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Winter 2012 Edition



# What's Going On? Classes, Speakers, and Lunchtime Friends on Fridays in Kansas City

## Unlimited Fun

Come for one class or  
enjoy them all.  
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Our Adventures in Learning program has a fabulous new array of speakers, classes, and lunches planned for the next 10-week curriculum, starting January 6, 2012.

**Join us and bring a friend!** You are invited to attend for the entire Friday session or pick and choose topics that match your interests and schedule. It's one low price.

**Learning has never been this much fun!** Choose from an array of classes ranging from exercise, current events discussions, dramatic readings and health improvement, among many others. This session showcases two brand new series, one on the American Civil War and another for book lovers called "Fun with Fiction". (See below).

Don't miss a moment!

*Get Involved. We need you!*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Guest speakers/teachers
- Registration Table
- Lunch set-up and clean-up
- Tech Volunteer
- Planning Team
- Newsletter assistant

Call Deb at 816-444-1121

### "FUN WITH FICTION"

Let's talk about books—from mysteries to westerns, historical fiction to science fiction, the classics and more! Staff from the Waldo Branch of the Kansas City Public Library will lead this new series as we discuss bestsellers and award winners, as well as books that made great movies. Come share your favorites and explore new literary worlds!



### Weather Closing Policy

*Adventures in Learning* follows the Kansas City Missouri School District's closing policy in case of bad weather. If the district is closed, *Adventures* will be cancelled. Watch local news stations for the latest weather-related closing information.

# Noon Forum

*Fabulous Speakers. Terrific Topics.*



Noon Forum starts Fridays at noon and adjourns at 1:15pm. Lunch from Comfort Catering is \$6 or you may bring your own sack lunch.



**January 6 A Life in Dance**

Billie Mahoney began with a baton-twirling act, then mastered advanced tap. She performed in New York for 40 years: in musical theater with Bob Fosse, touring with Bob Hope, and appearing on both Sid Caesar's and Ed Sullivan's TV shows.



**January 13 Boulevard Brewing Company**

John McDonald worked as a skilled cabinetmaker until a trip to Europe inspired him to create his own small craft brewery.

Opened in 1989, it is now the second largest in Missouri with distribution in 12 states.

**January 20 Joplin's Tornado Tragedy**

Two accomplished journalists will review the Joplin story: Eric Adler, senior feature reporter at the Kansas City Star for 26 years, also teaches journalism at KU; Laura Bauer is winner of the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism award and Investigative Reporters and Editors' honors.



**January 27 Local Theater Growth**

In his 30-some years as both reporter and critic at the Kansas City Star, Robert Trussell has covered film, the arts, entertainment events, and music from pop, country and jazz to the classics. He'll explore the exceptional growth of local theater productions.

**February 3 Jesse James Museum**

A Baptist minister's son born in Kearney, Missouri, Jesse James joined the Confederacy as a teen. Postwar, he joined other guerillas robbing trains and banks, including a murderous hit in Liberty. His mother later sold his grave rocks as souvenirs. Liz Murphy, tour guide and archivist, brings the tales.



**February 10 Anne Peterson**

For 22 years, Anne Peterson co-anchored local news with Wendall Anschutz. Nominated for Emmys numerous times, she was the first Kansas City anchor to specialize in health and family issues. TV journalist and talk show host Anne Peterson speaks on the "Heart of Broadcasting."



**February 17 "Harry Truman: "His Life, His Legacy and His Library"**

by retired educator Larry Sebbly, Library volunteer. Hear of Truman's early family farm years and southern influences, to his last nine years at the Library -- sometimes answering the main phones, playing piano and leading impromptu tours for stray tourists.

**February 24 Linda Hall Library**

Linda Hall marks 65 years as the world's foremost independent research library devoted to science, engineering and technology. It offers exhibitions, a rare book collection, and lectures by Nobel laureates and Pulitzer Prize winning authors at no charge. Development Director Kimberly Allen is presenter.



**March 2 Kansas City Chamber of Commerce**

The Chamber, begun in 1887, includes 2500 businesses, non-profits and civic organizations. President Jim Heeter, former city councilman, fills us in on current issues and the innovative ways businesses are growing.

**March 9 KU Cancer Center**

Dr. Roy Jenson began his medical work in pathology and cell biology. Currently, director of KU's Cancer Center as well as Kansas Masonic Cancer Research Institute, his lab has led studies in the genetic alterations resulting in breast cancer.



**"ADVENTURES" FRIDAY MORNING SCHEDULE  
REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS START AT 8:30 A.M.**

9:00	Spanish <i>Cheri Bonilla</i>	Needlecraft <i>Melba McFadden</i>	Curtain Up! <i>Joie Tenenbaum</i>	Scholars Hour <i>(See insert)</i>	Potpourri <i>(See insert)</i>
10:00	Line Dancing <i>Mary Lou Snyder</i>	Travelogue <i>(See insert)</i>	News & Views <i>Dick Ballentine, Pam Bauer, Marge Roberts</i>	Fun with Fiction <i>(See article page 1)</i>	Free blood pressure checks by Visiting Nurse Association: third Friday of each month.
11:00	American Civil War <i>(See insert)</i>	Sit & Be Fit <i>Anne Massa</i>	Health Enrichment <i>(See insert)</i>		

## Getting to Know You

*This Winter Quarterly, we bring you more members' memories. One essay remembers the past, another brings us into the present and the third looks forward to the future. And each one allows us to know these Adventures members a little better.*



### **"Encore, Encore!"** **Lothar Krause** **Singer, music lover** **and** **former college teacher**

In September, 2011, after singing with the Kansas City Symphony Chorus more than 32 years, the standout of my pleasurable memories was the grand opening of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. Our chorus would sing in the very first performance there.

My great enjoyment in choral singing came from our producing the moving, inspiring sounds of blended voices united in harmony and musical expression, and from bringing life to the world's greatest composers' magnificent choral works.

The only thing missing: state-of-the-art acoustics. And this new performing arts center was the answer.

The "icing on the cake" occurred at rehearsal a few nights before the grand opening. As we were singing in Helzberg Hall, a side door opened and several Symphony executive management staff entered. When they were followed by a tall, distinguished-looking gentleman with white hair and beard, we all rose from our seats in a standing ovation. We didn't have to be told who he was. We knew that world-famous tenor Placido Domingo was rehearsing next door for the Muriel Kauffman Theater opening.

Mr. Domingo spoke briefly about how privileged he and all of us were to take part in opening such a wonderful new home for making music. We sang for him a bit of a piece we had been rehearsing. And as he left, he blew us a kiss and said "Bravo." The perfect crowning touch to an unforgettable weekend!

### **"The Sister Wars"**

**Mary Weston, Carol's sister and John Rabich's wife**

I am the youngest of four siblings and three years younger than my sister Carol. When I was little, I wanted to do everything she did, following her around, nagging her to play with me. I guess I was really good at pestering, because, for much of the 1950s, it had evolved into a war. And not a cold one.

My earliest memory of hostilities was the DON'T STEP ON MY SIDE OF THE ROOM battles. Carol and I shared a bedroom. An imaginary line on the rug divided the territory allowing us each to access the closets unscathed. Anyone caught violating the line got a body slug.

Later came the DISHWASHING WAR: Carol washed; I dried. I enjoyed dancing and singing as the dishes air-dried in the rack; my sister objected. Then a verbal fight erupted.

Eventually she resorted to pouring cold water on the racked dishes so I would have to hand-dry them. At that point, hostilities escalated to blows. My father issued an ultimatum: he didn't want to hear us fighting anymore. Dad was pretty fearsome, so we did stop fighting (verbally, anyway).

One evening Dad found us in a serious, silent fist fight. He threw us into the back porch before we knew what hit us. "NO MORE FIGHTING OF ANY KIND – YOU'RE DRIVING ME CRAZY." He stated forcefully but calmly. "JUST DO THE @#%&& DISHES." And so we did.



### **"A Day at the Races"**

**By Mary Fiore, 86 year-old lover of horses**

As I was raised in Lexington, Kentucky, it's appropriate that two of my favorite things are horses and horseracing. I went to my first race when I was in college. In those days, ladies wore heels, white gloves and hats. My best friend's uncle was a steward on the racing circuit.

One favorite racing story concerns a wealthy old lady who kept winning lots of money on every race. All day, a college boy had placed bets for her. He expected, and hoped for, a big tip for his services. Finally, the old lady put a dime in his hand. He looked at the dime and put it back in her hand saying, "Ma'am, you keep it. You must need it worse than I do."

I love the thrill when the bugle alerts us that the horses are going to the post. I love to hear the thundering hooves as the horses go flying by on their way to the finish. I intend to go to the races every time I get a chance in the future.

In fact, I went to the races in Kentucky this past autumn. And I won forty bucks.

## ADVENTURES IN LEARNING

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by the work of our many  
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## Join Us. All are welcome!

Adventures in Learning is a program of Shepherd's Center Central. Classes are held at South-Broadland Presbyterian Church, 7850 Holmes, Kansas City, MO 64131. Please park and enter the church from the northeast parking lot.

Enjoy one class or stay from 8:30 to 1:30 each Friday. Our ten-week curriculums are planned year-round for mid-life and older adults. Registration for each ten-week term is only \$15 —You are welcome to come to any or all classes and stay for the Noon Forum each Friday. Lunch is available for \$6 or you may bring a sack lunch. Your first visit is always free! Scholarships are available. Low-cost transportation can be arranged for those nearby.



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