



# WALLA NEWS

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

M, Mar 12, 6:45pm WALLA & Friends  
 Film Series  
 M, Mar 19, 9am WALLA Spring classes  
 start  
 T, Mar 20, 12 pm Programming Comm  
 W, Mar 21, 12 pm Executive Comm  
 W, Mar 28, 12 pm Board  
 M, Apr 9, 6:45 pm WALLA & Friends  
 Film Series  
 W, Apr 18, 1:30 pm Executive  
 Committee  
 F, Apr 20, 11am Annual Meeting  
 W, Apr 25, 10:30 am Programming  
 Comm  
 W, Apr 25, 1:30 pm Board  
 Th, April 26 Curriculum Meeting  
 M, May 7, 6:45pm WALLA & Friends  
 Film Series (note date change)  
 W, May 16, 1:30 pm Executive  
 Committee  
 W, May 23, 10:30 am Programming  
 Comm  
 W, May 23, 1:30 pm Board  
 T, W, Th, June 5,6,7 WALLA goes to  
 Chicago

## *A Note from the President*

Spring begins this month, as does the spring session of classes. Marshall Deutelbaum and Pat Egan and the Curriculum committee have done a great job of providing a variety of interesting classes. The due date for registrations is March 5th. The classes were introduced at the pizza party on February 13th. Delicious pizza and salads were provided by Arni's, and the Special Events committee, led by JoEllen Cox and Jim Carter, provided the drinks.

I would like to thank JoEllen Cox for all she has done with the Special Events committee over the last three years, and welcome Gail Beck, who will be stepping into JoEllen's shoes, as the committee co-chair.

The WALLA Annual Meeting will be coming up on April 20th, the week after spring classes are completed. It is held at The Trails (yes, there will be carrots). Be sure to send in your reservations. The flyer is included in this newsletter.

See you at classes!

Leslie Brost, President

## *Upcoming Events*

In early June, the Chicago Cultural Tour will take place. Gail Beck has been working very hard on the details. We will visit the Art Institute; see *Macbeth* at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater; check out the orangutans at the Lincoln Park Zoo; and enjoy the ferns at the Lincoln Park Conservatory. We will also visit the New Writers Museum, the Baha'i Temple, the Halim Time and Glass Museum and more. Watch for the registration flyers which will be out the third week of classes.

John Veach is working on a trip to see the Indianapolis Indians play the Rochester Red Wings in July. It is Dollar-Day at the concession stands. Details will be available during classes.

Lyn and Mike Doyle are in the planning stages for a delicious chocolate trip in late summer or early fall.

We hope you will join us for these stimulating events. If you have suggestions for future trips or events please share them with us.

Mary Jo Pflum & Nancy Hartman, Co-chairs, Programming Committee

## *WALLA & Friends of Library Film Series*

The films are shown on the second Monday of the month. Films are screened at 6:45 p.m. in the Elm-Walnut Room on the second floor. Introductions will be made by a WALLA Sub-committee member.

Free popcorn and bottles of water are available during the screenings.

**March 12 *Temple Grandin*** This is a biopic about a brilliant, autistic, young woman whose struggles through life lead her to a professorship at Colorado State University. She revolutionized practices for the humane handling of livestock on cattle ranches and slaughterhouses, and she became an expert in animal husbandry. Dr. Grandin is skillfully portrayed by Claire Danes. This film was a made for television drama and received several Emmy nominations. (Aviator Films, 2010, 107 min.,PG)

**April 9 *Lamb*** When an Ethiopian boy moves in with distant relatives he takes his pet sheep with him, but the upcoming holidays and drought spell danger for his beloved friend, and the resulting tension challenges traditional social roles and relationships. The stunning Ethiopian landscape is a character in itself. *Lamb* is the first Ethiopian film to be screened as an "Official Selection" at Cannes and both young stars had no prior acting experience. (Director Yared Zeleke, 2015, 94 min. PG)

**May 7** (Note date change to the first Monday) ***Impromptu***: In conjunction with the **West Lafayette Musicale** in honor of National Music Appreciation Week. This film deals with life and loves of pianist Frederic Chopin and novelist George Sand (pen name for Baroness Amantine-Lucie-Aurore-Dupin). It also deals with Chopin's friend, composer Franz Liszt. There are over thirteen selections from Chopin's piano compositions, three from Liszt and even some portions of Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 in F Major "Pastoral."

The WALLA Film Sub-Committee has chosen the five films for the 2018 series on the theme **The Visual Arts**. We hope you attend these selections listed below. All films begin at 6:45 at the West Lafayette Public Library. Everyone is welcome.

**June 11 *Frida*** is a biographical drama of the artist Frida Kahlo and her troubled marriage to Mexican fresco painter, Diego Rivera. Her controversial affair with Leon Trotsky and romances with women led to her bold political and artistic lifestyle. Salma Hayek, Ashley Judd, Alfred Molina, and Antonio Banderas portray key characters in this film. Distributed by New Line Cinema in 2002. 123 min. Rated R. JoEllen Cox presenter.

**June 25 *American Masters*** Charles and Ray Eames: The Architect and the Painter. This talented husband and wife team worked together thru their 1941 to 1978 marriage. Among their achievements was the creation of functional, but inexpensive furniture. They also influenced events and movements in post-WWII America. This ran as an episode of PBS American Masters in 2011. 90 min. NR Ashley Schoolman presenter.

**July 9 *Loving Vincent*** is a one of a kind animated film. Upon release, it was billed as the first fully oil-painted feature film. This was crafted by 125 artists creating 65,000 frames over a seven year period. Through his art, it tells the story of Vincent Van Gogh's life and unusual death. It has been nominated for Best Animated Feature at the 90th Academy Awards this March. Produced by Break Thru Productions Trademark Films in 2017. 95 min. PG 13. Gail Beck presenter.

**July 23 *Tortilla Soup*** is a remake of the 1994 *Eat Drink Man Woman* which was about a Chinese chef. This version is about a Mexican-American patriarch starring Hector Elizondo. One reviewer called this a "warm human comedy with no great deep message but simply makes us feel good." The lives of his daughters interact as they sit down to the dinners he prepares for them. One aspect of this movie is that this food loving chef has lost his senses of taste and smell. Produced by Stars Encore Entertainment in 2001. 102 min. PG 13.

**August 13 *Exit Through the Gift Shop*** is a documentary film which tells the story of Thierry Guetta. He is a French immigrant living in LA who is obsessed with street art. This story tells how he attempts to document world famous graffiti artist Banksy, among other street artists. Banksy, who fiercely guards his anonymity to avoid arrest, resorts to turning the camera back on Guetta. This film contains action of artists at work and in candid interviews. Paranoid Productions, premiered in 2010. 86 min. Rated R. Joe Krause presenter.

## *WALLA Annual Meeting Friday, April 20, 2018*

Please mark your calendars for the WALLA Annual Meeting and luncheon, to be held Friday, April 20, at The Trails. This is the time when WALLA members conduct the business of the organization. We honor retiring Board members and elect new ones. We give special recognition to an outstanding volunteer. We socialize over delicious food and learn something about an important community organization of interest. It's a time to celebrate our successes and make new friendships. You can reserve your place at the table now, using the flyer enclosed in this newsletter.

## *Volunteers Make It Happen! Committee Spotlight*

Office Volunteers make it happen.

The WALLA office is open from 10 am until 1 pm on the weekdays that Morton Center in West Lafayette is open. Approximately thirty members volunteer time and service to welcome visitors, respond to phone calls and e-mails, maintain office cleanliness, and assist with mailings and other office tasks.

Gloria Huffman, an Office Volunteer, continues the ministry of sending Get Well cards and Sympathy cards to our WALLA friends who need a bit of cheer and to improve our ability to "take care" of each other. This support has been very well received. Please communicate to Gloria (497-2052) if you are aware of a need within the WALLA family.

Those who serve as Office Volunteers include Colleen Banes, Kathy Bowker, Leslie Brost, Susan Calvert, Virginia Carter, Kathleen Connolly, Dixie Frye, Nancy Hartman, Peggy Housley, Gloria Huffman, Dorothy Jones, Beverly Knill, Barbara Krause, Joe Krause, Karen Lembcke, Jim Moore, Mary Jo Pflum, Mimi Porile, Kathy Senft, Ann Skadberg, Nick Soodek, Jo Sullivan, John Veach, Charlene Watson, and Al Williams.

Additional volunteers are always welcomed and needed. If you would like to become an Office Volunteer, please contact Charlene Watson (765-474-9101 OR [cel.watson@comcast.net](mailto:cel.watson@comcast.net)).



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## 2018 Winter Get Away

Seventy-three WALLA folks attended the 2018 Winter Getaway. It may have been a “Winter” getaway, but we had typical spring weather. Seventies on the first day and heavy rain the first night and the water was running, which made very good photo opportunities for those who venture to the falls.

The group enjoyed visiting with each other and making new friends. One difference this year was an “American” plan for the inn. WALLA members paid ahead for their food and it proved



very successful. Canyon Inn knew exactly how much food to prepare and it was delicious.

The film theme was Great War (WWI) films and they were well received, but all were quite sad. Gail Beck, Joe Krause and Mary Jo Pflum introduced the films. Mary Jo had the movie goers give some genre suggestions for next year.



Thanks to Jim Carter and Mary Jo Pflum for the pictures

# WALLA Annual Meeting

**April 20, 2018**

The Trails  
325 Burnetts Road  
West Lafayette, IN 47906



Come to socialize, cheer for outstanding volunteers, and vote.

11:00 – 2:00 PM

Guest Speaker: Gus Nyberg, Executive Director, NICHES Land Trust



Price \$20.00

Registration deadline April 13, 2018

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check out to WALLA and return the registration form with check to: Mary Quinn, c/o WALLA Office, Morton Community Center, 222 N. Chauncey, West Lafayette, IN 47906

## *In Memory*



**Nola J. Gentry**, 66, of West Lafayette, passed away on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. She was born June 18, 1951, in Kansas City, MO to the late Herbert and Alice Garrott Gentry. Nola is survived by her husband Ned Derhammer, loving family and friends.

Nola attended Purdue University earning a bachelor's degree in 1974. She was the founding member and president of the Purdue Women's Basketball Network Association, she also part of Purdue Alumni Association and John Purdue Club.

Nola was very active in the Greater Lafayette Community. She was a Tippecanoe County commissioner from 1990-96. She also ran for West Lafayette mayor as a Republican in

1999 and again in 2003. Nola was owner of Gentry Farms, Inc. from 1981 till the time of her death.

Nola served on the boards of numerous organizations, some of those include; the Indiana 4-H Foundation, The Farmers State Bank in Brookston, Museums at Prophetstown, First United Methodist Church, League of Women Voters of Greater Lafayette, Indiana Leadership Forum, Indiana Conservation of Soil and Water, Kiwanis, Lafayette Symphony, GOP and the YWCA Foundation. In 2017, she was awarded the Win Hentschel Distinguished Service Award for exemplifying leadership, spirit and dedication.

Nola and her husband Ned Derhammer have been active in WALLA for many years.



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### *Mark Your Calendars*

**Newsletter deadline** - April 5 for the May Newsletter

**WALLA & Friends Film Series** March 12, April 9, May 7 (note date change), June 11 & 25

**Spring Classes** March 19 to April 12

**Annual Meeting** April 20

**Curriculum Meeting** April 26

**Chicago Cultural Tour** June 5, 6, 7

**Fall Classes** October 15 to November 8

### *Sign up for Electronic Newsletter*

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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.