Top L-R: Jim O’ Reardon, Finance; Scott Langhorst, Program; Gary Drake, Program Evaluation & Analysis; John Anderson, Secretary; Harry Haynsworth, Vice President.

Bottom L-R: Connie McCarthy, Town & Gown; Wil Larkin, President; Lisa Brickey, Public Relations & Marketing; Jill Ramsaur, Special Events.

Not pictured: Ed McMahon, Technology Integration; Bill Riffer, Immediate Past President; Amy Corcoran, Hospitality; Berna Heyman, College Relations
Town & Gown Begins October 12

Town & Gown starts at 11:45 a.m. at the School of Education in the Matoaka Woods Room (301 Monticello Ave) for those who have registered for this activity. Bring your lunch and join in a social gathering prior to an interesting program. Bottled water and soda are provided.

  Tina Thomas, Director, Programs & Services, Greater Richmond Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association.


New Instructor Orientation

Please welcome these new instructors to CWA. L-R: Jon James, Steven Maurer,
Do You Have a Flair for Hospitality?

The Christopher Wren Association has an immediate need for a Hospitality Chair. This critical position has to be filled by December because Amy Corcoran is returning to New York. She has been doing a fantastic job and has created a well-organized operation. The job entails setting up a new member meeting each semester and two instructor appreciation receptions per year (one in conjunction with our annual members’ meeting). If you’re looking for an opportunity to help CWA, here’s a great chance. Please contact either Bill Riffer, Nominating Committee Chair at 645-4097 or Scherry Barra, 221-1506, if you think this might be an area where you can help.

Don’t Forget!

If your address or email address has changed and you want to receive a Spring 2018 catalog, please update your record at our online site.

CWA Registration Site

Spaces Still Available for "A Chef's Kitchen"
If you love unique recipes, fine wine, and watching a chef prepare a meal especially for you, then this CWA event is for you. There are still spaces available for the October 15 visit to A Chef’s Kitchen in downtown Williamsburg. It starts at 5:30 pm. The cost is $105 per person, which includes champagne, hors d’oeuvres, a five-course meal with paired wine/alternate beverages, all the recipes, and tax. Register here. Hurry--the deadline is September 30. Call the CWA office with any questions (221-1506).

Membership Survey Summary

by Gary D. Drake, Chair of Program Evaluation & Analysis

This past May’s annual membership survey produced a better response rate (29%) than the normal 20% rate. Your feedback is crucial to the board in helping us determine what things we need to keep doing and what should be considered for change. The evaluations of instructors and course offerings remain very positive.

Reasons for Not Registering -- We queried members who had not registered for classes over the two prior semesters as to their primary reason. The number one identified reason continues to be personal scheduling conflicts followed by other personal issues. The two responses combined made up nearly 50% of the total responses to that question. There was concern about potential fall-off in registrations this fall due to the increase in tuition, but only 3.1% of the respondents stated they would not register due to costs. This is consistent with actual enrollments this fall which are at or above the board’s plan.

Technology Support -- Your ratings for technology support continue to remain very high with nearly 90% of the responses being very positive. Additionally, any major registration issues related to software seem to be far behind us now as any negative feedback was negligible.

Class Handouts -- We asked if printing your class handouts from home would be a problem for you because printing expenses are a large portion of our administrative costs. Only 13.4% said that it would be an issue. A very small group of instructors will be putting their handouts on the CWA website this fall while providing an outline as a handout, and we’ll evaluate how well that
serves the members before we expand it any further.

We thank all of those who took the time to respond to this survey. Getting your feedback helps us determine the direction of the Christopher Wren Association program. We want to keep it fresh, exciting, interesting and functioning well. CWA remains strong thanks to the members, our instructors, our volunteers and our administrative staff.

If Walls Could Talk: Stone Walls of New York and New England

Lucky for those attending this one-time lecture, new CWA instructor Dr. John Delano was an experienced translator.

In a moving presentation, Delano shared how stone walls help us understand people and their times and how, through them, we learn to respect their makers, their hard work, their joy, and their sorrow.

W&M Homecoming is October 19-22

Here's a Preview of the Signature Events

- Parade--Friday, Oct. 20 at 4:30 pm
- Sunset Ceremony (Wren Courtyard)--Friday, Oct 20 at 6 pm
- Virginia Uncorked (a gathering in the Sunken Gardens)--Friday, Oct 20 at 7 pm
- Homecoming Tailgate in the Sunken Gardens--Saturday, Oct 21, 12-3 pm
- W&M vs James Madison at Zable Stadium--Saturday, Oct 21, 3:30 pm

See the Complete Homecoming Schedule