

# MCC OAA *update*

Older Adult Association, Manchester Community College, MS #16  
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## OAA Meetings and Programs

Board Meetings • 10:00 a.m. • Room B-149, Learning Resource Center

Membership Meetings • 1:30 p.m. • AST (Arts, Science, Technology) Auditorium

### PARKING: PLEASE USE PARKING LOT C

Jan 20 .....OAA Membership Meeting "ENERGY MATTERS" CL&P Speaker  
Feb 1 .....OAA Membership: Presentation on Baltic Sea Cruise (See below)  
Feb 10.....OAA Board Meeting  
Feb 17.....OAA Membership Meeting "LOVE LETTERS"  
Mar 10 .....OAA Board Meeting  
Mar 17 .....OAA Membership Meeting – Golden Harp Irish Step Dancers  
Apr 21.....OAA Membership Meeting- E.R. (Ted) Braithwaite, author of "To Sir With Love" (See Below)

### 2005-2006 OFFICERS

President.....David Maxwell .....568-4093  
First Vice-President.....Elaine Sweet .....649-8768  
Second Vice-President .....To be determined  
Secretary .....Jack Fletcher .....649-3826  
Program.....Elaine Sweet .....649-8768  
Treasurer .....Terry Uricchio .....568-5577

### YOUR OLDER ADULT ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU !!!

The OAA Board desperately needs volunteers on several committees – come and join us, share our fun and fellowship as we endeavor to make our organization even better!

We need help on the Travel, Program, and Hospitality Committees. Please call: Dave or Mollie Maxwell at (860) 568-4093

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON HUGE SUCCESS

Neither snow nor ice, not even the combination of both, stopped OAA members from getting to the Annual Christmas Luncheon held at the Manchester Country Club. Remarkable!

A good time was had by all. Comments: "It was just wonderful!" ..."A warm and friendly group, I really enjoyed it"..."I'm so glad I went". Our thanks go to Janet Wolk, Elaine Sweet, and the Hospitality Committee for their hard work in plan-ning this very enjoyable get-together!

### "TO SIR WITH LOVE"

April 21, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.

The Arts, Science & Technology Auditorium on the MCC Campus  
(This meeting is Open to the Public)

We are honored to present E.R. (Ted) Braithwaite, author of "To Sir With Love". He will share his personal account of life in the 50's that led to writing this moving and elegantly written book.

*The MCC Library has two copies of the movie, in DVD and VHS format.*

### "LOVE LETTERS"

FEBRUARY 17, 2006 1:30 p.m.

The Arts, Science & Technology Auditorium on the MCC Campus  
(This meeting is Open to the Public)

"Love Letters" is finally here! It's the Broadway play we've been telling you about, set in the World War II era. Approximately one hour in length, it's a warm, poignant and humorous look at life told through a series of letters between childhood friends now romantically attached. The reading of these touching letters reveals heartfelt feelings and emotions.

The two seasoned performers are Linda Gray Kelley and Richard Clark. When presented to the town of Leicester, Ma. Council on Aging, the response to these very talented performers was, "When are they coming back?"

*We look forward to seeing you and hope you will bring a friend or two!*

### 2005-2006 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Administration .....John Spaulding ..... 643-7983  
Co-Chairmen.....Carole Walden ..... 647-8619  
Hospitality.....Janet Wolk ..... 872-8030  
Mailing.....Will Messier ..... 643-4027  
Membership .....Barbara Blake ..... 646-3462  
Nominating .....Mollie Maxwell ..... 568-4093  
Publicity .....Ann Massengill..... 875-9217  
Travel .....Mary Comollo ..... 649-9469  
Tuition Rebate.....Carole Walden ..... 647-8619

### OLDER ADULTS-ON-THE-GO SCHEDULED TRIPS 2006

**March**—The Boston trip planned for March has been cancelled.

**April**—Day trip to the Museum of Natural History in New York City with lunch at the Tavern on the Green! Gloria Hilton is coordinating this wonderful trip and more details will follow. Keep this one in mind for a lovely Spring trip!

**June 12-22**—Cruise of the Baltic countries. The 10-day trip will include round-trip air to Copenhagen, transfers to the cruise ship and a cruise of the following Baltic ports:

**Tallinn**, the capital of Estonia is noted for its winding cobblestone streets and storybook medieval houses.

**Helsinki**, the exotic capital of Finland is built along a series of peninsulas and islands jutting along the Gulf of Finland and is literally a city of the sea.

**St. Petersburg**, the "Venice of the North" is one of the most beautiful cities of the world. It is also the "City of White Nights"; you can watch the sun set at midnight! The trip sets aside a full day to visit the world-renowned "Hermitage Museum" with its fabulous collection of arts and artifacts.

**Copenhagen** follows. It is the largest city in Scandinavia, a cozy metropolis that is often referred to as the "Paris of the North" with winding streets, timbered houses and 12th century castles, that recall Copenhagen's past.

*Our trips fill to capacity very quickly. We suggest you respond as soon as possible after receiving the flyer mailings which detail the trips and include a reply section at the bottom for you to return.*

### BALTIC SEA CRUISE INFORMATION

February 1, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

THE LEARNING CENTER  
Room A108

(This room is next to the Library)

Mark your calendars to attend a presentation by a Holland-America Cruise Line Representative detailing the fabulous Baltic Cruise June 12 – June 22nd.

## REFRESH THE MIND AND SPIRIT

Learning is a lifelong activity. It's never too late to learn something new – and it's fun. OAA members who qualify have the opportunity to enroll in a credit free course at a reduced fee of 20 percent of the tuition up to \$50 for the academic year. Sign up now. Some upcoming offerings include:

### Advanced Rubber Stamping and Scrapbooking I

There's a never-ending source of new ideas and techniques for using creative rubber stamping to enhance and personalize greeting cards, gifts, and scrapbooks. Students will learn to add embellishments by creating 3-dimensional effects on photo pages and greeting cards, while learning new ways to transpose stamping skills into the scrapbooking process. Materials fee: \$15, payable to instructor at first class.

**CRN #11332** 4 Thursdays, 2/9-3/2, 7-9 p.m. **EHCCC Room 5** Fee: \$40  
*Instructor: Lisa Korstanje-Lee, a graduate of MCC, is a programmer, analyst and consultant by day, and a demonstrator for Stamping Up® by night.*

### Chocolate Delights

Some people think chocolate is an aphrodisiac. Many people consider chocolate to be the first choice for dessert. If you are going to indulge yourself and your Valentine, make it a sumptuous chocolate treat. In this workshop, learn about the different varieties of chocolate and how to best use them. We will make and sample chocolate mousse (rich and smooth), truffles with poached pears (no baking but the results are scrumptious), hot chocolate soufflés (individual treats served hot from the oven), whoopie pies (not a very romantic name, but sure to please), white chocolate fantasy torte (a light cake filled with raspberries), and lovers' chocolate cake (topped with buttercream and covered with a chocolate glaze). Participants should bring two cotton dishtowels, potholders, and a medium-sized bowl to class. Materials fee: \$12, payable to instructor at beginning of class.

**CRN #11279** 1 Saturday, 2/4, 12:30-4 p.m. **MCC Bldg. Lowe L293 (South Küchen), meet at Cheney Dining Room** Fee: \$45  
*Instructor: Dorothy Alderman attended the Culinary Institute of America and the Institute of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts. She has been teaching cooking and baking for more than 20 years.*

### Chardonnay, Chardonnay, and More Chardonnay

The world's most popular white wine, Chardonnay, will be featured in this session. Chardonnays from the world over will be tasted and evaluated. Significant differences in style, taste, and aromas will be noted and discussed. The history of this grape, its great affection by world imbibers, and where it is going in the world of white wine will also be explained. Some outstanding wines will be tasted and evaluated during this enjoyable evening. Please bring some light snacks or munchies. Materials fee: \$20, payable to instructor at the beginning of class.

**CRN #11357** 1 Friday, 2/10, 6:30-9:30 p.m. **MCC Bldg. Lowe L293 (South Küchen), meet at Cheney Dining Room** Fee: \$25  
*Instructor: Gene Spaziani is a retired MCC professor who started the first wine classes in Connecticut at MCC in the early 1970s. He is a noted wine journalist and author who writes the weekly wine column for the Journal Inquirer.*

### A History of Gardening in Connecticut

Did you know that many of the plants we call native in Connecticut actually were transplanted from Europe, Asia and England? How did they arrive? What did the colonists bring with them almost 400 years ago? In this class, you'll find the answers to these questions and discover what plants the colonists learned about from Native Americans for use as medicine and food; what plants have taken hold in the last 100 years and have become nuisances; and what truly native plants are compared to transplanted ones. A chart of the plants will be provided. Here's an opportunity to fill in a little-known but important gap in Connecticut's history.

**CRN #11447** 1 Wednesday, 2/1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. **MCC Bldg. LRC B149** Fee: \$25

*Instructor: Bettylou Sandy is the owner of Bettylou's gardening in Manchester. She is a professional gardener who has been doing detail landscaping/design and offering seminars throughout Connecticut and Rhode Island since 1987.*

### All In! Advanced Texas Hold 'Em

Have you ever dreamed of playing poker with the pros? After this class, you will know what it takes to play like a professional and how you can win your own seat in the million dollar poker tournaments you see on television! Sharpen your skills by learning and applying advanced concepts and strategies, including position play; "reading" your opponents; poker odds and calculations; bankroll management; and satellite tournament strategy. Explore the nuances of live-action and online tournaments and cash games in both Limit and No-Limit Hold 'Em structures. You will also learn how to successfully run your own home poker tournament. The course will conclude with a tournament to crown the newest MCC Poker Champion! Students should bring a new deck of cards.

**CRN #11336** 4 Fridays, 2/10-3/3, 7-9 p.m. (will meet 7-10 p.m. on 3/3) **MCC Bldg. Lowe L240** Fee: \$45

*Instructor: Adam Kievman is a semiprofessional poker player who has won numerous tournaments and played in both the World Poker Tour and in the World Series of Poker Championship event.*

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