

Explore, Engage, Excite

A group of volunteers from the Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee area, with the cooperation of Colby-Sawyer College, has successfully launched Adventures in Learning, a program that provides adults with opportunities for intellectual stimulation and enjoyment.

Patterned on the ILEAD (Institute of Lifelong Education at Dartmouth) Program model, Adventures in Learning, since 1998, has offered thirty courses attended by more than 200 people. The courses, which are non-credit and without exams, are taught by highly qualified, volunteer study group leaders and are offered for six- or eight-week periods in fall, winter, and spring. The two-hour weekly class

sessions are held at Colby-Sawyer College, Tracy Memorial Library, and the Lake Sunapee Bank community room.

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Topics for study and discussion have included history, literature, the sciences, international affairs, current events, and more. Participants come not only from New London but also from surrounding towns in the Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee area. Within a very short time, Adventures in Learning students become acquainted with one another. They welcome and respect ideas and opinions offered by their peers in discussions.

The following are topics for spring 2000 courses, which promise to meet a broad variety of interests. Sign up and join the fun. However, please hurry, for classes are filling up quickly!

A History of Communications

Led by Mac Plante. This course traces the advances in technology and concept leading to development of the Internet and our contemporary communication techniques. Mac served in his career with Bell Laboratories, Wang Laboratories, and as advisor to the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

The Habsburgs:

The Rise and Decline of a Dynasty

Led by Joseph Kun, author and former director



New London residents Milard Hunter (l), Julien LeBourgeois, and Gusta Teach discuss a key point relevant to *The Civil War*, an Adventures in Learning course offered this winter at New London's Tracy Memorial Library.

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of Central European Studies at the Potomac Foundation. This course examines the 700-year impact of the royal Habsburg family upon the history and current affairs of Eastern and Central Europe.

The Claremont Conundrum

Led by John Garvey, J.D. This course examines the hotly debated tax and education-funding issue in New Hampshire. A practicing attorney and former professor at Franklin Pierce Law Center, John served as a principal attorney in the Claremont Case, which resulted in a successful constitutional challenge to current methods of funding public education.



Toward Understanding China

Led by Lorna Chang. This course explores a country and society of growing importance to the United States and the world. The course is informed by Lorna's travels in China and particularly the experiences of her husband, a Shanghai native, who

comes from a family of diplomats and scholars who worked in China from the 1920s to 1940s.

Dante's *Divine Comedy*

Led by Hazel Pomiecko. This course is a pilgrimage into imaginative, unfamiliar territory, traversed through readings and discussions of Dante's *Inferno*, offering insight into the culture, history, and mores of early Renaissance Florence. Before retiring, Hazel taught English and Humanities at Stevens High School in Claremont, N.H.

Understanding Poetry: More of the Same

Led by George Doolittle. This course offers reading and discussion for pleasure of selected works of Victorian and contemporary poets. Authors include, among others, Alfred Lord Tennyson and award-winning, area poet Donald Hall. George taught English and Humanities at the high-school and college levels for 32 years.

For further information or to register, please contact Sharon Ames at (603) 526-3720, sames@colby-sawyer.edu.

Join the Fun this Spring

To all who have participated in Adventures in Learning: Do you have friends who ought to be on our mailing list? You who have been a part of this adventure know how much fun it is. Be a goodwill ambassador—spread the word! Just fill out the form on page three and return it to our office.

Not only do we want enrollees to participate in the enjoyment of our classes; we seek people who have talents and interests they would like to share. Our study group leaders represent diverse backgrounds. Some are self-taught historians, retired teachers, gardeners, retired business men and women, and hobbyists; and many others defy labels. If you find yourself compelled by a certain subject, chances are pretty good it will be

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Please Attend Our Information Program and Annual Meeting

The first Annual Meeting of Adventures in Learning will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2000, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Wheeler Hall, Ware Campus Center, on the Colby-Sawyer College campus.

Colby-Sawyer President Anne Ponder will give the keynote address. Refreshments will be served following the meeting. The Ware Campus Center is fully accessible to everyone.

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interest to others. Remember, these sessions are informal. We are all in it together with reports and lively discussions. You, or someone you know, might turn out to be the perfect study group leader.

Enrolling is easy! Please contact Sharon Ames at (603) 526-3720, sames@colby-sawyer.edu. If you are interested in leading a group, Sharon will put you in touch with the Adventures in Learning Curriculum Committee.

Share Your Expertise

As Adventures in Learning grows, we depend upon active committees to keep us focused and organized. We invite members willing to give their time and advice to serve on such committees as Curriculum, Finance, and Publicity/Membership. If you would like to help, please call Sharon at (603) 526-3720 for further information.

Sneak Preview of Fall Adventures

We have some interesting possibilities emerging for next fall. Tentatively, study group leaders will include Mel Vulgamore of New London, George Tracy of New London, James Moore of New London, Charles Terry of Stratham, Chet Reynolds of New London, and Bob Foote of New London. The final list and course descriptions will arrive in your mailboxes in August, so be sure to READ YOUR MAIL!

Yes, I would like to become an Adventures in Learning goodwill ambassador. Please send me more information.

Yes, I would like to join an Adventures in Learning committee. Please contact me.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Current or former occupation?

Describe briefly your interest in the Adventures in Learning program.

Tell us a little about yourself.

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