Leaders in International Friendship is an initiative of the James Madison Office of International Programs. LIFE is a completely volunteer program that matches an international student with a member of our local community. The purpose of this program is to facilitate friendships and cultural exchange, to help the participating students acclimate to American culture, to develop a sense of friendship for students that are far away from their homes and families and to help students improve conversational English. The benefits, for both student and community volunteer, are far greater.

Community volunteers are asked to fill out a simple survey highlighting their likes, dislikes and preferences. With this information the office matches an international student with similar preferences. The program is open for all international students. They too volunteer because of their interest and willingness to learn more about our culture. Community volunteers have the option of hosting one or more students. We are simply asked to enjoy community events and activities together, such as JMU sporting events, visiting historical sites, going to a movie or inviting them to your home for dinner.

I first read about this program in our local newspaper. The program appealed to me on many levels. For one, being a world traveler, I have had lasting experiences that have continually inspired me to embrace people of difference races, religions and cultures. Additionally, growing up and working in New York City, exposed me to a global community and led me to appreciate and accept our cultural differences. In the LIFE program I have, once again, found my niche.

I was matched with a wonderful 21 year old Health Sciences student from Adelaide, Australia. Rebekah teaches dance to children in addition to her studies. We have enjoyed visits to The Quilt Museum, a performance at Forbes Center, a tour of downtown Harrisonburg and lunch at Earth and Tea Cafe, dinner at our home and have a long list of wonderful “things to do” in our local area. Needless to say, I have learned a lot about Australia myself. The opportunities are endless.

If you are interested in this program or have any questions, feel free to contact Hunter Swanson, coordinator for the LIFE program. He can be contacted at: 540-568-2993. There are approximately 500 international students waiting for a friend!

Written by Jayne Rynar

Lifelong Learning is now on Facebook

Check out our new website for current information, updates, and neat pictures! "Like" us at: www.facebook.com/lifelonglearningjmu
Madison Future Commission Town Hall Meeting  
Wednesday, April 17, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 
Memorial Hall Auditorium  
395 S. High Street, Harrisonburg, VA

As a way to expand the reach of the work being done by the Madison Future Commission, strategic planning town hall-style meetings are scheduled in the early spring of 2013. These meetings provide another avenue to collect feedback from the JMU community (students, faculty and staff, alumni, and the Harrisonburg community) to supplement the work of the committees.

6 p.m. Heavy hors d’oeuvres will be served  
Entertainment by JMU a cappella group, Unaccompanied 
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Town Hall meeting  
Drawing for door prizes

Please RSVP to training@jmu.edu or 540-568-4101 (Suzanne Vance)  
Parking in front and beside Memorial Hall

Faculty Emeriti Lecture Series. Thursday, April 25th, 7:00 P.M. Memorial Hall

Choose from two concurrent lectures:  
**Two Women** Jerry Coulter will focus on two artistic views of a woman in a room --- one from a Dutch Master painting of the 1600s and the other from a modern painting’s perspective. (Room 3150)  
**History in Bits and Pieces: Historical Archaeology at the Cedar Creek Battlefield** Dr. Clarence Gei-er will discuss the project interpreting the 154 acres where the Battle of Cedar Creek occurred. (Hiner Room 2110)  
Light refreshments will be served.

There’s still time to register for C Session classes that begin on May 15th, as well as an “in-between” class.  
The Mennonites in the Valley class is technically a B Session class, but has a late start date of April 22, ending on May 20th. One LLI couple took the class in 2006 and repeated it in 2012, discovering that things had changed in the intervening years, and enjoyed learning new and updated information. With the exception of the first class, all other classes are thoroughly enjoyable “field trips”, ending with a delicious home cooked lunch in the home of an Old Order woman. Phil Kniss will lead the class; he has been senior pastor at Park View Mennonite Church for the past 17 years.

Open C Session classes include the following:

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Lisa McGuire, ACSW, PhD has accepted the position of Social Work head and will begin July 1, 2013. She has been the Interim Director of the BSW Program at Indiana University School of Social Work since 2010 and we look forward to her participation with the LLI program.

Welcome to new and returning members:

**Broadway:** Gail Brower  **Dayton:** Charlsie Baer, Michelle Titman  **Verona:** John Powell

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**Furiously Fun Salsa & Poetry Party**

Please join the Furious Flower Poetry Center’s Advisory Board for an evening of music, dance, poetry, food and drink at our Spring Fundraiser. Our special guest for the evening is Edwin Roa, performing artist and dance instructor. We will push back the furniture and create the "club scene". DJ Alex Jerez will provide the music. So put your party clothes on and come for the fun. Ticket prices:

- Advance - $40 each / At door $50 each / Party of 8 - $300.

Make checks payable to FFPC Advisory Board and mail to:

James Madison University  
Furious Flower Poetry Center  
1151 DDM Driver Drive  
MSC 3802  
Harrisonburg, VA 22807

For more info, contact Jill Wade at 540-568-8883 or staelycj@jmu.edu

Visit the Furious Flower Poetry Center www/jmu.edu/furiousflower

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**Brown Bag lunches continue in May…..**

**May 7:** *Bach, some Verdi and Britten, and some Drama – A Preview of the 2013 Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival*

Find out about this year’s Bach Festival. Mary Kay Adams, executive director and principal flutist, will give details of the concerts slated for June 9-16. Information about featured artists, repertoire, and events will be discussed. Live music and audio clips of festival music will be played. Brochures will be available. This overview will be of interest to veteran Bach Festival attendees and to those who have never attended before.

**May 21:** *Master Class: Living Longer, Stronger, and Happier*

WHAT’S THE SECRET TO HEALTHY AND HAPPY AGING? Just ask the people who live it every day — and that’s what Peter Spiers did. The Senior Vice President at Road Scholar interviewed hundreds of active, happy and intellectually engaged Road Scholar participants and is now sharing their healthy-living secrets with the world.
Expressions of Emotions: Floral Arranging Class

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Life is Short, Eat Your Dessert First!

Photos by David Evans
The annual Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20th. Place and type of meal is still being determined. Please save the date of June 20; further information will be forthcoming.

The slate for the new Advisory Board is as follows:

- President - Knute Leidal
- President-Elect - Greg Coffman
- Secretary - Betty Kitzmann
- Membership - Bill Ney
- Finance - Stu Liss
- Nominations - Mary Reilly
- Curriculum - Linda Bradley
- Social - Sandra Conrad
- Publicity - Eric Rynar
- Members at Large: Betty Hoskins, Tom Scanlan, Patsy Shreckhise

### SUMMER ONE DAY CLASSES!

- **Wednesday, June 5 - 9:30 to 12:30**
  - East European Orthodox Iconography, Part II - $10.00

- **Tuesday, June 25 - 9:00 to 1:00.**
  - Moonlight Reflections by the Lake - this is a lottery class and limited to 8 participants - $14.00

- **Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 on July 31.**
  - Hands Only CPR - AED (limited to 15) $10.00