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LAUGHING WITH BETSY

Laughter: That moment when your brain leaves your body for a few seconds and your heart flutters bringing sparkles and glitter to every cell in your body. (Author unknown).

If you want some of that, join Betsy Haimson, Certified Laughter Leader-Expert Level, (CLL-E) for an interactive laughter session on November 18 via Zoom. She offers no gags or skits, just life-affirming, hearty belly laughter. She will also teach the principles of Good-Hearted Living™ to reduce stress throughout the day.

Betsy, a past president of University League, earned a BA in history from Northwestern University, and an MSW in social work from the University of Minnesota. Betsy teaches "Yoga from a Chair" for Lechayim, the Jewish Social Services senior lunch site. Throughout the pandemic she has continued to teach it on Zoom. In 2004 she trained to become a CLL through the World Laughter Tour, founded by Steve Wilson, Cheerman of the Bored.



Don't miss out on a jolly time. Join in at 1:00pm on Thursday, November 18. If you have friends without access to Zoom, consider inviting them to join you to LAUGH OUT LOUD: IT FEELS SOOOOOO GOOD! A Zoom link will be sent to all Demeter members with email addresses about one week before the event.



CALS Deans at Corn Roast picnic.

THE REBA REPORT FROM THE ALLEN CENTENNIAL GARDEN (ACG)

This summer, Allen Centennial Garden was fortunate to be able to welcome five interns to our garden—three horticulture interns, a programs intern, and a history intern. Two were specifically supported in part by Demeter funds.

Martha Barta (she/her) is a third-year student at UW-Madison studying Spanish and conservation biology. A native of Madison, she is especially fond of the many local parks and green spaces in the city and joined ACG as a horticulture intern this year. Along with the other interns this summer, she helped to design and plant a garden for the local Pasture and Plenty restaurant.



Emma Buzucky (she/her) was our programs intern this summer. She graduated from UW-Madison last spring with a degree in conservation biology and is continuing her studies as a masters' student in the Nelson Institute's Environmental Conservation program. This summer she led the Amazing Sprouts program for students at the Eagle Heights childcare center and she is currently working on a virtual tour of ACG.

This fall, we're looking forward to some construction projects in the garden. One upcoming project is the Jeff Wyman Kitchen Garden. Professor Wyman was a faculty member and chair for the UW Entomology Department where his research focused on insect pests of vegetables. The new garden design will replace the current kitchen garden and will feature three wedge-shaped garden beds that will showcase crop rotation that limits the impact of insect pests. Fundraising is still ongoing for this project.

Unfortunately, there is not much news to report on the Dean's Residence project. UW Conference Centers has adopted the building and commissioned plans for it to be remodeled. These plans are full of historical character and special touches that will be appropriate for a retreat center and event center, but they come with a steep price tag. The project is currently on hold until a major donor is found.

Reba Luiken, Director Allen Centennial Garden



Martha Barta



Emma Buzucky

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We have been blessed with an Indian Summer this fall which made our Corn Roast, the first in-person event in almost two years, so much more wonderful! I enjoyed seeing such a good turnout of Demeter members and hearing the student awardees thank Demeter not only for their awards but "for all of this," the wonderful meal and warm welcome they received.

I was excited to learn that we have several new members of Demeter already this year! I want to thank members for reaching out to friends and colleagues who might enjoy the fellowship and activities of Demeter. This is clearly an effective way to engage others by sharing the experience of Demeter.

The generosity of members continues to help Demeter support CALS students through scholarships, internships and grants. Donations this fiscal year are already approaching \$8000. The Education Fund Committee is studying new opportunities to fund students to conduct research projects on campus and through internships at various CALS research stations. Many scientists, myself included, can attribute their keen interest in research to a past opportunity to do research outside the classroom as an undergraduate. I hope you will consider this new campaign as you contribute to student support this year.

We will be continuing our zoom programming for the immediate future until it is safe to convene indoors again in large groups but hope that we can see you all again in person at the Annual Meeting and Luncheon at Blackhawk Country Club next May and the Garden Party at Allen Centennial Garden in June!

Sally Leong, president



Jeff Martin serving buttered corn to Mary Stuibler



Huge thanks to Jan Martin who led the Corn Roast for many years!



The Getlingers

CORN ROAST A SUCCESS!

Many thanks to all of the members of the 2021 Demeter Corn Roast Picnic committee for their help in making the event a success! Linda Harvey, who managed registrations, reported that we had 87 attendees, including three new CALS faculty members. Ten others, unable to attend, sent donations and a total of \$1,849 was received for the education fund Linda said.



Many thanks, too, to Mary Jane Getlinger, who organized a bus for Demeter members and guests to travel from Oakwood Village in Madison to Lakeview Park. Eighteen people were on the bus and one, Donna Beestman, a new Demeter member, was the daughter of Ardith McDowell, a Demeter member for many years.



Jan Martin was presented with "corny" gifts and thanked for her many years of successful leadership of the corn roast committee. Also we heard presentations from Dean Kate VandenBosch and Alice in Dairyland, Julia Nunes.

A membership form was given to every person whose nametag indicated that they were a guest. Linda Harvey reported that one member renewed her membership and two other people joined Demeter that day.

Darlene Olson won the candy corn contest. There were 239 pieces of candy corn and Darlene guessed 235.

Jan Martin has reserved Lakeview Park for the 2022 Demeter Corn Roast for Sept 7 so mark your calendars!

Lynn Grooms, Corn Roast Committee Co-Chair



Sewing Workshop in its new workspace at Blue Bar Quilts

Our sewing group met in September, after sewing and cutting at home for a year and a half. It was a productive and social day! Everyone was happy to be together again. We are trying some new patterns this year to add to our scarves and caps. We meet the 3rd Tuesday from 10-4 in the classroom at Blue Bar quilts in Middleton. It is very generous of Gael to let us use this wonderful space. Thank you to all of the Demeter members who have given donations to our sewing group. The hospital is always very much in need of our monthly delivery.

Lynda Thomas, Co-Chair Sewing Workshop

What is so special about the Corn Roast?

Friends and the food!!!

Ask the students and they say, "Scholarships and the food."

Ask Donna McDowell Beestman and she says, "Demeter was part of our family for a long time." Donna's mother, Ardith McDowell, was a longtime member, and her father Don was Wisconsin State Secretary of Agriculture. Donna and her husband George recently moved to Oakwood West and attended as guests riding the Oakwood bus. They were invited by Mary Jane Getlinger.

Ask our president Sally Leong and she will say, "The Corn Roast is an opportunity to invite guests and introduce them to Demeter." She did such a good job we received memberships from Liz Barlow and Rita Harris.

Liz Barlow was a senior specialist and lab manager on campus over several decades in three departments: Plant Pathology, Biochemistry, and McArdle Cancer Labs. She worked with the late Luis Sequeira in Plant Pathology and Marv Wickens in Biochemistry in CALS. Liz, now in retirement, volunteers to help people in Middleton without transportation to get to their medical appointments.

Rita Harris is a plant scientist who worked at Monsanto and later as the grants administrator of the Rockefeller Foundation's International Program in Rice Biotechnology. Rita retired in Madison to be close to her daughter and her grandkids. She is a regular volunteer at Olbrich Gardens' greenhouse and has also volunteered at the UW Herbarium.

Karen Goebel invited her husband, Gerry Campbell, an Emeritus Associate Dean retired from Ag and Applied Econ, who has interests in food systems and community development.

Betty and Dennis Keeney recently moved from Iowa State Univ. where Dennis had retired from the Department of Soil Science. They live close to Sandra and Lou Arrington who brought them to the Corn Roast.

Martha Maxwell gave a Demeter brochure to Gayle Worf, retired professor of Plant Pathology who led extension and research programs on Dutch Elm Disease and diseases of field crops, ornamentals and turf grasses.

Do you remember who invited you? If I think back it was Mary Bula who invited me. She not only invited me but she made sure I had a ride to the meetings and activities, and that was back in 1983! Those personal invitations still work today.

Whom do you know that might enjoy supporting our organization?

Jan Martin, membership committee

Student Organization Grants

Demeter has been providing funds to CALS student organizations for over 20 years. This year the Demeter Board approved grants to seven student organizations:

National Agri-Marketing Association, Food Science Club, and Pre-Vet Association will support student travel to national conventions or symposia.

CALS Health and Research Society, Sigma Alpha and Student Society for Stem Cell Research will host symposia and seminars, and Badger Crops Club will host a recruitment event.

These grants were paid from the yearly Demeter scholarship funds provided by generous donations from Demeter members in FY20-21. These scholarship funds also supported the Internship at West Madison Agricultural Research Station.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Julie Arriaga, Donna & George Beestman, Helen Read, Gail Schaefer, Hanna Boekhoff-Walsh & Leo Walsh

IN HONOR OF

The bulb planters by Carrie Aberle
Sharon Brantmeier by Lynn Grooms
Sally Leong by Liz Henry
Larry Binning by Jan Martin
Betty Pope by Virgene Vathauer

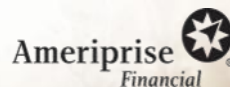
IN MEMORY OF

Helen Kelman by Sally Andrews
Ardith McDowell by Donna & George Beestman
Gordon Harvey by Sue Cowan
Gordon Cunningham by Vera Cunningham
David Zoerb by Ruby Dobson
Jane Roeber by Ruby Dobson
Laverne Forest by Betty Forest
Mary Worf by Betty Forest
June & Dwight Forsyth by David Forsyth
Norma Brooks by Andrea Kelling, Judy Stang & Virgene Vathauer
Helen Kuntz by Judy Stevenson
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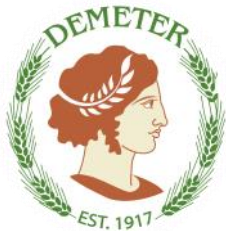
Demeter Scholarship recipients at the Corn Roast. Back row L to R, Dean Kate VandenBosch, Kaitlyn Younger, Cade Knaus, Tanner Oyen, Martha Barta, Maura Barry, Kaylee Furness, Rachel Schumann. Front row L to R, Clarissa Cull, Sabrina Servais, Megan Dean, Gabi Conidi.

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CALENDAR

SEWING WORKSHOP

10-4 Nov 16, Dec 14, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15, Apr 19

BULB PLANTING

2:30pm Oct 26
See information on this page

NOVEMBER ZOOM

Nov 18, 1:00pm
Program: Laughing with Betsy
Watch for zoom link via email
shortly before meeting

BOARD MEETING

7:00pm January 11, 2022
Zoom link to be sent via email

WINTER ZOOM MTG

To be announced (TBA)

SPRING LUNCHEON & ANNUAL MEETING

Date and Location TBA

GARDEN PARTY

Date and time TBA

Bulb Planting Rescheduled. Due to delayed bulb production, bulbs have not yet been received, so planting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, October 26 from 2:30-4pm. Friends of Allen Centennial Garden are welcome to join for a bit of hard work and a sweet treat from Babcock to follow. Due to limited parking at the garden, please meet at 2:00 in the lot behind the Century House on the north side of University Ave and carpool to the garden. Remember your gardening gloves. Other tools will be provided.