

KACL Class Descriptions, Spring 2018

March 13 – April 20

Monday, April 16, Field Trip

April 16: **Netherland Inn Field Trip and Catered Lunch.**

10:00 AM - Meet at the Netherland Inn. We will tour the Netherland Inn and learn about its history. Then we will have lunch catered to us on the grounds. **Reservations are required for lunch** but there will be no cost to members. **Warning: There will be stairs to climb on the tour, but you can skip the upper floors tour.**

Tuesday 10:00 AM – Noon

March 13: **State of the Hacker Nation.** Dr. Michael Lehrfeld, ETSU Department of Computer Science Assistant Professor, will speak on current trends in computer hacking and what we can do to maintain some security in the digital age. **NOTE: Join KACL at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and muffins to celebrate 25 years of exceptional learning!**

March 20: **Sovereign Citizens.** What are “sovereign citizens” and what threat do they pose to our security? Mr. Jerry Stout, Supervisory Agent, Bureau of Operations, Office of Homeland Security, will bring us up to date on this growing trend in “citizenship.”

March 27: **Personal Security.** Ms. Rebecca J. Marshall, ETSU Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology Adjunct Faculty, and retiree of the U.S. Marshals Service Headquarters, Department of Justice, Senior Inspector, with over 30 years of law enforcement experience, will present personal security measures we can implement in our daily lives.

April 3: **Criminal Justice and Criminology:** Dr. Chris Rush, ETSU Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology Assistant Professor, will provide an overview of the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology and will discuss the primary mission of the department, as well as its academic programs, faculty, students, and research.

Wednesday 10:30* AM – 12:30 PM *Note Time Shift!

March 14: The Glory of the Greek Isles.

Ms. Eileen Garner, retired French teacher from Bristol, Tennessee, will take us cruising the Greek isles from Corfu to Mykonos.

March 21: Across the Caspian Sea. Mr. Jeff Marek, retired Eastman engineer, will lead us as we will travel a short portion of the Silk Road by overland truck starting in Tbilisi, Georgia up to within a few kilometers of the Russian border. Then we will proceed to Baku, Azerbaijan and see making a little wine the old way in buried jars. There will be some discussion on what it was like in the early post-Soviet years. After a few days in Baku waiting for a ferry and the truck clearance, we will take the two-day trip across the Caspian Sea along with tractor trailer trucks heading for the embargoed Iran. After taking 6 hours to enter Turkmenistan we will drive to Ashgabat. Turkmenistan is in a lot of ways similar to North Korea. We will fly back to the U.S. via Istanbul.

March 28: Turkey. David and Virginia Garrett will share their experiences visiting and staying with Turkish friends in Istanbul, Selçuk (near the Biblical Ephesus), and Edirne (the old Ottoman capital).

April 4: A Tale of Three Cities – and in Between.

David and Sharon Petke, both Eastman Chemical Company retirees, will continue their tour of the United States East Coast, this time from Richmond, Virginia, to Jacksonville, Florida, including the Outer Banks and other coastal islands, plus Charleston, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia.

April 11: Roots and Branches: My Ancestry Journey to Sweden.

Mr. Fred Wallin, retired from Eastman Chemical Company marketing, will lead us on a four-part adventure: visiting the home sites of his ancestors in Sweden; the adjustments of his family to the U.S.; building a family ancestry database of over 22,000 members; and writing the family history in three volumes about his visits to Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

April 18: Grenada and Operation Urgent Fury. Dr. John Rankin, ETSU Department of History Assistant Professor, will discuss Grenada, its people, and culture in the 20th century with a focus upon social and political developments. More specifically, we will examine the leadership of Eric Gairy, the New Jewel Movement, and Operation Urgent Fury.

Wednesday 2:00* – 3:30 PM *Note time shift!

Mar. 14 – Apr. 18: Great Decisions. A program, cosponsored with the Kingsport Public Library, and held at the Kingsport Center for Higher Education, Room 131, will require purchase of a manual of background information, \$22 (not included in KACL fee), which is available at the Library when you register. This series will provide commentary on current topics of international interest and time for guided discussion following each talk.

The order of topics may change. Topics include:

- March 14: The Waning of *Pax Americana*
- March 21: Russia's Foreign Policy
- March 28: China's Geopolitics
- April 4: Media and Foreign Policy
- April 11: U.S. Global Engagement and the Military
- April 18: Global Health Issues

Thursday 10:00 AM – Noon

March 15 through April 5: **The Economic History of the World.**

This is the third and final installment of classes through the Great Courses program. Presented by Professor Donald J. Harreld, Brigham Young University, these classes will bring us from World War II to the present time.

- March 15: **Japan and the Transistor; the Welfare State; and American Exceptionalism**
- March 22: **Middle East: Pawn to Power Broker; Germany, the EU and the Euro; Free Trade, Global and Regional Blocs**
- March 29: **Gorbachev, Yeltsin and Soviet Decline; Half the World Left Behind in Poverty; China and India: Two Paths to Wealth Extreme**
- April 5: **The Information Economy; Telegraph to Technology; Leverage with Globalization**

April 19: **Appalachian Roots of Country Music: Beyond the Bristol Sessions.** Dr. Ted Olson, Professor of Appalachian Studies, ETSU, will explore the broad influence of Appalachian music – beyond the widely discussed 1927 Bristol Sessions – on early commercial country music.

Thursday 7:00 – 8:30 PM – Special Evening Session

March 15: Why is Medical Insurance so Expensive?

Mr. Wendell Potter, Founder of Tarbell and former officer of a major insurance company, will provide a general interest talk, open to the public, about medical insurance, the cost of drugs, and government involvement.

Friday 10:00 AM – Noon

March 16: **The Costs of Medical Insurance.** Mr. Wendell Potter, Founder of Tarbell, and former officer of a major insurance company, will lead us in more detail about the insurance and drug industries and the implications for our medical costs.

March 23: History of the Health Care Payment System.

Mr. Bradley Price, Senior Vice President of Resource Management, Wellmont Health System, will discuss how hospitals negotiate with insurance companies for reimbursement for services provided. So if you have wondered what that entry on your EOB which says something like “insurance adjustment” means, this is the program for you.

April 6: Insurance Reimbursements for Physicians.

Mr. Russell Lewis, Associate Dean for ETSU Finance and Administration, will discuss the process used by physicians’ offices to negotiate reimbursements from insurers for services provided.

April 13: Arthritis: Over 100 Different Diseases.

Christopher Morris, M.D., Arthritis Associates, Kingsport will discuss some of the more common diseases often lumped together as “arthritis,” how they are diagnosed, and some of the treatment approaches.

April 20: **Myths and Truths About Cancer; Cancer Screening and Prevention.** Ms. Wendy Vogel, FNP, with Wellmont Cancer Institute, will cover (1) truth about cancer and some of the most common myths and (2) cancer screening and prevention – Are there medications to prevent cancer? What tests should I be getting? What if I have cancer in my family? Good news: *You may feel a lot better after this talk!*