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The Newsletter of SOAR

Lifelong learning in the North Country

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STATISTICS:

Registered Members:

Fall 2023: 245
Spring 2023: 247
Fall 2023: 264
Spring: 2022: 165
Spring: 2020: 268
Fall 2019: 336

IMPORTANT DATES:

FALL LUNCHEON
NOV 15TH
@ 11:30 AM

SEE DETAILS WITHIN



CHAIR'S COMMENTS

I am truly honored to be the Chair of an organization whose members show such enthusiasm for attending our classes as well as our presenters who teach us. We have so many good courses this semester! When I go to class,

people often stop and tell me what a good class they went to yesterday or the week before. I would like to thank the Curriculum Committee for doing such a great job of finding this Fall's courses.

I'd also like to thank the Ambassador and Technical Assistant Committees. They are the ones who smooth the way to make it easy to go to our courses. They do those extra things such as putting up directions to classrooms (in particular the outdoor ones!) so that we don't get lost, they make sure that the computer equipment is working, they phone people on the wait lists when someone drops a course, and more. Thank you so much! You are noticed and appreciated.

Finally, as the semester rolls to its end, I hope to see you at our Fall Luncheon, which will be held in Knowles Hall on November 15. Be sure to get your reservations in before the deadline!

- Janet van Weringh

SOAR COMMITTEES AT WORK

News from the Nominating & Awards Committee

The N & A Committee met in late September to select a nominee for the Leon LeBeau Award given each fall. This award honors outstanding presenters of SOAR courses, and nominations can be made throughout the year by emailing juanitaatsoar@gmail.com. The person or persons chosen receive(s) recognition from the membership at the Fall SOAR luncheon.

The SuperSOARer Award, given each spring, recognizes individuals who have worked hard in support of SOAR's mission, that of enjoying and promoting lifelong learning in the North Country. Nominations are taken all year long and can be sent to the email address above.

Betty Graham, former SOAR Board member and former Chair of this committee, has relocated to Michigan and says she misses SOAR and the people. With Betty's moving, we have an open slot on the committee, and if you are interested in serving, please let me know. Currently, the committee is at the minimum required four members, but it is always good to have other eyes, ears, and input for selecting persons for the awards. We wish Betty a happy retirement and thank her for ALL her past participation on the Board and for her committee work over the years.

Finally, the Board of Directors is looking to fill one vacant slot. If you, or anyone you know, wishes to be considered, first by this committee and then by the full Board, please contact me or anyone on the Board. This dedicated and committed group is a busy hive of activity throughout the year, and we get on very well as a team. Personally, I've been on the Board for about four years now and absolutely love the camaraderie and sense of purpose.

Many thanks to the current N & A Committee members Sharon Reagan, Alicia Walter, and Barb McBurnie for all your involvement in this important committee.

Juanita Babcock, Chair of N & A Committee



News from the Ambassador Committee

The Ambassador Committee is well underway obtaining ambassadors for each course this semester. The dilemma: In some cases, no one taking a course volunteered to be its ambassador. The result: A committee member “cold called” a class member, asking that person to take on this important duty. Success! We thank those who stepped up when called.

And then there were courses where *more than one* member wished to take on the role of ambassador. In those cases, the committee asked that second member to serve as an ambassador for another course – success again! We thank them very much!

To assist in encouraging more members to become ambassadors, the committee offered a workshop during the first week of classes this semester. Some current and potentially new ambassadors attended; all found it very useful. The workshop proved a positive way to recruit new ambassadors, but we can *always* use more volunteers in our effort to lessen the burden on those currently serving. To this end, the Ambassador Committee will offer another workshop in the future – stay tuned.

Bill Mein, Chair of Ambassador Committee

News from the Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee is very proud of the courses we have on tap for the Fall 2023 semester, and we're working hard to gather more for next Spring! The committee is always pleased to receive recommendations for presenters and courses from the SOAR membership, as well as from those presenters who volunteer to teach for us. Please keep those suggestions coming! Contact me at davidgmathie@gmail.com.

David Mathie, Chair of the Curriculum Committee

News from the Registration Committee

SOAR currently has 245 members registered for our Fall 2023 courses. This includes 26 members who joined SOAR for the first time. Please continue introducing your friends and family to our wonderful SOAR organization!

I would like to recognize and thank the team of volunteers who worked to register you during the last weeks of August: Juanita Babcock, Gayle Berry, Elisabeth Blackmore, Judy Chittenden, Brian Gardam, Barbara McBurnie, Jerry Sharp, Susan Stebbins, Deborah Steinberg, Janet van Weringh and Byron Whitney.

We still have openings in 12 courses that are being taught later this Fall. I have listed them below. If you would like to register for any of these courses, please email me at soarregister@gmail.com.

Carol McRobbie, Chair of Registration Committee

Course Title

- 3 The Art of Skating
- 5 The Beauty and Culture of Japan
- 9 Biomedical Applications of Mass Spectrometry
- 10 Chemistry: Rates and Reactions
- 11 Current Events on Fridays
- 19 Following My Foremothers: Women Engineers During WWII
- 28 Korean Drumming
- 35 Park Talk on Wednesdays
- 36 Preserving Apples
- 43 Sustainable Food Packaging
- 48 A Trip to St. Peter's Without the Jet Lag

Dates

- 10/25 & 11/01
- 10/26
- 10/18
- 11/03
- 09/08-11/03
- 10/16
- 10/20 & 10/27
- 10/18-11/08
- 10/17
- 10/20
- 10/27





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A REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE

Changes occur frequently during the semester, so **please** check your email *regularly*.

If you're on a Waitlist for a course, chances are a spot will open to allow your enrollment. You will be notified via email.

Occasionally, classes are canceled—check your email and/or the SOAR website at **www.soarnorthcountry.org**.

Locations may change or be updated; you will be notified via email. The website will also reflect the change in location.

**Please check your *email* and *website* frequently
during the SOAR 10-week semester!**

Juanita Blakemore, Administrative Assistant

SOAR Fall Luncheon

Wednesday, Nov 15, 2023

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

11:30 am New Horizons Bands of Northern New York, Inc.
Serving lunch at noon.

Knowles Conference Center

Multi-Purpose Room (second floor)—SUNY POTSDAM CAMPUS

To reserve a seat: Mail the form below with your check payable to PACES 235.
All reservations due on or before Wednesday, Nov 1st.

If you must cancel, please notify the SOAR office at:
soar@potdam.edu by Wednesday, Nov 8th.
(Otherwise, SOAR will be charged for the meal you did not enjoy.)

Buffet Menu:

Chicken Breast w/mushrooms & leeks, Roasted New Potatoes,
Garden Salad, Fresh Vegetable, Rolls & Butter
Desserts: Chocolate or Strawberry Tiger Cake
Water, Coffee or Tea

Directions: Please refer to the SUNY Potsdam map on our website, www.soarnorthcountry.org for location of Knowles Conference Center and parking lots. There will be signs along Barrington Drive.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO DISPLAY YOUR PARKING PASS!

Name: _____

Name: _____

Number attending: _____ x **\$25.00** Enclosed: \$ _____

ALL RESERVATIONS DUE BY WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1ST

Mail this form with your check payable to "PACES 235" to:

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