



Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning

MINUTES OF SILL BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2003

PRESENT - Mary Testa, John L. McGruder, Jr., Margaret L. Bates, Joseph Roddy, Jack Hawes, Patricia Chapman, Frances Smith-Williams, Jane W. Hopkins, James Schiffman, Constance Meadows, Herman Baar, Scott L. Behoteguy, William Belmont, Donald R. Blivas, Richard Hart, Dwight W. Hoover, Thelma Sachs
Adjuncts: Don Leidel, Dale Povenmire, Carol A. Preece

ABSENT - Joseph Rosenthal, Yosef Hadar, Robert G. Bailey, Jane A. Jones, Dale Rieth, Mildred W. Skelly - Adjuncts Harvey Gutman, John A. Pople

Mary Testa expressed her pleasure that the 2003 Season is up and running. With great regret, she informed the Board that our Registrar, Jack Hawes, will retire from that position at the end of this year. The Board expressed its gratitude to Mr. Hawes, other assistants from the Board as well as friends and relatives who have been of inestimable help to SILL.

REGISTRAR - Jack Hawes thanked the Board for its good wishes. He submitted an up-to-date report on ticket sales. Because of our space limitations, he has been forced to return a good number of requests for Season, Thursday or Seminar tickets. Long term subscribers and Friends of SILL have greatly upset and the Board is concerned with dealing with the matter. There is also a problem with Canadian subscribers. Many suggestions were made and a general consensus that we should make an effort to communicate with our audience well before the production of the brochure. The President appointed an ad hoc committee to review these problems: John L. McGruder, Jack Hawes, Dick Hart, Frances Smith-Williams, Patricia Chapman and Jim Schiffman

MINUTES - The Minutes of the December 10, 2002 meeting were approved.

TREASURER - James Schiffman distributed a Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenues & Expenses dated December 31, 2002 and the Budget for FY 2003. It was noted that there had been an excellent response to the letter written by Constance Meadows which was included in our mailing. POS donations have increased appreciably.

PROGRAM - Peggy Bates said she is already considering various ideas for next year! Scott Behoteguy noted that the Seminar programs have sold very well.

PUBLICITY - The Venice Gondolier had a big spread on SILL with pictures of staff and brochures which was much appreciated. As usual Thelma Sachs sends out info to a large number of sources. We will be represented at the Sarasota Arts Council affair January 19. John McGruder keeps updating our web site. Constance Meadows said our lectures would be taped on January 14, February 5 and March 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane W. Hopkins
Jane W. Hopkins, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING
Tues. Feb. 11 - 2:30

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Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning

MINUTES OF SILL BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2003

PRESENT - Margaret L. Bates, Joseph Roddy, Joseph Rosenthal, Yosef Hadar, Jack Hawes, Patricia Chapman, Jane W. Hopkins, James Schiffman, Constance Meadows, Herman Baar, Robert G. Bailey, Scott L. Behoteguy, William Belmont, Richard Hart, Dwight W. Hoover, Thelma Sachs, Adjuncts: Don Leidel, Dale Povenmire, Carol A. Preece

ABSENT - Mary Testa, John L. McGruder, Frances Smith-Williams, Donald R. Blivas, Jane A. Jones, Mildred W. Skelly

Richard Hart chaired the meeting.

MINUTES - The Minutes of the January 14, 2003 meeting were approved.

REGISTRAR - Jack Hawes presented the SILL Attendance Report dated February 11, 2003 as well as a report, both reflecting comparisons with the last two seasons at their mid-point. Mr. Hawes noted that all donors to Friends of SILL receive a thank you. A luncheon for Sarasota volunteers will take place on March 3.

TREASURER - James Schiffman presented a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues & Expenses for the 7 months ended January 31.

PROGRAM - Margaret Bates was pleased to report that the Season is going extremely well. The Seminars are very popular and the Registrar suggested there might be tickets sold differently next year.

PUBLICITY - The March programs are to receive extra publicity as discussed earlier.

VENICE - Joseph Roddy is evaluating sites in Venice where our programs could be given if plans to close and expand the Community Center go through.

OUTREACH - Scott Behoteguy took Ambassador Dewey to Riverview High and his presentation was well received.

Yossi Hadar was delegated to look into an appropriate venue for the annual SILL gathering with FOS and other guests, probably early April.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane W. Hopkins, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 11 - 2:30



Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning

MINUTES OF SILL BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2003

PRESENT - Mary Testa, John McGruder, Jr., Joseph Roddy, Joseph Rosenthal, Yosef Hadar, Jack Hawes, Patricia Chapman, Jane W. Hopkins, James Schiffman, Constance Meadows, Herman Baar, Robert G. Bailey, Scott L. Behoteguy, Donald R. Blivas, Richard Hart, Dwight Hoover, Thelma Sachs - Adjunct - Dale Povenmire

ABSENT - Margaret L. Bates, William Belmont, Frances Smith-Williams, Jane A. Jones, Dale Rieth, Mildred W. Skelly

The President, Mary Testa, chaired the meeting.

MINUTES - The Minutes of the February 11, 2003 meeting were approved.

REGISTRAR - Jack Hawes presented the Registrar's Report dated March 11 on ticket sales for the last three seasons, showing an increasing growth. The daily attendance report to date was reviewed. It was noted that the sale of tapes increases each year.

TREASURER - James Schiffman presented the Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues & Expenses for the 8 months ended February 28. It was suggested that our speakers be informed of our taping program and perhaps obtain a waiver if desired. The video taping by Channel 20 is infrequent and used occasionally for educational use in Sarasota. Herman Baar has informed the music series performers of our taping and only had one objection. It was suggested that Mary Testa review this matter with the Program Committee.

PROGRAM - Scott Behoteguy said the Seminars were going very well. Evaluation forms are being distributed at all programs.

COMMITTEES - The Long Range Planning Committee and the Nominating Committee will report to the Board at the April meeting. The ad hoc committee on Advanced Ticket Sales will address the many concerns of long term subscribers and growing mailing list. The personnel of said committee appointed by the President: John L. McGruder, Jr., *Chairman* → Donald Blivas, Joseph Rosenthal, Jack Hawes, Dick Hart, James Schiffman, Patricia Chapman and Frances Smith-Williams. Thelma Sachs was complimented and thanked for her long time efforts on SILL publicity.

END OF SEASON RECEPTION - Yossi Hadar has made arrangements with WACHOVIA to hold our reception at the Hyatt toward the end of April, the date certain yet to be set. Mr. Hadar was thanked for his efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane W. Hopkins
JANE W. HOPKINS, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING

Tues., April 8
9:30 a.m.



Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning

MINUTES OF SILL BOARD MEETING
May 13, 2003

PRESENT - Mary Testa, Margaret L. Bates, Joseph Roddy, Jane W. Hopkins, James Schiffman, Constance Meadows, Herman Baar, Robert G. Bailey, Scott L. Behoteguy, Donald R. Blivas, Richard Hart, Thelma Sachs
Adjunct: Sandy McFarland

ABSENT - John L. McGruder, Jr., Joseph Rosenthal, Yosef Hadar, Patricia Chapman, Frances Smith-Williams, William Belmont, Dwight W. Hoover, Jane A. Jones, Dale Reith, Mildred W. Skelly

Mary Testa chaired the meeting. Joseph Roddy introduced Sandy McFarland, a new Adjunct, who has been the Registrar for Venice this season.

Mary Testa thanked all concerned for a wonderfully successful Season. Gifts of appreciation will be given to Mildred Skelly, Dale Reith and Jack Hawes. Mr. Hawes said he appreciated the opportunity to serve SILL.

RECEPTION - The end of the season reception held each year has been meant primarily as a thank you to the Board and volunteers and selected FOS donors. It was decided that SILL can afford to pay for such an event next year.

Mary Testa noted that she has been working for a long time to get all SILL records integrated in an orderly manner in the SILL office at GWHIZ so it can be a resource for the future. Board members were asked to cooperate in this effort. Much information can be added to our web site.

MINUTES - The Minutes of the April 8, 2003 meeting were approved.

REGISTRAR - A report dated May 13, 2003 was distributed.

TREASURER - James Schiffman submitted a Balance Sheet dated April 30 and a Statement of Revenues & Expenses for the ten months ended April 10, 2003. The Finance Committee will look into the matter of insurance covering Board liability and report presently.

PROGRAM - Both Margaret Bates and Scott Behoteguy have held recent meetings with those involved in structuring the 2004 programs. There was discussion regarding better visual presentations. There will be an improved taping system for Venice. It was recommended that our speakers may be asked to sign a waiver regarding the taping of their lectures. The video taping has been done at the school's convenience and Constance Meadows is continuing to work with the department. Joe Roddy noted that he had been doing talks about SILL for local groups.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT - Dick Hart, Chairman of the Nominating Committee submitted the report.

Mildred Skelly, Jack Hawes and Dale Reith are retiring from the Board and will be listed as Distinguished Members.

Richard Hart will become the President and Mary Testa will become the Registrar.

TERMS ENDING 2004

Mary Testa
John L. McGruder, Jr.
Margaret L. Bates
Yosef Hadar
Jane W. Hopkins
Constance Meadows
Jane Jones
Frances Smith-Williams

TERMS ENDING 2005

Joseph Roddy
Herman Baar
Patricia Chapman
Robert G. Bailey
Scott L. Behoteguy
Donald Blivas
Richard Hart
Thelma Sachs

TERMS ENDING 2006

Joseph Rosenthal
James Schiffman
William Belmont
Dwight Hoover
Dale Povenmire
Don Liedel
June LeBell

Lee Snyder

New Board Members Dale Povenmire, Don Liedel and June LeBell + *Lee Snyder*

In addition to present Adjuncts - Harvey Gutman, Dr. John A. Pople, Carol Preece and Sandy McFarland - add William R. Jones, Roy Turret, Joy McIntyre, Joyce Matthews, John Goodman and Lee Snyder

These appointments were approved by the Board.

LONG RANGE PLANNING - The following report was presented by Dick Hart in the absence of the Chair of that committee, Dwight Hoover.

SILL Long-Range Planning Report

The committee recommends that, given present circumstances, SILL should not change its methods or programs in a drastic manner, but should instead strive to improve present efforts.

With that principle in mind, the committee recommends the following:

In the area of audience, SILL should give priority to senior citizens with the inclusion of students and others as appropriate.

In the area of facilities, SILL should continue to be on the lookout for another venue while using Player's Theater. This search should include another rethinking of the movie theater at Sarasota Square Mall.

In the area of personnel, the committee commends efforts already underway to recruit more board members with specific skills appropriate for our program and to provide strong back-ups for members in leadership roles. These efforts should be continuing ones over time.

In the area of technology, the committee recommends increased attention and use of materials and equipment to enhance both its administrative work and its public programs. These could include but are not limited to making "power point" available to all speakers who desire it, increasing the quality and readability of visuals - maps, charts, and others - automating as much data as possible, particularly in creating a speaker list, and expanding the use of SILL's website for publicity and creation of audiences.

In the area of programs, the committee recommends that the programs be enhanced by cooperation with other community organizations in bringing in speakers or co-sponsoring lectures. It also recommends that information about SILL's programs be increased by having other cultural and educational groups include the lectures and dates in their calendars if possible, and by supplying real estate agents, tourist bureaus, and condo associations with brochures and other information. Finally, SILL should explore the possibility of repeating programs in such satellite locations as schools, civic meetings, and study groups via video.



Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning

MINUTES OF SILL BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2003

PRESENT - Mary Testa, John L. McGruder, Jr., Joseph Roddy, Joseph Rosenthal, Patricia Chapman, Jane W. Hopkins, James Schiffman, Constance Meadows, Herman Baar, Scott L. Behoteguy, William Belmont, Richard Hart, Thelma Sachs, Frances Smith-Williams, Dwight W. Hoover - Adjuncts: Harvey Gutman, Dale Povenmire

ABSENT - Margaret L. Bates, Yosef Hadar, Jack Hawes, Robert G. Bailey, Donald R. Blivas, Jane A. Jones, Dale Rieth, Mildred W. Skelly

Mary Testa chaired the meeting. She noted that Scott L. Behoteguy had been honored by receiving the first National Alumni Service Award from the Foreign Service Retirees Association of Florida for more than 25 years of outstanding volunteer service in the Sarasota area.

MINUTES - The Minutes of the March 11, 2003 meeting were approved after noting that Donald R. Blivas is the Chair of the ad hoc committee and that Frances Smith-Williams was present at said meeting.

REGISTRAR - The Registrar's Report dated April 8, along with the Attendance Report was distributed and various aspects discussed. Various Board members reported that they had received many complimentary comments about the outstanding quality of the Season's programs. Patricia Chapman was thanked for her service at the Seminars.

Joseph Roddy reported an unfortunate experience he had with travel expenses submitted by a presenter. The Board discussed the matter and Joseph Rosenthal and James Schiffman will draw up some guidelines for the Program Committee to present to our speakers.

TREASURER - James Schiffman reviewed the Balance Sheet dated March 30 and Statement of Revenues & Expenses for the 9 months ended March 31, 2003.

PROGRAM - Scott Behoteguy reported that the programmers would be meeting this month. The evaluations received on the Sarasota and Venice programs as well as the Seminars are being reviewed. Various suggestions regarding videos, tapes, CDs were discussed.

Herman Baar announced that the Monday Music program will focus on opera next season and cover at least 7 countries. It may possibly stretch to 10 sessions. Leif Bjaland has agreed to do two presentations.

EQUIPMENT - Joseph Rosenthal commented about improvements at the Players this season. Problems sometimes arise with speakers with accents or those who read scripts. Visual aids can be improved. Venice needs better equipment for recording lectures. Mr. Rosenthal will look into that matter.

BOARD ROSTER - Richard Hart, Chair of the Nominating Committee brought up the subject of listing Distinguished former members of the SILL Board. Making a change would necessitate a change in the By-Laws. It was decided to drop the inactive former members from the internal roster but to list them in the brochure.

SILL SOCIAL - It was suggested that the date for a post-Season gathering ought to be set earlier in the Season. If we do not have a sponsor, SILL could host a social for Board members and Friends of SILL.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane W. Hopkins
Jane W. Hopkins, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING
9:30 GWHIZ
May 13, 2003



Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning

MINUTES OF SILL BOARD MEETING
June 10, 2003

PRESENT - Richard Hart, John McGruder, Jr., Margaret L. Bates, Joseph Roddy, Mary Testa, Frances Smith-Williams, Jane W. Hopkins, James Schiffman, Herman Baar, Scott L. Behoteguy, Donald R. Blivas, Don Leidel, Dale Povenmire, Thelma Sachs, Lee D. Snyder - Adjuncts:
John Goodman, Sandy McFarland

Chapman
ABSENT - Patricia, Constance Meadows, Robert G. Bailey, William Belmont, Yosef Hadar, Dwight W. Hoover, Jane A. Jones, June LeBell, Joseph Rosenthal - Adjuncts: Harvey Gutman, Joy McIntyre, John A. Pople, Carol A. Preece, William R. Jones, Roy Turret

Mary Testa chaired the meeting. She introduced Dr. Lee Snyder and John Goodman to the Board.

MINUTES - The Minutes of the May 13, 2003 were approved after noting that Lee Snyder had been elected as a full member of the Board and that Jack Hawes had been present at said meeting.

TREASURER - James Schiffman reviewed the Balance Sheet dated May 30, 2003 and the Statement of Revenues & Expenses for the period ended May 31. He also presented the report of the Finance Committee which set forth a standard travel reimbursement policy for our speakers. The budget for the fiscal year 2004 which takes effect June 10 was adopted as presented. The pricing and ticketing of the Seminars may be revisited at a later date. During a discussion of SILL public relations and publicity, it was voted that SILL expend \$390 to join the Sarasota Tourist Bureau.

PROGRAM - Margaret Bates gave an extensive review of present ideas under consideration for the 2004 program. Herman Baar reported that Leif Bjaland will be unable to participate in the music series next year. Joe Roddy is working on a broad variety of programs for Venice Wednesday afternoon series. Scott Behoteguy is working on his numerous contacts in the international field.

PUBLICITY - The splendid article on Scott Behoteguy's career and involvement with SILL published in the Sarasota Herald Tribune on May 18th was applauded. An earlier spread on SILL in the Venice Gondelier was also noted. It is possible that these articles could be used for further publicity and other such articles will be encouraged. It was suggested that they could be posted on our web site.

Respectfully submitted.

Jane W. Hopkins
Jane W. Hopkins, Recording Secretary

NO MEETING IN JULY

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 12

(2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 except SILL Season, time is 2:30 p.m.)



Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning

MINUTES OF SILL BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2003

PRESENT - Richard Hart, Margaret L. Bates, Joseph Roddy, Jane W. Hopkins, James Schiffman, Constance Meadows, Herman Baar, Scott L. Behoteguy, William Belmont, Yosef Hadar, June Le Bell, Dale Povenmire, Thelma Sachs, Lee D. Snyder Adjuncts: John Goodman, Carol A. Preece

ABSENT - John McGruder, Jr., Mary Testa, Patricia Chapman, Frances Smith-Williams, Robert G. Bailey, Donald R. Blivas, Dwight W. Hoover, Jane A. Jones, Don Leidel, Joseph Rosenthal, Adjuncts: Harvey Gutman, William R. Jones, Sandy McFarland, Joy McIntyre, John A. Pople, Roy Turrett

The President, Richard Hart, chaired the meeting. He distributed a list of Committee Appointments dated August 2003.

MINUTES - The Minutes of the June 10, 2003 meeting were approved.

PROGRAM - Planning for the 2004 SILL program was the principal agenda item of this meeting. Margaret Bates reviewed current ideas being discussed for the Tuesday and Wednesday programs. These include economics, media, nanotechnology, 20th century authors, etc. She has recently written to Daniel Schorr of NPR seeking his participation.

Herman Baar, June Le Bell, John Goodman and others are preparing the stellar opera program for Mondays. Judith Blegen, George Jellnek and Paul Plishka will be among the presenters of the proposed 8 programs.

Scott Behoteguy is working diligently on the Thursday International Affairs program and is very pleased to have had excellent cooperation and help from Dale Povenmire, Don Leidel, Bill Jones and Roy Turret. Mr. Turret is active in the Fairleigh Dickinson University Public Affairs lecture series held in the fall and the two organizations use some of same presenters. There is no dearth of subjects for 2004. Mr. Behoteguy is also planning another Seminar series but is not ready to make any announcement on them yet. He also noted that the Sarasota Herald Tribune had run a good article on Peggy Bates.

Joseph Roddy has the programs for Venice on Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings well in hand. Paul Duke has agreed to be a presenter and former Congressman, Dan Miller, as well as Samar Jarrah who was so well received last year. He hopes to have an aggressive publicity campaign.

TREASURER - James Schiffman presented a Balance Sheet and a Statement of Revenues and Expenses dated July 31.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane W. Hopkins Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Sept. 9
9:30



Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning

MINUTES OF SILL BOARD MEETING
October 14, 2003

PRESENT - Richard Hart, John McGruder, Margaret L. Bates, Joseph Roddy, Mary Testa, Frances Smith-Williams, Jane W. Hopkins, James Schiffman, Constance Meadows, Herman Baar, Scott L. Behoteguy, William Belmont, Donald R. Blivas, Yosef Hadar, Dwight W. Hoover, Don Leidel, Dale Povenmire, Thelma Sachs, Lee D. Snyder Adjuncts: John Goodman, Harvey Gutman, Carol Preece

ABSENT - Patricia Chapman, Robert G. Bailey, Jane A. Jones, June Le Bell, Joseph Rosenthal Adjuncts: William R. Jones, Joy McIntyre, Sandy McFarland, John A. Pople, Roy Turrett

Richard Hart chaired the meeting. He noted that he will be on a trip to Africa from December 2 to 31.

MINUTES - The Minutes of the September 9, 2003 meeting were approved.

TREASURER - James Schiffman reviewed the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues and Expenses dated September 30, 2003.

PROGRAM - November 1 is the target date for getting the program to the printer and the full process of getting the brochure out takes about two weeks. All the Moderators and others involved are work-assiduously toward this goal. Joseph Roddy presented the complete program for Wednesday afternoons at the Community Center in Venice. On January 7, Paul Duke will open the series. There is considerable diversity in the program from history to global economy, health care, war and peace. Fridays will, as usual, have a number of the international affairs speakers who are on the Sarasota Thursday program.

Herman Baar said there were still a few adjustments to be made in the music appreciation program. The major structure is all set and will cover Italian, British, French, German, Austrian, Czech operatic music with distinguished presenters plus a panel discussion and an opera quiz!

Margaret Bates announced that Dr. Samuelson will open the Season on January 6. She has also found a professor to speak on nanotechnology and other distinguished speakers are scheduled, such as Waldo Proffitt and Susan MacManus. Dates and titles are discussion. The same is true for the Wednesday programs, described in some detail in the September 9 Minutes. The first 6 sessions will be on the American Depression era. Jane Jones is working with Dr. Bates on the literature of the time for the second 6 week session.

Mark Rosenblum will open the International Affairs program on January 8 and will also speak in Venice on Friday. The program will cover the global problems that consume our audience. Isreal-Palestine, Saudi Arabia, North and South Korea, Iraq. "New" Europe, Africa, SE Asia, Iran, the United Nations. Mr. Behoteguy again expressed his gratitude to those Board members who have been assisting him in devising this very popular series.

SILL BOARD MINUTES

October 14, 2003

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SEMINARS - There are eight seminars being planned. They will be held at G.WIZ and the aim is to have only 25 participants.

Dr. Jean-Francois Seznec, Rear Admiral Eric McVadon, Martin Walker, Amb. David Mack, Amb. Jamsheed Marker, Amb. A. Peter Burleigh, Dr. Jerry Pubantz and Dr. Ruhollah Ramazani (with his wife) are scheduled.

John McGruder noted that there would be some rise in the charges at Wellesley Inn. Inflation may mean other costs will also rise for facilities, plane tickets, gas, rentals, etc. SILL wishes to serve the community by keeping prices as reasonable as possible. Various improvements are being considered for our presentations.

It was decided not to have a table at the Sarasota Arts day. Consideration will be given to being represented at the Book Fair.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane W. Hopkins

Jane W. Hopkins, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING

November 10, 2003

9:30 a.m. //

Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning
Minutes, September 9, 2003

Present at the meeting were: Herman Baar, Peggy Bates, Scott, Behoteguy, Don Blivas, John Goodman, Harvey Gutman, Dick Hart, June LeBell, Don Leidel, Joy McIntyre, Connie Meadows, Dale Povenmire, Thelma Sachs, Jim Schiffman and Frances Smith-Williams.

Minutes: After one amendment to the minutes of August 12, that of deleting reference to Paul Plishka as an upcoming speaker in the Music Program, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The income statement and balance sheet as of August 31 were distributed and copies attached to these minutes for persons not in attendance.

Program:

Music: Herman Baar indicated that the proposed speaker for Italian Opera has cancelled. The new speaker is Nimet Habachy, who does intermission features for the Metropolitan Opera. There will be live musicians for all of the lectures in the series.

Tuesday and Wednesday Series: Peggy Bates still hopes to open with Samuelson, but this has not yet been confirmed. She is also working on Nye from Harvard. Ivo Dalder and his wife will come one speaking on a Tuesday and the other on a Wednesday. They may also do a seminar. John McGruder has recruited David Colson, Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans. Peggy is looking for someone to speak on nano-technology. Waldo Proffitt will speak on Journalism and she has asked Wilma Hamilton to speak. Other speakers will include Mark Magenheim on World Health issues, John Shattuck on Human Rights, Carlos Moskus on American Military History. Peggy learned that there is a professor of Journalistic Ethics from USF and she will contact him. The Wednesday series will consist of two six week series. The first one will be on America in the Depression or America in the 1930s. There are three historians in the area who are interested. Topics will include the New Deal, the coming of the Depression, history of the American South during the depression, the "Okies", growth of the west, refugees, particularly from Germany, literature, arts and WPA programs. The second series will be Reassessing great authors of the 20th Century. Next year will be the centenary of James Joyce, she will include Virginia Wolff, Proust and Dos Passos.

Thursday series and seminars: Scott Behoteguy mentioned the offer of the Retired Officers Association to share an astronaut, Gene Cherney, who is coming to speak to them. For an opener he has Mark Rosenbloom, for week 2 Don Lidel has recruited Jean Francois Sez nec who is a Professor at Georgetown and Columbia with 20 years in the Middle East as a banker. He will speak of democratization in the Gulf States. He will also speak in Venice about Saudi Arabia and US relations and arab images of the US and vice versa. He will conduct a seminar on taking Saudi Arabia into the world trade organization. Third is Admiral McVaden, Far East specialist who will speak on Containing North Korea and will do a seminar on China. Fourth is Martin Walker on Modern Europe in both Venice and Sarasota; fifth is Ambassador David Mack, Vice President of the Middle East Institute who will speak on Iraq. His wife is a specialist on Islam and the renaissance and she may speak on Wednesday in Venice. Sixth is

John Shattuck, CEO of the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, former Ambassador to Czechoslovakia and a specialist on human rights. No date has been set, but Tessie Schaeffer, top South Asia specialist in CSIS and former Ambassador to Sri Lanka will speak on India and Kashmir. In March an expert on Iran, Ramasani of the University of Virginia will speak. His wife is also a speaker. Scott is looking for someone on Africa. Pubanz and Barylsky will both speak in March. Scott emphasized that the seminars should be limited to 25 people and that admission should be at least \$30.

Don Leidel just returned for Chataqua and mentioned two outstanding speakers there: Charles Kimball, Chair of the Department of Religion at Wake Forest and the Middle East and can speak on upheavals in various religions. Peggy took note of this for a future time. Also a Pakistani physicist who speaks on nuclear threat, concerns and attitudes on US foreign policy. He did a course on the history of American Intelligence, and it was suggested he condense it into a seminar for SILL.

Peggy said that she believes Joe Roddy is well along in his program development for Venice.

Facilities: Dick said that he had visited the new "Sarasota/Bradenton Convention Center". He had not called ahead, and what he saw was a vast open space without chairs. We should keep this space in mind, however. New College would like to rent us an office in a new building. The office would be about 12 x 15, and it would be for two years or so, until the space is needed by the college. We can meet for board meetings in the music room and they could find space for our seminars. It would be ready in February or March. Dick reported that Joe Rosenthal said that all the contracts for space have been signed. The Players will cost \$300 more this year than last. G.Wiz is charging \$100 each for the seminars. The possibility of using the conference room for the seminars was discussed, and Scott is to get dates to Don Blivas so that the space can be reserved. The police escort for crossing Rt. 41 has been arranged. Help is needed in selling ads in the program. A full page is \$1,000; half page is \$500 and quarter page is \$250. Herman thinks the Sarasota Concert Association will take a quarter page.

The Sarasota Arts Council is holding a meeting for hotel clerks and has invited representatives of various arts organizations to make presentations about the offerings for tourists. Dick called them about SILL, but they said they had no more slots for speakers, but he has been invited to attend and will take generic brochures and copies of last seasons programs.

Outreach: A meeting will be planned this month or next month with members of both the Sarasota and Manatee Boards of Education and representatives of private schools will also be invited to attend. Connie and Frankie will work together on setting this up.

Respectfully submitted, September 9, 2003, Connie Meadows

NEXT MEETING: October 14, 9:30 am, G.Wiz



Sarasota Institute of Lifetime Learning

Minutes of SILL Board Meeting
November 11, 2003

PRESENT - Richard Hart, John McGruder, Jr. Margaret L. Bates, Joseph Roddy, Mary Testa, Patricia Chapman, Frances Smith-Williams, Jane W. Hopkins, James Schiffman, Constance Meadows, Herman Baar, Robert G. Bailey, Scott L. Behoteguy, William Belmont, Dwight W. Hoover, June LeBell, Don Leidel, Dale Povenmire Adjuncts: John Goodman, Harvey Gutman, Joy McIntyre, Carol A. Preece

ABSENT - Donald R. Blivas, Yosef Hadar, Jane A. Jones, Joseph Rosenthal, Thelma Sachs, Lee Snyder Adjuncts: William R. Jones, Sandy McFarland, John A. Pople, Roy Turrett

The President reminded the Board that he would be on a visit to Africa December 2-31.

MINUTES - The Minutes of the October 14, 2003 meeting were approved after the following amendment was added: Mr. Behoteguy moved that the price of the Thursday series be raised from the projected \$45 to \$60 on the basis that the logistic (travel) costs of speakers will be larger than average, combined with the fact that he projects a sellout of the series before opening day. The motion was seconded and rejected by majority vote.

BROCHURE - Dr. McGruder reported that the brochure is at the printers and will be ready for distribution after being mailed on November 24. A discussion ensued regarding the cost of mailing it for 14¢ as a non-profit organization or 35¢ first class. It was voted to go ahead with the first class mailing. Board members will see to the distribution of the brochures to all public libraries and other outlets as soon as possible.

TREASURER - Mr. Schiffman presented and reviewed the Balance Sheet dated October 31 and the Statement of Revenues & Expenses for 4 months as of the same date.

REGISTRAR - Mary Testa is taking care of the multitude of details for our season, i.e. tickets, lists of volunteers, etc.

PROGRAM - Dr. Bates said she would prepare an appropriate form for seeking permission from our speakers for taping the programs for sale to our audiences. This will include the video tapes shown from time to time on Channel 20. Mr. Roddy was authorized to buy a better taping device for Venice. He noted that Venice was going ahead with rehabing the Community Center in 2004 which means finding a new venue.

PUBLICITY - Mary Testa recommended that we again advertise SILL in the Concert Association program which will be done.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane W. Hopkins, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING - Dec. 9 -9:30