

# Lifelong Learning Spring 2019 Newsletter

## Lifelong Learning 2019-2020 Officers

### A Message from Our President, Ray Perry:

We are deep into our spring semester and our classes are going well. Our curriculum has received lots of positive responses; one member signed up for six classes. From the classes that have already finished, we have received great compliments on the courses and the teachers.

A strategic planning retreat was held in late February and some great ideas came out of it. Now we will be studying and working on those ideas to guide us into the future.

We value and thank you for your ideas and suggestions; so please keep sending them to:

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### Nominated for President: Elaine White

Elaine White was born in Gainesville, Texas, and earned her Bachelor of Music from the University of North Texas. She married Louis White and they moved to Marietta, OK, where Elaine taught vocal music and later, high school English. She earned a Master of Education from East Central University and a Ph.D. in Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum (Education) from the University of Oklahoma. Elaine finished her teaching career at The University of Southern Mississippi where she founded and directed the Live Oak Writing Project. The couple retired to Waco in 2014 and joined Baylor Lifelong Learning in 2015.

### Nominated for Vice President/President-Elect: Mike Woodson

J. M. "Mike" Woodson lives in Woodway with his wife Trudy. He was born in rural Coryell County in 1938. He graduated from Gatesville High School and attended Texas A & M where he was in the Corps of Cadets and earned a BS degree in Civil Engineering and a commission as a Second Lieutenant. He served 10 years in the Army Reserve and was discharged as a Captain. As an engineer, worked for the Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture for 35 years and continued working with engineering companies during retirement. Mike and Trudy are active members of Central Christian Church. Although retired, he is still active in professional and civic organizations.

### Nominated for Secretary: Gail Baird

Gail was born, raised, and graduated high school in Hempstead, Texas, a small town between Houston and Brenham. She attended University of Texas, Austin, nursing school for two years and graduated from its Medical Branch in Galveston with Bachelor's degree in nursing. She then spent two years in the Peace Corps in Panama as a rural health nurse and married Charlie Baird. They settle in Robinson in 1981. They began participating in LLL in 2002. Gail is proud to have served in various Board positions: Secretary, Member at Large, Curriculum Committee, and Nominating Committee.

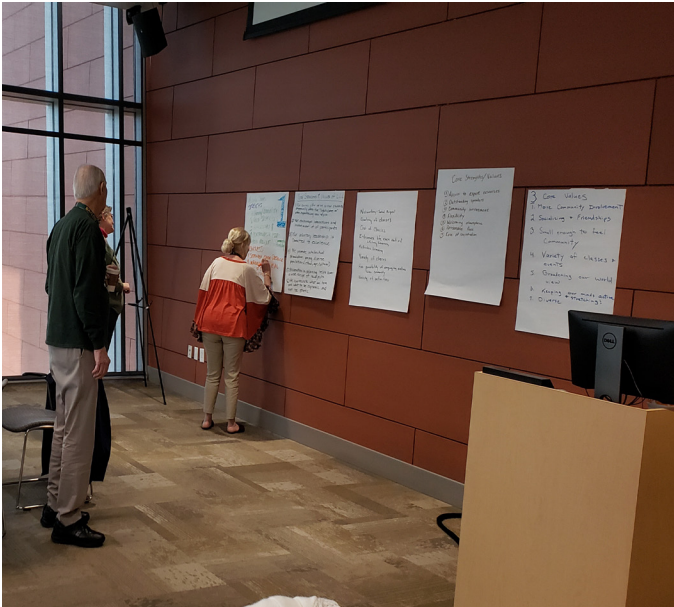
### Nominated for Member-at-Large: Jane Winston

Jane Winston was born in Frankfurt, West Germany to an American military family. Jane earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Baylor University and joined the U.S. Air Force as a Lt. in the Nurse corp. She met and married her husband while serving in the Air Force. They moved to College Station Texas and raised two sons. Jane moved to Waco in 2015 to care for her parents. She enjoys watching the Lady Bears, attending concerts at Baylor and Lifelong Learning classes. Jane attends First Methodist church and is active in DAR.

# Planning for the Future

By Elaine White, Vice President

Lifelong leadership has been involved in two events focusing on the growth of our organization. In January we participated in a symposium with TCU's Silver Frogs, our sister organization in their senior continuing education program. We gained a great deal of information about how they work and took away information about both things we do better and things we might want to replicate.



Brainstorming plans for the future. Photo by Audrey Yadon

In February, leadership gathered again for a Visioning Retreat facilitated by Ashley Thornton. After a day of thinking and dreaming, the group generated ideas for intentional growth. Two areas emerged that will require the help and participation of all members of Baylor Lifelong Learners. We want to increase the diversity of our group, both in age and ethnicity, and we want to encourage more volunteer participation.

There are two ways we can work together to make these things happen. First, invite people you know who are newly retired and/or available to participate in our daytime activities and people from various ethnic groups.

Second, let us know where you would like to participate. When you receive your end-of-year survey, indicate if you are interested on serving on one of our committees: publicity, curriculum, special events, conveners, history, and newsletter.

We are excited about moving into the future. Join us in continuing the legacy of Baylor Lifelong Learning.



LLL-Silver Frog Symposium, Photo by Historian Billie DeFrees



## Publicity Committee Reaches Out to the Waco Community

by Gail Herring, Publicity Committee Chair

The Lifelong Learning Publicity Committee has been hard at work this year! We met in the fall for our first meeting to plan and prepare for brochure distributions and to brainstorm additional ideas for publicizing LLL. We decided that the brochure distribution should include a wide variety of locations than was previously listed. Many new locations were suggested and each member agreed to be responsible for helping with the distribution. Also, it was suggested that at our first Coffee we invite all members to help with brochure distribution, thereby increasing the variety of locations and the possibility of enlisting new LLL members. Several people stopped by our table as they left the Coffee and asked for brochures that they were willing to help distribute.

In addition to brochure distribution, two members agreed to look into the possibility of publicizing LLL through TV media. It was also noted that word of mouth was still an effective means to draw new members.

At the December luncheon, members were given Spring 2019 brochures for distribution. Some new locations were added to the fall list. Audrey Yadon encouraged members to contact her for additional brochures, if needed. In addition, a committee member, Terry Wright, contacted 4 TV stations to advertise the March 8 Coffee. Also, several members agreed to tag their brochures at the bottom of the sign-up page so they could possibly be traced to the location, thereby helping the committee know which locations were most effective.

Thank you, Publicity Committee, for all your help this year in making LLL more visible in and around the Waco community as well as the surrounding towns.

2018-2019 LLL Publicity Committee: Sherry Cragen, Frank Levy, Linda McKee, Charles Moore, JoAnn Simpson, Jin Surovik, Louis White, Terry Wright, and Gail Herring



LLL and Silver Frog Publicity Committees to share ideas and future plans. Photo by Historian Billie DeFrees

## Convener's Corner

By Jin Surovik, Convener Chair

Many thanks to our convener teams for both fall 2018 & spring 2019-great job! Please know that your willingness to invest in Lifelong Learning is greatly appreciated. Thinking about volunteering but not sure how to begin? Being a class convener is a helpful & rewarding way to start. Just contact Jin Surovik (jinsurovik@gmail.com). Come join us!

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## Special Events Spring Schedule Sparks Interest

by Linda Hatchel, Special Events Committee Chair

Your Events Committee has worked hard to provide some really interesting events this fall and spring. I want to thank committee members Bobbie DeLoach, Gail Herring, Vikki Kelly, Sandy Moore, Nancy Moore, Jan Purdy, Jane Winston, and ex-officio member Elaine White. Also a big thank you to Linda McKee and JoAnn Simpson for the fabulous decorations at our Christmas luncheon!

For the spring, we have some equally exciting events planned. On February 8, we met at the Performing Arts Center on the MCC campus. Lisa Uhl and the MCC Theater department gave us a taste of their musical, *The Pirates of Penzance*.



The Special Events Committees from LLL and Silver Frogs meet to discuss plans and ideas. Photo by Historian Billie DeFrees

year at the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum. We have invited the Singing Seniors to present our program. What a wonderful way to conclude and great Lifelong Learning year!

Remember that Lifelong Learning is run by us, the members. If you have ideas for events or trips, please contact Audrey Yadon at the office. Also, if you would like to help with the events/trips for the future, please consider volunteering to serve on the Events Committee. We need you!

Our March coffee was held at the Masonic Lodge with speaker Orville O'Neill, Grand Secretary of Texas. We were treated to a tour of their museum.

The April bus trip will be to the Bush Library in College Station. The tour will take on extra meaning after the recent death of President Bush and his beloved wife Barbara. We will then visit the Carnegie History Center in downtown Bryan. The spring semester will conclude with our Spring Luncheon to be held this

year at the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum. We have invited the Singing Seniors to present our program. What a wonderful way to conclude and great Lifelong Learning year!



## How Do They Do It?

By Joe Falsone, Curriculum Committee Chair

Have you ever wondered how Lifelong Learning comes up with the wonderful variety of courses offered each semester? Much of the final selection and decision making is done by the members of the Curriculum Committee (CC). But the CC does not operate in a vacuum. The committee depends on the many and varied suggestions that we receive from our members. This input from our members is key to selecting topics in which you have interest and courses which you would be willing to attend. You might ask: "How should I suggest a topic for CC consideration?" There are several ways you could do this:

1. Speak to one of the CC members at a Lifelong Learning Class or Special Event
2. E-mail the suggestion to one of the CC members;
3. Include the suggestion in your Lifelong Learning survey response
4. Submit a completed "Come Teach with Us" form to one of the CC members

Method 4 is actually the best way to submit a suggestion and results in a higher probability that your suggestion will be adopted and included in the Fall or Spring course brochure. The Come Teach with Us form allows you to identify a specific instructor who would be willing to teach a specific topic of interest. When this form is presented to the CC, we usually consider these suggestions very carefully and will often select the topic if we believe it is a good fit for our membership. If you would like to obtain some Come Team with Us forms, you can usually pick them up at a Special Event (Coffee, Luncheon, etc.). You can also request an electronic form be e-mailed to you from Audrey Yadon or Joe Falsone.

The Curriculum Committee Members for Fall 2018- Spring 2019 classes are Carl Cox, Joe Falsone (chairman), Ray Perry, Janice Runyons, Bob Anne Senter, Larry Smith, Judith Staples, Elaine White, Mike Woodson and Audrey Yadon (Continuing Education Program Administrator). Please feel free to contact any us if you have a question about the work of the CC or if you are interested in becoming a member of the committee.



The Curriculum Committee planned WWII History course, which had record attendance. Photo by Historian Billie DeFrees