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Calendar of Events

M, May 8 6:45p
 WALLA & Friends Film Series
 W, May 17 1:30p Executive Comm
 W, May 24 10:30am Programming
 1:30p Board
 W, May 31 to F, June 2
 Southern Indiana Trip
 M, June 12 6:45pm
 WALLA & Friends Film Series
 T, June 13 1:30pm Special Events
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 W, June 21 1:30pm Executive Comm
 M, June 26 6:45pm
 WALLA & Friends Film Series
 W, June 28 10:30am Programming
 1:30pm Board
 M, July 10 6:45pm
 WALLA & Friends Film Series
 T, July 18 8:00am Kokomo Trip
 W, July 19 1:30pm Executive Comm
 M, July 24 6:45pm
 WALLA & Friends Film Series
 W, July 26 10:30am Programming
 1:30pm Board
 M, August 14 6:45pm
 WALLA & Friends Film Series

A Note from the President

I am both honored and excited to be the next WALLA president. As a second generation participant, I understand why my dad joined WALLA. It is such a wonderful organization with so many activities. I have met so many interesting people and learned so much about subjects that I never knew I would enjoy. All you need to be a part of WALLA is an open mind.

I want to thank all of you that came to the Annual Meeting on April 21st. We had really good food, great entertainment, and wonderful conversations with other WALLA members. Oh yeah, we also had a short meeting, which is required by our incorporation. If you didn't make it this year, don't forget about it next year.

Almost as soon as the spring classes were over, the Curriculum Committee was working on the fall session. There are a lot of interesting classes in the works. If you have any ideas for classes that you would like to attend or would be willing to teach/coordinate, please contact Marshall Deutelbaum, Pat Egan, Mary Gardner or me.

Have you signed up to go on the summer trip to Southern Indiana on May 31 through June 2? There is a registration flyer in this newsletter. I've gone on these trips for the last several years and have loved every one of them. We go so many interesting places and learn so much, as

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Upcoming Events

The Programming Committee is working on some interesting trips for you. Our first trip is to Southern Indiana (see the flyer in this issue). We will visit historic Salem, which was attacked by Morgan's Raiders during the Civil War. It was also home to John Hay, Lincoln's personal secretary who later served as Secretary of State. Corydon, our first state capital is another stop on our first day. There are many hills and hollers south of Indianapolis, some of which house limestone caves. We will visit Marengo Caves to see what lies beneath. We will visit French Lick Resort and West Baden Springs Resort which have been restored and are busier than ever. Columbus has interesting architecture and we will get a bus tour of some of these buildings. We will visit the historic Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor and Museum before leaving Columbus to head home.

The other upcoming trip is to Kokomo on Wednesday, July 18th. We will start the day with a visit to the Kokomo Opalescent Glass Works.

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WALLA & Friends of Library Film Series

The WALLA Programming Sub-committee has selected three films thus far to be shown in June and July in the West Lafayette Public Library in cooperation with the Friends of the Library. Two additional titles will be announced later this month. Each of the five feature film deals with some aspect of our summer series' theme, the first ten amendments to the the U.S. Constitution, also known as The Bill of Rights.

The summer series of films are shown the second and fourth Monday of the months of June and July and only the second Monday in August. Films are screened at 6:45 p.m. in the Elm-Walnut Room on the second floor. Introductions will be made by a WALLA participant and Erica Brown, West Lafayette Public Library.



Monday, June 12 - *Trumbo* (2015, 124 min. R) Dalton Trumbo is a screenwriter whose talent places him among the elite of Hollywood. However, his active membership in the Communist Party of the USA draws the contempt of staunchly anti-Soviet entertainment-industry figures such as columnist Hedda Hopper and actor John Wayne. Trumbo is one of 10 screenwriters subpoenaed to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC) regarding alleged Communist propaganda in Hollywood films. They refuse to directly answer questions, confident that a liberal majority on the Supreme Court will overturn the convictions for contempt of Congress. The unexpected death of Justice Wiley Rutledge ruins Trumbo's plan to

appeal to the Supreme Court. In 1950, Trumbo serves 11 months in Federal Correctional Institution in Ashland, Kentucky.

Monday, June 26 - *Red Dawn* (2012, 93 min. PG-13) American war film directed by Dan Bradley. The screenplay by Carl Ellsworth and Jeremy Passmore is based on the 1984 film of the same name. The film stars Chris Hemsworth, Josh Peck, Josh Hutcherson, Adrienne Palicki, Isabel Lucas, and Jeffrey Dean Morgan. The film centers on a group of young people who defend their hometown from a North Korean invasion. Originally the invasion was to have been by the Chinese, but the film makers wanted to cash in on the rising box office potential in China.



Monday, July 10 - *A Face in the Crowd* (1957, 125 min. NR) *A Face in the Crowd* is a 1957 film starring Andy Griffith, Patricia Neal and Walter Matthau, directed by Elia Kazan. The screenplay was written by Budd Schulberg, based on his short story "Your Arkansas Traveler", from the collection, *Some Faces in the Crowd* (1953). The story centers on a drifter named Larry "Lonesome" Rhodes who is discovered by the producer (Neal) of a small-market radio program in rural northeast Arkansas. Rhodes ultimately rises to great fame and influence on national television.

The WALLA Programming Sub-committee consists of Joe Krause, (chair), Gail Beck, James Carter, Joellen Cox, and Jim Moore.



If you are on Facebook, you can visit WALLA at facebook.com/WALLAonline, search for "WALLA and Lafayette" or search for our full name Wabash Area Lifetime Learning Association. Become a fan of WALLA and keep up-to-date on our activities.

Special Events News

The Special Events committee would like to thank all of its volunteers who participated in this past Spring Course's activities. Our beverage service, morning bagels, and Jane's Box lunches ran smoothly because of their help.

A special thanks to Ann Skadberg and the many cooks who donated their yummy soups, breads, and desserts for our 2nd fundraiser to benefit the WALLA scholarship fund. \$380 was raised thru the generous donations made by our hungry participants.

Our annual Picnic is planned for Thursday, August 24 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Lafayette. Watch for the reservation forms in the July newsletter.

We would welcome any new or veteran WALLA member to join our committee. Our next planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 1:30pm at the WALLA office in Morton.

Looking forward to seeing you there. JoEllen Cox & Jim Carter, co-chairs

Thanks to All Who Completed Class Evaluations

We had a record number of spring registrants who took the time to fill out evaluation forms at the conclusion of their classes. Those were all read by the Curriculum Co-chairs and your president. We always try to incorporate your suggestions into future class decisions--it is seldom immediate action, however. Every person who originated a spring class had the opportunity to look at your comments.

We have a continuing commitment to improve that method of communication and so will revisit the form used this time, those used in the past, and samples used by other organizations. We want to give you every opportunity to let us know what you thought about the classes and the organization as a whole. Please keep in mind, however, that all of the presenters and the various committee members are volunteers--they are not paid employees--nor do they claim to be experts.

I want to address a few of your suggestions: we can't move back to Morton; it no longer has available space. A committee of volunteers worked diligently to find a suitable location for us--it was a long process with many places toured and many others discussed. We feel fortunate that St. Andrew is so welcoming--not every institution wants 200+ old folks coming who have many specific needs. Also, in the past we have tried having simultaneous classes in 2 locations and that is a logistical nightmare.

Our calendar is based on Purdue's. Since the beginning, we have had participation from Purdue's faculty and grad students so we need to make our classes compatible with their availability. We start our classes the week following both their fall and spring breaks.

I realize that starting classes at 10 a.m. might be easier for some, but having them end at 5 p.m. is unrealistic (not just for those who have to stay to put things away after classes are over, but also for the Church personnel.)

Mary Gardner



Kokomo: City of Firsts

Tuesday July 18, 2017



Schedule

8:00 AM Leave West Lafayette Wal-Mart parking lot

9:30 Tour of Kokomo Opalescent Glass Company (1310 S. Market St) Split into groups. **All participants must wear shoes with closed toes and heels, absolutely no sandals.** (We will be asked to sign a release form before going on the tour.)

11:00 Tour of Elwood Haynes Museum (1916 S. Webster St.) Home of Indiana automotive pioneer.

12:00 PM Lunch at Half Moon Brewery and Restaurant (4051 S. LaFountain St.) Separate dining room, separate checks, abbreviated menus will be provided on the bus.

1:30 Kokomo Automotive Heritage Museum, 1500 N. Reed Road. 100 vintage and classic cars on display.

3:00 Seiberling Mansion/Howard County Historical Museum (1200 W. Sycamore) Guided tour Of 1891 mansion, late Victorian architecture, Kokomo and Howard County history.

4:30 Leave for West Lafayette and return approximately at 6:00 PM

COST: \$50 includes transportation by Purdue bus and entrance fees to Glass Factory and Museums. Make out check to WALLA-Kokomo trip.

Registration for Kokomo Day Trip July 18, 2017 Deadline – July 5, 2017

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____ cell # _____ e-mail _____

Number of Persons _____ x \$50.00 Total enclosed _____

Mail to Joe Krause, 2202 Trace 22, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Phone 765-743-8853

Annual Meeting

The WALLLA Annual Meeting was held at *The Trails* on Friday, April 21, 2017. After a lovely lunch, we were entertained by the *Purduettes* singing. After an invocation by Pastor Chris Danielson, Al Williams chaired the meeting. Jim Moore presented the slate of board members to be elected. Then Al presented the *Mary Fuqua Memorial Volunteer of the Year* award to Robert “Bob” Slagel.



President's Letter (cont.)

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well as getting to know other participants. The Programming Committee always does a great job of planning the trips.

WALLA is a great organization, but is only great because of all the people who are willing to step up and volunteer. There are many opportunities where you can help: from suggestions/helping with classes, helping with audio-visual during classes, planning trips, helping with the pizza party and picnic, to helping in the office. If you have a special talent or interest and would be willing to help, please let me know. I'll get you in touch with the appropriate Committee head.

Lastly, I want to say a huge “THANK YOU” to Al Williams for the great job he did as president! I'll try my best to meet the high standards you set.

Leslie Brost, President

Upcoming Events (cont.)

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This factory began in 1888 and made art glass for the Louis Tiffany Company and many others. They have the recipes for all the glass they made in the past so they can replace stained glass for churches and museums. You may not know that Kokomo has strong ties to the automotive industry going back to Elwood Haynes. He built one of the earliest gas driven automobiles in the United States. You can see a replica of his first automobile, built in Kokomo in 1894. The original was donated to the Smithsonian by Hayes in 1910. We will visit the Kokomo Automotive Heritage Museum as well as the Elwood Haynes Museum and the Sieberling Mansion built by one of the early automotive industrial leaders. Lunch will be at the award winning Half Moon Brewery.

TOUR POSTPONED Our proposed tour of Purdue sculptures, buildings and myths will take place next year when the campus has returned to a more normal traffic flow.

In Memory



Pauline Grace "Skipt" Hill-Shafer

Pauline Grace "Skipt" Hill-Shafer, 92, of East Lansing, Michigan (formerly of Lafayette), passed away on Saturday, February 25, 2017. She was the Executive Director of the Lafayette YWCA for twenty-two years.

Pauline had been in failing health for the last several months. She had lived in Taunton, Massachusetts, Newport, Rhode Island, Newagen, Maine, Racine Wisconsin, and Lafayette, Indiana. Pauline graduated from the School of Business from the University of Newport, Rhode Island, and received her undergraduate degrees from the University of Rhode Island, and University of Kentucky. She also received her CFS Education from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Pauline was a teacher, administrator, and had served as the Executive Director of the YWCA of Lafayette, Indiana, for twenty - two years. She had taught school in Mulberry, Indiana, for two years. Pauline was a former member

and Elder of the Central Presbyterian Church of Lafayette, Indiana, for fifty years, and a member of the Federated Church of West Lafayette, Indiana. She was also a member of the YWCA, YWCA Foundation, Wabash Area Lifetime Learning (WALLA), Volunteers in Probation Crisis Center, Tourist Club, Planned Parenthood, Delta Zeta Sorority, Katherine Weil Woman's Center, Great Lafayette Health Services Auxiliary, and was on the Board of Directors of the Woman's Center (Katherine Weil), all of Lafayette, Indiana. Skipt Hill served as WALLA's president in 1995-96 and 96-97.

In 1946, in Taunton, Massachusetts, she married Charles L. Hill, Jr.; he passed away in 1984. Then in Battle Ground, Indiana, she married John T. Shafer; he is deceased. She is survived by her three children, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and her brother.

Excerpted from the [Miller - Roscka Funeral Home](#) website.

Volunteers Make It Happen! Committee Spotlight

The WALLA Programming Committee meets monthly to develop programs and events outside of WALLA class sessions. Committee members take responsibility for making these events actually happen. Recent programs include the following: WALLA & Friends of the West Lafayette Public Library (WLPL) Film Series (second Monday of the month, 6:45PM- see WLPL for details); Trips and Tours that range from one-day local or near-local tours like the July 16, 2016, visit to the Delphi Opera House, to three-day trips like WALLA's "Meet Me in St. Louis" (June 1-3, 2016). An annual favorite is the WALLA "Winter Get-Away" trip that provides bus transportation to a state park during the two-nights-for-the-price-of-one time of year. Whatever the weather, participants enjoy relaxing and socializing together, watching movies, and hiking park trails. A new popular local event is the WALLA Annual Trivia Competition and Potluck. WALLA also offers a lunch outing followed by Metropolitan Opera Live HD to celebrate the holidays. Volunteers serving on the Program Committee (2017-18) are Gail Beck, Erica Brown (WLPL), Jim Carter, Russ Clark, Sallie Cook, Jack Delleur, Mary Gardner (Purdue liaison), Peggy Housley, Joe Krause, Jim Moore, Tom Schott, Ann Skadberg, Arnold Sweet, and Co-Chairs Mary Jo Pflum and Nancy Hartman. (Ex officio committee members are Al Williams and Leslie Brost.) There is room on this committee for you and your ideas.

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Mark Your Calendars

Newsletter deadline - June 30 for July Newsletter

WALLA & Friends Film Series June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24,
August

Southern Indiana Trip May 31, June 1 & 2

Purdue Sculpture Tour Postponed due to construction at PU

Kokomo Trip July 18

Annual Picnic August 24

Fall Classes October 16 to November 9

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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 more information.