



Senior Scholars at Queens

1900 Selwyn Avenue
MSC 1409
Charlotte, NC 28274



Programs 10 a.m. at Queens University of Charlotte Sports Complex/Conference Center, 2229 Tyvola Road
February 2012 Newsletter

Wildacres 2012

Our annual retreat to Wildacres will be May 21-24, 2012. Please hold the dates open on your calendar so that you can join us. We will have more information on the speaker and program in the next few weeks.

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Feb. 7

Dr. Luther Wade will speak on "**Sicily - Cross Roads in the Middle of the World.**"

The Island of Sicily is located in the middle of the Mediterranean, and has been ruled by Greeks, Romans, Muslims, and even Normans, among others. Each civilization has left its mark, making this small island one of the most fascinating places in all of Europe.

Dr. Wade has earned four degrees, including a doctorate from Louisiana State University. He did graduate work at the University of Minnesota as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow and teaches special courses in the Honors Program at UNC - Charlotte.

Feb. 14

Dr. Tom Hanchett, staff historian with the Levine Museum of the New South, will speak on "**Romare Bearden's Charlotte, 1911.**"

What was Charlotte like 100 years ago? A new Web site developed by UNC- Chapel Hill and the Levine Museum of the New South lets you "walk around" uptown Charlotte circa 1911 - the birth year of nationally renowned artist Romare Bearden. Dr. Hanchett will lead this virtual tour of our city as seen through Bearden's eyes.

Dr. Hanchett earned degrees from Cornell, the University of Chicago and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Feb. 21

Tom Sorensen, Charlotte Observer sports columnist, will speak on a variety of current sports topics. Mr. Sorensen has been a columnist at the Charlotte Observer for 20 years and has worked at the paper for 25, writing about nearly every sport in the Carolinas. He is a graduate of the journalism program at the University of Missouri and worked at Minnesota newspapers in St. Cloud and Minneapolis previously.

Feb. 28

Keith Pehl will speak on "**Clean Energy - Solar Photovoltaic Industry.**"

He will discuss the Solar Photovoltaic Industry in both North Carolina and the United States and how it is still changing and being implemented more as a clean energy resource. He will describe how it works, where it makes sense to install, how much it costs, and what is its future.

March 6

Bill Staton, MBA, CFA, will speak on "**It's Time to Be Very Optimistic and Make Money.**"

A popular speaker, Mr. Staton sees that a Dow Jones Industrial Average of 30,000 is in sight.

Welcome New Members

AMICO, Barbara
ARNDT, Margaret
BELL, Kathy
BIRNBAUM, Marty
BLACK, Sam & Natalie
BROWN, Carol
DEDRICK, Ken
DOTY, Sara
FISCHER, Sandy
GHONEIM, Jody
GOLDFISCHER, Mike
KRYDER, Nancy
LIVERT, Nancy
MERSON, Alan
MURCHISON, John
PIKE, Chuck
SAX, Carolyn
SIEGEL, Robert
SIMPSON, Margaret
SPRAGUE, Nelson & Barbara
STATON, Bill
STATON, Mary
WARMAN, Brian
WITT, Dale

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program offers [free](#) help for older taxpayers and people with limited incomes. To get assistance in filling out income tax forms, you have to make an appointment in advance. Centers include:

TYVOLA SENIOR CENTER

2225 TYVOLA ROAD

Contact Telephone:

(704) 522-6222

Tuesday and Thursday 9:30AM-1:30PM

Atria MerryWood Retirement Center

3600 PARK ROAD

Contact Telephone:

(704) 365-1995 (Shepherd Center)

Tuesday-Thursday 10:00 AM-2:00PM

SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY

5801 REA ROAD

Contact Telephone:

(704) 416-6600

Monday 10 AM-2 PM

STEELE CREEK LIBRARY

13620 STEELE CREEK ROAD

Contact Telephone (704) 416-6800

Wed 10:00AM-2:00PM

Sat 10:00AM-2:00PM

Senior Scholars Going Green With E-mailed Newsletters

NEWSLETTER MAILINGS

Starting with the March issue, the Senior Scholars at Queens newsletter will not be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service.

The Senior Scholars board of directors has decided that the newsletter will be distributed by e-mail only to Senior Scholars members, unless a specific request for a mailed copy is made. Extra copies, for those not receiving e-mail, can be picked up at the back table during our regular Tuesday morning meetings.

If you wish to have your newsletter mailed to you by the U.S. Postal Service, just fill in the form below and either mail it or bring it to a regular Tuesday meeting:

I wish to receive my Senior Scholars newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service.

My name is _____

and my

mailing address is: _____

Street Address or PO Box, City, State, Zip Code

Mail the above to: Senior Scholars at Queens, 1900 Selwyn Avenue, MCS 1409, Charlotte, NC 28274

Senior Scholars Board Members

Members of the board of directors of Senior Scholars at Queens, in addition to the names listed on the front of this edition are:

For the 2010-12 term: Gene Zhiss, Patsy Sutherland and David Watkins

For the 2011-13 term: Winn Czerny, Bob Hanes and Andy Kalnik

For 2012-14 term: Nancy Faires, Eileen Griggs and Anna Lee Townsend

Second Past President - Ralph Meyer

Committee Chairmen:

Curriculum- Jerry Thrasher

Wildacres – Ralph and Martha Meyer

Arrangements and Social- Eileen Griggs

Membership- Mary Rothkopf, George Rosser, Walt Donham

Publicity- Phil Garfinkle

Nominating- Nancy Faires and Bob Hanes

Newsletter- Alice Thrasher

Field Trip- Gene Zhiss

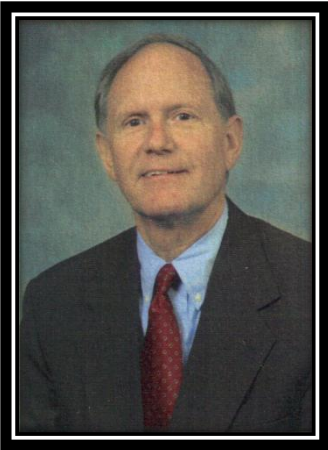
Technical Services- Bob Rothkopf

Queens University of Charlotte Liaison (ex officio member) - Pennie Cooke

Field Trip Set For BMW Plant in April

Field trip chairman Gene Zhiss has arranged a trip to tour the BMW plant near Spartanburg, S.C. in April. Space will be limited. More details will be announced soon.

President's Message



**Jim Renger,
President,
Senior Scholars
at Queens**

Greetings Senior Scholars:

Many people and groups of people make Senior Scholars at Queens work as well as it does. One of these groups is the Audio/Visual Team headed by Bob Rothkopf and including Ron Coffman and Winn Czerny.

The A/V Team is responsible for setting up the computer, projector and sound system, adjusting lighting and performing other duties. They have had to learn how the new equipment works at our new location, which has been a challenging task.

Each week since our move they have improved upon our programs' technical performances with their hard work and cooperation from Queens' A/V specialists.

Special recognition and thanks must go to Winn Czerny. He gets to the meetings early, sets up slides and computer programs and operates the systems during the varied presentations.

We owe the A/V Team our gratitude as we owe it to all the other volunteers who serve us at the back table.

The officers, board members, committee chairs and members and past presidents all deserve a special thanks as well.

--- **Jim Renger**

Meet the Members



**Alice and
Jerry
Thrasher**

Alice Thrasher

Birthplace – Opp, AL., has lived in Charlotte three years
Education – Bachelor's in journalism, master's in special education at the University of Alabama

Career – Journalist with Fayetteville Observer for 24 years until October 2008. Has lived in North Carolina since 1975.

What she likes about Charlotte – “Being near family, ushering for the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, and making friends at the Harris Y water aerobics classes, Senior Scholars and St. John's Episcopal Church. Attending Senior Scholars lectures, visiting museums, attending history and cultural events and exploring new sites are some of my favorite things to do.”

Senior Scholar positions – Newsletter editor, board member, hospitality committee member

What she likes about Senior Scholars – “The people, the varied topics of the lectures, the Q&A's, lunches at Queens.”

Hobbies – Playing and swimming with grandchildren, learning bridge, reading, gardening, walking, visiting with friends

Jerry Thrasher

Birthplace - Fairfield, AL

Education – Bachelor's in international studies from the University of Alabama; master's of science in library science from Florida State University

Career - Served as Director of the Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center, Fayetteville, NC, for 28 years until January 2008, worked in other libraries in Winston-Salem, Waynesville, Daytona Beach, FL, and Atlanta.

What he likes about Charlotte - Being near family, cultural activities, and Senior Scholars at Queens

Senior Scholar Positions - Served as Second Vice President last year, is First Vice President this year and serves on the Wildacres Committee

What he likes about Senior Scholars – “The people I've met, the programs and the fun.”

Hobbies - Grandchildren, auditing courses at Queens, reading, playing bridge



DUES ARE DUE!

It's time to renew your Senior Scholars membership for 2012.

Please stop by the back table to see Mary Rothkopf at the next meeting, and bring \$10 per person, (cash or check).

If you prefer, you may RENEW via mail by sending your check with the following information to:

Senior Scholars at Queens, 1900 Selwyn Avenue, MSC 1409, Charlotte, NC 28274

NAME(s): _____

CHANGES, IF ANY, IN:

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

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Remember that for new members who joined in Oct., Nov., or Dec. 2011, dues paid at that time cover the 2012 calendar year.

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