

VOLTS (VALPARAISO ORGANIZATION FOR LEARNING & TEACHINGS SENIORS)

What Is VOLTS? VOLTS *Valparaiso Organization for Learning and Teaching Seniors* is a group of seniors in the area who are intellectually curious and like to learn, particularly with a group of peers. Valparaiso Organization for Learning and Teaching Seniors (VOLTS) was organized in the Spring of 1995 with the support of the Office of Continuing Education at Valparaiso University. VOLTS is directed by its own members. Programs, including guest speakers and lecturers, are chosen by the interests of those involved. Topics include previews of university drama and musical productions, discussion of current events, and presentations by VU faculty or other professionals. As the name implies, the program is designed for seniors who are interested in learning and teaching. Expertise within the group naturally lends itself to an exchange of information within the group. Thus, VOLTS does not replicate a classroom setting in which members are lectured to by a speaker. Rather, VOLTS allows participants to be actively involved in both learning from and teaching fellow members.

Who can participate? The VOLTS program is open to all senior citizens who are excited about knowledge. Participants are retired or above the age of 60.

When can I start? Anytime! A VOLTS schedule is prepared each semester and is included in the current brochure. If you are interested in participating you are welcome to come as a guest or visitor to a session. Virtually all meetings are held on the campus at the University.

What Is the cost? The cost per year is currently \$20 per person or \$35 per couple.

Request information For more information please contact the Office of Continuing Education at Valparaiso University at 219-464-5313, or you may submit an online form requesting more information. To request information about our VOLTS program, [click here](#).

Program Planning Committee

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VOLTS Fall 2009 Program Schedule	
January 7	Current Events <i>Location:</i> Harre Union Ballroom A, 9:00 am
January 11	"Sacred Springs and Holy Wells in the British Isles" <i>Speakers:</i> Ruth and Louis Foster

	<p><i>Location:</i> Harre Union, Brown and Gold Room 3:30 pm</p>
January 21	<p>Current Events <i>Location:</i> Harre Union Ballroom A, 9:00 am</p>
January 25	<p>"Classroom of Tomorrow (Today)" <i>Speaker:</i> Bruce MacLean, Director of Graduate Programs in Management at VU <i>Location:</i> Harre Union, Brown and Gold Room 3:30 pm</p>
February 4	<p>Current Events <i>Location:</i> Harre Union-Ballroom A, 9:00am</p>
February 8	<p>"The State of the City" <i>Speaker:</i> Valparaiso Mayor Jon Costas <i>Location:</i> Harre Union, Brown and Gold Room 3:30 pm.</p>
February 18	<p>Current Events <i>Location:</i> VU Harre Union-Ballroom A, 9:00 am</p>
February 22	<p>"Living Students and Extinct Teachers" <i>Speaker:</i> Dr. Richard Hengst, Professor of Biology, Director of Graduate Studies at Purdue North Central <i>Location:</i> Harre Union, Brown and Gold Room 3:30 pm</p>
March 4	<p>Current Events <i>Location:</i> Harre Union-Ballroom A 9:00am</p>
March 8	<p>"We Are Leaders Too" <i>Speaker:</i> Lorie Woycik <i>Location:</i> Harre Union Brown and Gold Room, 3:30 pm</p>
March 18	<p>Current Events <i>Location:</i> Harre Union-Ballroom A, 9:00 am</p>
March 22	<p>Review of Life of Benjamin Franklin and Exhibition Viewing <i>Speaker:</i> Becky Bynum, VU Librarian <i>Location:</i> Christopher Center Library, Community Rm 3:30 pm</p>
April 1	<p>Current Events <i>Location:</i> Harre Union-Ballroom A, 9:00 am</p>

<p>April 15</p>	<p>Play Review: Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" <i>Speaker:</i> Dr. Lee Orchard, VU Department of Theater <i>Location:</i> VUCA 4:00pm</p>
<p>April 19</p>	<p>"The Calumet Region: Memory and Place in a Post-Industrial Landscape" <i>Speaker:</i> Gary Cialdella, Professional photographer, historian, educator. Funded by the Brauer Museum of Art. Book signing will follow presentation. <i>Location:</i> Harre Union, Brown and Gold Room 3:30 pm</p>
<p>April 22</p>	<p>Current Events <i>Location:</i> Harre Union-Ballroom A, 9:00 am</p>
<p>April 26</p>	<p>"WWII Re-Enactments" <i>Speaker:</i> Nathan Long, Re-Enactor <i>Location:</i> Harre Union, Brown and Gold Room 3:30 pm</p>
<p>May 6</p>	<p>Current Events <i>Location:</i> Harre Union-Ballroom A, 9:00 am</p>
<p>May 10</p>	<p>"History of Ice Cream and Valpo Velvet Production" (Social to follow...bring a spoon!) <i>Speaker:</i> Bette and Michael Brown <i>Location:</i> Harre Union, Brown and Gold Room 3:30 pm</p>

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