

MCCOAA Update

Manchester Community College Organization of Active Adults

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OAA ON THE GO

SCHEDULED TRIPS

**Holiday Tea Musicale at Caramoor
Katonah, New York
Thursday, December 7, 2017
Sign-up deadline is December 3, 2017**



Your cultural exploration begins with a docent-led tour of the historical **Rosen House** (which will be decorated for the holidays). Then sit back and relax in the majestic **Music Room** for a concert of holiday music.

Before heading home, enjoy a relaxing holiday tea. The menu will consist of: a variety of tea sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and preserves, deserts, and a selection of teas. For additional information, contact **Ann Kehl**, 860-646-0696.

**Shades of Ireland
April 16 - 28, 2018**

13 Days, 17 Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners



Highlights:

- Day 1:** Overnight flight
 - Day 2: Dublin Ireland**-Tour begins. Tonight, enjoy a traditional entertainment during a fun-filled Irish evening including regional cuisine.
 - Day 3: Dublin**—Today you chose which tour you want to take a walking tour of the city's historic center or set out with a local guide on a drive, or set out independently.
 - Day 4:** Explore the medieval atmosphere of **Kilkenny**. Enjoy a fascinating tour of the **Waterford Crystal Factory** and browse the retail store.
 - Day 5:** Journey to historic **Blarney Castle** and embrace the opportunity to kiss the famous **Barney Stone**.
 - Day 6: Killarney**-Loop your way around the picturesque **Ring of Kerry**
 - Day 7:** Visit the **Cliffs of Moher**, one of Ireland's most iconic sites.
 - Day 8:** Travel to the city of **Galway**, Ireland's 'City of Tribes'.
 - Day 9:** Stop in Donegal Town and stroll the town square. Travel to the city of Derry and enjoy a walking tour of the city by a local guide.
 - Day 10:** Your choice of which tour to take, the **Inishowen Peninsula and Marlin Head**, or take a look at **Derry's museums** and meet the local experts.
 - Day 11:** Visit the magnificent **Giant's Causeway** formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago.
 - Day 12:** Take a guided tour of **Belfast**. See the shipyard that built the "Titanic", before touring the "Titanic Experience".
 - Day 13:** Tour ends in **Kingscourt**.
- For more information, contact **Mary Violette** 860-648-0223.

ATTENTION

Please report any special needs, physical, medical or dietary, at the time your reservation is made, to the trip coordinator for your trip. Persons requiring assistance need to be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. MCCOAA cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs.

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by Jim Reuter

COMING ATTRACTIONS

**Friday, December 8, 2017
11:30 a.m.
Holiday Luncheon
Adams Mill**



It is said that **Peter Adams** arrived in this country in 1827 "with a shilling and a jack-knife", whereupon he threw down the open knife and followed the direction of the blade to the place where **OAA** will meet for a grand holiday luncheon!

Please get reservations to Joan Perrone 860-568-6229 by November 29.

**Friday, January 19, 2018
SBM Charitable Auditorium
1:30 PM
"In Search of the South Pole"**



Richard Wolak will present the history and characteristics of the Antarctic continent, some of the men who explored it, and what it's like to winter at the South Pole - "the last place on earth." Mr. Wolak has worked for 10 years with the U.S. Antarctic Program. He wintered there as a leader of the **Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station**.

Last Month's program about old Christmas customs reminded me that tinsel is not like it used to be, but I wish that it was! It used to hang straight from the branches and was crinkled so that there were no flat, smooth parts that looked artificial. In our house, the tinsel was re-used every year and was the main part of the tree decorations. The lights would go on first and then lots of tinsel carefully hung over almost every branch to give the tree balance (and to hide the bare spots). Each of us had sort of our own part of the tree to cover. Some glass balls and a few strings of popcorn were all you needed after the tinsel. The colored light bulbs were much larger than they are now. When one would burn out, all the lights on the tree would go out. To find which bulb had failed, you had to replace each bulb one at a time until the string lit up again. If you ran out of spare bulbs you could wad up a piece of tinsel, put it in the socket and screw in a bad bulb. The bad bulb would not light up, of course, but the rest of them would!

Reminder

All OAA members are welcome at all OAA Board meetings. Meeting dates and times are listed on page 2 of the UPDATE.

MCC COUGAR PANTRY

Please bring non-perishable items and toiletries to OAA events. Your donations benefit students, staff and the entire MCC community. A collection box will be in the lobby for your convenience.



For more information, call **Gordon Plouffe** at 860-512-2285.

Non-luncheon programs are open to the public free of charge. Most programs begin at 1:30 in the SBM Charitable Foundation Auditorium (AST Bldg.) and are followed by refreshments. We encourage members to invite friends to become OAA members for additional benefits. Please use the West Parking Lot (formerly Lot C), which includes handicapped parking.

Upcoming Continuing Education Courses in 2017!

HOW TO REGISTER FOR COURSES: There are many easy ways to register for MCC courses. Call **860-512-3232** to register by phone. Be sure to have your credit card ready. Or, if you have access to the Internet, you can download a registration form at www.manchestercc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017-Winter-Credit-Free-catalog.pdf and send in your completed form with a check or money order. You can also find a registration form in any printed MCC Credit-Free catalog. The easiest way is to register in person the next time you are on campus for a monthly OAA meeting! The Registrar's Office is in the main lobby of the Lowe Building and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pre-registration allows the instructor and course schedulers to prepare materials for the course and to contact students in the event of a scheduling change or cancellation.

Bubbles, Sparkles and Fizz!

There are now hundreds of choices of delicious, effervescent and enchanting Sparkling Wines and Champagnes on the market, and some that are very new: everything from low alcohol to German and Austrian Gruner Veltliner to higher powered traditional French (true) Champagnes. In between are delightful offerings from all around the world. While tasting a nice selection of bubblers and sparklings, you'll learn the different methods of making and storing these versatile and delightful wines. They have a long and happy history of helping us usher in each New Year and rejoice in our own personal milestones. Participants should bring finger foods or munchies. Please note: You must be at least 21 years of age to enroll in the class; IDs will be checked in class. Please register early, as enrollment is limited. Materials fee: \$20, payable to the instructor at the beginning of class.

CRN 31605 | Fee: \$30 | 1 Friday | 12/1 | 6-9 PM | SSC Room L294 (Culinary Arts Center)

Instructor: **Rayona S. Hobbs**

Canada: East & West

This trip begins in the beautiful Canadian Rockies with visits to Lake Louise and the national parks, wildlife, animals and glaciers found along the Icefield Highway which goes from Lake Louise to Jasper. The second part of the tour is an exploration of French Canada with in-depth tours of Montreal, Quebec City and a visit to the Laurentian Mountains.

CRN 31498 | Fee: \$6 | 1 Friday | 12/1 | noon-1:30 PM | AST Room E202

Instructor: **Mallorie Ostrowitz, M.F.A.**

Let It Be

The bittersweet aspect of Let It Be is that it offers an intimate view of The Beatles in the process of the band breaking up. Arguments between the members, the presence of Yoko Ono, studio rehearsals, and some absolutely great Beatles music, are all elements of the film. The "Rooftop Concert," seen at the end of the film, continues to demonstrate why this band is so enduring and revered to this day.

CRN 31541 | Fee: \$10 | 1 Monday | 12/4 | 7-9:30 PM | VIL 6 Room V162

Instructor: **Stephen Armstrong, M.A.**

SERIES TITLE: Fab Four Film Study

The full screening of each film will be accompanied by expert critique and analysis.

The Odd Genius of Harold Lloyd

Comedian Harold Lloyd was the real superstar of the film's silent era, making more films and more money than his highly touted peers Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton. What accounts for Lloyd's stunning success? What aspects of his comic art endeared him to audiences of The Roaring Twenties but caused him to fall out of favor years later? Let's look at some clips from his films and events from his life in an effort to answer these questions.

CRN 31499 | Fee: \$6 | 1 Friday | 12/8 | noon-1:30 PM | AST Room E202

Instructor: **Michael DiRaimo, M.A.**

500 Nations: Episode #7 "Roads Across The Plains"

Persons interested in history, the story, of our nation will be most interested in the story of the "First People's," the indigenous nations, the Native Americans as told by the descendants of the people who have lived on this land we call the United States of America for the past 10,000 years. The highly acclaimed documentary series 500 Nations will be used as "the text" which will stimulate thought and discussion. On December 15th, George Gill Ducharme, (Abenaki) will share the glorious and tragic story of the Indigenous People of the Plains: Episode #7 "Roads Across the Plains".

CRN 31432 | Fee: \$6 | 1 Friday | 12/15 | noon-1:30 PM | AST Room E202

Instructor: **George Ducharme, Ph.D.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to help with the work of any committee or the Board, please call or email President Geoff Naab, 860-649-1942 or gnaab@sbcglobal.net.

WE REALLY, REALLY NEED HELP WITH HOSPITALITY (refreshments and luncheons).



MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

If you've not yet renewed your membership, your renewal grace period ends November 30 and this is the last mailing you will receive until/unless you rejoin us.

If you're not sure of a room location, find campus maps at <https://www.manchestercc.edu/about/maps-directions>

Check the 2017 Winter credit-free catalog for many interesting courses. Register with a friend!
Remember, as OAA members, you could each qualify for a 20% rebate (up to \$50 per membership year) on credit-free courses costing over \$10. There should be a form for each class. Please do not put multiple classes on one rebate form.

The **UPDATE** is published each month except July and August, for and by OAA, and is edited with the assistance of MCC's Credit-Free Programs Office. Information on OAA activities and other items of interest to OAA members will be considered for publication.

Please submit articles and suggestions to the editors via email to oaa@manchestercc.edu.

Board Meetings 10 a.m. - **Room A108** (by Library in LRC Building): Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 1, Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11

Program Events 1:30 or 2:00 p.m. — **SBM Auditorium (AST Building)**: Oct 20, Nov 17, Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 23, (no program in April), May 18

PLEASE USE WEST PARKING LOT (formerly Lot C) for all campus events.

Luncheons 11:30 a.m. — Sept 15, Dec 8

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The Bottom Line

Total Members	768
Members Paid Rebates	13
Number of Rebates Paid	15
Rebates Paid to Members	\$345
Credit-Free Course Fees Paid to College	\$2,245

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