

History

LAUL began in 2002 when the founders placed an ad in the local newspaper searching for residents interested in belonging to a healthier community through exercising their minds. From subsequent meetings, a lot of planning and laughter, the idea of LAUL grew into a non-profit with a mission fulfilling the need for social connection and learning opportunities for inquiring minds.

Mission Statement:

To provide quality and broad based learning opportunities for Lakes Area residents with an emphasis on mature adults.

We are organized as a 501c3 non-profit. The Program Committee is the heart of the organization. Events are planned in this committee. Members and non-members are encouraged to share ideas for events and become a member of a committee. Membership and Marketing Committee provides publicity and semi-annual brochures for events and promotes membership. The website and Facebook are managed by volunteers through this committee. The Executive Committee sets policy and maintains finances. It is the representative body of all committees. Volunteerism is the driving force that brings programming to members and non-members in this community. Most speakers as well share their expertise gratis.

Membership fees support events with occasional grants for special series from the Minnesota Humanities Commission, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), Global Minnesota and our local Cuyuna Range Historical Society.

Programming and Fees includes:

• Unlimited Learning Core Events

There are eleven monthly events January-November with 2-hour presentations on second Tuesdays. While some special events are offered without fees, non-members are always welcome for second Tuesday events for \$5.00.

• Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

Film Series - 3 Fridays in May
Western Political Philosophy:
2-day seminar Ruttger's
Metropolitan Opera: HD live in St. Cloud
Fees vary for members/non-members

• Great Decisions

Provided as a program of LAUL, 8 monthly sessions are based on readings and a DVD produced by the Foreign Policy Association. A fee is charged to cover the cost of the book & DVD published annually by FPA. Guests are welcome when visiting or considering joining Great Decisions. Go online to Foreign Policy Association: Great Decisions for info on current readings.

Meetings occur in the Conference Center located within the Heartwood Senior Living Community, 500 Heartwood Drive, Crosby, MN.

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Winter-Spring 2017*

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-January-

The Evolution of Breezy Point: Myths and Facts

Tuesday, January 10, 1:30-3:30

From the Roaring Twenties to the present, local experts George Rasmusson (captain of the Breezy Belle) and Dave Gravidahl (current manager) will tell stories of the high and low times of Breezy Point. Vintage photos will highlight life in the 1920's such as the flamboyant founder Captain Bill Fawcett and other luminaries who played a role in developing one of the most vibrant resorts in the Midwest.

-February-

The Future of Water Quality in Minnesota

Tuesday, February 14, 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Have you ever wondered what the condition of our lakes will be in the future, and if there are any plans underway to protect their water quality? Retaining forested watersheds is a leading strategy that is emerging in Minnesota and elsewhere. Private forests and what we do with them in particular will go a long way to define future water quality. Private landowners will be the key! Dan Steward, Minnesota DNR-Soil and Water.

Great Decisions:

Session 1-European Union

Monday, February 20, 11:00 A.M. -1:30 P.M.

-March-

Crafting Stories with Truth and Fiction

Tuesday, March 14, 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Writing historical fiction while forming accurate and informative images, developing characters and telling stories of the Scandinavian immigrants who came to America in the turbulent 1860's is Candace Samar's passion. This Pequot Lakes resident skillfully crafts facts and imagination into unforgettable stories. Her latest of six books "Shelterbelt" was a finalist for the 2016 Willa Award for Historical Fiction. She will speak about the techniques and challenges of writing historical fiction.

Tour of the Minnesota Military Museum at Camp Ripley

Friday, March 17, 1:30-3:30 P.M. Camp Ripley

Dr. Jon van der Hagen M.D. will conduct a tour of the museum on site at Camp Ripley in anticipation of his presentation on European and U.S. battlefields for the April 11-Lakes Area Unlimited Learning event. Call Joanna Pierce [218.534.4946](tel:218.534.4946) to reserve by March 15. Transportation can be provided; carpooling encouraged. A list of those visiting Camp Ripley must be presented before March 15.

Great Decisions:

Session 2-Trade

Monday, March 20, 11:00 A.M. -1:30 P.M.

-April-

Stories The Battlefields Tell

Tuesday, April 11, 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Passionate about military history, Dr. Jon van der Hagen M.D. will share stories and slides of lessons learned while traveling to European and U.S. battlefields. Dr. Van der Hagen is an M.D. in the Brainerd area and is a docent at the Camp Ripley museum. This event was presented in 2015 to a small, dedicated group who braved a snowstorm. The overwhelming positive evaluation justifies another opportunity to experience his program.

Great Decisions:

Session 3-China

Monday, April 17, 11:00 A.M. -1:30 P.M.

-May-

Elderquest

Fridays, May 5, 12, 19, 11:00 A.M. -3:00 P.M.

Enjoy films featuring mature adults with their challenges and successes. Come view and discuss thought provoking themes and techniques. This popular course fills up fast. Registration/fee required. Bring or buy lunch. *Robert Yahne PhD., Film Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota*

Crow Wing Energize Movement: Creating a Healthier Community

Tuesday, May 9, 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Attend an energized group of change agents for a panel discussion by leaders who are creating health and wellness in our community through partnering for more healthy choices, mental fitness, workplace wellness and community connections. The panel will identify how this collaborative and goal oriented approach can build individual resilience in those facing health issues such as the harmful effects of Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE), trauma, addictions, emotional neglect, abuse and mental illness.

Great Decisions: Session 4-Gulf Cooperation Council/Saudi Arabia

May 15, 11:00 A.M. -1:30 P.M.

-June-

Norway's Untold Stories: Life During World War II

Tuesday, June 13, 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Dr. Jan Hansen grew up in Alesund, near Bergen, Norway during the Nazi occupation. With video and slides he will explore survival and resistance during this difficult period in Norwegian history. Dr. Hansen and his family immigrated to NYC, then Chicago in 1950 when he was 14 years old. He graduated from St. Olaf College and University of Missouri-Columbia, and is currently retired from teaching Economics at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.

Great Decisions:

Session 5-Geopolitics of Energy

Monday, June 19, 11:00 A.M. -1:30 P.M.

Special Event:

Climate Change Effects in Minnesota

Paul Douglas, meteorologist, will discuss climate change as it effects Minnesota. A late June date will be determined by April 2017. *Stay tuned.*

Special Interest Groups Metropolitan Opera Live in St. Cloud

The New York Metropolitan Opera broadcasts selected Saturday afternoon performances live in HD at the Parkwood 18 Theater in St. Cloud. Operas and schedules are available on the UL web site, www.UnlimitedLearning.net. Call Joanna Pierce, 218.534.4946, for further information and possible group travel arrangements.

Great Decisions

Sponsored by Global Minnesota (formerly MN International Center), Great Decisions provides a lively discussion group in foreign policy. The 8 stand-alone discussions are based on readings and a DVD produced by the Foreign Policy Association, a politically neutral organization, promoting discussion groups throughout the U.S. since the early 1900's. Sessions are held the 3rd Monday of February-June and September-November, 11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. Registration and fee required. Contact Bob Sandin, 218.534.5453.

Become a member of Lakes Area Unlimited Learning 2017

Support programming for older adults in the Lakes Area by becoming a member.

1 Year Single Membership \$60.00

1 Year Family Membership \$110.00

Mail your check to Lakes Area Unlimited Learning, P.O. Box 455, Deerwood, MN 56444. Please include your mailing address, email, and phone number.

Membership includes participation in all regular programs for no additional charge and a reduced charge for special events. Guests may attend individual regular programs at a cost of \$5.00 per session.

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