

SPRING 2018 newsletter

Get Busy with HCAA, with **TWO March/April/May'18 Event Offerings:**

This **quarterly** newsletter contains **EVENT** info AND IMPORTANT UPDATES below.

1.

Saturday, Mar 31st, 10:15am - 3pm – a very special HCAA Tour of the **HOLOCAUST MUSEUM** in Skokie (www.ilholocaustmuseum.org). Our date is timed to celebrate Easter the following day, and to honor Passover which begins the evening before. **11am-12noon** Architectural tour “Symbolism by Design” -- See how renowned architect Stanley Tigerman infused each space in the Museum with historical and emotional symbolism. **12:30pm-1:30pm** Survivor Talk – Hear a survivor’s story and experiences, LIVE and firsthand. **2pm-2:40pm** Hologram -- In the recently opened Take A Stand Center, experience interactive 3D holography and recordings of Holocaust survivors, who answer questions from the audience using voice recognition technology in a simulated conversation. *Smithsonian Magazine* has named this as one of the World’s 12 “must see” exhibits. [RSVP today with Diane or Jeanne; contact info below, at bottom of this newsletter. Note: for admission to the Hologram exhibit, you must RSVP no later than March 25.] Maybe pack a lunch? Vending machine for snacks & drinks; bring change; they have an eating area. \$10 seniors; optional carpool leaves Harper at 9:30am sharp. Join us for this memorable outing.

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FINALLY! Saturday, April 14th -- Harper College's 50th Anniversary Celebration on “Community Day” -- see times/locations below. Join in the Celebration! Plan to spend the day, and evening!

- **The Annuitant/Retiree Reunion** from 1pm-3pm in the Student Center, Building A. The formal program begins promptly at 1:30pm followed by a

special tribute to our college's founding members. (NOTE: Founding Faculty and Staff are identified as those who were employed within the first three semesters of Harper College's opening. This list represents the best attempt at identifying founding faculty and staff through course catalogue listings, historical photos and personal recollections). By Invitation; Harper annuitants and retirees will be invited via mail (you should have received a save-the-date card already; if not, please alert Heather Zoldak (hzoldak@harpercollege.edu)).

- **Alumni Art Exhibit**, curated from the impressive list of art alumni. 12noon to 6:30pm, Building C, room C200, reception from 4pm-6:30 pm; Free!
- **All-Class Alumni Reunion**, from 2pm-5pm in the Duchossois Family Educational Center, Building D. A chance to re-connect with former students and programs! Guides will be available to assist guests to the Alumni celebration. Transportation across campus (i.e. golf carts or wheel chairs) will be available upon request. Free! All alumni invited!
- **Encore II Performance**, 7pm, in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets required. This amazing event will feature some of Harper's gifted performing arts alumni who will revisit songs from some of Harper Theatre's most memorable performances of the past 50 years! The event will feature songs from musicals directed by Mary Jo Willis, Kevin Long, and Laura Pulio Colbert including GODSPELL, PIPPIN, THE LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, EVITA, PARADE, GUYS & DOLLS, RENT, A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC, SWEENEY TODD, CABARET, JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR, WEST SIDE STORY and URINETOWN. Tickets (if not sold out) are available at the Harper Box Office (847.925.6100) -- \$15 suggested donation. Join us for this joyful reunion! HCAA members are invited to come on over to the Performing Arts Center lobby before the performance for light desserts and refreshments.
- More information about Walking Tours, Art Tours and Motorized Tours will be included in your invitation, which will be mailed to your home shortly.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Upcoming **Summer '18** HCAA events (more details forthcoming):

**Tuesday, June 26th, 9:30am** – **Breakfast @ Wildberry Pancakes & Café**. Plan join your HCAA colleagues for breakfast or brunch in Schaumburg at **Wildberry Café** with its great menu of breakfasts, plus salads, sandwiches, paninis and wraps. Your coffee or tea is on us!

**Date not finalized....** – A seminar on how the new tax laws may affect you for 2018. Will you be in a new bracket? Any new money available? HCAA and the Harper Professional advisors Committee plan to arrange a FREE seminar this summer.



**HCAA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This HCAA “Get Busy” newsletter is published **QUARTERLY** (Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter). You can expect additional emailed communications from President Michael Nejman. **WE STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU REVIEW THE HCAA WEBSITE MONTHLY FOR INTERIM NEWS.** Mark your calendar to do so at the beginning of each month.

The **next HCAA newsletter** will be mailed at end of May, for Summer 2018.

Visit the regularly-updated **HCAA website**, built just for you --

**<http://myhcaa.com>** Here are some things you’ll see now on our website:

- **“Keeping Up”** – Thank you for continuing to share photos and updates on moving plans, illnesses, deaths, and fun visits with retired colleagues for this section, through our **NEW HCAA webmaster Judi Zaplatynsky** at [jzaplaty@harpercollege.edu](mailto:jzaplaty@harpercollege.edu) . Unfortunately we reported the recent deaths of retirees **Al Dunikowski** and **Irene Y. Lavelle**; more info here: [myhcaa.com/keeping-up](http://myhcaa.com/keeping-up) .  
a) In Feb’18, about 20 Snowbirds flocked to dinner in the Fort Myers FL area, with a photo as evidence. Attendees included Judy Dincher and guest, Chris Staub, Russ Mills, Bruce Bohrer, Steve Catlin, Dennis and Carole Brokke, Joyce and Will Nolen, Dom and Lee Magno, Mike and Gwen Brown,

Cathy Albergo, Bob, Bob's sister and Rita Boeke, Bonnie Henry.

**b)** Bonnie Henry shares a photo from a Jan'18 Lunch in Bonita Springs FL, with a few familiar faces.

**c)** See a photo from Barbara Barton's Memorial Celebration in Dec'17, attended by Jean & Richard Kolze (Board), William Kelly (Board), Tom McCarthy (Ed Fdtn), Dave McShane, Jeanne Pankanin, Cindy McShane, Vern & Joyce Manke, Maria Coons.

→Find all these photos here: [myhcaa.com/keeping-up/#retireewebgallery](http://myhcaa.com/keeping-up/#retireewebgallery) .

- The **“Events”** page has a couple new photos of retirees.....2 photos from our “Fake News” seminar in Dec'17, attended by Marlene R, Diane K, Sharon M, Judy L, Jeanne P, Pat W, Frances B, Betty H, Jackie C, Barb H, etc, plus Harper presenter John Garcia: Check out your colleagues at [myhcaa.com/events](http://myhcaa.com/events) .
- **“Legislative Updates”** were prepared for us by **Fredia Martin** and **Linda Kobusz-Kosan**. Click here ([myhcaa.com/legislation-update](http://myhcaa.com/legislation-update)) for this latest look at Illinois happenings (and non-happenings).
- A new **“Media Pick”** comes to us from **Jeanne Pankanin**, regarding a free multi-language app called Duolingo. (To prepare for her current 6-week stay in Cozumel, Jeanne “played” it for 80 consecutive days and is now rated at 59% fluent in Spanish.) More details here: [myhcaa.com/media-picks](http://myhcaa.com/media-picks) .
- Here are **Notes** from HCAA’s **Nov 2017 & Feb 2018 Board meetings**: [myhcaa.com/board-updates/#board notes](http://myhcaa.com/board-updates/#board_notes) . (If February notes aren’t posted yet, they will be soon!) Next HCAA Board meeting is on Mar 29, 2018, at 10am in A315.
- **Quarterly Get Busy newsletters** are posted on our website, so you can review them at any time right here: [myhcaa.com/newsletter](http://myhcaa.com/newsletter) **Can you help plan events and write this newsletter?** We are seeking another volunteer or two, and we will train you! Please get in touch with Jeanne or Diane ASAP; their contact info is below.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Would you like a Harper parking sticker?** Deputy Chief Randal Walker says ok for HCAA! Here’s how to get one:

\* Send your email request to [police@harpercollege.edu](mailto:police@harpercollege.edu), to the attention of Francis.

\* In Subject, state "Request for parking sticker for HCAA Harper College Annuitants Assn member."

\* Provide your name, address, phone #, vehicle year/make/model, license plate #.

\* A sticker will be mailed to you (at the address on file for your license plate with the Secretary of State's Office).

**IL Primary Election Day** is Tuesday, March 20. VOTE!

**Website Usage:** Each year, HCAA studies the usage stats for our website looking for trends and ways to improve. We're happy to report that many of you are regular viewers. Welcome, we're glad you come! <https://myhcaa.com>

**Call for Nominations: 2018 Distinguished Alumni Awards**, accepted from March 1 through May 15, 2018. Know someone who should be nominated? The Program recognizes former Harper students who have distinguished themselves in their careers and in their service to the community. Five recipients will be honored at the Reception in Fall 2018. Award criteria, nominating instructions and online form are here: [www.harpercollege.edu/about/alumni/distinguished/index.php](http://www.harpercollege.edu/about/alumni/distinguished/index.php)

**Attention joggers & cyclists:** Harper has arranged a very cool "Virtual 5K" (or 10K for cyclists). Regardless of where you live, your activity level or schedule, everyone can participate! Race dates are anytime between March 1 – April 1, 2018. The \$25 fee, which supports the Harper *Promise* Program, snags you a free Tshirt! Details here: [www.harpercollege.edu/about/alumni/events/virtual5k.php](http://www.harpercollege.edu/about/alumni/events/virtual5k.php)

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