



Senior Scholars at Queens



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November 2016 Newsletter

November 4

"The Four Spiritual Laws of Wealth" will be the topic by **Bill Staton**, a Chartered Financial Analyst with an MBA in Finance from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Bill has been Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer for Staton Financial Advisors, LLC, since its inception in 2000. He launched his financial services career at Interstate Securities (headquartered in Charlotte) as a securities analyst in 1971. While at Interstate, he became director of the equity research department and member of the management team and board of directors.

He is the author of six books on investing.

November 18

"Top Scams in 2016: How you can protect yourself" will be presented by **Tom Bartholomy**, President and CEO of the Better Business Bureau of Southern Piedmont. Mr. Bartholomy has 32 years of service to the Better Business Bureau, which has made him one of the leading experts in the country on frauds and scams. He has served or is currently serving on various boards and committees including Council of Better Business Bureaus, BBB Wise Giving Alliance, Better Business Bureau Operations Committee, and The BB National Survey Committee. In 2008, The Public Relations Society of America's Charlotte Chapter selected Tom as the recipient of the prestigious Pegasus Award given to a non-PR professional who uses public relations to better the community and their organization.

November 11 A Great Decisions Topic

Dr. Jacob Wobig, an assistant professor in political science at Wingate University, will speak on the **United Nations**. He received his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska where he wrote his dissertation on international treaties by regional intergovernmental organizations to support democracy in their member states. He likes to teach about U.S. Constitutional Law and the politics of development.

Dr. Wobig also studied law at the University of Iowa College of Law and practiced law before he began teaching. He has a passion for politics and throughout undergrad and law school he volunteered in local and statewide offices.

At Wingate, he is advisor to the school's Model UN Team.

November 25

No meeting today. Enjoy the Thanksgiving holidays.

December 2

***Holiday Luncheon
Carmel Country Club***

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President's Message



*Gene Zhiss,
President of
Senior
Scholars at
Queens*

Greetings Senior Scholars,

A short time ago prior to the start of one of our Friday morning meetings, I was stopped in the lobby by a former president of Senior Scholars. This individual had been very helpful to me in my progression through various board positions, and ultimately, to the presidency of Senior Scholars. She said: "You're getting down to the short rows." I've lived in Charlotte for more than thirty years, and had never heard that phrase before. When I asked her what it meant, she smiled and replied, "That's what Southerners say when something is nearing an end." The "short rows," she said, are those at the end of a cotton field.

This was not the first time I'd heard a Southerner express an idea in word pictures using a reference to cotton. Shortly after Geri and I first arrived in Charlotte we were invited to attend an event paying tribute to a member of the Charlotte business community. Hugh McColl, a leading member of the Charlotte banking community, was asked to introduce the evening's honoree to the assembled group. Mr. McColl flashed a smile, waved his arms in the direction of the audience, and said, "Tonight, we're in high cotton." My wife and I looked at each other, somewhat bewildered. We learned later that "high cotton" was a term that originated in the rural farming communities of the prewar South when "high cotton" meant that the crops were good and the prices were high. The term has evolved, over time, to mean that one or all are doing well and are successful.

Today, as I write this, my last message as president of Senior Scholars, I have a little more than two months remaining to serve as your president and, as I've learned to say, "I'm getting down to the short rows." I've thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as president and I know that when I turn over the presidency at the end of the year, I'm leaving the organization in "high cotton."

----- Gene Zhiss

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 November 4

WHAT: NEW MEMBERS Meet & Mingle

WHEN: November 4 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 welcome to join us.

----- **Board members Drexel Andrews, Arrangements and Social Chair, and Patty Kahle**

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Holiday Luncheon at Carmel Country Club December 2

What: 2016 Holiday Luncheon

When: *Friday, December 2*

Where: Carmel Country Club, 4735 Carmel Road, Charlotte, (704) 542-2454, Terrace Room, overlooking the golf course.

Time: Serving at 12 noon, arrival anytime after 11:30 a.m.

Attire: Men- shirt with collar and slacks (no jeans)

Cost: \$22 (all inclusive of tax and gratuity)

Tickets: Tickets will be available at meetings in November until Thanksgiving.

Directions: On Carmel Road between Quail Hollow Road and N.C. 51 (Pineville-Matthews Road)

Parking: Anywhere in lot. Enter by the front door. Handicap access is by an electric outside "wheelchair lift" by the side of the front steps.

Please plan to join your fellow Senior Scholars at the Holiday luncheon to be held on Friday, Dec. 2, 2016, at the Carmel Country Club. We have a not-to-exceed number for the room so buy your ticket early. Our menu will be a cup of soup, seasonal salad with sliced steak, rolls and butter, a chocolate mousse cup with berries and tea (iced and hot) and coffee. The price is \$22 and tickets will be sold before and after all meetings until Thanksgiving. Please plan to write a check or have exact change. We are looking forward to seeing the beautiful holiday decorations and hearing Gene's end-of-term address as he hands over the leadership reins to BG Metzler.

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

Queens Events

The Queens University of Charlotte **Fall 2016 Cultural Calendar** is available online www.queens.edu/arts-culture.

Shakespeare's "As You Like It"

November 10 – 13, 8 p.m.; Hadley Theatre, 2132 Radcliffe Ave., Charlotte, NC

Ticket required (cash or check accepted at the door).

Price: \$11 for general public; \$5.50 for students

Queens Theatre presents a performance by Queens students, directed by Dr. Kara Wooten. One of Shakespeare's greatest comedies, "As You Like It," offers wit, romance, divided brothers and Rosalind, an inspiring female character who assumes a male identity after being banished by her uncle and falling for Orlando. Learn about life and love in the Forest of Arden. Sponsored by the Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance.

Simkhe Klezmer Concert. November 13, 4 p.m. The Arts at Queens presents the Trio Simkhe, which is Yiddish for "celebration," performs music connected to Jewish culture - Klezmer music, music from Yiddish theater, and music written by Jewish composers for the Broadway and concert stage. Sometimes referred to as "Jewish jazz," Klezmer music is rooted in eastern European lively dance tunes and was revived in the mid 1970s.

The Learning Society – November 15, 7 p.m., Knight Theater, Levine Avenue of the Arts - \$45 order tickets at carolinatix.org

Queens will host the elite geopolitical duo General Michael Hayden and Sir John Scarlett for a discussion on geopolitical hot spots and the confluence of cyber security, privacy and national security. Retired four-star General Hayden is the former director of the CIA and the NSA and Sir John served as chief of the British Secret Intelligence Service, better known as MI6.