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Newport Circle of Scholars

Life Long Learning Program

COURSE CATALOG

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**Newport Circle of Scholars
Life Long Learning
At The Edward King House**

About The Newport Circle of Scholars

The Newport Circle of Scholars is a non-profit volunteer organization that was created to provide life long learning programs for citizens 50 years of age and older. Its programs are focused on both scholarly and general interest subjects such as history, literature, science, international events, health, and the arts. Its programs and instructor recruitment efforts are facilitated and coordinated by a Curriculum Committee, and its external relations and policy are guided by a Board of Directors. Membership in the Newport Circle of Scholars is included in your Edward King House membership at no extra charge.

**The Circle currently operates with a combined Board/
Curriculum Committee
made up of the following members:**

Benjamin Riggs, President
John Del Negro, Curriculum Committee Chairs
Ron and Johanna Becker
Trudy Duval, Liaison to the Edward King House
Carmela Geer, Executive Director

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Aging Fully

Sessions: 2

Class Time: 1:00-3:00pm, MONDAYS - 2/24 & 3/23

Class Limit: 25

Cost: \$20 member/ \$60 non-members

Coping with change is difficult, no matter how old you are. The particular challenge for older adults is the sheer number of changes and transitions that start to occur—including children moving away, the loss of parents, friends, and other loved ones, changes to or the end of your career, declining health, and even loss of independence. It's natural to feel those losses. But if that sense of loss is balanced with positive ingredients, you have a formula for staying healthy as you age. These sessions will give participants an opportunity to learn up to date strategies for aging fully in the 21st century.

Carmela A. Geer is by profession, an educator and family advocate of thirty five years and a consultant and trainer for the past twenty years. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the Edward King House Senior Center in Newport, RI. A resident of Middletown, RI, she is connected to her community by her involvement in various town wide organizations and initiatives.

Boeing B737 Max Crisis

Sessions: 1

Class Time: 12:45-2:45pm, THURSDAY - 2/13

Class Limit: 20

Member \$10/ Non-Member \$50

Boeing B737 airplanes have been flying since 1967. It was one of the most safe and reliable airplanes until recently. On October 29, 2018, B737Max, operated by Lion Air crashed, killing 189 people and on March 10, 2019, the same model airplane operated by Ethiopian Air crashed, killing 157 souls on board. Since March 2019, B737Max has been grounded by FAA. This class is about what caused these two airplanes to crash and what changes were made on B737Max from the previous models to make it an unsafe airplane.

Jet Vertz is a retired aviation business executive. Prior to his retirement Jet was a Vice President at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. Prior to going into the aviation business Jet was commissioned an Ensign in the USN via the OCS in Newport Naval Station and served during the Vietnam War era as a US Naval Surface Officer. Jet has taught this course at the URI OLLI and it was received with overwhelmingly positive response.

Classic Lit: Frankenstein by Mary Shelley (1818)

Sessions: 4

Class Time: 10:00-12:00pm, TUESDAYS - 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/3

Class Limit: 20

Member \$40/ Non-Member \$80

Well, it really *was* a dark and stormy night when 18-year old Mary Shelley began this amazing English novel of the Romantic period. From the day the book appeared in print to the present moment, *Frankenstein* has been controversial, symbolically challenging, sensationalistic, heartbreaking, and repeatedly a cultural metaphor. From exposure to Hollywood movies you may *think* you know the tale of the over-reaching scientist and the monster he creates and sets loose upon the world, but you will be surprised. This is definitely a book that will stimulate our conversation.

Once again, Eileen Warburton will provide background, biography, and historical context while guiding the discussion with questions and themes. You may read any unabbreviated copy of the novel, but read it in its entirety before the class.

Eileen Warburton holds the PhD in English and American Literature from the University of Pennsylvania and is the author of many books and articles, including the critically acclaimed 2004 biography of modern English novelist, John Fowles. She has taught literature at URI, BU, and Bryant and specializes locally in researching Newport history.

Consumer Law for Non-Lawyers

Sessions: 4

Class Time: 10:00-12:00pm, FRIDAYS - 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28

Class Limit: 10

Member \$40/ Non-Member \$80

This course seeks to explain, in non-technical terms, the major provisions of federal and state law protecting consumers in their disputes with online and brick-and mortar businesses, banks and other financial institutions, public utilities and government agencies. We will also talk about practical ways you can utilize the rights these legal provisions give you as a consumer, without hiring a lawyer, to resolve disputes you may have. The presentation will describe a number of actual consumer disputes and will show how they were settled by the consumer's own efforts. The classes will be partly lecture and partly discussion, with time for questions and input from class members. Come prepared to discuss your own consumer law problems or come just to listen.

Roland Chase is a lawyer (retired) and retired as Professor Emeritus at Roger Williams University; taught consumer law course at RWU and also taught week-long, non-credit consumer law course to adult Elderhostel students.

Current International Events in Review

Sessions: 8

Class Time: 12:45-2:45pm, WEDNESDAYS - 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Class Limit: 25

Member \$80/ Non-Member \$120

Currently in its 14th year, this is a workshop-style survey and discussion of current international events. We start with country, region and political organization reviews during the first hour often utilizing guest lecturers from the Naval War College and other sources. These topics will add to an understanding of the current events being discussed in the second hour of each session when we will be examining the events of the previous week.

Ron Becker, a graduate of Reed College, is a retired actuary with over 35 years of technical and administrative experience in the life insurance industry with a life-long interest in history and politics.

John Del Negro is a retired attorney who is a graduate of George Washington University and the Cornell Law School. He has become a self-taught student of the Renaissance, and taught NCOS courses on "Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance," "The Lives of Four Great Artists of the Italian Renaissance," and "Four Important Woman of the Italian Renaissance: 1471- 1539: Two Sisters and Their Sisters-in-Law."

Ben Riggs, is a retired business executive who has served as chief executive of U.S. divisions of several foreign-owned conglomerates. His knowledge and interest in international affairs arose from both his military career as well as numerous business dealings in Europe, Japan and the Middle East.

Purpose Driven Retirement Bucket List

Sessions: 5

Class Time: 12:45-2:45pm, TUESDAYS - 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31

Class Limit: 25

Member \$50/ Non-Member \$90

How is your retirement going? Are you somewhat bored? Are you restless? Do you feel that you could be doing things in your retirement that could be more meaningful and have a sense of purpose? If your answer to any of the above questions is “yes”, then this class is for you. During the class we will work together to define your purpose and meaning to live out the remainder of your life. We will do this through plotting your lifeline to reflect your life to date, redefine who you are by developing your personal calling card and generating a purpose driven, SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Results oriented, Time bounded) retirement bucket list.

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Wagner: Der Fliegende Hollander

Sessions: 3

Class Time: 12:45-2:45pm, FRIDAYS - 2/28, 3/6, 3/13

Class Limit: 25

Member \$30/ Non-Member \$70

In 1840, after fleeing creditors in Riga and enduring artistic defeat in Paris, Wagner began an opera based on a Heinrich Heine story, “The Flying Dutchman”. Having defied God, the Dutchman is condemned to roam the sea with the proviso that every seven years he will be cast ashore to seek redemption through the love of a faithful woman. Senta, already betrothed, but fascinated by the Dutchman’s legend, agrees to marry him. Unjustifiably feeling betrayed by Senta, the Dutchman sets sail, once again, on his ghostly ship in the quest of redemption. Senta, desperately in love with the Dutchman, throws herself into the sea thus saving the Dutchman’s soul.

The course is being offered in preparation for the Met Opera’s HD transmission of “Der Fliegende Hollander” on March 14th.

Louis Mainelli has taught opera classes on Poulenc, Tchaikovsky, and Wagner at the URI and UMASS-Boston OLLI programs as well at the Edward King House and Salve Regina “Circle of Scholars” programs.

What Happens When You Die

Sessions: 3

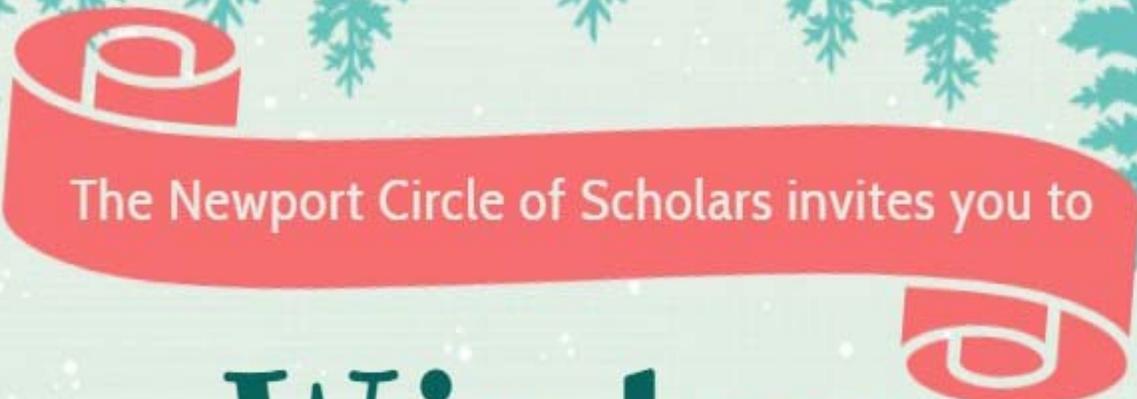
Class Time: 5:00-6:30pm, THURSDAYS - 1/16, 2/20, 3/19

Cost: Donations Accepted

This program began in March 2016, and is conducted as the Rhode Island Chapter of the International Association for Near Death Studies (“IANDS” at www.iands.org). The aim of the group is to explore and deepen our understanding of what has been learned about human consciousness from people who have had near-death experiences (“NDEs”) and have reported an amazing journey after they have been revived, along with the lessons they learned.

We will review and discuss actual documented experiences along with the findings of various researchers and scientists, all of whom have various theories about how this happens and what it can tell us about the transition from life as we know it, and what lies beyond. Some videos and guest speakers are utilized. *This is not connected with any organized religion or religious belief.* Some of the group’s current members include persons who have had NDEs, “after death” communications with loved ones, and related experiences of their own.

Ben Riggs is a retired Naval Aviator and later business executive who has served as chief executive of several manufacturing companies. His knowledge and interest in NDEs evolved from the experiences of friends and family and subsequent participation with IANDS, which has included numerous national conferences, workshops, extensive study, and close collaboration with leading experts in the field.



The Newport Circle of Scholars invites you to

Winter Social

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Open to All Edward King House
Members and NCOS Instructors

Wine & Cheese Reception at 6pm

RSVP to
401-846-7426 ext 2 or
online at
www.edwardkinghouse.org

Program Policies

1. All fees for courses and events at the EKH are NON-REFUNDABLE. There are no exceptions.
2. Members of the EKH are permitted to “try out” a course for one session only with permission of the Executive Director and dependent upon space availability in accordance with local and state fire code. (Note: this does NOT include workshops or special events.)
3. No guests are permitted during class sessions at any time without permission of the Executive Director and dependent upon space availability in accordance with local and state fire code.
4. A class seat can only be “reserved” upon payment of tuition for that course. Verbal reservations will not be accepted.
5. Class seats are sold on a first come, first served basis.
6. EKH members are given preference to class seats over non-members.
7. Participants must be respectful of staff, other members and Center property and follow all Center policies.
8. All individuals who use the services of the Edward King House deserve the respect of their privacy. Therefore, it is the policy of this Center to respect this basic right by not divulging information without the individual’s consent.
9. The Edward King House is a smoke free facility. Anyone wishing to smoke must do so outside the building at least 50 feet from any entrance or exit.
10. **For the full listing of The Edward King House program policies , please go to www.edwardkinghouse.org**

How to Register

Online Registration

Go to www.edwardkinghouse.org to the “NCOS” Tab. Click on Register Online and follow the directions as they appear. Upon full completion of this process with payment, your registration will be accepted and the program will give you the option to print a ticket for your class.

Registration By Mail

Register by mail by filling out the registration form COMPLETELY and attaching payment to be sent to: The Edward King House, 35 King Street, Newport, RI, 02840. Your registration will be time-stamped at the time that it arrives at the King Street address.

Registration In Person

Register in person at The Edward King House, 35 King Street in Newport. Come in anytime from 9am to 3pm, Monday through Thursday or 9am to 1pm on Fridays and ask for our Program Manager. **It is imperative that you come prepared with your registration form filled out and payment ready to go.** Your registration will be time-stamped at this time.

Tuition Payment

Pay for your courses and events with your online registration. If you choose to pay by credit card, click on the PayPal button and follow the directions. If you choose to pay by check, make your checks payable to :***The Edward King House***. Cash payments will also be accepted.

Course registrations will NOT be finalized until full payment is received prior to the course commencement. Full registration will be offered to participants on a first come, first served basis. All registration forms are time-stamped for receipt. Preference is given to members over non-members for class space.

**Newport Circle of Scholars Lifelong Learning Programs February to March 2020
REGISTRATION FORM**

Name:		Daytime Phone:	
Street/City/State/Zip:			
Cell Phone:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> mail:		

Check all that apply:		Time	Date	Cost
Aging Fully		1:00-3:00pm	2/24, 3/23	\$20 members/ \$60 non-members
Boeing B737 MAX Crisis		10:00am-12:00pm	2/13	\$10 members/ \$50 non-members
Classic Lit: Frankenstein by Mary Shelley (1818)		10:00am-12:00pm	2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/3	\$40 members/ \$80 non-members
Consumer Law for Non-Lawyers		10:00am-12:00pm	2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28	\$40 members/ \$80 non-members
Current International Events in Review		12:45pm-2:45pm	2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26,3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25	\$80 members/ \$120 non-members
Purpose Driven Retirement Bucket List		12:45pm-2:45pm	3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31	\$50 members/ \$90 non-members
Wagner: Der Filegende Hollander		12:45pm-2:45pm	2/28, 3/6, 3/13	\$30 members/ \$70 non-members
What Happens When You Die		5:00pm-6:30pm	1/16, 2/20, 3/19	Donations accepted
			total	

The Senior Center at the
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