



Senior Scholars at Queens



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January 2017 Newsletter

January 6

Dr. Carol Quillen, Davidson College President, will present an update on Davidson and advantages of a liberal arts education. She came to Davidson in August 2011 from Rice University in Houston, Texas, where she had served as vice president for international and interdisciplinary initiatives. Dr. Quillen earned a B.A. degree in American history from the University of Chicago, graduating Phi Beta Kappa with special and general honors, then received a Ph.D. degree in European history from Princeton University. In the fall of 2012 Dr. Quillen announced a transformational gift from The Duke Endowment: \$45 million to support the development of an Academic Neighborhood, a project that is intended to re-imagine the possibilities of an interdisciplinary liberal arts education in the 21st century.

January 13

"The Violent Intersection of Race and Religion in America" will be the topic by **Dr. Julia M. Robinson**, associate professor of African-American Religions and Department of Religious Studies at UNC-Charlotte. Her first book, **Race, Religion and the Pulpit: Reverend Robert L. Bradby and the Making of Urban Detroit**, explores how Bradby's church became the catalyst for economic empowerment, community building in Detroit. Her second book project, **United in Faith Overcoming Race in the City of Charlotte**, speaks to complexities of black and white race relations in the New South through the sacred context of the Presbyterian Church.

January 20-Great Decisions

Omar Kazzaz will present the Great Decisions topic **"Trade and Politics."** Mr. Kazzaz is the founder of Kazzaz & Company, a supply chain management consulting firm specializing in global business strategy, global supply chain management, leadership and sales development, and geopolitics. He is also the Chairman of the Supply Chain Management program at Central Piedmont Community College. Mr. Kazzaz earned his MBA in International Management from the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Arizona and his BA in German and Economics from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Besides his native Arabic language, he speaks French and German.

January 27

Dr. John Gardella, will present **"Medicine in Nazi Germany."** The talk will cover the ways in which German doctors designed and carried out key elements of the Nazi program - namely, forced sterilization, euthanasia and ultimately the Holocaust. It will also focus on eugenics as the foundation of the Nazi programs. Dr. Gardella is a board certified internist and pulmonologist who currently serves as Vice President for Clinical Improvement for Novant Health in Charlotte. He is a graduate of New York University School of Medicine and did his post-graduate training in internal medicine at the N.Y.U. Medical Center. He subsequently did his pulmonary fellowship at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. He also holds an MBA degree from the University of North Carolina in Charlotte.

President's Message



**BG Metzler,
President of
Senior Scholars at
Queens**

Greetings Senior Scholars,

May 2017 be a happy and wonderful year for you and your families!

The year 2016 was a busy one for me and slipped by very quickly. With the responsibilities as Curriculum Chair for Senior Scholars, and continuing as travel counselors for Cruise and Travel Experts with my husband, Bob, the year flew by. We have eight wonderful grandchildren from 4 on up to 22, and that keeps us busy as well. Can't you remember years ago when older folks would tell you how quickly time goes by so enjoy each day ... and you didn't get it? Boy, I do now!!

I have enjoyed meeting many of you, but for those who don't know me ... a little about my life. Bob and I moved to Charlotte in 1973 from Maryland. We both grew up in Wellesley, Massachusetts, so at this point; I feel that I am a "Southern Yankee." We have enjoyed raising our three children in Charlotte. My career background was begun with NBC channel 36 as a producer and weather anchor, on to Discovery Place in fundraising and marketing, then Charlotte Center City Partners in marketing. I have been thrilled to see the city grow and evolve.

I had a big thrill with the Panthers when they had their very first home night game. I got to work with the building managers to leave their lights on so when the blimp took a shot of Charlotte, we would be look like the wonderful city that we are! That was back when at night, the city of Charlotte was pretty deserted. Everyone left for the suburbs. Wow has that completely changed.

I have been a Senior Scholar member for several years and was honored to be the Curriculum Committee Chair in 2016. I also served on the Senior Scholars Board. So many people volunteer to help bring in our speakers. Other volunteers make the coffee, man the front tables and organize special events and field trips. I could not have done my job without these hard working and dedicated folks.

Gene Zhiss has been such a joy to work with this year. Fun, but dedicated to making your experience at Senior Scholars as interesting and informative as possible. But who can follow up our comedic and great past president ... not me!! Bill Parker will be the chair of the Curriculum Committee. He already has some great speakers lined up for 2017. He will do a fantastic job in this position.

If you would like to volunteer for Senior Scholars, we would be glad to have you. Please keep me apprised of your thoughts and suggestions.

I am looking forward to getting to know you better. Let's enjoy our learning together in 2017.

Spring Wildacres Retreat Dates Set for April 24-27

Be sure to mark your calendars. Next spring's Senior Scholars Wildacres Retreat dates have been set for April 24-27.

The program topic and speaker will be announced later.

Wildacres is a retreat center on a secluded mountaintop near Little Switzerland. For info, check the Web site at www.wildacres.org.

Attend The Meet & Mingle For New Members January 6

WHAT: NEW MEMBERS Meet & Mingle

WHEN: January 6 at 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Meet back by the coffee pots prior to the meeting on that date to a Meet & Mingle with other new members and board members.

WHY: We are continuing this informal get-together to provide new members with an easy way to meet other new members. Come join in the fun. Get the conversation started to make new friends who share your common interests and thirst for a new learning adventure. Meet fellow members who might be participating in an upcoming field trip. All members are welcome to join us.

----- **Drexel Andrews, Arrangements and Social Chair**

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First Meeting of 2017 Will Be January 6th

Please note: Senior Scholars meetings will resume on the first Friday in January for 2017, not the second Friday as in past years. Come at 9:30 a.m. to meet and mingle.

Senior Scholars Membership Form

Membership dues for 2017 are due!! If you have not paid already, avoid the lines in January and mail in your check now before the first meeting of January 6. You can pick up your card at the meeting. Please type or print legibly so we won't make a mistake in the directory.

_____Renewing Member - \$20 annually per person

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

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Please bring your completed form and check to a meeting or mail to:

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If you send in a form for a new membership, you may pick up your name tag and membership card at the desk outside our meeting room. Renewals may be mailed at any time. New 2017 blue membership cards will be available at the desk after you send in a check or give it to the membership committee members in the hallway before a meeting.

Reminder – All members must show their membership card for attendance at each meeting.