



# Learning Institute for Elders

October, 2010

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*a haunting we will go*



ON HALLOWE'EN  
THE THING YOU MUST DO  
IS  
PRETEND THAT NOTHING  
CAN FRIGHTEN YOU  
AN' IF SOMETHING' SCARES YOU  
AND YOU WANT TO RUN  
JUST LET ON LIKE  
IT'S HALLOWE'EN FUN.



## Highlights of Board Meeting

September 13, 2010

Marth Hitt reported enrollment over 56,000. President Hitt anticipates further cuts for next year's budget, she reported.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**President's Report:** Chuck announced a 9 a.m. Starting time for LIFE beginning in January. Board members (as well as general membership) are asked to report any safety issues to Carolyn Foster. LIFE policies update will be delayed as policies need to be separated from guidelines. Roy Scherer was complimented for his work on visuals for the LIFE lectures.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes approved as amended

**Treasurer's Report:** Presently showing a profit due to incoming dues and lower membership costs. SunTrust will now require \$1000 balance in LIFE checking account.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**Membership:** 137 on the waiting list. Reminder that all members must have a PID number. Student IDs do not expire unless individual is no longer a LIFE member.

**Curriculum:** 2011 spring curriculum is being reworked because of two major cancellations. Contact Chairman Francisco Burgos with suggestions for possible lecturers.

**Special Events:** Awards luncheon will be held Tuesday, November 30. A special committee will be appointed to plan a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event in the spring.

**Strategic Plan:** Plan tabled for now. Ray Jones will work with Ed Haddad to include traditional practices in guidelines and policies.

### AD HOC COMMITTEES

**Nominating:** Two board members will not be eligible for re-election, according to the new term limits rule. Two LIFE members have shown interest in serving on the board.

**Scholarships/Awards:** Committee needs a volunteer from general membership to help review applications. Deadline to apply is October 22. Hampton's office will initiate the letters. Some discussion held as to whether we could expand the program. Kermit will report at next meeting.

**Medical School Liaison:** Opening Celebration of the Medical School planned for October 16 at the Lake Nona site. Tickets range from \$150 for an individual to \$5000 table sponsorship for 12 people. LIFE members are encouraged to attend.

**Honors Program/Campus Tours:** 42 LIFE members have signed up for next campus tour. Marty Weiner is working with Dr. Wang on next springs Honors Program events.

**Sunshine:** Pat Fritz continues to send get-well and sympathy cards to members. She reported that a comparison of attendance at the first Tuesday meeting over the last three years indicates a drop, even though membership has increased to 476.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Audit Committee:** Allen Reinhardt will chair one more year. However, he will need assistance. Ray Jones and Phil Easterling offered to serve; a volunteer from general membership will be recruited. Their report will be presented at annual business meeting on November 30.

### NEW BUSINESS

It is requested that members use restraint in wearing of perfumes and/or other aromatic substances in consideration for those with allergies, etc.

## Highlights of Board Meeting October 4, 2010

**UCF Liaison:** Dick Tucker reported on AARP convention events in Orlando, particularly OSHER activities. He is investigating what benefits, if any, might be associated with this organization for LIFE.

**AWARDS LUNCHEON** will be held November 30 with President Hitt and his wife, Martha, attending.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**President's Report:** A letter of recommendation for VISARS (Visually-Impaired Shoppers Aid & Rehabilitation System), a UCF-related research project, was sent as requested. LIFE received a thank you from Darvin Pavlas for a night vision camera which is crucial to his research.

**Vice-President's Report** (in absentia): Student Union personnel are aware of LIFE's preference for Pagasus Ballroom and will assign us there whenever possible. Tucker reminded the board that we get the ballroom free, but it is the largest room on campus and occasionally we must be pre-empted.

**Secretary's Report:** Sept. 13 board minutes approved. Annual Meeting will be held November 30.

**Treasurer's Report:** Revenue and expenditures are close to budget. Treasurer's report approved. Discussion followed on possibility of increasing Grants & Awards amount. **Motion to increase Grants & Awards budget from \$27,500 to \$30,000 approved.**

### STANDING COMMITTEES

**Membership:** Present policy of NOT mailing parking passes was reaffirmed. Members will have to pay \$5 parking garage charge until they pick up their passes. 159 now on waiting list. After discussion, it was moved that **membership be increased from 475 to 500.**

**Curriculum:** Working on Spring and Fall 2011 lectures. Tucker reported *Growing Bolder* (public TV and radio) is scheduled to visit LIFE in the spring.

**Special Events:** November 30 event will be last official duty of this committee. **New Chairman (or co-chairmen?) is being sought for Special Events Committee.** Contact Chuck if interested in serving.

**Nominating:** Four board positions are open, with two board members up for re-election. Members interested are encouraged to apply. Contact Ray Jones.

**Grants & Awards:** Application letters and forms are out. October 22 is cut-off date for apps and the Selection Committee will meet on November 9. Committee composed of active past presidents, executive board, Dick Tucker and one member-at-large, Al Reinhardt. Bert Blau was complimented for his contribution in preparing a spreadsheet for the committee.

**Medical School Liaison:** \$21,300 of the \$25,900 committed to the Med School has been paid.

**Tours of the Medical School can be arranged for LIFE members.** Contact Dr. Pellosie or Marty Wiener.

**Honors/Events/Tours:** Dr. Wang is asking for LIFE volunteers to participate in veterans' oral history project.

**Veterans Commemorative Site Dedication will be held on UCF campus on October 29 from 9-10 a.m. Veterans and families are encouraged to attend.**



**NORMAN SANDHAUS**  
PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

October 14 - November 4, 2010

Seminole State College Fine Arts Gallery  
Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, Building G  
100 Wildon Blvd, Sanford FL 32773-6199

Opening Reception  
Thursday, October 14, 2010  
5-7 pm.

## A Lens & A Little Luck . . .

When Norman Sandhaus' grandfather, a photographer, came to America, one of the things he brought with him was a camera lens. As a small boy, Norman used to watch him do his work and he was allowed to help "retouch" photographs. Perhaps that experience marked Norman's first bit of "luck" in what turned out to be a lifelong passion for art and the creative process.

Fast forward to the time of the Korean War and the young man who has been drafted into the army. "Have you packed your portfolio," his mother asked. As a recent fine arts graduate, Norman had a number of examples of his work available and, being a good boy, if somewhat skeptical he listened to his mother. Lucky for him! The army put him to work illustrating government manuals. And Norman's career was off to a great start.

Lady Luck kept her eye on him as he made his way. "I was lucky enough to work for a company that allowed me to travel to every city, town, and archeological site, anywhere that might become a tourist destination," he said. It was his job to help countries establish their own tourism industry by producing brochures, posters, and other promotional materials. For 13 of those years, Norman worked directly with the former President of Mexico.

His clientele included hotels, resorts, and tourist boards throughout Mexico, Latin and South America, the Caribbean and the United States. Eventually, he "lucked out" and was able to form his own company. He did it all—designer, photographer, copywriter, and salesman, no doubt.

Norman explained that during his travels he shot many pictures of people and places that he found interesting but inappropriate for his clients. "Luckily," he had saved those extra 35mm slides and about two years ago he spent six months culling the collection for the best of the lot which he then digitalized and made into larger prints.

Norman and his wife, Aymar, a jewelry designer and artist, are wrapping up a three-month showing at PLUM, a St. Augustine gallery. The Sanford show (see poster) begins this week. The Orlando Museum of Art has also shown his work.

"I am 80 years old and not even close to my creative potential," Norman says. "Anything we create reveals something about how we think, how we feel. I hope my paintings and photography make people come up with thoughts about themselves."

"I've been lucky," he concludes.

Lucky? This writer thinks more than luck was involved. What started with a lens led to a life spent learning and growing and creating. Must be a little talent there somewhere. Still . . . I can't really argue with him—he's one lucky guy!

V.B.

LIFE gives seniors a chance for education...

reads the headline in the September 22 issue of *Central Florida Future*, written by Angele Maraj. "It's never too late to learn. That's the message behind a program at UCF directed at senior citizens wishing to continue their education."

UCF is not the first university to establish such a program, the article notes. The Senior Resource Alliance lists LIFE among 22 other programs for lifelong learning in the Central Florida area. However, LIFE is the only such program which allows participants most of the same privileges as any other student.

The program is sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Studies and the Interdisciplinary Studies Program, offering members many of the same perks that regular students have: student ID cards, use of library and computer labs, parking, discount tickets to campus events, including sporting events.

Maraj notes that LIFE is now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year and was founded through the efforts of Dick Tucker, retired psychology professor at UCF. The University's support contributes to the program's success, including the support of President Hitt and his wife, Martha, who serves as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

Quoting Dee Burk, "We get the same lectures the students do...but none of the tests!"

[Condensed from Article]



## recipe OF THE MONTH

### Strained Eyeballs

6 hard boiled eggs  
6 oz. whipped cream cheese  
7 oz. green olives, with pimentos  
Red food coloring

Peel the eggs and cut them in half lengthwise. Remove the yolks. Fill the yolk hole with cream cheese. Press an olive into the cream cheese eyeball. Dip a toothpick into red food coloring and draw "broken blood vessels" in the cream cheese. Serve at your Halloween party!

### SPOOKS



There's a goblin at my window  
A monster by my door.  
The pumpkin at my table  
Keeps on smiling more and more.  
There's a ghost who haunts my bedroom,  
A witch whose face is green.  
They used to be my family  
Til' they dressed for Halloween.

### HALLOWEEN HISTORY

The Celtic people who lived 2000 years ago in the United Kingdom and France believed that during Samhain the veil between this world and the spirit world was at its thinnest. Samhain was a 2-day festival beginning November 1.

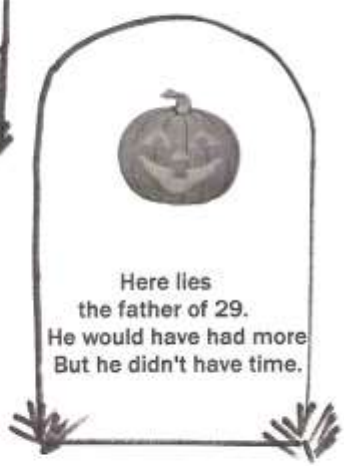
'Trick'O'Treating can be traced back to early celebrations of All Souls' Day in Britain. The poor would go from door to door begging for so-called soul cakes. Over time, the custom changed and children became the beggars, receiving apples, sweet buns, and money.



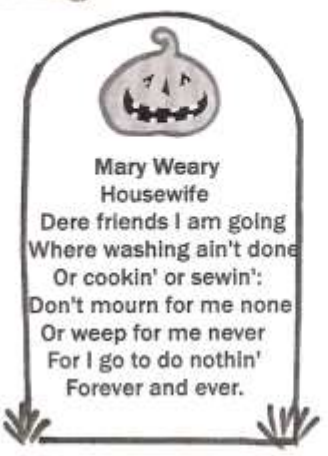
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a man named Zeke  
Second fastest draw  
in Cripple Creek



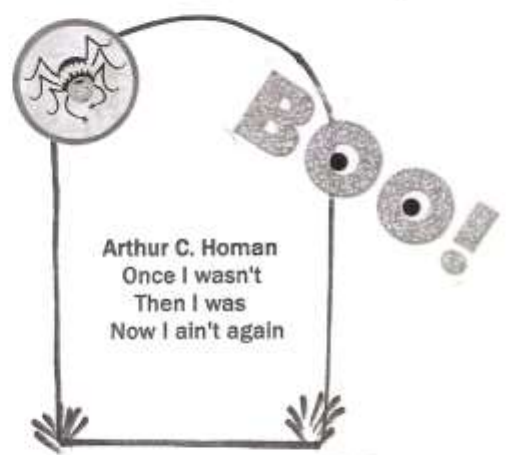
Here lies  
My Wife  
I bid her goodbye.  
She rests in peace  
and now so do I.



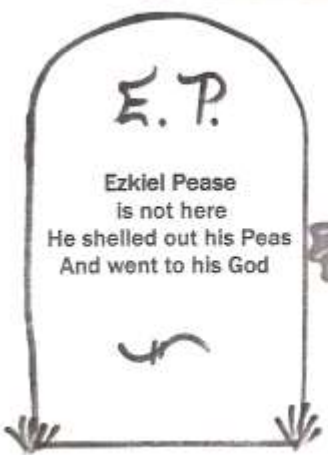
Here lies  
the father of 29.  
He would have had more  
But he didn't have time.



Mary Weary  
Housewife  
Dere friends I am going  
Where washing ain't done  
Or cookin' or sewin':  
Don't mourn for me none  
Or weep for me never  
For I go to do nothin'  
Forever and ever.



Arthur C. Homan  
Once I wasn't  
Then I was  
Now I ain't again



Ezkiel Pease  
is not here  
He shelled out his Peas  
And went to his God



Owen Moore  
Gone away  
Owin' more  
than he could pay