

Fall Semester, 2022

Dear SOAR Member:

SOAR is proud to announce the Fall 2022 program of courses designed for life-long learners. We were very pleased that our Spring 2022 semester, mostly in-person, was so successful, after having to meet on Zoom for a couple of years. In the Spring we brought back some of our popular exercise courses (thank you Pam March!) and this Fall we are bringing back more popular courses, like our painting, ceramics and theater courses (thank you to the SUNY Potsdam Art and Theatre departments!)

You will find the course booklet, registration form and associated documents in this packet.

- **Booklet:** We have modified our former booklet, both to save paper and to include dates, times and locations. The presenter bios are typically only one or two sentences, longer versions (in the presenters' own words) can be found on our website soarnorthcountry.org.
- **Membership Fee:** We are once again charging a fee of \$75 for the two semesters, Fall and Spring. Members pay this fee only once in the two semesters. In addition to attending classes, your membership entitles you to a year of campus parking, library privileges and use of Maxcy Hall facilities, all on the SUNY Potsdam campus, and parking on the SLU campus during classes.
- **Registration Form:** Please complete both sides and return, along with the membership fee and any extra course fees (indicated in the Booklet and on the Registration Form) to the SOAR Office:

SOAR
382 Van Housen Extension
SUNY Potsdam, 44 Pierrepont Ave.
Potsdam, NY 13676

- The front of the **Registration Form** requires your contact information, your **waiver** signature and your choice of courses. On the back, we ask if you can volunteer to help us. SOAR is a volunteer run organization that depends on the efforts of its members.
- **Ambassador Requests:** Every course has an ambassador who is the liaison between the presenter and the class members. The back of the Registration Form has a place for you to offer your help. Training will be offered to potential ambassadors.

- **Calendar:** This semester's calendar can also be found on our website soarnorthcountry.org.
- **Locations:** Descriptions of most locations can be found on our website soarnorthcountry.org. If you have questions, please phone the SOAR Office.

After we process your registration, we will send you your **confirmation letter** which lists the courses you are either registered or waitlisted for. We will also send you a **parking permit** and a **SOAR name badge**, both of which will be used for the Fall and the Spring semesters. Your name badge is your membership card, which allows you entrance to campus facilities. Also, we like to learn each other's names by wearing name badges to class.

We will continue to follow vaccination and mask wearing rules mandated by our host colleges. Currently, proof of two Pfiser/Moderna vaccinations or one J&J is required and the wearing of masks is optional. However, this can change at any time.

Please let us know (if you haven't already) if:

- You wish to be taken off our mailing list.
- You would like to receive your membership packet by email in the future.
- You are out of town for an extended period and wish to receive mail at that address.

We are planning to have both a Meet the Chef luncheon in mid-semester and an end of semester luncheon in November. We will send out mailings with details as the time gets closer.

The SOAR office is once again staffed Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. I expect many of you remember Juanita Blakemore, we are so happy to have her back in our office. You can also contact us by email (soar@potdam.edu) or by phone (315-267-2690).

All changes to courses, such as cancellations, time or room changes, will be posted on our website soarnorthcountry.org. If you are registered in the course, you will also be notified by email.

Enjoy the Fall semester!

Janet van Weringh
Board Chair

Carol McRobbie
Registration Chair

David Mathie
Curriculum/Scheduling Chair