Registration Updates

So far registration has gone well. Over 1400 folks have registered to date (about 1200 online). The learning curve for the new system has been steep (frankly a little steeper than we expected), but most everyone seems to be getting past that. Most of the problems occurred from trying to use old procedures, passwords, or not being able to follow the new instructions. There were a number of issues involved in trying to follow our instructions and we will look at trying to simplify them next time around. The staff (who has worked unbelievably hard on this) believes that everyone who called in with an issue got it resolved. If that’s not true please let us know. One of the beauties of the new system is it gives the staff time to do that so that everyone gets the same chance to get their selections. **One thing is for sure.** We have had a lot fewer problems with the new system than we had with the old. As all of us learn how to use the new system, this will only get better.

Key point: Now that Fairway has done the class assignments, a few of you will not have gotten everything you asked for. That’s no different than the old system, and I am personally convinced that the new system will make this process as fair as it can be made. We will let you know how the next iteration goes and await your feedback with great interest.

Finally, let me thank you all and tell you how much we appreciate your patience. Change is hard but we’re convinced this is for the better.

**Bill Riffer**

**CWA President**

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A Fond Farewell to Bob Fellowes
After thirteen consecutive years of sharing his knowledge about the British Monarchy with Christopher Wren students, instructor Bob Fellowes has decided not to return to the classroom this fall. At 87 years of age, this is his third retirement.

After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, Bob spent 26 years as a naval aviator. Upon his first retirement, he went on to study accounting at Old Dominion University, became a CPA, then taught at Christopher Newport University for 16 years. Where does his interest in the British Monarchy come from, you ask?

In the 1930’s, a professor friend gave Bob’s father a copy of Francis Hackett’s book, Henry the Eighth, and when Bob was just a teenager his father gave the book to him to read. This ignited Bob’s lifelong interest in the monarchy, and this colorful English king remains Bob’s favorite “character, not person,” he explained.

Bob was inspired to start teaching at Christopher Wren by the late Hubert Horan, himself a CWA instructor. What are Bob’s thoughts when he reflects on his experience with the lifelong learning association? “I think Christopher Wren is great, and all the people – students and staff – are outstanding!”

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**Record Breaking Semester!**

Thanks to the hard work of our Program Committee, CWA is offering a record number of courses for the Fall semester - 151. Way to go Program Committee! Your hard work does not go unnoticed. When you see a member of the committee please make sure to show them your appreciation.

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**Refund Policy Reminder**

**Refunds** will not be given after the first day of the semester, September 12. If you need a refund before that date, please contact the office.

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**Name Tags**
Registrants will receive their name tag by e-mail approximately two weeks before courses begin. Plastic name tag holders will be available in the classrooms on the first day of your course. Please wear your name tag to all CWA events.

Calling All Volunteers!

If you have yet to volunteer as a host or class assistant, please do so. It’s easier than you think and training is provided.

Volunteers perform essential functions to help classes run smoothly:

**The Host** welcomes the class, coordinates with the instructor on how/when to distribute handouts, introduces the instructor, ensures staff has put out beverage service, reads CWA announcements, and straightens up after class.

**The Class Assistant** adjusts lighting and volume and stores audiovisual equipment at the end of class. Office staff is always on site before class to set up the computer, projector, and microphone.

The CWA only operates when our members participate. Please help out by hosting or assisting for one of your courses.

Call the office to sign up today at 221-1506.

Remembering Professor James McCord

It is with sadness that we note the passing of William & Mary Professor Emeritus of History, James McCord on June 15.

Dr. McCord came to the College in 1965, and taught until his retirement in 2005. A beloved professor, he was the recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Award in recognition of his service and leadership at William & Mary.

Dr. McCord also served the larger community in a variety of ways, including positions on the Williamsburg City Council, the Williamsburg Area Arts Commission, and the board of Thomas Nelson Community College.

Of particular interest to Christopher Wren members is Dr. McCord’s establishment of the Town & Gown luncheon, intended to bring faculty members and their Williamsburg neighbors together.

In the spring of 1997, the College and the Christopher Wren Association
combined efforts in offering the Town & Gown luncheons.
William & Mary later proposed that CWA take over the program, and we’ve been managing it ever since. The series continues to bring academic and local speakers and the community together eight times per semester, and we’re grateful for the legacy Dr. McCord left.

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