Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Membership

Thursday, May 17, 2012
Ware Campus Center

“Gonna Fly Now”
A photo retrospective by Maureen Rosen

Welcome
Morris Edwards, president
Adventures in Learning

Remarks
Beth Cahill, vice president for Advancement
Colby-Sawyer College

Business Matters
Morris Edwards

President’s Report
Morris Edwards

Acknowledgements and Tributes
Morris Edwards and Joanna Henderson, Curriculum Committee chair

Celebratory Concert
Granite State Stompers

Wine and Hors D’oeuvres Reception for Members and Guests
The Granite State Stompers

Adventures in Learning is delighted to host the Granite State Stompers, a traditionally-styled jazz band, which was established in the Lake Sunapee area in 2003. Five years later they produced a CD, “Take a Tailgate Joyride,” in the New Orleans jazz tradition. This tradition was made famous by Jelly Roll Morton and Louis Armstrong and includes a vast repertoire of blues, marches, stomps, popular and folk songs, as well as Latin music and waltzes. As you listen to the Stompers joyous music, don’t be shy about tapping your toe. You won’t be alone!

A schedule of their upcoming performances is available in the lobby as is their CD. To learn more about the band, log on to www.granitestatestompers.com.

Musicians:

**Andy Bourke (Tuba, String Bass)**  
Andy is a University of Maine graduate with a B.S. in wildlife biology. He served as an active duty military musician for 26 years and retired in 2009 after 5 years as bassist with the U.S. Army's Jazz Guardians. He has played all styles of music from brass quintet to orchestral, rock and funk to straight ahead jazz and swing.

**John Chivers (Banjo)**  
John, a graduate of Wesleyan College and a retired teacher of German at Phillips Andover, first played jazz at age 17. Since then he has played in the Connors and Reinterpretation Jazz Bands and is the leader of The Granite Gumbo.

**Dave Cook (Band Leader, Clarinet and Sax)**  
Dave is a retired CFA investment counselor for whom jazz clicked in high school. Bands he has played for include the Dartmouth Indian Chiefs, Reinterpretation Jazz Band, West Newbury VFA Marching Band and The Granite Gumbo.

**Alden Keyser (Drums and Kazoo)**  
Alden served as a CFO before retiring. He started drumming in the fifth grade and has since been a University of North Carolina Tarheel. He played with The Windjammers, Scituation Swing and at the Dalton Club in Newburyport, Mass.

**Whit Wendel (Valve Trombone)**  
Whit has had fifty-plus years of tooting the jazz horn and performed with the Great Little Jazz Band, Blue Ribbon Jazz Band and Blue Horizon Jazz Band. He is a Harvard graduate, former publishing VP and custom home builder.

**Bill Zimmerman (Cornet)**  
Bill received an Ed.D. from the University of Florida at Coral Gables. He served as superintendent of schools in Hanover, N.H., and then in Wayland, Mass. He played in his first dance band at the age of 13. Bill also plays the trombone, piano, clarinet and sax. His band affiliations include the Alan Kendall Orchestra and the New Orleans Jazz Band.
Proposed By-law Changes

Article 3: The Board

Existing text:
Board members shall be eligible for consecutive re-election no more than once. Vacancies, which shall occur between Annual Meetings, shall be filled by the remaining Board members for the unexpired term. An unexpired term of less than one year shall not be considered a full term in connection with possible re-election.

Proposed new text:
Board members must be current Adventures in Learning members and shall be eligible for consecutive re-election no more than once. Vacancies, which shall occur between Annual Meetings, shall be filled by the remaining Board members for the unexpired term. An unexpired term of less than one year shall not be considered a full term in connection with possible re-election.

Article 5: Committees

Article 5, Section 1: Standing Committees

Existing text:
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Existing text:
The duties and responsibilities of the Standing Committees include:

- Curriculum Committee:
Responsible for receiving or initiating suggestions for new study group programs, reviewing programs in progress, assisting study group leaders in improving offerings, determining the suitability of subjects, recruiting qualified study group leaders, overseeing and editing study group leader copy for term catalog, and periodically revising Study Group Leader Guide. Also provides necessary information to facilities coordinator who is responsible for securing and scheduling suitable classroom space and insuring availability of teaching aids.

- **Long Range Planning Committee:**
  Responsible for identifying and studying issues affecting the long term plans and programs of Adventures in Learning. Responsibilities include assessment of future needs for space, facilities and financial resources. Longer term, the committee’s work will encompass the need for ‘on campus’ classroom and office space.

- **Finance Committee:**
  Responsible for assisting in the preparation of the Adventures in Learning budget; for the preparation of term-by-term and annual financial reports; for making recommendations to the Board concerning allocation of the net income or loss and the size of the reserve; for reporting to the Board on any other financial matter requested by the president. The committee shall have four members who shall be the Treasurer as Chairman, the President, the Vice President and the Colby-Sawyer College liaison.

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- **Long Range Planning Committee:**
  Responsible for identifying and studying issues affecting the long term plans and programs of Adventures in Learning, as determined by the Board. Responsibilities also include assessment of future needs for facilities.

- **Finance Committee:**
  Responsible for assisting the Treasurer as needed in the preparation of the Adventures in Learning budget; for the preparation of term-by-term and annual financial reports; for making recommendations to the Board concerning allocation of the net income or loss and the size of the reserve; for reporting to the Board on any other financial matter requested by the President. The committee shall have four members who shall be the Treasurer as Chairman, the President, the Vice President and the Adventures in Learning program manager, who is the Colby-Sawyer College liaison.
Adventures in Learning
Nominating Committee Report

Officers
For re-election as Board officers:
  Morris Edwards, president
  Joanna Henderson, vice president
  Tom Stark, treasurer
  Joyce Kellogg, secretary

Board of Directors
For election to an initial three-year term:
  Pat Stewart
  Aarne Vesilind

For re-election to a three-year term:
  Dick Cavallaro
  Van Crawford
  Chuck Kennedy
  Dan Schneider

Committee Chairs
For re-appointment to serve as chair:
  Betsy Boege, Public Relations Committee
  Joanna Henderson, Curriculum Committee
  Julie Machen, Long Range Planning Committee

Joanna Henderson, Nominating Committee chair
Adventures in Learning
2011-2012 Study Group Leaders

Our volunteer study group leaders are the capstone of the Adventures in Learning program. We are pleased to acknowledge the individuals below for their dedication and contributions during the past academic year. They graciously shared their knowledge and passion for a topic of their choice to enrich the lives of course participants from our community.

Tom Aprille  
Dan Allen  
Jim Bowditch  
Jim Broadhead  
Charlotte Brook-Signor  
Hilary Cleveland  
Van Crawford  
Louise Cyr  
Morris Edwards  
Tom Galligan  
Dale Gephart  
Tom Graves  
Randy Hanson  
Joanna Henderson  
Derek Hunt  
Millard Hunter  
André Hurtgen  
Charlie Kellogg  
Chuck Kennedy  
Gene Lariviore  
Julie Machen  
Bob Mack  
Dennis McCullough  
Michael Moss  
Les Norman  
Susan Nye  
Tony Parra  
Dick Pearson  
Sarah Drew Reeves  
Martha Regan-Smith  
Ellen Robertson  
Art Rosen  
Dan Schneider  
Dick Schwemm  
David Stewart-Smith  
Bob Strauss  
Ken Tentarelli  
Bill Tighe  
Tom Vannatta  
Aarne Vesilind  
Brenda Watts
Adventures in Learning
2011-2012 Lecturers

The 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
Stephen Bethel
Charlotte Brook-Signor
Dick Carney
David Cook
Van Crawford
Max Culpepper
Jere Daniell
Morris Edwards
John Ferries
Tom Galligan
Joanna Henderson

Jane King
Julie Machen
Mike Moss
Phil O’Brien
David Pook
Vinnie Procita
Isa Rex
Chuck Sanborn
Bill Sullivan
Aarne Vesilind
Tom Wilkins
President's Report

I'm pleased to report that Adventures in Learning has enjoyed another banner year. Membership now stands at an all-time high and we set a new record of 1,064 course registrations, the fourth yearly increase in a row.

Consistent with our dual goal of embracing and enriching the community, we offered 40 courses over the past year with a wide diversity of topics, and scheduled them at various venues from New London to Newbury to Grantham. In addition our summer program again allowed part-year residents and other non-members to enjoy the educational riches of AIL for a small fee.

This fall our community outreach continues with a course at the Richards Free Library in Newport. In another exciting initiative, we will soon begin a program of free talks by our study leaders for residents at Woodcrest Village. We hope it leads to similar talks and additional cooperative relationships with other retirement homes and organizations within our community. At the same time, our new rack cards are being displayed broadly throughout our extended region to encourage others to become AIL members and share in the benefits of "learning later and living greater."

Our partnership with Colby-Sawyer College is another source of great pride. Relationships with the college were enhanced through AIL courses led by Tom Galligan, the college president, and Randy Hanson, chair of the Multidisciplinary Studies Department. In addition the college continues to donate administrative support for AIL, along with office space and equipment, and to provide use of Clements Hall and other facilities for courses and additional activities. On our part I'm pleased to report that proceeds from our Thursday's Child dinner and other AIL events contributed over $1,000 to AIL's student achievement award, which provides a scholarship each year to a deserving Colby-Sawyer junior.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to our outstanding study leaders for the success we have enjoyed, and to the volunteers in our Curriculum, Public Relations, Finance and Long Range Planning Committees. Thank you to one and all. A special thanks goes to the AIL office staff, who do such an exceptional job year after year, and justifiably receive high praise from both members and study leaders for the wonderful help and support they provide.

Ultimately, though, our success depends on you, our members, and the special value you place on learning as a lifelong avocation. Thanks to your vigor, passion and zest, I am confident that education for the community by the community will endure and continue to flourish.

Morris Edwards, president
**Curriculum Committee Report**

While I hesitate to start this report with the same sentence I used last year, we have had another wonderful year! And again our numbers, which are only one part of our story, have increased in every category. Our membership totals 499 (up from 472 of a year ago) and a total of 1064 participants, an increase the previous year of 1047 participants.

The ideas for future courses, the comments and suggestions offered to the Curriculum Committee primarily through the course evaluations are, as always, extremely helpful. We read and consider all comments made on the evaluation forms, and they are the best source for making improvements to curriculum. Keep them coming.

We want to thank Morris Edwards and Sheldon Boege as they leave the Curriculum Committee this month. Morris, who is also president of the AIL Board of Directors, has been invaluable as a contributor to the committee. Sheldon has had the thankless but indispensable job of placing all courses in the appropriate venues and taking care of the technical equipment needed for each course. Both will be missed by the committee and by me personally. New members coming on to the committee are Mike Moss, Betsy Boege and Mary Doyle.

As always, our deepest thanks go to our study leaders. They come up with wonderful ideas for courses, do the hard work of researching information, figure out how to present material in interesting and attention-holding ways and then present the courses. Once again, bravo and congratulations!

Our study leaders this year included:
Dan Allen, Tom Aprille, Jim Bowditch, Jim Broadhead, Charlotte Brook-Signor, Hilary Cleveland, Van Crawford (2), Louise Cyr, Morris Edwards, Tom Galligan, Dale Gephart, Tom Graves, Randy Hanson, Joanna Henderson, Derek Hunt, Millard Hunter, André Hurtgen, Charlie Kellogg, Chuck Kennedy (3), Gene Lariviere (2), Julie Machen, Bob Mack, Dennis McCullough, Mike Moss, Les Norman, Susan Nye, Tony Parra, Dick Pearson, Sarah Reeves, Martha Regan-Smith, Ellen Robertson (2), Art Rosen, Dan Schneider, Dick Schwemml, David Stewart-Smith, Robert Strauss, Ken Tentarelli, Bill Tighe, Tom Vannatta, Aarne Vesilind, Brenda Watts (3).

We look forward to another fine year of course offerings from our committee of Sheldon Boege, Jim Bowditch, Van Crawford, Morris Edwards, André Hurtgen, Jim Moore, Les Norman, Dan Schneider, Tom Vannatta and Aarne Vesilind.

Joanna Henderson, chair
Public Relations Committee Report

The Public Relations Committee had a very productive year continuing to promote the overall Adventures in Learning program to its members and the greater community. In addition we are pleased to report that two projects begun in 2011 have been successfully completed: the digital newsletter, *Horizons Extra*, and a publicity rack card promoting AIL in the community.

Last summer we began the transition to present the *Horizons* newsletter in digital format for electronic delivery. With the expert assistance of the college Communications Office and our AIL staff, we continued to tweak the format over the past year to make it more readable for our members. The end result is that *Horizons Extra* now appears on screen exactly like the former print version, is easy to navigate, and provides handy links to other articles and news of interest. Producing our newsletter electronically fulfills AIL’s objective of supporting Colby-Sawyer’s GreenROUTES sustainability initiative as well as allows for significant cost savings. These savings have been passed on to our membership in the form of reduced membership fees for 2012-2013. For those without email addresses, print copies are made available at the office. Finally, the newsletters are posted permanently on the AIL website for future reference.

The committee also took steps to increase public awareness of AIL in the greater Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee region. Again with the help of the college, we designed an attractive, two-sided 4” by 9” rack card for placement in area real estate agencies, libraries, community centers, bookstores and assisted living facilities. The card describes our overall program and how to contact us for more information. Although our membership numbers are robust, it is important to attract new members and study leaders for the future.

In closing, my thanks to the committee members for their efforts this past year and especially to Pat Stewart who has completed six years of dedicated service on our committee organizing and co-coordinating AIL trips. Pat did her usual expert job this past winter arranging Mike Moss’ recent class trip to the Museum of Fine Arts.

We always are looking for new committee members as well as literary contributors and encourage you to contact us if you would like to join in promoting the AIL program.

Betsy Boege, chair

Committee Members: Heidi Beckwith, Sheldon Boege, Maggie Ford, Joyce Kellogg, De Segerson, Pat Stewart - Trips and Maureen Rosen - Photographer
Treasurer’s Report

The financial year for Adventures in Learning is tied to that of Colby-Sawyer which runs from July 1 through June 30. Thus, with the annual meeting taking place in mid-May, a traditional, year-end financial report cannot be made. Instead, the chart below represents the budgeted expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

Again, this past year has been financially successful and the board is able to recommend a meaningful contribution to Colby-Sawyer.

Last year I told you: “It is important to note that due to the excellent staff and their attention to adhering to the budget, the interesting courses that brought record enrollment, and careful attention to details by the board, we were able to maintain our fee structure and produce a reasonable surplus for the current fiscal year.” With continuing careful financial control, we are able to reduce the membership fee to $40.00!

![Budget Chart]

Tom Stark, Treasurer
Adventures in Learning
at Colby-Sawyer College

Upcoming Summer 2012 Courses
Look for your catalog to arrive at the beginning of June

• Ellis Island – Gateway to the American Dream / Joanna Henderson
• A Brush with Beauty / André Hurtgen
• Who Are the Celts? / Bill Tighe
• The Crock of Gold / Dave Cook
• Backstage at the New London Barn Playhouse: A Musical Comedy in Four Acts / Carol Dunne and Tom DeMille