

COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

CENTER FOR CREATIVE RETIREMENT

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CCR MOVES ON CAMPUS

While the Center for Creative Retirement (CCR) of the College of Charleston has existed for almost 25 years, it has previously met in an off-campus location. In August, 2014 the new College of Charleston North Campus facility opened. The campus, located at 3800 Paramount Drive in North Charleston, is easily accessed from 526, has ample parking, and outstanding facilities. Based upon these and other considerations, in September 2014, CCR officially moved to the North Campus site.

CCR meets in the large conference area which can be divided into three separate rooms, each with a large screen, state of the art technology, and an outstanding audio system. As of now, two rooms are opened to make one large room for the presentations. The other room is used for hospitality and refreshments. Members quickly noticed how easy it was to hear and see presentations from any point in the room. Many were delighted with the sound system as they had previously had difficulty hearing in our other facility. The hospitality room gives members a large space to converse while eating. Another point quickly mentioned was that the seats are so comfortable that it is no longer necessary to bring a seat cushion to meetings !

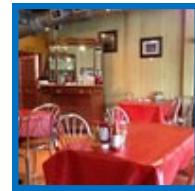
The new building has almost 50,000 square feet of classroom and study space. There are twenty three classrooms, a student lounge with food service available, library and study rooms. All of these may be used by CCR members. A full-time technologist is available to provide assistance and training on how to use any of the classroom technology and software. Use of rooms does require prior arrangements. Contact Bronwyn Barron (843-953-3495 or barronb@cofc.edu) to make these arrangements. Regular hours of operation are 7 am to 10 pm Monday through Friday and 8 am to 10 pm on Sunday.

The North Campus building has security personnel on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Regular monitoring by North Charleston Police and the College of Charleston's Public Safety Officers keep the area safe and secure. This is a very light, warm and inviting facility.

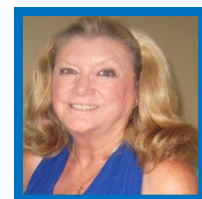
The CCR Board and CoFC administration continue to work together to offer new opportunities for services and programs. In addition, the CCR Board has been meeting with the College of Charleston Retired Faculty and Staff group with ideas for collaboration. The new facility and these continuing collaborations will help to provide new offerings for the rapidly increasing population of retirees and seniors in the Tri-County area.



For the Savannah trip, lunch was at "Sisters of the New South." It has been voted the best soul food restaurant in Savannah. The restaurant is not fancy but was full of diners while we were there.



The next week this restaurant was featured on the television show, "Flip My Food." At www.flipmyfood.com search for Sisters of the New South and you will find the recipes for Smothered Shrimp, Braised Ox Tails, and Sweet Potato Cheesecake.



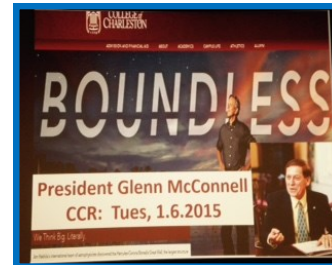
Judy Murdoch: Editor

A PRESIDENTIAL WELCOME

What a welcome! For our first meeting (after our move to the College of Charleston North Campus) on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, Glenn McConnell, 22nd president of the College of Charleston was our speaker. He is a native of Charleston who attended Charleston area public schools. As an undergraduate at the College of Charleston, McConnell was Student Body President and a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science in 1969. The McConnell Residence Hall on the College of Charleston campus is named in his honor. Also a tribute, McConnell was a recipient of the Founders Medal, the highest award bestowed by the college. In 1972 he earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law. He was admitted to the South Carolina Bar that same year. McConnell served more than 30 years in the South Carolina Senate. In 2001, he was elected the first Republican President Pro Tempore of the South Carolina Senate by a bipartisan vote. Later, as the incumbent Senate President Pro Tempore, he ascended to the office of Lieutenant Governor on March 13, 2012. As Lieutenant Governor he also became head of the Lieutenant Governor's Office of the Aging., As such, he became an advocate for seniors and adults with disabilities.



McConnell spoke about the Boundless Campaign for the College of Charleston. He sees this campaign as a way of shaping national distinction for the college. It is a fund raising campaign which seeks \$125 million in total commitments by June of 2016. Investing in the campaign gives donors an opportunity to invest in one or more of five priorities. Priority one is scholarships that will attract and retain exceptional student and help make the college affordable and inclusive. Priority two seeks to attract faculty who will create new knowledge, collaborate across disciplines and inspire national student research. Priority three focuses on academic and campus life programs to embrace the history, culture and location of the college. Priority five seeks to establish an annual giving to support the needs and priorities of the college and build a culture of philanthropy. It is priority four that we are experiencing. It seeks to have state of the art facilities that support creativity, collaboration and innovation in learning and research. In essence, the campaign seeks to focus intentions for the future and position the College locally, national and internationally. How to do this? By growing a culture of philanthropy which will support the College for the benefit of students, faculty staff and the community.



A PRESIDENTIAL FAREWELL

It is hard to believe that our 2014-2015 year is coming to a close. What a year it has been since being elected President of CCR, opening with a wine tasting presentation and social in September. Many of us went on a wonderful trip to Elloree to learn so much about the town's history, its cotton industry, and eat some great Southern food. So many other great memories of trips, speakers, books, study groups, committees, and getting to know each other better followed.

As we began Fall semester, the Lowcountry Graduate Center became our official home in January, after many warm and welcoming years at St. Joseph's on Raoul Wallenberg in West Ashley. CCR made the six-mile move to 3800 Paramount Drive just in time to welcome the new President of College of Charleston, Glenn McConnell, as our first 2015 speaker. His informed and heartfelt vision for the future brought us closer to of CofC roots and the opportunities ahead.

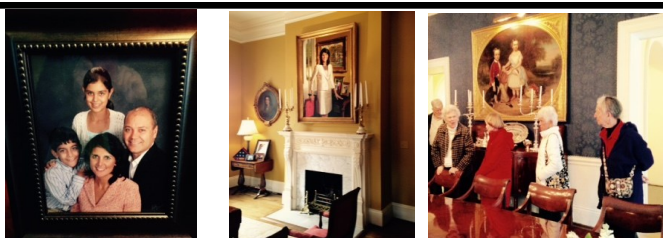
With state-of-the art facilities, a team of CofC professionals and

our dedicated CCR volunteers we began a new stage in our organization-more great trips, presentations, and study groups. New mini-classes will begin in October. Most importantly, more opportunities will arise to meet and develop long-term friendships with other CCR members.

I loved being a part of the CCR during the past two and a half years and know how deeply I will miss being able to continue with all that comes ahead here in Charleston, particularly with the amazing, dedicated, and welcoming friends who made my time in CCR so special. My husband, Larry, and I head back to the north— this time to State College, Pennsylvania where we will be only six miles from our daughter and her husband. Our new house will be ready in September, just in time for fall foliage, but before the first snows come. All my warmest wishes and I look forward to winter escapes back to Charleston to spend time with you in the years ahead.



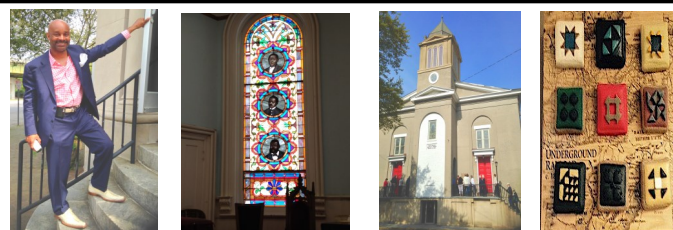
Columbia Highlights



The CCR trip to Columbia, SC included visits to the South Carolina Governor's Mansion followed by a visit to the Norman Rockwell exhibit at the Columbia Art Museum. The Governor's Mansion, a historic Federal style home has 15 rooms. The public rooms are beautifully decorated with objects symbolic of South Carolina such as the Palmetto tree wallpaper in the dining room shown above. The Governor's official portrait was hung the day before we arrived. While an official residence, it is also a home as evidenced by the numerous personal pictures in the rooms. Most of the pictures in the art exhibit were painted while Rockwell lived in Stockbridge, Mass and was the main painter of covers for the Saturday Evening Post. Unknown to many was the fact that while Rockwell painted using models he did not use the live models while painting. Carefully staged vignettes were set up and photographed. Rockwell painted using the photographs. This exhibit showed the photographs along with the paintings for which they were used. An example is the work "The Problem We All Live With" showing Ruby Bridges flanked by white federal marshals walking to school past a wall defaced by racist graffiti. The photographs and painting are shown below.



Savannah Highlights



Our trip to Savannah, GA began with the Johnnie Brown tour of Savannah's Black heritage and the Underground Railroad. A highlight was the visit to the First African Baptist church, the oldest Black church in North America. Organized in 1773 as a body of believers, they later obtained the property and built the church with the labor of slaves who worked on their off time. Completed in 1859, a 4' high crawl space under the social hall was used to hide slaves who then went by a tunnel to the next place. The nine patch quilt design of the ceiling represented that this church was a safe place for slaves. Other symbols used to indicate underground railroad places are represented in the last picture. After a lunch of soul food at Sisters of the New South the group visited the Savannah College of Art and Design. The exhibit Oscar De La Renta: His Legendary World of Style had just opened. This was the first posthumous tribute to the renowned icon and his work. The exhibit featured 70 garments, many designed for his closest friends and family. Among those who owned the gowns were Oprah Winfrey, Nicole Kidman, Taylor Swift, Hilary Clinton, and Laura Bush. The wedding gown designed for his daughter was included.



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Meetings

Every Tuesday

1:00

From September to May

FIRST MINI- COURSE OFFERINGS

Two special mini courses to be held at the North Campus site for CCR are being planned. More detailed information, such as course descriptions, instructor biographies, and registration information will be given later. These issues are still being worked upon. But here is what we know now.

Microsoft Word and Email :

Tuesday October 6, 13, 20 and 27th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Lunch will be provided after each session from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm so participants can then attend the CCR lecture. Cost for the course will be \$99 per participant. Price includes \$10.00 for the lunches.

The Art of Sijo (Korean Poetic Form)

Tentative dates for this course are Thursdays October 8, 15, 22 and 29th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The price for the course will be \$99.00 per participant. Price includes \$10 worth of materials for the course.

FALL TRIPS WITH DAVE CLARK

Spirit of Carolina Harbor Dinner Cruise: September 15, 2015 (Thursday)

This has always been a popular event in the past, so come out and enjoy the dining and fellowship with your friends and invite friends who might be inclined to enjoy it to. We will meet at approximately 6:00 pm at Patriots Point in Mt. Pleasant for the cruise. The cost will be \$53.00 per person for your cruise, meal, soft drinks and gratuity. Desserts and hard drinks are extra at your expense. There will also be a \$5.00 parking charge by Patriots Point, so carpool if you want to save a few bucks.

Coastal Expeditions Boat Trip Through Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge November 2nd, 4th, and 5th (Only 20 people can go each time.)

This is a four hour boat trip with the same company that took us to Bulls Island a couple of years ago. They say that the flora and fauna are spectacular this time of year with the fall colors. The cost for this outing will be \$60.00 which includes trip, lunch and gratuity. We will meet approximately 5 miles north of Georgetown at the boat ramp. Directions supplied later. Car pools encouraged.