



# THE MILE VIEW



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**Happy Holidays  
from MILE**

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

At Open House

TUESDAY, January 5, 2010

1:00 PM

Snow Date: Tuesday, January 6

Good Coffee, Refreshments

Hear the Presenters and sign up for

Winter Classes.

**BRING A FRIEND!**

## WINTER COURSES

Legal Matters

Computer Classes

Simply Lincoln

Tai Chi and Qigong

Civil War

Piracy

Elder Law

Historical Jesus

Civil Rights

New Britain Museum of American Art

Geriatric Emergencies

The Life of Beatrice Fox Auerbach

Florence Griswold Museum Treasures

Book Discussion: *The Help*

Modern Military Air Transportation

Great Decisions

For details and times, look for the Winter  
Brochure in late December.

## MILE PROFILE

**His full name is Alan R. Schumann,  
but to all who know him it is**

**‘Al’**



Alan was born in Hartford, raised in historic Wethersfield where he was known as “Red” Schumann. He lived in what he thought was a drafty, junky old house. It was a legitimate colonial that was built before THE Revolution. He still has many friends in Wethersfield. It was a nice time and a nice place to grow up.

Upon graduation from Wethersfield High School he was offered a job at the telephone company. He didn’t want to accept it because it interfered with a week at the beach with his pals. Mom saw it differently. He held various jobs at the telephone company and came to realize, after he met Lenore from Middletown, that some additional education would be beneficial.

He attended evening classes at Hillyer College and in 1962, graduated from the University of Hartford with a degree in accounting. A promotion to the Outside Plant Engineering Department nullified any professional use of this degree. He always ends up keeping the books for any organization he joins. Al and the engineering job were a perfect fit. Outside Plant Engineers have responsibility for things outside the telephone office, i.e., poles, cable, underground and buried “stuff” and those big ugly boxes you see on poles. Al likes to say “when we

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were there and you reported trouble we told you we would have it fixed in two hours. We did it 95% of the time.”

Al and Lenore were married in 1957 and lived in Middletown until moving to Old Saybrook in 2006. They had three children Alan Jr. Erica and Carol. Carol passed with cancer in 1970. Both Alan Jr. and Erica live in the area and have given them four grandchildren.

Al is a long time member of the Middletown Elks and he is a past President and Treasurer of the Middletown Lions Club. He retired from the telephone company with forty years service. He then worked at the Connecticut State Soccer Association where he ran the Connecticut State office and was also the State Referee Administrator.

After leaving the soccer office Al joined MILE where he has been Treasurer for four years. His favorite class is Great Decisions.

**FROM HOWARD WRIGHT**

*Simply Lincoln* ... “is a simple but profound performance in which Lincoln’s words are spoken. Speaking in the first person, I give context to speeches and other writings by Lincoln.”

“I have memorized all speeches and quotes and deliver them with a Kentucky accent.”

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1 – 3 PM  
DON’T MISS IT!!**

**ELDERHOSTEL/EXPLORITAS**

EIN Elderhostel Institute Network – a voluntary association of LLIs.

LLI(s) Lifelong Learning Institute(s)

MxCC Middlesex Community College (formerly Middlesex Community Technical College).

MILE Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education (formerly MALC, Middlesex Adult Learning Center)

To quote from the EIN website, EIN, funded by Elderhostel Inc, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing educational opportunities for older adults. It exists to promote communication and provide resources to existing LLIs, and to encourage the development of new LLIs. Each LLI independently decides on its own fees and curriculum, and handle their own advertising, registration, etc. Elderhostel Inc charges no membership fees (but it does solicit donations).

MILE was founded through the mutual efforts of EIN and MxCC in 1993. At that time there was an annual membership fee and mailing labels for our entire ZIP area “064...” were provided to us. Then the new privacy laws were passed, so no more labels, and no more membership fee.

Exploritas “Explore your mind and discover the world through authentic and thought provoking adventures in learning.”

The above is a direct quote from President James Moses and is the new name for the exciting learning adventures created by Elderhostel. “To pronounce, combine “explore” with “veritas,” the Latin word for truth, and you get Exploritas.”

Websites: [www.exploritas.org](http://www.exploritas.org)

[www.exploritas.org/ein/intro.asp](http://www.exploritas.org/ein/intro.asp)

**BOOK DISCUSSION*****The Help* by Kathryn Stockett**

Get a head start on your winter reading with this best seller set in 1962 Jackson Mississippi.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 10 AM -  
NOON**

## NAME CARDS

If you registered, a name card has been made for you. Since there are unclaimed cards waiting in the MILE office, we assume those people were unable to attend a class; they will be waiting for you this winter.

The registration procedure is: You return the form. It is checked for required data. (ID #, Soc. Sec. No. required by State if you are a new member). If you have a college ID number, it is copied, processed through college systems, and forwarded to MILE Membership. If you do not have an ID number (have never taken a class at MxCC), the copy is made after processing (where number is assigned) so there may be a delay in getting your name card. Use your card to get an MxCC Library card or bookstore discount. It is your 'Student ID' for the year and MILE charges you 25¢ if you forget it.

Rosemary McNerney, Membership, produces the cards at home, in large volumes in the fall, and doesn't pretend to be 'perfect'. She sends her apologies for some 'my bad's' (adding ette or ie) but thinks it is a miracle that there are not more errors. This is why it is requested that you print clearly. She also keeps the e-mail lists and requests that you note any changes in addresses each year.

**We are over 270 strong this fall!**

## CLASS ATTENDANCE

You will note a new line on the Winter 2010 Registration Form. It requests that you sign up only for those classes you will attend. Evidently there were a lot of absences this fall which cause all kinds of planning problems: too many info copies, space, etc. Room assignments are difficult now because of increased enrollments – MxCC and ours. Of course, there are always last minute reasons for not making a class, but try to cancel early. Be sure to note your class choices on your Calendar before sending in your Form. You will not receive acknowledgement.

And now, it is WINTER. Let us hope there won't be too many snow days. Be sure to record our message phone number, 860.343.5863, to check

early on snowy days. We sometimes cancel even if the school is open.

Thanks for your cooperation!

## CREATIVE CORNER

Some of these quotes are seasonal and some relate to upcoming classes. Try to match them to the MILE curriculum:

Winter is the season in which people try to keep the house as warm as it was in the summer, when they complained about the heat. *Author Unknown*

"Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons." *Popular Mechanics, 1949*

Art is the only way to run away without leaving home. *Twyla Tharp*

What good is having someone who can walk on water if you don't follow in his footsteps? *~Author Unknown*

Everyone's a pacifist between wars. It's like being a vegetarian between meals. *Colman McCarthy*

Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape. *Author Unknown*

Common looking people are the best in the world: that is the reason the Lord makes so many of them. *Abraham Lincoln*

The aging process has you firmly in its grasp if you never get the urge to throw a snowball. *Doug Larson*

Responsibility for publication of The Mile View is transitioning from the capable hands of Rosemary McNerney and Helen Summers to the willing, but less experienced hands of Barbara Batt. Their help with this issue has been essential, but involvement from other MILE members would be appreciated.

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