

# WALLA NEWS

*Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association, Inc.*  
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## *Calendar of Events*

M, Jan 11 - 6:45pm Walla & Friends Film  
T, Jan 19 1:30pm Special Events Comm  
(Morton)  
W, Jan 27 10:30 Programming Comm  
1:30 Board  
S, Jan 30, WALLA at the Opera  
M, Feb 8 - 6:45pm Walla & Friends Film  
Th, Feb 11 Pizza Party, 11:45 a.m.  
**Winter Get Away** February 23, 24 and  
25th  
M, Mar 14- 6:45pm Walla & Friends Film

*Check our online calendar for  
updates at [WALLAonline.org](http://WALLAonline.org)*

## *From the President's Pen*

The days from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day are busy in many ways: eating, celebrating, traveling, recovering and, for some, planning for WALLA spring classes. As always, the initial list of classes suggests many interesting choices. Be sure to schedule February 11, 2016 for the pizza party there you learn about the class offerings. Mark your calendar for March 21st when classes begin and for the WALLA Annual meeting on April 22nd.

Before classes begin we have programs that take you for an afternoon at the opera and for a three day trip to McCormick's Creek State Park. Visit [www.wallaonline.org](http://www.wallaonline.org) to easily see the calendar, details about coming events and other WALLA activities.

Signing up to receive the Newsletter via email gives you a Newsletter that is in color, arrives more efficiently than the USPS and can easily be printed on your printer if you wish. Also it is a financial help for WALLA.

Dennis H. Sorge, [dhsorge@mymetronet.net](mailto:dhsorge@mymetronet.net)

## *Spring Classes*

March 21 may seem to be in the distant future, but for those who are planning classes for you, it is approaching rapidly. The week after fall classes ended Bob Slagel, Al Williams, and Marshall Deutelbaum called the curriculum committee together to begin planning the spring session. As usual, we will be able to offer a variety of classes ranging from exercise, culture, crafts and hobbies, science, in addition to a look at local and national concerns.

The committee listens to comments and suggestions made during classes, and looks at the completed evaluations in an effort to make each year's sessions worthwhile. Every registrant has an opportunity, and an obligation, to help make the organization better.

We urge you to join us on February 2 (MCL at 9 a.m.) for the next Focus/brainstorming session for Fall 2016. The discussions are stimulating and the pecan pie is worth the trip.

## WALLA & Friends of Library Film Series

**The films are screened on the second Monday of the month at 6:45 pm at the West Lafayette Public Library followed by a discussion. Librarian Erica Brown hosts the series. Free popcorn is provided.**



**Monday, January 11 - *Ernest and Celestine*** There is a world where the Bears live above ground in their cities and the rodents live below in their underground ones in mutual fear and hate. However, Celestine, an apprentice mouse dentist, finds at least momentary common cause with Ernest, a poor street Bear musician, that gets them rejected from both their respective worlds. In spite of this misfortune, the exiles find a growing friendship between themselves as their respective talents flower because of it. Despite this, their quietly profound challenge to the founding prejudices of their worlds cannot be ignored as the authorities track them down. When that happens, Ernest and Celestine must stand up for their love in the face of such bigotry and achieve the impossible. Nominated for an Oscar for the Best Animated Feature Film of the Year. (2012) 80 minutes PG (imdb.com)



**Monday, February 8 - *Robot and Frank*** In the near future, Frank is a retired catburglar living alone while his successful son, Hunter, tries to care for him from afar. Finally, Hunter gets him a robot caretaker, but Frank soon learns that it is as useful as a burglary aide. As Frank tries to restart his old profession, the uncomfortable realities of a changing world and his worsening dementia threaten to take him beyond what any robot can do for him. (2012) 90 minutes PG (imdb.com)



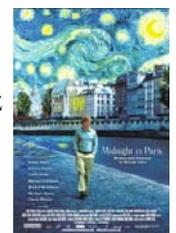
**Monday, March 14— *Girls in the Band*** Documentary - In the world of jazz, women have long been marginalized as singers or piano players. Little has ever been documented about the enormously talented female trumpet players, saxophonists and drummers who struggled for recognition but were cut off from any meaningful employment by men who didn't want women on their bandstands. This film traces the history of the all-girl bands and the struggles of the handful who broke through the male bastions, and brings us into the present day, where brilliantly gifted young women are going toe-to-toe with the finest jazz musicians of their day. (2011) 81 minutes unrated (imdb.com)



**Monday, April 11 — *Notorious*** Alfred Hitchcock's classic. Following the conviction of her German father for treason against the U.S., Alicia Huberman takes to drink and men. She is approached by a government agent (T.R. Devlin) who asks her to spy on a group of her father's Nazi friends operating out of Rio de Janeiro. A romance develops between Alicia and Devlin, but she starts to get too involved in her work. (imdb.com) (Sorry I reported the wrong movie last issue)



**Monday, May 9 — *Midnight in Paris*** Gil and Inez travel to Paris as a tag-along vacation on her parents' business trip. Gil is a successful Hollywood writer but is struggling on his first novel. He falls in love with the city and thinks they should move there after they get married, but Inez does not share his romantic notions of the city or the idea that the 1920s was the golden age. When Inez goes off dancing with her friends, Gil takes a walk at midnight and discovers what could be the ultimate source of inspiration for writing. Gil's daily walks at midnight in Paris could take him closer to the heart of the city but further from the woman he's about to marry. (2011) 94 minutes PG-13 (imdb.com)



## WALLA Focus Groups Meeting on February 2

The WALLA Focus Groups are scheduled to meet on **Tuesday February 2, 2016 at the MCL Cafeteria from 9:00am to noon.** This is an important meeting at which ideas for courses, presenters, coordinators and trips for future classes are suggested and debated - with special emphasis on the classes that will be scheduled in the fall of 2016. The participants break into groups and discuss ideas in different areas of interest to the WALLA audience. The ideas are then summarized and presented to the Curriculum Committee. Refreshments will be available at no charge before the meeting and at break points.

The Curriculum Committee just met last week and Mary is now in the process of scheduling some very interesting classes for our Spring class session (March 21 to April 14 of 2016). Here we are starting to look forward to the future and the Fall session. Traditionally the Focus meeting has been a great source of ideas for future classes. Please do plan to come with your suggestions and enjoy the companionship of other WALLA participants and the goodies. We will look forward to seeing you there.



Best regards,  
Bob Slagel and Marshall Duetelbaum  
Co-chairs of Curriculum Committee

## Winter Get Away

Join WALLA for **Friends, Food and Movies** as we will travel to Canyon Inn at McCormick's Creek State Park for the Annual Get Away on February 23-24-25, 2016. Our movie theme is *Indiana Connections*. We will screen the following films: *Some Came Running*, *Friendly Persuasion*, and *De Lovely*. More details are in the November newsletter and on the website, [wallaonline.org](http://wallaonline.org).



Registration deadline is February 6, 2016/ Cancellation February 19, 2016.

We will be stopping at Gray Brothers Cafeteria on the way home. Be sure to save room for pie.

**There are still a few rooms available, only 2 queen rooms and 1 double room. The 2 queens are \$183 and the double is \$110** Call or email

Mary Jo Pflum 219-369-3730 or [jwmjpflum@gmail.com](mailto:jwmjpflum@gmail.com) if you are interested.



## WALLA Goes to the Opera

Even if you missed the flyer in the November issue of the newsletter, you can still join us for the opera, Turandot, on January 30th. See the flyer in the November newsletter (also available on [wallaonline.org](http://wallaonline.org)) for details and the reservation form which must be returned to Jack Delleur by January 8 with separate checks payable to WALLA for the show and for the meal. Jack may also be reached by phone at 765-497-4316 or by e-mail at [delleur@frontier.com](mailto:delleur@frontier.com).

### In Memory

Glen Lock of Frankfort, husband of Ruth Lock

Dan Schultz of Lafayette, husband of Caroline Canine



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**WABASH AREA LIFETIME LEARNING ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**PIZZA PARTY**

(Courtesy of Special Events Committee)

**Thursday, February 11, 2015 at 11:45 am**



**Burtsfield Gym**

**Salisbury St. and Lindberg Rd.**

**West Lafayette, IN**

**Arni's Pizza and Salad \$9.00**

*WALLA CURRICULUM COMMITTEE WILL PRESENT AN OVERVIEW OF THE UPCOMING SPRING CLASSES WHICH BEGIN MARCH 21 THRU APRIL 14, 2015. BROCHURES WILL BE AVAILABLE.*

**Reservation or cancellation deadline is February 5**

**Return form to: Gail Beck**

**1010 N Grant Street**

**West Lafayette, IN 47906**

**Reservation Form \_\_\_\_\_**

**Names \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone \_\_\_\_\_ No. attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9.00 ea.= \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make check payable to WALLA**

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## *Mark Your Calendars*

**Newsletter deadline** - February 26 for March Newsletter

**WALLA & Friends Film Series** - January 11, February 8

- 2nd Monday evening at 6:45 pm

**Pizza Party** February 11

**Winter Get Away** February 23, 24 and 25th

**Spring Classes** March 21 to April 14

**Annual Meeting** April 22

**Summer Trip** - June 1, 2, and 3

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## *WALLA Volunteers Wanted and Needed*

Our WALLA organization works best when many participants see needs, make useful suggestions and especially, lend a hand.

The success of our WALLA programs depends on office workers, newsletter writers, course coordinators, course presenters, planners and facilitators of our social and enrichment occasions, audio-visual technicians, vigilant board members and many others.

Consider how you can add to our growing list of able and enthusiastic volunteers. Consider adding your name to our "Help Wanted and Needed" sheet at your earliest opportunity.

For more information you may go to the WALLA office in room 209 of the Morton Center. The website also contains a lot of information.