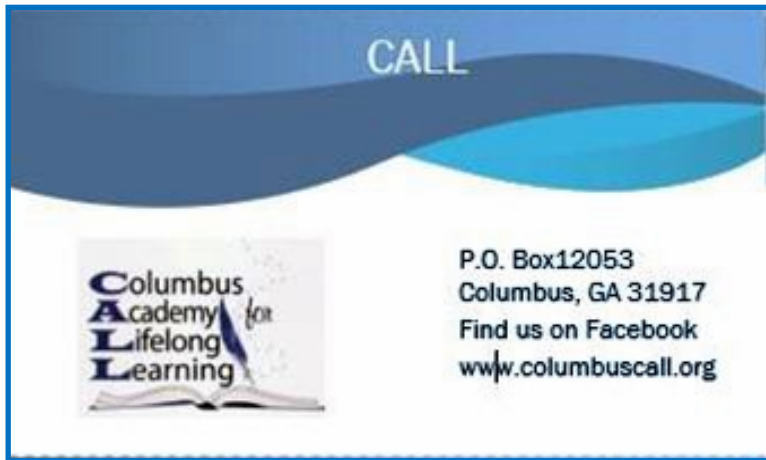


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Jim Romey, member-at-large, has served on the board for three years. He writes, "I was born and raised in Richmond, IN and completed my undergraduate work at Wittenberg University in Springfield, OH in Political Science. I earned an MBA from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. I worked as a Quality Assurance Manager with a variety of automotive manufacturers and retired in 2010. My wife Barb and I have lived in Phoenix City for 15 years and in Columbus for 10."

"Barb and I joined CALL nine years ago and have enjoyed the opportunity for a variety of learning experiences as well as meeting some fantastic people. We served as Travel Chairs for four years and found that our organization is filled with people who want to explore new opportunities and share a variety of interests. I look forward to continuing as a facilitator."

"Some of my favorite classes are in the field of history although I really like taking subjects that I know very little about and expanding my knowledge base. As for hobbies, I like to read and enjoy movies, especially those about government and political intrigue."



Carlyn	Smith	3/1
Jeff	Josefsberg	3/13
Bill	Turman	3/14
Stephanie	Gudz	3/17
Joycelyn	Lewis	3/18
Dorothy	Berlinicke	3/25
Andrea	Sitler	3/26





You're always welcome
to attend the Curriculum Committee and
Board Meetings.

March's meetings will
take place at CSU's EBTC.

The Curriculum Committee will meet on
Friday the 1st at 9:30 a.m.

The Board will meet on
Friday the 1st at 10:30 a.m.

As a reminder:
Guests are welcome
to attend one class
per quarter.

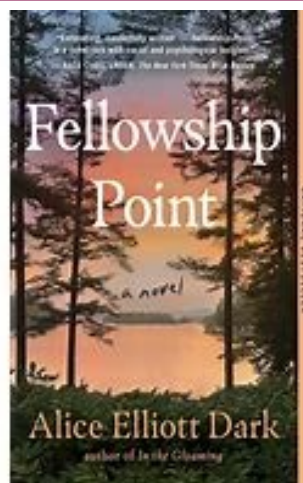
The CSU Waiver
does not need to
be filled out
each quarter.



Please give some
thought to what you
would like to see of-
fered as future classes.

The Curriculum Committee meets once a
month to develop the class schedule for up-
coming quarters, and wants members' input.

Registration Fees must be
paid at Registration.
You cannot sign up for classes
and pay later.



The Lunch Bunch
Book Club book for
March is

“Fellowship Point”

By Alice Dark

Questions:
Contact Sue Portwood
706-662-0270.

We will vote at Spring registration for our
Slate of Officers for 2024-2025. Each
officer serves one year with an option for a
second term. Our Treasurer, Paul DeCur-
tis, is the exception because of the special
skills needed. The board nominates:

Dixie Turman for President
Rick Dukes for Vice-President
Sandra Mack for Secretary
Paul DeCurtis for Treasurer
Robin Rigdon for Member-at-Large

Nominations will also be accepted from the
floor.

Don't forget to
bring separate
checks or exact
change to pay for
registration fee,
and field trips.





The Awesome Foursome panel left to right.

Geraldine Bussey Watson - we wanted more time to hear from her. She was a good sport to fill in at the last moment. Geraldine's mother was a teacher in the Black schools of Columbus and was a member of the Black teachers group known as the Jeannes. Geraldine is a neighbor to Emma in the Carver Heights neighborhood.

Lula Lunsford Huff - is an activist and ardent preservationist with the Historic Columbus Foundation. Her grandmother arranged and paid for the first Columbus USO/YMCA for

Black soldiers from, then, Fort Benning in 1941. Lula is much more than our Tax Commissioner. For some of her reflections on Black Columbus history find this book at the Library: **THIS PLACE MATTERS: Columbus, Georgia** by Virginia T. Peebles and Elizabeth K. Barker. Starting on pages 172-173 Lula writes about the Liberty Historic District, which she calls "The Magic City" for Blacks in Columbus.

Ronzell Buckner - is founder of Turnaround Columbus and the project for Victory Gardens. He owns SKIPPERS Seafood at 3505 Buena Vista Road. The Victory Gardens is a project to work with troubled boys - Ronzell wants them to work alongside him, close to the earth and nature. If you visit in the morning hours (8:00 to 10:30) you see signs posted: STOP and SHOP; SAVE OUR CHILDREN. You can hear roosters crow! Go to Shepard St. and turn in at Police School. The Gardens are behind the school.

Emma Anekwe - Her mother was a principal at J.D. Davis - educated at Fordham University in New York City. Emma tells the story of the State of Georgia forbidding Black students in their universities but paying for them to attend private schools in the North during Summer vacations. The State wanted educated teachers for the separate Black schools. Emma enjoyed the summers with her mother in the city. She went on to become a Medical Technologist but could only get employed at Tuskegee Institute because she is Black. She still lives in Carver Heights on the same street that her father named when he settled the area - Morehouse.

**AND THE
SURVEY
SAYS...**



We are planning for the Fall quarter already, and want to address "Democracy on the Ballot." This class will be an open forum on the operation of U.S. democracy. We will use some articles and videos to prompt our discussions.

In order to get your input on the content of the course, there will be a survey at Spring registration asking you to rank six choices that interest you the most.

The class will focus on one topic per week, but the discussion may well take any direction.

Facilitator Appreciation Banquet

The Columbus Academy for Lifelong Learning
Will have its Annual Recognition Luncheon to
Honor the Course Facilitators for this year.

Date: Tuesday, April 30th, 2024

Time: 11:30 -- Social Time

12:00 Noon -- Luncheon

Place: Cunningham Center

Columbus State University

Facilitators are the faces and voices of Columbus Academy for Lifelong Learning. As with all members, they pay the Registration fees, but go further when they invest their time and sometimes, personal resources, to guarantee quality learning and experiences for members. CALL relies on this volunteer effort to provide an affordable program each Quarter.

Should you have a particular expertise or interest to offer as a facilitator - we welcome you. A list of already available DVDs from THE GREAT COURSES can be viewed from our website - www.columbuscall.org.



Spring registration will be held March 6th in Founder's Hall at the Turner Center. You should have received the Synopsis and the registration form by email. If you are able, please print the form and bring it with you. If you did not receive this email, copies may be accessed at www.columbuscall.org.

Please write/print **legibly**. All of the blanks at the top of the registration form need to be filled out. This information does NOT automatically transfer each quarter. CSU takes these forms and produces our class rosters. Phone numbers allow facilitators to contact you if there is a change concerning a class. Invitations are sent for our end-of-year celebration from this list, so please include your city and zip code.

Annual and quarterly members must turn in a registration form by **March 6th** to be included on class rosters. Forms may be turned in at registration, at the Turner Center Front desk, or via snail-mail at PO Box 12053, Columbus GA 31917. New quarterly members (\$65 membership fee), must also complete the CSU waiver which can be found at our website.

If you turn in your registration at the front desk, you **must** put forms and any payment due in a sealed envelope that you provide, with "CALL" on the front. Please do NOT ask the front desk for one.



Get a behind-the-scenes tour of Truist Park!

(home of the Atlanta Braves)

22 March, leaving CSU parking lot at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$35.00.

The tour lasts one and a half hours. It begins at Noon, and has one and a half miles of walking. We all have to stay together as a group. No bags or purses, just a small clutch.

Lunch at 1:30 at Battery Atlanta. They have a variety of food places we can choose from. After lunch we can explore on our own.

We will meet the bus at 3:30 p.m. to return to Columbus.

See you soon.

CALL SPRING IN-TOWN TRIP AND LUNCHEON

COLUMBUS BOTANICAL GARDENS

Docent led tour of Farmhouse & Gardens.
Lunch in Farmhouse. (Catered by Firehouse Subs: sub, chips, cookie, and drink)

April 5, 2024

10:15 a.m. - Arrive

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Tour of Garden

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch in Farmhouse

Members drive to Botanical Garden location:
(No bus transport for this day trip)

3603 Weems Road

Columbus, GA 31909

Cost:

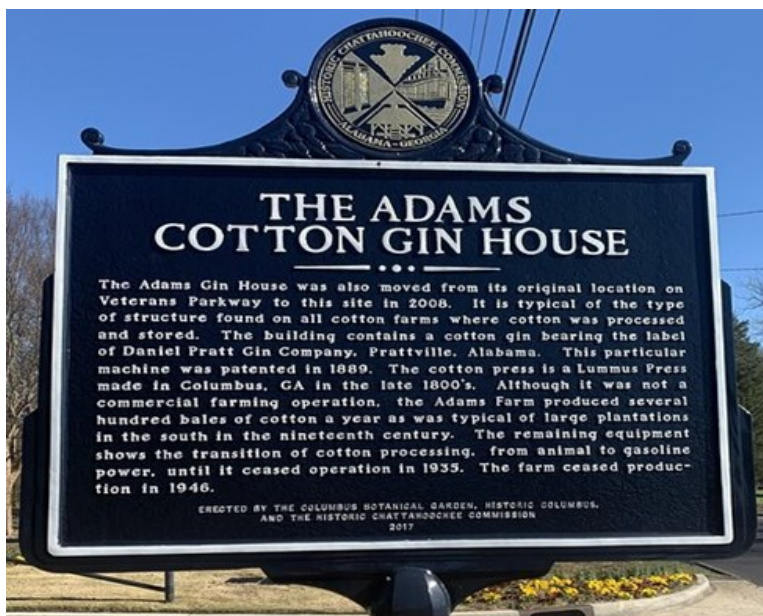
\$30.00 (includes docent led tour of gardens and lunch) Payment deadline is March 6th at CALL Registration. A check or cash in the exact amount is required to attend the event. If you are unable to attend registration, you may mail your check to: CALL P.O. Box 12053 Columbus, GA 31917 (received by March 6th).

Rain Reschedule Date: April 12th

Questions or Information about Events:

Contact: Kay Jenkins

Email: bkjenkins1975@gmail.com



The Columbus Botanical Garden is located on 40 acres of greenspace in north Columbus. There are currently 4 developed acres with a 10-year plan for new gardens to come. The gardens provide an attractive venue and colorful setting for photography, special events, seminars and community learning.