

## Welcome to the CCR September 2022 Newsletter

After several semesters meeting virtually and one semester meeting at Founders Hall, the College of Charleston Center for Creative Retirement will be returning to what was the college's North Campus at 3800 Paramount Drive in North Charleston as guests of ECPI University. **Our first meeting will be on Monday September 12th at 1:00 PM.** Those of you who met there before will find some differences, among them: the parking lot will have many more cars, the room layout is rotated around, and there will be many more young students actively running around attending classes in the building. Limited parking spaces are available to the left of the entrance

Covid policy In accordance with the latest College of Charleston policies, we will not require vaccinations or masking. We encourage everyone to get vaccinated and boosted against Covid for their own protection and the protection of others.

Masks are not required, though you are welcome to wear a mask for your personal comfort if you wish. We will provide masks and sanitizer at the registration desk. Please follow CDC guidelines about self-isolating if you become infected with Covid.

**Mailing list** I am sending this email to all previous CCR members and to others who have expressed an interest in CCR. Please reply back to me with the word *Remove* if you no longer wish to be on our mailing list.

Attendance Prior to the Covid pandemic CCR membership was over 300 with 140 members typically attending each week. Sometimes our attendance was approaching 200, the safe capacity of the room. When we returned to in-person meetings at Founders Hall we typically had less than 50 members in attendance. We have no idea how many of you will be attending once we begin again in two weeks. I expect more than 75. Hopefully there will be less than 125 attendees, which will be stressing the capacity of the currently configured meeting room. Please be patient as we adjust to new circumstances.

**Registration** Many members had problems with the college's online registration and payment system. Therefore, we are returning to a modification of our old system. Membership dues of \$50/year can be paid by cash or check at any of our meetings. *Checks should be written out to the College of Charleston*. Registration information can be filled out at any meeting or preferably by filling out the online <a href="#">CCR Registration</a> **Form.** 

**Weekly Presentations** The curriculum committee has put together another great schedule of presentations for the Fall of 2022. You can read more details about the presentations on the CCR website's Weekly Presentations tab.

**Volunteers and Committees** CCR is a volunteer run organization. We rely upon our members to keep CCR vibrant and interesting. Please help by becoming a member of one of our committees including: Curriculum, Communication & Outreach, Lifelong Learning (CALL), Service in Action, Social, Trips & Activities, and IT/Audio/Video/Web. More information can be found on our <u>committees website</u>. Even if you do not join a committee, you could still help at the registration desk or with the social setup.

**CCR Facebook Page** CCR is developing a new Facebook page. Look for it at our first meeting, if not sooner.

**Trips & Tours** The first CCR trip in the Fall will be a **Barrier Island ECO Tours-Sunset Dolphin Cruise** to Capers Island on October 12 at 4 PM. The cost for this 2½ hour tour is \$45. Please check the CCR <u>Trips & Tours</u> website tab for more information.

**CCR Website** Please check the CCR website for updates about all CCR activities.

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