President’s Message

Dear Elder Quest Friends and Colleagues,

Congratulations for the great success we had with our Spring Scholarship Fundraiser. Everyone who has mentioned it, has been pleased with the great speakers, inspiring music, delicious lunch, and the opportunity to donate to our Non-traditional Student Scholarship Fund. I am so pleased to report that Elder Quest received $13,756.00 in donations. This year, more dollars were donated than in any other year in the past. Overall, with the endowment funds and the matching operating funds, and all of your very generous donations, we were able to add $22,841.00 to the scholarship fund! Thank you all for your dedication to this remarkable program we support in Elder Quest to help deserving students.

Recently, one of our teachers, Esther Megargal, who teaches The Joy of Music, was interviewed on KBYU FM radio. She is a gifted musician and composer and told about her composition titled, Subterranean Ricochet. It was extremely interesting to hear those three low octave instruments – the bassoon, tuba, and double bass playing that number and hear Esther’s remarks about it.

We’ve had three summer luncheons at the Sizzler, and each one of them has been a success – there were close to or more than thirty Elder Quest members in attendance each time. It was interesting to hear what each person has been doing to enjoy the summer season.

As we look forward to the coming 2017 – 2018 Elder Quest year, let me remind you that this will be a celebration of the twenty-five years since this great effort to promote lifelong learning was first organized. We are fortunate to have two of the original founding members still actively engaged in Elder Quest. They are Flora Duncan and Bill Hoglund. I am so grateful to them and the other eight people who banded together in 1992 and founded Elder Quest. Hundreds of people have benefitted from the efforts of those ten founding members. We continue to forge ahead and remember our efforts to continually be Lifelong Learners.

As we anticipate the coming year, there are many exciting adventures awaiting us in the fantastic Classes that will be presented, the opportunities we will have to enjoy Day Trips – two of those will be to the Utah Symphony Finishing Touches, another will be to visit the historic Wendover Air Force Base Museum in connection with Don Norton’s class on World War II. Potpourri Lectures will continue to stimulate us with interesting subjects.

Our first Current Events activity will be the dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, at the Culinary Arts Institute in Orem at 661 East Timpanogos Parkway (1300 North). The teachers will be introduced and will give a brief outline of the class he/she will teach.

I look forward to seeing each of you at that opening event. It’s going to be another fabulous year in Elder Quest as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary.

Fran Reiser, E.Q. President
Join us for dinner* and kick off another fabulous year of Elder Quest! Come meet our amazing Elder Quest Teachers!

September 13, Wednesday Dinner (6:00 PM)
UVU Culinary Arts Building in Orem
* Be sure to call Dorothy Purcell at 801 225-1503 before Wed, September 6th to reserve your meal ticket!

Dickens in America
Judith and Leonard Tourney
Monday 10:30 am

The course we would like to teach is entitled "Dickens in America." It will feature the author's journey through the United States in the 1840s when he was received as a celebrity but responded with a critique of American culture and society. We will show parts of a wonderful BBC documentary on Dickens' travels and provide useful background information on the historical and literary setting. We will also explore later works of Dickens influenced by his excursion.

Judith Olauson Tourney has a Ph.D. in performance from the University of Utah and taught acting and directing for thirty years at the University of California, Santa Barbara. A professional actor and director, she has also taught in the theatre department of BYU and the University of Utah.

Leonard Tourney has a Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He has taught English and creative writing at various universities, including the University of California and BYU. He is also a published novelist and freelance editor.

Judith and Leonard have recently returned from an LDS senior mission in Ottawa, Canada.
Economics for Non-economists
Robert Griffiths

Tuesday, 10:30 AM

Come learn about some of the key issues of our day—the federal budget and deficits, trade policy, unemployment and welfare, and what it really takes for an economy to be productive—in plain language that relates economic policy to our everyday lives.

Following up on his course this spring on China, Robert Griffiths again draws on his 34 years living and working overseas, and his years teaching economics at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C., to help us better understand our world.

Around the World in Eighty Days
Jeannie Griffiths

Tuesday 1:00 pm

A little history, geography, culture and personal stories from every region of the world.

With 196 countries in the world, which one has hundreds of different languages? What is the largest Muslim country and it’s not even in the Middle East? Why is English called “A whore of a language”? What Buddhist nation offered Lincoln elephants to fight the American civil war? Come join us for a fun filled and informative class.

Jeannie Griffiths, with her husband Robert, a former diplomat with the U.S. State Department, has lived overseas for 25 years in a variety of countries. Active in teaching and volunteer activities wherever she was, Jeannie gave birth to three children, in three different countries, on three different continents. Having visited over 40 countries, come learn about the world and hear Jeannie’s personal stories of life abroad.
Dear Elder Questers:

Attached is a "preview" of the subject of my fall semester Elder Quest class. Each week, we’ll take up a major event or theme related to World War II, an event that is clearly the most significant historical event of the 20th century (some say "in the history of the world").

We’ll (1) set forth some "facts" related to the event/theme, (2) discuss that event/theme, then (3) review some firsthand experiences of men and women involved, drawn from the 800+ oral histories of WW-II veterans I have done over the last 27 years.

"Facts" related to WW-II have changed in many ways, since formerly "classified" archives (US, German, Soviet, etc.) have become available to historians, and our general perspective of that war has changed. WW-II continues to be perhaps the most written-about topic in history, given its profound shaping of just about everything that’s happened in the world the last 75 or so years.

A further note on Pearl Harbor: unbeknownst to Japanese leaders, the US had been intercepting, decoding, and reading Japanese military and diplomatic messages for several years, but the US could not make public the work of MAGIC (the name given to the "magicians" who were decrypting Japanese diplomatic intelligence). Which explains, in part, why the two navy and army leaders in Hawaii (Kimmel and Stark) had to be sacrificed.

See you in September.

Esther Megargel received a Master’s degree in composition from BYU in 2013. Her thesis is entitled “The Hearts of the Children,” a 20 minute cantata for choir and orchestra. Her book entitled “Fifteen Organ Preludes and Postludes” is soon to be published by Lorenz Publishing Company. She lives in American Fork, and has three children and eight grandchildren.

The Joy of Music
Esther Megargel
Tues at 1:00 pm

The Joy of Music: How to Listen to and Enjoy Great Music of All Periods

Music is an intrinsic part of our nature. We, as human beings, have a built in attraction to music, whether we listen or perform. We will learn about some of the elements that make a piece of music great, and discover new ways to listen. What is it that makes a melody appealing, a rhythm catchy, or a harmony exciting? How do these all work together to form a satisfying work of music? No musical abilities are required, only a pair of listening ears.

This will be my fourth semester teaching the Joy of Music class. This semester we will explore different pieces from the virtually unlimited resources of recorded performances and the internet. Hopefully you will build up a listening library of music that you may turn to repeatedly for enjoyment and inspiration. I’m looking forward to seeing new and returning class members.

Is there life after life? Come explore the various first hand reports and written word on just what is next.

Life after Life
Les Campbell
Monday 2:30 pm

True War Stories
Don Norton
Tuesday 2:30

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The World and I
Jim Wright
Wednesday at 10:30
An intriguing and thrilling discussion of current events where all can agree to disagree.

Jim Wright
• Juris Doctor Degree – Pacific Coast University Law School (1971)
• Married to Janet (Tanner) 1963, Six Children, Twelve Grandchildren
• Retired Judge, California Superior Court (1987-2004)
• Foreign Expert Teacher in Xi’an, Beijing and Wuxi, China Universities (2005-2010)
• President, Provo Kiwanis Club (2014)
• Orem Resident since 2007

Enjoying Shakespeare
Dave Johnson and Glen Smith
Thursday 10:30 am
Join us to read and discuss the four Shakespeare Plays to be presented in the 2018 Utah Shakespeare Festival:
Othello
Merchant of Venice
Merry Wives of Windsor
Henry VI Part One
Remember, you don’t have to be a Shakespeare scholar nor an academic to enjoy the great works of the Bard.

The Brothers Karamazov
Gary Browning
Thursday 2:30 pm
Gary Browning has a great love for Russian literature. He has taught Tolstoy's Anna Karenina for Elder Quest and is looking forward to offering Dostoevsky’s The Karamazov Brothers this fall semester. This novel is among a small number of Gary's very favorite works. In Karamazov Dostoevsky explores and reveals profound depths of the human soul and the brilliant essence of Jesus Christ's most fundamental and ennobling teachings.

Gary requests that all class members use the same edition of the novel in order to facilitate frequent reference to centrally important quotations from the text of the novel. Inexpensive copies of the book are available from Amazon.com. The required text is: The Karamazov Brothers by Fyodor Dostoevsky translated by Ignat Avsey.

The publisher is Oxford University Press. Very important: the text should be on pp. 9-974 so that Gary can specify a page and all class members can find the quotation quickly.

After completing academic degrees at BYU, Syracuse U., and Harvard U., Gary taught at Bryn Mawr and Haverford Colleges in Pennsylvania before returning to BYU, where he taught Russian language and literature for thirty-one years. He served at the Y in various capacities, including as Russian department chair and dean of Honors Education. He and his wife Joan have served at the BYU Jerusalem Center and at Southern Virginia University. They were mission leaders of the Finland Helsinki East and the Russia Moscow Missions. Currently he serves as a traveling patriarch in the Europe East Area.
September 18  **Washington: The Indispensable Man** by James Thomas Flexner
A new look at a towering historical figure.

September 25  **Enrique's Journey** by Sonia Nazario Reviewer: Cathy Carter
The heart-wrenching story of a young immigrant boy from Central America and his journey from his homeland to California to find his mother who has left the family because of poverty and violence.

October 2 **The Light Between Oceans** by M.L. Stedman
An Australian novel about a husband who returns from World War I and finds his wife has moved into an isolated light house, informally adopted a baby washed ashore, and the ensuing consequences.

October 16 **The Right Stuff** by Tom Wolfe
The true story of U.S. pilots engaged in post-war research in experimental rocket-powered high speed aircraft and the story of the *Mercury* Astronauts.

October 23 **Plain Truth** by Jodi Picoult Reviewer: LaRae Huber
An Amish community is shaken up when a baby born alive was found dead and the mother denies ever being pregnant.

October 30 **The Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park
We follow two threads with the hopeful message that even in a troubled country in Africa, determined survivors may find the future they are hoping for.

November 6 **Breathing Lessons** by Anne Tyler Reviewer: Linda Knight
Maggie’s life has been downhill since her honeymoon and she has compensated by becoming a devout "prompter of persons & things" This Pulitzer winner focuses on a humorous 90 mile funeral trip.

November 13 **A Man called Ove** by Fredrick Backman
A grumpy solitary old man has his world turned upside down by a boisterous new family in his neighborhood.

November 20 **Growing Up** by Russell Baker Reviewer: Tal Huber
In Russell Baker’s Pulitzer Prize winning autobiography he shares many details of his life including time as a New York Times reporter assigned to the White House and Congress.

November 27 **Victoria: A Life** by A.N. Wilson
Initially Victoria had to overcome a family and a court who wanted her Queenship, followed by the sterling romance with Prince Albert and his death. Victoria proves to be a queen of complexity, humor, and playfulness.

December 4 **Christmas Social**
We have great plans in store for travel which will be unveiled at our opening dinner on Sept. 14th.

At our opening dinner in September Travel Passport will reveal our trips for 2018 and we think you will be excited and surprised. We are off to a year of fun adventures together! Hint - you have heard the show of trains, planes and automobiles - we promise at least two of those will be involved.

Contact Joan Hahn or Carla Teasdale for more travel information.
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**Class Schedule - Fall 2017**

September 18 – November 30

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OFFICIAL REGISTRATION 2017-18

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☐ I wish to receive the newsletter by mail.

- Enclosed is the annual membership fee of $40.00 (cash or check) for the academic year 2017-18. **Please make checks payable to UVU Elder Quest.**
- Luncheons, dinners, day trips, extended travel and some activities will require additional payments.
- Your UVU Elder Quest member name tag will be provided which you should wear to all classes and activities.

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Participant Signature ___________________________ Date ____________

By signing this, I verify that I have read and agree to the RISKS AND HAZARDS: STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND RELEASE found on reverse side of this page.

Information on this form will be used for direct contact only and will not be shared with any other organization except in connection with notification of and participation in UVU Elder Quest activities.

Please return this completed form with your $40.00 annual membership fee to:

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% Gerhard Ruf, Treasurer
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The undersigned hereby acknowledges and agrees to the following statements:

1. I (name listed on reverse, herein “participant”) expect and intend to participate in activities with the UVU Elder Quest organization, sponsored by UVU Elder Quest during the 2017-2018 year, following the execution of the Statement of Understanding and Release.

2. In consideration of the University's partnership with UVU Elder Quest, participant hereby states that he/she has read and fully understands the Risks and Hazards Statement which is included herein and releases and discharges the State of Utah, the University, UVU Elder Quest, and their officers, agents and employees and volunteers from any and all claims, damages, losses or injuries arising from any Elder Quest activity or connected therewith, including, but not limited to, any loss, damage or injury suffered by participant or others, arising out of participation in any UVU Elder Quest activity.

3. Participant further agrees and understands that during the activity, he/she will be under the direction of the instructor or director approved by Utah Valley University and specifically agrees to comply with all reasonable directions and instructions by the instructor or director during the course thereof.

4. Participant understands and acknowledges that there are specific risks of injury to person and/or property that are associated with activity, including risks related to travel hazards, terrain, weather, eating and sleeping arrangements, and other circumstances specific to participation in Elder Quest. Participant specifically assumes the risks associated with such conditions. Participant understands that UVU does not carry insurance for any activity or travel for groups or individuals.

5. Participant certifies and represents that if he/she drives a personal vehicle to, from, and/or during the activity, the vehicle must be covered throughout the period of the activity by a motor vehicle liability insurance policy, currently in effect, with limits of coverage and liability that satisfy the requirements of the Utah Motor Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act, 1952 Utah Code Anno. 41-12-1 et seq.

6. Participant understands and acknowledges that Utah Valley University and UVU Elder Quest assume no liability for personal injuries or property damages to participants or to third parties arising out of a UVU Elder Quest activity. Participant agrees to indemnify and to save harmless, the State of Utah, the University, Elder Quest and its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from any claim or liability arising out of the acts or omissions of the participant during any such activity, subject to any limitations or restrictions against such indemnification that are imposed by law.

7. Participant understands and acknowledges that there may be unsupervised times before, during, or after the hours of the sponsored activity. It is understood that during this time participants will conduct themselves as responsible individuals as well as adhere to all applicable laws and statutes in effect. Failure to comply with this section may result in physical harm or property loss due to hazards beyond the University’s control. Failure to comply may also result in expulsion from the activity. The University will not be responsible for any such acts nor any costs resulting from expulsion from the activity.

8. The participant hereby understands that he/she shall arrange for appropriate personal health insurance coverage (e.g., hospital/medical insurance, student health insurance, etc.) during the period of the Elder Quest activity. The participant agrees and understands that he/she will be personally responsible for any medical costs incurred during this activity.

9. The participant agrees not to use any illegal drugs while undertaking any and all activities with Utah Valley University or UVU Elder Quest.

Dated: ______________________, 20____

Print Name Legibly: __________________________________________ (Participant)

Signed: __________________________________________ (Participant)
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Elder Quest Friends who have Graduated

Monty Megargel
October 3, 1933—April 6, 2017
From his youth he loved the outdoors and was an avid fisherman and hunter. He served in the Army in France from 1956 to 1957. He graduated from Penn State University in 1958 with a degree in forestry. He obtained a position with the U.S. Forest Service moving to Lewis River, Washington where he worked in timber management on a ranger station.

He married Esther Lorraine Strong on June 5, 1965 in Woodland, Washington having met her through a mutual friend (actually a church based organization called the Scientific Marriage Foundation.) They were transferred to Eugene, Oregon and settled for the next thirty years in nearby Springfield.

He loved to garden, hunt and fish and take long walks. He taught his children through personal example of righteous living. Monty will be sorely missed by his family.

Cynthia Hirst
Jan 31, 1926 — Jul 28, 2017
Cynthia received her Bachelor’s degree from the University of Utah (1947), Master’s degree from the University of Washington (1952), and her PhD from the University of Utah (1974). She was a member of the Ski Patrol at Timp Haven (Sundance) where she met Frank Hirst. Cynthia joined the BYU faculty in 1948 as a professor in the Physical Education Dept., teaching swimming, canoeing, water safety instruction and statistics, retiring in 1990.

A Tribute found on Cynthia’s page: Cynthia was my swimming teacher at BYU and also a friend at Elder Quest. We were involved with our children in swimming competitions for many years. She was always a good and dependable person – a realist as well as a dreamer. A totally honest and good person. She blessed my life.

— Julia Blair, student

Benton Patten
January 3, 1934—August, 2016
Ben attended Brigham Young University where he met the love of his life, Karol June Payne. They were married for over 57 years before she crossed over in April 2016. He received his Bachelor’s and Master’s degree from BYU, and his Doctorate in Fine Arts from Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois. In every aspect of his life, Ben taught. He was always willing to help others achieve what they didn't think they could do.

Karol June P. Patten
July 13, 1933—April, 21, 2016
Karol graduated with a degree in education from BYU and began her career as an elementary school teacher. She later earned a Master's degree in Library Science from Brigham Young University. Ben and Karol enthusiastically served as Church Educational Service missionaries in Tahiti, French Polynesia where they taught the High School students proficiency in English.
Here is a copy of a “poem” I like. It reminds me of one of the many reasons I like Elder Quest!

Submitted By Sharon Ann H. Bird

Fellowship is Heaven

“Forsooth, brothers, fellowship is heaven
And the lack of fellowship is hell;
Fellowship is life and the lack of
Fellowship is death;
And the deeds that ye do upon the earth,
It is for fellowship’s sake that ye do them.
Therefore, I bid you not dwell in hell,
But in heaven—upon earth, which is
A part of heaven and forsooth no foul part.”

--William Morris, from Elbert Hubbard’s Scrapbook

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