

# “Friends for Learning”

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Greetings! The older I get the faster time seems to move along. In just a few short months I have gone from being vice president to president with responsibilities I owe to each of you. Thanks to a marvelous board, who try to keep me in line with what I should be doing, the Spring Registration is ready for you. January 14th, classes will be announced on line for you to observe, with January 21st as registration day. As you look over the classes being offered there are a few things I would ask you to consider.

1. The classes scheduled are meant to teach everyone who attends a new concept or review old information. The instructors have put a true effort into the material they will provide. With this in mind I hope you will make every effort to attend the classes you choose. The reason I would like you to think about this is the case where more than 80 were “signed up” but less than 10 “showed up”. This is an embarrassment for the facilitator as well as disheartening for the teacher.
2. When the University assigns class rooms we must make certain the class room meets the physical needs of the students. For example, CHE rooms will allow only 60-80 students. If more students decide they would like to attend this class and the number of students exceeds the number of desks the facilitator will have to ask students without a seat to leave. (This is not to be rude, but is a fire code regulation the University must adhere to.) Therefore, if you see a class you may be interested in but are not certain you will be able to attend, check your schedule and if you have not signed up then contact the facilitator to ask if there is room for you.
3. Limited classes are limited. There is often a list of 60 people who wish to be in a class which will accommodate only 20. Facilitators will notify those who have signed up to tell them if they are on the waiting list or in the class. Please respond in a timely fashion to the facilitator when you have been accepted into the class or, when you find you will not be able to attend the class.
4. We all appreciate the classes which have been suggested and arranged. I hope those of you who know people willing to teach classes will make the Curriculum Committee aware of these possibilities ASAP. We are already lining up classes for fall semester.

Speaking of age, I would appreciate you wearing the name badge you have been given. It is wonderful for you to recognize who I am, but it would be even better if I could say your name at least once in our conversation. It would make me feel good and I think it would be pleasing to you. With that being said, the only way I could remember the names of my students in school was by assigning seating charts and then memorizing the charts. Since I can't do that with this job, you wearing your name tag will be greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to seeing you at registration January 21st.

Sincerely,

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MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of “Friends For Learning” is to provide, at a minimal cost, activities, special events, and opportunities for study for retired and semi-retired people wanting to continue their intellectual growth and enjoy being part of a like-minded community.



"Martha Washington" at our lecture, "George Washington and Me," made the attendees feel as if we were in their home with them!

And our "Cultural Cuisine" dinner showed SO MANY Ecuadorian cultures, not to mention the many, many delicious native dishes!

## Celebrating Ecuador !



This is a group of FFL Board Members at the Christmas party. They look like nice folks, don't they?



To left, the scenery YOU would drive thru on the "Fall Scenic Drive" IF you were a member of the Traveling Hiking, Walking, Biking, Horse Riding group with Jim Schaeffer, who takes FFL from OR. to S. Dakota, Yellowstone to St. George, and all points in between at the best cost and the Most Fun!!



At left is an example of the fun "Art" made in one of THE MOST requested classes in three semesters. Doodling Again" will be offered for All—Artistic or not! AND you have a professional teacher and meet new friends while Creating!



Well, the threesome, Mary Jane, Allen and Bruce, AND MANY MORE are still "Hiking, Walking and Exploring," scheduled & led by Allen Perkins. If you want a fun, social exercise program, join the group Mon., Wed., Fri. on the Greenbelt OR, when stormy, at the Mall.