

MILE FALL 2018 Program Schedule

Programs are presented at Middlesex Community College (MxCC), 100 Training Hill Road, Middletown, Chapman Hall, Room 808, Monday thru Thursday at 1:30 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. Exceptions are noted and a weekly email is sent advising any changes.

OCTOBER – Week 1 – at MxCC – Monday thru Thursday: 1:30 – 3:30 pm; Friday: 10:00am – Noon

Monday, October 1 – Songs and Stories of the Creative Path

Lara Herscovitch is a modern American singer-songwriter-performer, creating masterful contemporary folk with blues, pop and jazz influences. She will perform her own original songs, telling stories about what inspired them, talking about the creative path in general, and answering questions about a life in the arts and other related topics of interest to MILE members. *Sound Waves Magazine* described her music as “expertly written prose...songwriting at its best...good for your ears AND your soul.” *Acoustic Live in New York City* added, “She possesses not only a huge reservoir of musical talent and a voice with a bell-like clarity, but a keen sense of global concern and a fierce intellect...It might seem too good to be true, but true it is.” Her themes span a broad range including stories of misfits and underdogs, connection and courage, love and loss, hardship and hope, resilience and transformation. WNPR Public Radio host Colin McEnroe observed: “Lara reminds us that music can be heroic when it springs from a strong heart. Walt Whitman would recognize his own soul in her expansive American vision, and there really is no higher compliment I can pay an artist.”

Presenter: Lara Herscovitch (former Connecticut State Troubadour) writes, sings and leads with authenticity, integrity, humor and heart, as she delivers performances, presentations and workshops that inspire, inform, uplift and entertain. “Lara’s music has that special sauce: it sticks to your soul” quoted *Everything Sundry: Great Music*. The wisdom and depth in her artistry comes from decades of humanitarian work in the U.S., Latin America, Asia and Africa covering education, community development, environmental protection, and criminal justice system reform, all alongside touring as a musician. Lara has performed for arts & nonprofit, business, government, philanthropic, academic and faith communities and audiences all along the eastern seaboard. She has six full-length albums on her own recording label.

Tuesday, October 2 – The Hidden Treasures of Korean Art and Modern Korea

Once known as the Land of the Morning Calm, Korea currently has one of the 12 largest economies in the world and is predicted to be the eighth largest by 2030. The Korean Spirit and Culture Project (KSCPP), a not-for-profit organization was formed in New York, 2005, to promote Korean history and culture to the wider world. KSCPP will discuss Korea’s long and rich artistic history including the spirited people and cultural trends. In appreciation for the United States’ support for Korea during the Korean War and in the years that followed, KSCPP has held 1500 complimentary presentations throughout the country. You will view two short documentary films to illustrate the artistic and cultural achievements of Korea's past and to show Korea's industrial progress since the Korean War. You will be served a Korean traditional dessert.

Presenters: KSCPP has planned a series entitled Korean Spirit and Culture. Presenters will introduce Korea's long and rich history, the spirit of its people, and its cultural values, both through the project website (www.koreanhero.net) and the publication and distribution of free research materials to individuals and major institutions.

Wednesday, October 3 – Southeast Asia Travelogue – Impressions of Southeast Asia – Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam

You will learn about the four exotic and exciting Southeast Asia countries first hand along with viewing colorful photos of Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. Some of the topics that popped up during the 14-day trip were: religion, government, food, animals, and daily life. With a one-on-one guide in each country, Christi explored the wats (temples), palaces, and ruins. She listened to their history, mythology and belief

systems. Along the way she took rides on boats and tuk tuks as well as explored markets, stunning vistas and safe restaurants. Find out about the French influence left over from the colonial period. Cities in the dialogue include Bangkok, Luang Prabang, Angkor Wat, Hanoi and Ha Long Bay.

Presenter: Christi Moraga graduated with a BA, Middlebury College, 1976 (major French and Spanish); MA, Middlebury College in Madrid, 1977; Diplome, University of Geneva, Switzerland 1979; MA, UCONN 1995 in Latin American Studies. Christi completed Docent Training at the Wadsworth Atheneum, 2018. She was a Flight Leader for Rustic Pathways, 2018, Bangkok, Thailand and had extensive travel experience to Europe, South America and Africa. She is an avid amateur photographer.

Thursdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1 – Great Decisions

Note time. 9:30 – 11:30 am

LOCATION: The Village at South Farms, 645 Saybrook Road, Middletown

This semester's topics are (1) Turkey: Partner in Crisis (2) U. S. global engagement and the military (3) South Africa's fragile democracy, and (4) global health issues. The 5th week will be determined by the class. Current events and other topics from the *Great Decisions Briefing Book* pertaining to international policies, government policy, politics and economics will be discussed. The program provides an opportunity to share your own perspective and learn the perspectives of others. While lively and at times contentious, the discussions are always respectful and open minded. Classroom participation is encouraged. The book may be purchased for \$25 or use your Spring 2018 book.

Great Decisions, the oldest and largest grass roots civic education program of its kind in the country, is an annual collection written about foreign policy matters. The Foreign Policy Association (FPA) sponsors this independent, non-partisan, non-governmental, national non-profit education organization.

Moderator: Bud Sielaff, a retired Business Strategy Executive, received a BS in Engineering and an MBA in Business. Bud is a member of MILE and has been a participant in the Great Decisions class. He has a business strategy background, has traveled internationally and studies world events as a hobby.

Thursday, October 4 – Opera Talk on Carmen

Carmen is an opera in four acts by French composer Georges Bizet. The libretto was written by Henri Meilhac and Ludovic Halevy, based on a novella of the same title by Prosper Merimee. The opera was first performed at the Opera-Comique in Paris on 3 March 1875, where its breaking of conventions shocked and scandalized its first audiences. The opera is written in the genre of *opera comique* with musical numbers separated by dialogue. It is set in southern Spain and tells the story of the downfall of Don Jose, a naïve soldier who is seduced by the wiles of the fiery gypsy Carmen. The depictions of proletarian life, immorality, and lawlessness, and the tragic death of the main character on stage, broke new ground in French opera and were highly controversial.

Presenter: Barbara Arafah received a bachelor's degree in music, New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, majoring in voice. She received a MA from Columbia University. Barbara's work and personal experiences include studying opera with the eminent Boris Goldovsky, serving as President of the Greater Middletown Opera Association which sponsors operas at the Middletown Performing Arts Center, regularly attending Metropolitan Opera performances, and speaking to many of the opera singers enabling her to compare their styles. Barbara is a popular MILE presenter.

World Religions Series:

Fridays, October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2, 9

10:00 am - Noon

In this program series, you will discover what religion is, why it has been important throughout history, and why it is important today. You will explore the dharmic traditions (Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism), traditional Chinese religions, the Abrahamic faiths (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam), and other forms of spirituality. You will look at their beliefs, literature, and practices with the hope of deepening understanding and promoting peace through healthy community relations. Guest speakers from various traditions will share their personal experiences. We will also have an opportunity to visit local houses of worship outside of scheduled class times. The purchase of Garry R. Morgan's *Understanding World Religions in 15 Minutes a Day* (available used on amazon.com from \$4.88) is suggested but not required.

Course Schedule:

Friday, 10/5 - Suggested reading: Morgan's *Understanding World Religions*, pp. 9-20; 42-53; 94-105. Introductions followed by overview of course and a preview of group visits to local houses of worship. "What is religion and why is it important?" Discussion.

"Animist religions. Ancient Near Eastern religions." "Hinduism."

Friday, 10/12 – Suggested reading: Morgan's *Understanding World Religions*, pp. 106-109; 114-125.

"Offshoots of Hinduism: Jainism and Buddhism."

Friday, 10/19 - Suggested reading: Morgan's *Understanding World Religions*, pp. 21-29; 54-61.

"Judaism." "Christianity, Part I."

Friday, 10/26 - Suggested reading: Morgan's *Understanding World Religions*, pp. 30-41; 66-89.

"Christianity, Part II." "Islam."

Friday, 11/2 - Suggested reading: Morgan's *Understanding World Religions*, pp. 90-93; 110-113.

"Offshoots of Islam: Sikhism."

If Needed - **Friday, 11/9** - Suggested reading: Morgan's *Understanding World Religions*, pp. 142-173.

"Other 'Christian' religions: Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Unitarian-Universalist, Unity Church. New Age spirituality." "Comparative religions, theologies of religions, the interfaith movement." Discussion. Course evaluation.

Presenter: Christine Marchetti, a retired Public Safety Dispatcher/Communications Training Officer, worked for UCONN. She earned her BA in Theological Studies from St. Joseph's College of ME in 2011 and her MA in Religious Studies from Hartford Seminary in 2017. In 2017 Christine was the World Religions Instructor for Adult & Continuing Education in Glastonbury and Newington CT. She is currently the Adjunct Professor of Old Testament, Holy Apostles College & Seminary, Cromwell, CT.

OCTOBER – Week 2 – at MxCC – Monday thru Thursday: 1:30-3:30 pm; Friday: 10:00am - Noon

Monday, October 8 – A Visit with Queen Victoria

In 1837, the teenaged Victoria ascended to the British throne, untrained and innocent. Those who would try to usurp her power underestimated this self-willed intelligent young woman whose mettle sustained her through a 63-year reign. She led her empire through the greatest expansion, embraced the latest in modern medicine and inspired the world. Using Queen Victoria's diary and letters, personal details revealed how the powerful, yet humane woman took her role as monarch very seriously. During her reign she survived seven assassination attempts. With passion, charm and wit, Sally Mummey dispels the myth and fable that obscure Queen Victoria. In first person portrayal, Miss Mummey captures the essence of the Queen by using Victoria's own words and performs this living history in proper 19th Century clothing resplendent with Royal Orders.

Presenter: Sally Mummey is a story teller, writer, director, actress, N.H. Humanities presenter and award-winning Mary Todd Lincoln presenter. She has been an independent scholar with a concentration on women of the 18th and 19th Centuries who became historically significant in a male dominated society. For over 20 years Sally has performed Mary T. Lincoln, Queen Victoria and Dolley Madison throughout New England and the mid-Atlantic region.

Tuesday, October 9 – The Blue Blazed Hiking Trail System: A Connecticut Gem

The Connecticut Forest & Park Association is the first non-profit conservation organization established in Connecticut. Join us to learn about the history of CFPA, current initiatives, and the Blue Blazed Hiking Trail System - - CT's most extensive trail network. Highlighted, will be the backbone of the Trail System, the nation's most recently designated National Scenic Trail, the New England Trail (NET). Learn about the NET Artist-in-Residence program, hikes near you, and bring your questions!

Presenter: Emma Kravet is the Education Director at Connecticut Forest & Park Association. She has an MA/MS from Tufts University in Urban and Environmental Policy & Planning and Agriculture, Food and Environment. She holds a BA from Wesleyan University in Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Prior to joining CFPA as the Education Director, Emma worked at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. She also spent a number of years working in agriculture, teaching farm-based education and environmental exploration programs for youth.

Wednesday, October 10 – Bigelow Tea – History, Process and Health Benefits of Tea

You will be given a brief history of tea, how it is processed, the current health benefits and how to make the 'perfect' cup of tea.

Presenter: Betty Johnson is a graduate of St. Vincent's Hospital LPN program. Betty attended Housatonic Community College and Sacred Heart University. She is Manager of Consumer Relations, Medical Affairs for Richardson Vicks and Proctor and Gamble. Betty is a former Customer Service Manager for Bigelow Tea and is now Goodwill Ambassador for Bigelow speaking throughout CT about the wonderful world of tea. And as she says "I am also a long-time tea drinker".

Thursday, October 11 – Great Decisions 9:30-11:30 am Village at South Farms

Thursday, October 11 – Movie – Victoria and Abdul

Victoria and Abdul, a 2017 film by Stephen Frears based on book by Shrabani Basu

This film is about the real-life relationship between Queen Victoria (Dame Judi Dench) and her Muslim servant Abdul Karim (Ali Fazal). "Near the end of her reign, Queen Victoria developed a friendship with an Indian servant, elevating him to trusted advisor and infuriating her court." (Smithsonian.com)

The film is funny, tender, touching yet also dramatic and deals with a beautiful cross-cultural friendship between Queen Victoria and Abdul.

Friday, October 12 – World Religions (See October 5th detailed information)

OCTOBER – Week 3 – at MxCC – Monday thru Thursday; 1:30-3:30 pm; Friday: 10:00am – Noon

Monday, October 15 – A HAND IN HEALING; The Power of Expressive Puppetry

Marge Schneider conducts hands-on, interactive workshops that will educate and inspire her participants. She will introduce some of her family of puppets and provide insight into how she uses them as powerful therapeutic healing tools to help her clients find their voices and tell their stories. She will also provide a window into her use of music, Reiki, meditation and poetry to provide comfort and meaningful heartfelt connection for her clients.

Presenter: Marge Schneider has worked in long-term care and hospice and draws on two decades of experience as an educator, complementary therapist and spiritual counselor. She conducts workshops, presentations and trainings throughout the U.S. and Canada and is an author of *A HAND IN HEALING: The Power of Expressive Puppetry*. Marge created the first expressive puppetry program for adults in the U.S. for one of the largest hospices in the state of CT. She conducts workshops and trains staff in healthcare facilities, senior centers, a wide array of organizations and has keynoted along with Jim Brennan and Dr. Bernie Siegel.

Tuesday, October 16 – Poetry of the Trobairitz: Revealing 12th and 13th Century Occitan Women

The songs of the Trobairitz, female troubadours of the 12th and 13th centuries, offer us a glimpse into the identity of aristocratic medieval women as expressed in their own words through the genre of lyrical poetry. Come on a journey as we delve into the stories of these extraordinary women. Where did they live? What was their social status? How do we know about them? The legacy of these extraordinary women transcends centuries and lives on through their own words, their voices echoing their personal stories, reverberating through history and time.

Presenter: Wendy M. Vincent holds a BA in Communications from the University of Hartford where she wrote an honors thesis titled *In Defense of Guinevere: Alternate Reasons for the Fall of Camelot*.

In completing a MA in Liberal Studies from Albertus Magnus the final thesis was titled *Poetry of the Trobairitz: Revealing 12th and 13th Century Occitan Aristocratic Women*. In addition to having worked in corporate communications and as a journalist, Wendy is an author, writer, editor, and owner of a publishing company, E.P.I.C. Publishing Services. Wendy is also the co-founder and Executive Editor of Connecticut-based *Epic Magazines* that explores the people, places, history, art and local culture. She has three published books and has written countless articles for newspapers, online sources, and magazines.

Wednesday, October 17 – Day Trip to Vermont (see flyer for details)

Thursday, October 18 – Great Decisions 9:30-11:30 am The Village at South Farms

Thursday, October 18 – Travelogue: History and Cultures of Israel

Enjoy a travelogue of a trip to Israel, October 2017, focusing on the history, diversity of the landscape, cultures, religions and people who make up this fascinating country. You will visit old and new cities as well as see ancient and new architecture. You will see people of diverse backgrounds, faith and politics. Enjoy a travel experience from the Mediterranean Sea to farmland of the Golan Heights, Judean Desert and the Dead Sea.

Presenter: Laurie Patt, BS in Business Management from Northeastern, Radiography program at MxCC. is a nationally certified and licensed Radiologic Technologist. She was formerly a Director of Radiology Services at Middlesex Hospital, clinical Associate Professor at U of Vermont, and guest lecturer at Champlain College in Burlington, VT. Laurie is an Advisory Board member of the Radiography Program at MxCC and has been a MILE curriculum committee member since 2015 and Advisory Board member. “World traveler and history lover”

Friday, October 19 – World Religions (see October 5th information for details)

OCTOBER – Week 4 – at MxCC – Monday thru Thursday; 1:30-3:30 pm; Friday: 10:00am – Noon

Monday, October 22, 2018 – Getting the most out of your Life Insurance and Annuities

Planning is a key component of financial wellness. Join our lively discussion of Annuity Contracts, Life Insurance and new products. We will tackle questions such as:

- Can life insurance or annuities be taken away through Title 19?
- When does a life insurance policy pay its own premium?
- Who should own life insurance – you, your children or a trust?
- How often should beneficiaries on a life policy or annuity be reviewed?
- When does an annuity lose value and are annuity contracts taxed upon death?
- Can life insurance policies be used to take care of long-term care costs?
- What are the benefits of a nonqualified over a qualified annuity?
- Are death benefits always tax-free?
- What is the difference between immediate, index, fixed and variable annuities?

Presenter: David Morales, active alumni, graduated with honors from UCONN. David was named a FIVE STAR Wealth Manager by *Connecticut Magazine* three times. He conducts seminars on financial issues in the tri-state area and most recently presented *Investing in a Changing Market*.

Tuesday, October 23 – 11,000 years of Native American Culture in CT

The former state archaeologist will review 11,000 years of Native American adaptation and cultural development in Connecticut. The presentation will be based on archaeological sites and oral traditions of the Native community. The slide show will be in two parts: 1) The Pre-Contact Period beginning with the first peopling of the state after glaciation and up to the time of European settlement; and 2) the Contact Period relating to impacts on Indigenous People and changes in the land with British American colonization.

Presenter: Nicholas Bellantoni, PhD is a CT State Archaeologist. Nicholas received a PhD from UCONN in Anthropology in 1987.

Wednesday, October 24 – Day Trip to Connecticut Historical Society (See flyer for details)

Wednesday, October 24 – Invite Birds & Butterflies to Your Yard

Do you want to invite more wildlife to your yard? Join a park ranger for a how-to-presentation on simple ways to bring birds, butterflies and other colorful creatures to your home. A great way to prepare for the coming spring! Free informational booklets and handouts will be provided to all attendees.

Presenter: Shaun P. Roche graduated from CCSU; BA 2002; MA 2004. Shaun is the Visitor Services Manager of the Steward B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge in Westbrook, CT. He has worked for the U.S. Department of the Interior for more than 13 years.

Thursday, October 25 – Great Decisions 9:30-11:30 AM Village at South Farms

Thursday, October 25 - A Docent led virtual tour of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum

Augusta and Christi, MILE members, are docents for the Wadsworth Atheneum. In commemoration of the 50th year anniversary of the Docent program, you will view a virtual tour of the museum by highlighting 12 representative works of art. A power point presentation along with an interactive inquiry approach will engage the audience. Observations and background information will be shared to bring relevance to the art work.

Presenters: Augusta and Christi are both retired World language teachers and have recently completed docent training for the Wadsworth Atheneum which includes being very knowledgeable on the art works.

Augusta Gonzalez received a BA from UCLA in Italian and French (1971) and a MALS from Wesleyan University in Art and Literature (19867). Augusta has about 40 years of teaching from preschool to University level, mostly Spanish. *“I have lived about ten years in Spain, mostly due to my husband’s position as director of the Wesleyan program in Spain. I also studied art and art history in Madrid where I have spent many hours in the halls of their fine museums.”*

Christi Moraga graduated from Glastonbury High School, 1972. (Senior year was in Spain on AFS program.) She received a BA, Middlebury College 1976 (double major: French and Spanish) and a MA, Middlebury College in Madrid, 1978 (thesis on artist Solana). Christi has Diplome, University of Geneva, Switzerland, 1979, and received a MA from UCONN, 1995, in Latin American Studies (thesis on Identity of Mapuche People).

Friday, October 26 – World Religions (See October 5th for information details)

OCTOBER – Week - 5 at MxCC – Monday thru Thursday; 1:30-3:30 pm; Friday: 10:00am – Noon

Monday, October 29 – Healthy Brain Series, Part 1 What helps to increase quality of life as we age

You will learn the importance of good nutrition, the importance of mind and physical exercises and the importance of needed sleep for our brain in our golden years.

Presenters: Michelle Wyman and Patty O’Brien – Michelle Wyman received a BA in Social Work and is a Licensed Social Worker and a Certified Dementia Practitioner. Patty O’Brien received her BS in Recreation and Leisure Studies and is a Certified Dementia Practitioner. *“Both of us have worked in the aging field for over 30 years. We were hired at the Center for Healthy Aging in 2015 under a DSS grant and our task was to develop a dementia program. Not only did we develop curriculum for educating caregivers and staff about dementia and how to care for persons with a dementia, but we developed a healthy brain series to educate about what kinds of things we can do to make our brains work better. We are now hired employees of Hartford HealthCare Center for Healthy Aging and thoroughly enjoying our work.”*

Tuesday, October 30 – Hidden History of Middlesex County

Watch an illustrated talk on *Hidden History of Middlesex County* which is the third book written with the Middlesex County Historical Society by Robert and Kathleen Hubbard. Find little-known historical facts on Middletown and the 14 other towns of Middlesex County.

- A 200-million-year-old dinosaur left tracks in Middlefield.
- Hugh Lofting, author of *Dr. Doolittle*, lived in Killingworth.
- Young Dr. Seuss spent summers in Clinton.
- Jean de Brunhoff, author of *Babar the Elephant*, lived in Middletown.
- Chester resident Constance Baker Motley was the first female African-American federal judge.
- An Essex blacksmith shop was America's oldest continuously run family business.
- A Portland lake has water levels that fluctuate for no apparent reason.

Presenters: Robert and Kathleen Hubbard were born in Middletown and lived for 30 years in Middlesex County towns. Robert is a retired professor at Albertus Magnus College and Kathleen is a retired Middletown school teacher. Robert has an MBA at UCONN. Kathleen has a Sixth-year Certificate at SCSU.

Wednesday October 31 – Famous and infamous baseball events in years ending in 8!

Many famous baseball events have occurred in years ending in 8! These include:

- The Cubs winning the World Series in 1908, which they would not do again until 2016.
- The Red Sox winning the World Series in 1918, which they would not do again until 2004.
- The Red Sox would lose the 1948 playoff game against the Indians, thus removing the possibility of them being an all-Boston World Series.
- The Yankees would come back from 3 games to 1 deficit against the Braves, there by winning the Series in a comeback which looked impossible according to the NY press.
- 1968 was the year of the picture, which we fully analyze.
- 1978 featured the Yankees come back from 14 games behind to catch the Red Sox, which led to the infamous playoff game in Fenway Park.
- The 1998 Yankees win 125 games on their way to another dynasty.

Presenter: Steve Krevisky received a BS, Mathematics, City College of New York, cum Laude, 1971. He received a MS, Mathematics, Syracuse University, 1973.

Thursday, November 1 - Great Decisions 9:30-11:30 am Village at South Farms

Thursday, November 1 - Photo Trip – Four men - Two Canoes and a Dog Named Abe

Enjoy a slide show that will take you on a journey from the upper reaches of the Connecticut River, from the 4th lake in Pittsburg, NH to Rocky Hill, CT. You will view parts of the four states that the river travels – Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut. The men camped each night along the banks and after supper listened to the calls of the night creatures as they fell asleep, exhausted from the day's paddling. There are 16 major dams along the river between Pittsburg, NH and Chicopee, MA. It took nearly two hours to portage the dam at Bellows Falls on the New Hampshire side.

Presenter: Jeff Feldman completed two years of college before being drafted. Jeff is a photographer for college sporting events, sunsets, nature settings, hot air balloons and cityscapes. He has exhibited at the Noah Webster Library in West Hartford and the Clinton Library as well as juried shows at the Essex River Museum, Wintonbury Art League and the ETC Gallery in Hartford.

Friday, November 2 – World Religions (see October 5th for information details)

NOVEMBER – Week 6 – at MxCC – Monday thru Thursday; 1:30-3:30; Friday: 10:00am – Noon

Monday, November 5 – Healthy Brain Series, Part 2 What helps to increase the quality of life

Learn more about the benefits to our brain when we cope well with changes of aging, when we manage our daily stress, when we remain social and when we find our life's purpose.

Presenter: Michelle Wyman and Patty O'Brien (See Part 1 – October 29)

Tuesday, November 6 – Ethnic Groups Settling in Middletown

When did Middletown's Irish and Swedish citizens come to Middletown? What drew them here? Why is it that so many Italian citizens come from the same Sicilian town, Melilli? What role did the brickyards play in enticing African Americans to come to Middletown as part of the Great Migration? These questions and many more will be answered along with an illustrated talk about the ethnic groups that call Middletown home.

Presenter: Debby Shapiro received a BA in history from Connecticut college in 1962, attended the Marshall Wythe School of Law at the college of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA, and received her Juris Doctor degree from UCONN in 1976. Debby has been the Executive Director of the Middlesex County Historical Society since 2009. Prior to assuming this role, she had a long association with the Society, having become a member in 1978. During that time, she served on the Board of Directors for over 25 years, and was President for 8 years, Secretary, Chairwoman of buildings and grounds, Program Chairwoman, and Chairwoman of the capital campaign *A Future for our Past* that raised funds to restore the General Mansfield House, the home of the Historical Society on Main Street in Middletown.

Wednesday, November 7 – Presidents Garfield and Hoover: A Re-Examination

Few people have an appreciation of the remarkable achievements of both of these relatively obscure Presidents. This presentation will re-examine the lives of these two men in an effort to more fully appreciate the scope and nature of their remarkable lives.

Presenter: Philip Devlin has a BA from UCONN and a MALS from Wesleyan University.

Thursday, November 8 –Space Update – Human Future

Explore the "Limits of Growth", and what those limits are – or ARE NOT! AND WHY.

The Space Barons, who are they, and what are they doing to "Shake Things Up"?

What is next after the ISS, who is doing what? How many people could go into space?

Sub-Orbital, Orbital, Extremely Low Earth Orbit (ELEO), Next Space Stations, Gateways,

What is next for the Moon? What is next for CIS Lunar Space? What about Near-Earth Asteroids (Objects)?

What is next for Mars?

Presenter: Steven Akerley received an AA in Liberal Arts from Orange coast College, Costa Mesa, CA, BS in Industrial Technology from CSC at Long Beach (UCLB) and an MBA in International Business and Information Technology from University of Hartford, CT. Steven is a retired engineer of 38.6 years at P&W and 7 years as a Technical Consultant for P & W. As well as a NSS Space Ambassador, Program Director, he is a lifelong space enthusiast and is a member of The Planetary Society and The National Space Society.

Friday, November 9 – World Religions (See October 5th for information details)

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