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Meet Jan Harman : Study & Book Group Leader

Submitted by Catherine Langlois

From Missouri, North Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, down to Charleston, our member Jan Harman has brought her experience and enthusiasm for learning to CCR and specifically, to lead the Study Group Series and the Book Group each semester. Jan joined CCR in 2003, attended the lecture series then chaired by our member Nora McMorrow and because “you can’t say no to Nora,” Jan followed her as Chair of the Study Group in 2005. The Study Group was originally a lecture format. Meetings were held in and around Charleston. While the topics ranged from art, to politics, to science and beyond, competing with other collegiate and library societies for the lecturers proved too challenging. The group now relies on The Great Courses DVD Series produced by The Teaching Company with highly qualified professors from leading universities. Members are provided with outlines, questions and member-leaders when possible. As Jan remarks, the breadth of experiences and opinions of the CCR members make the discussions unique and educational far beyond the video itself. There have been 48 different topics in the Study Group over the past 13 years, ranging from Great Debates, to Doctors by Biography, to The Food Chain, to Great Museums of the World, and to Why Religion?. The topics are chosen each year based upon recommendations within the CCR community, survey of the members and evaluations by participants. At present the Study Group is viewing the DVD series EXPERIENCING HUBBLE. With an extraordinary touch of luck, our member James Metzger had actually worked for 12 years on the Hubble project, so the group is experiencing the series with personal views and scientific background that only Jim can provide. Similarly, Rick Zender provided his special expertise by leading 12 film series presented at the Communication Museum at the College. A highlight for Jan was Mark Sterbank bringing his Jazz Orchestra students from the Horton School of Music at CSU to perform during the Music in America series. Jan followed member Joy Morris as chair the Book Group that meets at the Charleston County Library on Calhoun Street the first Wednesday of each month September through July. The CCR members provide suggestions for the book selection, a member leads a presentation about the author and review of the book selected, and an active conversation about the book itself follows. There are usually 8-10 members at the meeting, and more are welcome, as different experiences and perspectives add to the enjoyment and education of all. Jan encourages all of us to join the discussions this spring. There is an 8-week DVD series presented by Brian Feeney on the Great Decisions on Foreign Policy Issues Wednesday afternoons during February and March at the county library. The Book Group will be reading Everybody’s Fool by Richard Russo, The Vinegar Girl by Anne Tyler, and Barkskins by Annie Proulx.



Jan Harman

The College of Charleston Center for Creative Retirement (CCR) is made up of a diverse group of seniors-some retired, some about to retire-for whom education is a lifelong learning adventure to be shared with enthusiastic and often new friends. It’s a self-governing group which depends upon active involvement of its members. In this newsletter there are examples of that active involvement and opportunities offered if you would like to become more involved.

Judy



Judy Murdoch: Editor

Meet CCR Board Member Juliet 'Joy' Deseo !

Submitted by Deirdre Goldbogen



My guess is that many of you have already had the pleasure of talking with her. I was impressed by her love of dancing, singing and native foods -especially Filipino Pancit noodles! It was refreshing to hear her speak with pride of her community and family. She has a wonderful husband (Frank), two adult children and two grandchildren. Joy and Frank moved to Canada/U.S. in 1969, and settled in New York to raise their family. 1987 brought them to Charleston where Joy continued her work as a clinical nurse. They both became active members of the Philippine Cultural Society of Charleston. The Society hosts annual events to promote Philippine culture and maintains a strong presence online. Joy's husband Frank served as the Society's President for several years.

Joy has danced for several years with the Hiyas Min dancers-a dance group that promotes Philippine music and dance. She is proud to say that they have performed at many venues in the larger community- The North Charleston Coliseum Arts Festival and the Asian-American Festival. I hope that CCR might get a chance to see the Filipino Hiyas Min Dance Group perform some time soon!

Joy retired in 2015 from her nursing position at Medical University of South Carolina Clinic. In the past ten years she has also worked as an independent travel agent. She and her husband love to travel and have visited Peru, Bali and even Cuba. Word has it that she even got to 'sample' a Cuban cigar! Joy looks forward to serving on the CCR board and I know we will all benefit from Joy's dedication, enthusiasm and friendship.



Letter From CCR President

Submitted by Fred Rosenberg

This semester continues the excellent programs that we have come to depend upon from our curriculum committee. Jan Harman continues her great work with the book group and study groups, and our social committee seems to have organized even better refreshments for our breaks. Special thanks goes to Judy Murdoch's production of rack cards that we can provide to people possibly interested in CCR. If you have any recommendations or requests for speakers please speak to a member of our curriculum committee.

Our membership and attendance have leveled off with close to 175 members and over 100 weekly attendees. For a time some were worried that we might grow too big, but now we know that we still need to keep telling our friends about CCR.

Unlike most organizations, we have been running budget surpluses for several years and are looking at ways to reduce our surplus. We have increased our scholarship to \$4000 per year and reduced the cost for our luncheons to encourage greater attendance. Please let a member of the board know if you are interested in developing a new program even if it requires some new funding.

CCR depends upon its volunteers. Please volunteer in any way you can. This is also a great way to meet other interesting people. We always need new members for our social committee and currently are in need for members of our AV/IT committee. Check our directory for a list of all our committees and their members.



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Meetings held from September to
May

Tuesdays at 1:00 pm

College Charleston North

Visit for no fee for two meetings.

Two semesters: \$50 (Sept.—May)

One semester: \$30 (Jan.– May)

Message from Judy Murdoch

After the presentation by Wings, many asked how to get a copy of the creed to use with their grandchildren and others. Below is the creed as taken from the website for Wings. I encourage you to visit the site: www.wingsforkids.org.

The WINGS Creed

I soar with **WINGS**,
let me tell you why.

I learn lots of skills that help
me reach the sky.

I love and accept who I am on the inside
and know my emotions are nothing to hide.

Life's full of surprises that make me feel different ways.
If I can control myself I will have much better days.

I understand the choices I make should be what's best for me to do
and what happens is on me and not any of you.

I understand others are unique.

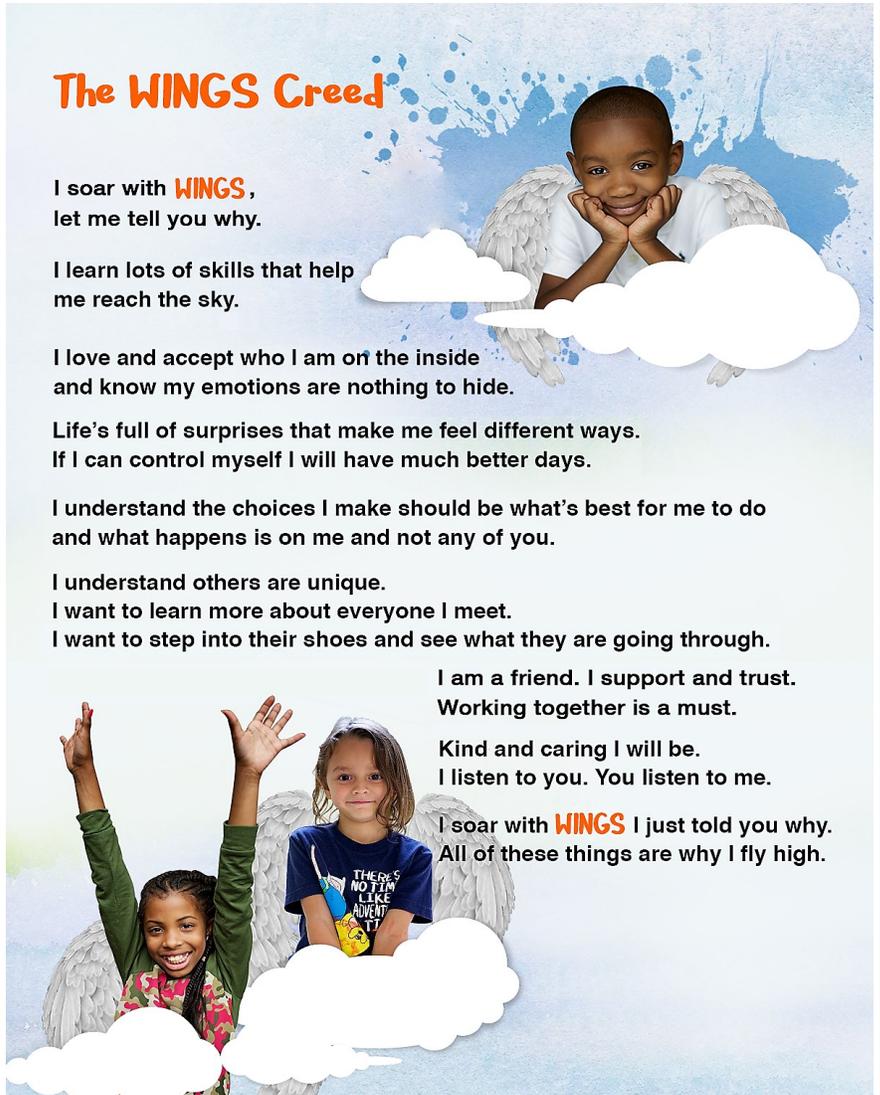
I want to learn more about everyone I meet.

I want to step into their shoes and see what they are going through.

I am a friend. I support and trust.
Working together is a must.

Kind and caring I will be.
I listen to you. You listen to me.

I soar with **WINGS** I just told you why.
All of these things are why I fly high.



The Trip Committee is still in the process of planning excursions for next semester. Dave Harris, committee chair, sent the following message:

If any members have a suggestion for a trip or a question about one of our trips they can contact any member of the trips committee. The committee is as follows:

Joy Deseo Phyllis Rowley

Dayle Fish Dean Schulyer

Deirdre Goldbogen Sandy Woods

Micki Rosenberg