed to a program that provides something for everyone. We cannot say thank you often enough to those who generously share their time, effort and passion with our membership. Lecture series, round table discussions, “hands-on” courses and more have been offered in multiple locations both on the Colby-Sawyer campus and throughout the greater community.

In addition, we are most grateful to members of the AIL Board, the Curriculum and Public Relations Committees and the newly formed Governance Committee who volunteer to make this organization run smoothly.

Our partnership with Colby-Sawyer College remains a major factor in our success. This year we have had additional facilities on campus made available to us, while courses again benefitted from the expertise of college president Tom Galligan, chair of the Multidisciplinary Studies Department Randy Hansen, and teaching fellow Paul Robertson. We also express our gratitude to Beth Cahill, vice president for advancement for her support and active participation and to AIL’s excellent office staff, Marianne Harrison and Janet St. Laurent.

Looking to the future, the college’s Lethbridge Lodge will be the site of “Lunch and Learn,” an exciting new venture beginning this fall. Watch for further information coming soon.

Facilities in which to hold our courses continue to be perhaps our greatest challenge. As you now know, we have a wonderful opportunity to rectify that situation and to be able to concentrate all our energies on the real mission of Adventures in Learning—offering excellent life-long learning experiences. The proposed AIL room in the new Colby-Sawyer Arts Center will be a state of the art facility to be enjoyed by future members and study leaders for years to come. One of the most rewarding aspects of my position as president is being told how fortunate people feel to have an organization like AIL available to them. A donation to make this classroom possible is a way to express that appreciation.

Finally, we express our appreciation to you, our members. We hear again and again what a special place this is to live because of the people who reside here. You are those people. It is your enthusiasm for life-long learning and support of Adventures in Learning that help to make this the vibrant community it is. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in class.

Julie Machen, president
Van Crawford, vice president
Dan Schneider, secretary
Tom Stark, treasurer
Betsy Boege
Sheldon Boege

Dick Cavallaro
John Ferries
Joanna Henderson
Joyce Kellogg
Chuck Kennedy
Gene Lariviere

Mike Moss
Les Norman
Deb Rucci
Pat Stewart
Aarne Vesilind
Curriculum Committee Report

Anyone who imagines that the Kearsarge-Sunapee area is populated by those with nothing better to do than wait for the years to pass doesn’t know us very well; they certainly have not looked at our recent AIL curriculum catalogs. A scant sample from last year’s offerings invites us to look at the past, as it was, and as it might have been; and to look at the present, as it is, and how we hope it might be. In addition, among many other offerings, there have been invitations both to appreciate works of art and literature, and to create them.

We rightly believe that AIL is one of the jewels of this area, and it will remain so as long as there are study leaders who are prepared to offer their passion and expertise to bring us such a stimulating variety of courses to enliven our minds and spirits. To them, we offer our profound thanks. If you would be willing to share your own interest with others, please consider becoming a study leader. Just call the office at (603) 526-3690.

This year saw a continuation of the Julien Le Bourgeois trilogy of lecture series, this time focusing on the Reformation. It was as enthusiastically subscribed and appreciated as the previous year’s Renaissance sessions. Again we were fortunate to be able to use the college’s Clements Hall, which permits us to accommodate the large enrollment that this series has generated. The cooperation of Colby-Sawyer College has been a feature of the AIL year. We have increasingly welcomed faculty members in the role of study leaders and also those students who have added an occasional international flavor to courses. The college, by making facilities available to house many of our course offerings, has significantly eased the task of course scheduling.

AIL continues to offer to those who live in the region a refreshing variety of courses. In this our 17th year AIL had 470 members, including 82 first-time members, with 917 course registrations. Next year, with your cooperation, looks equally good.

Les Norman, chair

Betsy Boege       Mary Doyle       Dan Schneider
Sheldon Boege     John Ferries     Tom Vannatta
Dick Cavallaro    Derek Hunt      Brenda Watts
Dale Conly        Charlie Kellogg  
Van Crawford      Mike Moss        

Public Relations Committee Report

The Public Relations Committee promotes the Adventures in Learning program both among its members and in the community.

Horizons Extra, AIL’s newsletter, is posted on the AIL website and sent electronically four times a year to AIL’s general mailing list. Courses, profiles of new study leaders and special events are highlighted. If you have not taken advantage of this publication, please visit www.colby-sawyer.edu/adventures/newsletter to view and read what you’ve been missing!

Another promotional activity of the PR Committee is the distribution of a one-page flyer each semester in libraries, community centers, banks, bookstores and living facilities throughout the Lake Sunapee-Kearsarge community. The flyer contains easy to read, specific information about upcoming courses. In the 2014-2015 year, about 70 new members enjoyed AIL courses for the first time. Approximately one third were from New London and the remaining were from the surrounding communities of Andover, Bradford, Claremont, Concord, Derry, Goshen, Grantham, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot.

Our website is an additional important source of information for our AIL members, potential members and study group leaders. The committee, in conjunction with office and college personnel, continues to improve the functionality and content of the website. The AIL website is now accessible directly by going to the Colby-Sawyer College home page and clicking on an easy to spot link to Adventures in Learning.

On a community level, AIL continues to be an active member of the Lake Sunapee Chamber of Commerce. We again participated in the “Meet the Chamber” night that kicks off the New London Hospital Days event and is a great opportunity to meet the community and share information about our program. Several of our members also walked in the Hospital Days parade proudly carrying the AIL banner. All members are welcome to join us this year!

Committee member and AIL’s chief photographer Maureen Rosen along with other committee members visit classes each term to capture moments for Maureen’s annual meeting photo retrospective as well as for our newsletters and website.

One of our committee members, Sheldon Boege, will be ending his term this June, and we thank him for his contributions and support. If you would like to write, to interview interesting people, or to photograph participants in AIL activities, we would love to have you on our committee. Please contact Joyce Kellogg at joyce.kellogg9@gmail.com or Deb Rucci at dprucci@gmail.com.

Joyce Kellogg, co-chair        Sheldon Boege          Writer Emerita
Deb Rucci, co-chair           Jennifer Mack          Heidi Beckwith
Betsy Boege                   Maureen Rosen

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Treasurer’s Report

As we did last year we are presenting the expenses for Adventures in Learning for the most recent twelve months. Our fiscal year runs from July through June but with a May annual meeting this presentation gives a reasonable picture.

Below is a mini income statement for the twelve months. While there has been a deficit for the last twelve months, we still have $59,172 in our reserve fund as of March 31, 2015.

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Adventures in Learning
2014-2015 Study Group Leaders

Our volunteer study group leaders form the heart of the Adventures in Learning program. At this time we acknowledge with thanks those named below for their dedication and contributions during the past academic year. They graciously shared their knowledge and passion for their chosen topic to enrich the lives of course participants from our community.

Chris Bowditch  Andrée Hurtgen  John Roberts
Dale Conly  Chuck Kennedy  Ellen Robertson
Pattie Crossett  Sharon Kenrick  Becky Fitts Rylander
Harte Crow  Gene Lariviere  Tom Simon
Morris Edwards  Stephan Lewy  Bill Sullivan
Joe Fanning  Julie Machen  Ken Tentarelli
Tom Galligan  Nancy Marashio  Frannie Terwilliger
Jane Guise  Michael Moss  Gordie Terwilliger
Randy Hanson  Jim Nagel  Tom White
Larry Harper  Ken Nielsen  Dwight Wilder
Joanna Henderson  Les Norman  Fran Wilson
Dick Hesse  Susan Nye  Don Wright
Jeff Holmes  Dick Pearson  Gardner Yenawine
Derek Hunt  John Raby

2014-2015 Lecturers

Lecture series continue to be a popular element of the Adventures in Learning program. The individuals below were guest lecturers in the past academic year. We are delighted to recognize and thank them for taking time out of busy schedules to share their expertise with our course participants.

David Almond  John Ferries  Julie Machen
Jack Barrett  Tom Galligan  Paul Robertson
David Bashaw  Randy Hanson  Bill Sullivan
Sheldon Boege  Charlie Kellogg  Bill Tighe
Morris Edwards  Hy Kempler
Program:

Ave Maria, gratia plena by Josquin des Prez (1450-1521), ed. David L. Almond

Innsbruck, ich muss dich lassen by Heinrich Isaac (1450-1517)

Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming by Stephen Foster (1826-1864)

Blue Moon by Rodgers/Hart, arr. David Blackwell

The singers ask that you kindly hold any applause until the end of the program.

The Kearsarge Chorale Chambers Singers:

Soprano
Linda Barnes
Margo Coolidge
Nancee Leach
Theresa Roberts

Tenor
Carol Foss, Section Dean
Greg Johnson

Alto
Molly Kidane
Mary MacMillin
Nina Rogers
Nancy Tripp

Bass
Richard Beffa
David Munn

Musical Direction
Simeon Morrow

If you are interested in singing or participating in chorale activities, please call David at (603) 526-2110 or write to kearsargechorale@gmail.com. ALL ARE WELCOME!
The Kearsarge Chorale is a regional, all-volunteer chorale of approximately 65 members under the artistic direction of David L. Almond. Based in New London, it draws its members from more than 15 neighboring communities.

Two concerts have been performed each year by the chorale since its inception in 2008. (The most recent, on April 26th, was *Songs of Spring: “This Have I Done for My True Love”*.) The chorale’s recent affiliation with Colby-Sawyer College has provided rehearsal and performance venues and has expanded students’ opportunities for participation in the choral experience.

The Chamber Singers are members of the chorale who are eager for additional challenges and able to devote time and energy to extra rehearsals. Membership in the group varies from season to season depending on interest, availability, etc. The size of this group – usually about 15 to 20 singers – allows the chorale to reach out to the community in smaller venues.

Simeon Morrow, providing musical direction for this afternoon's performance, has studied, taught and conducted throughout Europe for the past ten years.