MONTHLY PROGRAM
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2014
Time: 9:00 AM refreshments, 9:30 AM program
Place: Haworth Conference Center, Hope College
Program: Holland Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway; Travis Williams, Executive Director

The Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway is a 13 year old nonprofit education and conservation organization focused on connecting people, land and nature. Travis Williams, Executive Director of the Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway, will provide a program about the Center and will focus on two major initiatives they have launched to improve our community.

Travis will give a general update about the Outdoor Discovery Center and how it is has tripled its budget and size over the past 5 years. The Outdoor Discovery Center was started as a grass roots nonprofit organization focused on connecting people with the outdoors. Today they have well over 500 acres of land and serve over 35,000 children and families in programs each year. He will share some of the cutting edge programs and specifically highlight two unique initiatives: Little Hawks Discovery Preschool and Project Clarity.

Join us and learn about what this organization is doing to connect children and families to the outdoors, and their conservation efforts to clean up the Macatawa Watershed.

Travis Williams has served as the Executive Director of the Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway since the organization was founded in the year 2000 and has worked in the field of environmental education and resource management since 1997. He is a graduate of Hope College receiving a B.S. in Biology and has pursued multiple advanced degrees including a Masters in Education and an MBA in Strategic Management.

Travis was the first employee of the Center and was intimately involved with developing the nonprofit education facility. He has significant experience in business development, nonprofit management, strategic planning, and mergers and partnerships. He has utilized this experience to guide the development and growth of the Outdoor Discovery Center Macatawa Greenway. He has served on numerous boards including the National Association for Interpretation, Children & Nature Network, Association of Nature Center Administrators, West Coast Leadership, Hope College Animal Care & Use, and Nonprofit Next.

Travis is married with three children and resides in Hamilton, Michigan.

UPCOMING HASP MONTHLY PROGRAMS:
February 7, 2014 - Lessons Learned from a Million Miler - HASP Member Betty Voskuil
March 4, 2014 - Songs Against Slavery (Human Trafficking) - Hope Student Grace Theisen

MONTHLY MEETING PARKING: Lot Z – behind Anderson-Werkman building is reserved for HASP members (marked with orange cones), there are some available spaces in Lot U (for Haworth guests, behind the Kepple House by Dykstra Hall), Pillar Church lower level parking lot (which you CAN park in the spots labeled “Pillar Church only”), street parking where available, and the lot behind New Holland Brewery and 84 East where available. The newer downtown parking ramp is also a great option! If you live at Freedom Village, please consider taking their bus over
MEMBERSHIP
We welcome the following new members:

CAROL GARVELINK
Profession: School social worker
Education: Hope College; Wayne State University; Northwestern University
Hobbies: Reading, classical music, travel, golf, skiing, hiking, bridge
Mentor: Phyllis Huff

ROGER GARVELINK
Profession: School administrator
Education: Hope College; University of Michigan
Hobbies: Travel, classical music, skiing, travel, oil painting, reading, gardening
Mentor: Phyllis Huff

BONNIE JONES
Profession: Elementary education
Education: Stetson University; Wright State University
Hobbies: Travel, stamp collecting, swimming, genealogy
Mentor: Erwin Gutsell

BRYAN LUNDGREN
Profession: Electrical Engineer
Education: Michigan Technological University; Grand Valley State University; Western Michigan University
Hobbies: Skiing, cycling, hiking, woodworking, traveling
Mentor: Committee

GLENDA SIMPKINS
Profession: Bank and Trust officer; teacher; fundraiser and tax preparer
Education: Michigan State University; Cooley Law School; Duke University
Hobbies: Travel, bridge, political issues, reading, spiritual growth, learning and family
Mentors: Bonnie Cowie and Richard Brokow

Memo on Mentoring…
A person wishing to join HASP is asked to attend at least one monthly meeting and is required to have a mentor. HASP board members “at large” will be serving as mentors for people who do not know someone in HASP. We have more and more inquiries from people who have learned about HASP through the internet or other sources.

The definition of a mentor is a wise and trusted counselor. We hope each of you who bring a new member to HASP becomes that counselor. Offer to pick them up for meetings. For the first few months, sit with them and introduce them to a variety of people at the HASP monthly meetings. Encourage them to take classes and discuss the curriculum with them when they have their first opportunity to sign up for classes. Show them the location of the HASP classroom. Make sure they know how to get in touch with committee chairmen if they have questions. Sign up for a HASP special event together. Ask if they are interested in volunteering through HASP and connect them with the service committee. The membership committee feels that your active mentoring will encourage our new members to get involved and stay involved in all aspects of HASP.

Bonnie Cowie
Membership Chairman
CURRICULUM
Courses
Please note that the entire winter/spring curriculum calendar and course descriptions are available on our website for your reference: www.hope.edu/hasp

CLOSED Courses…The following courses are closed:
- Survey of Chinese Culture
- Orchids 101

January Courses:
A Successful Elementary Reading Program – Monday, January 13 @ 9:30 AM
Madame Bovary in Music – Monday, January 13 @ 1:00 PM
Books & Writers – Tuesday, January 14 @ 9:30 AM
Orchids 101 (off site) – Tuesdays, January 14 & 21 @ 9:30 AM
Ethical Issues in Daily Life – Tuesdays, January 14 & 21 @ 1:00 PM
Psychological Differences – Wednesdays, January 15 & 22 @ 9:30 AM
From Calvin to Worldwide Calvinism – Thursdays, January 16 & 23 @ 9:30 AM
*Poetry: Glaser’s Being a Father – Thursdays, January 16 & 23 @ 1:00 PM
VerPlank Film Series – Fridays, January 17, 24, & 31 @ 9:30 AM
Remembering Nykerk – Monday, January 20 @ 1:00 PM
Nonfiction Books - Tuesday, January 21 @ 9:30 AM
*Writing Memoirs – Wednesday, January 22 @ 1:00 PM
Making a CD – Monday, January 27 @ 1:00 PM
What’s New in Science? – Tuesday, January 28 @ 9:30 AM
Encounters in Technology – Tuesday, January 28 @ 1:00 PM
Nuclear Power and Waste – Thursday, January 30 @ 9:30 AM

(*indicates course meets in conference room)

HASP Classroom Art Display:
On display in January will be photography from Don Triezenberg.
Any HASP artist/photographer who wishes to show their work in February or later, please contact the HASP office or Mary Porter at 335.2904 or m.porter95@yahoo.com.

COMMUNICATIONS
Submissions for the 2014 edition of HASP Review are drifting in on little cat feet. Many thanks go to those who have taken pen to paper or finger to keyboard. Keep your submissions coming (deadline is April 15) and remember we may be able to accommodate more than one submission from you.
All HASP members are welcome to contribute. HASP is a treasure chest of memories, life experiences, skills and thinking. A fundamental principle of HASP is for us to share them with one another. We ARE interested! You needn’t be an accomplished artist, writer or poet to express yourself here. HASP Review is by you and for you. Send them to the HASP office by email, snail mail, carrier pigeon, singing telegram, smoke signals (but please, no texting…we are semi-old school).

SERVICE
Please see the article towards the end of the bulletin for “Opportunities for Volunteering in Hope Classes”.
There are many wonderful opportunities for us to serve Hope students and faculty! Please contact Elliot Tanis, tanis@hope.edu, with questions.
Tulip Time Trolley Guides…
Join Tulip Time for the 85th festival, May 3-10, 2014, by serving as a Tulip City Tour guide! Volunteer/Service opportunities are available! Spend time interacting with guests and sharing the unique history of Holland’s Dutch heritage while touring the city in an esthetic trolley. Volunteers are asked to wear a Dutch costume throughout the tour, help with crowd control, assist the trolley driver with directions and act as an ambassador of Tulip Time.

Informational meetings will be held at the HASP classroom on Monday, January 20th and 27th at 9:30 AM. We hope you will consider serving in this way. Please email or call the HASP office to RSVP to one of these meetings.

SPECIAL EVENTS
REGISTRATION FORMS FOR EVENTS ARE ON THE LAST PAGE!

January – The January Series, January 9, 2014 at 12:30pm Cost: No charge
The Special Events Committee has selected January 9 to attend the January Series at Christ Memorial Church located at 595 Graafschap Road in Holland. The speaker that day will be Senator Olympia Snowe. Ms. Snowe’s topic will be “Fighting for Common Ground: How We Can Fix the Stalemate in Congress.” The event starts at 12:30. Transportation is on your own. There will not be a luncheon this year. Participants can eat before the event or bring a lunch along. Following the speaker, we will have a discussion with coffee and cookies. Arrangements have been made for the HASP members to view the speaker in the Jerusalem Room at CMC. Please call or email the HASP office by Monday, January 6th, if you plan to attend so proper seating will be available, 616.395.7919 or berarducci@hope.edu.
You can read more about the speaker and the entire January Series at www.calvin.edu/january/2014

February - Dinner with the Director and the Play MIDDLETOWN, February 20, 2014 at 6:00pm Cost: $26
On Thursday evening, February 20, 2014 at 6 p.m. H.A.S.P. members can enjoy a two-entrée-buffet meal at the Maas Center at Hope College. Director John Tammi will share insights about the play, MIDDLETOWN. (This will be Professor Tammi’s last production for the Hope College Theatre Department before he retires in May.) We will walk to the main theatre in the DeWitt Center and enjoy a thought provoking drama about almost any small Midwestern town.

Mary Swanson just moved to Middletown. About to have her first child, she is eager to enjoy the neighborly bonds a small town promises. But life in Middletown is complicated: neighbors are near strangers and moments of connection are fleeting. Middletown is a playful, poignant portrait of a town with two lives, one ordinary and visible, the other epic and mysterious. Will Eno’s new play MIDDLETOWN has been described as portraying the strange beauty of life and its sometimes unbearable weight with some screwball lyricism.

Make reservations below. The package is $26/person payable with the reservation which must be made by February 6th, 2014. Questions can be directed to Williams@hope.edu.

NEW: HASP Special Events Cancellation Policy
As a result of our yearly audit in August, and due to an increase in cancellations, the HASP audit committee recommended to the Board of Directors and Special Events Committee that a cancellation policy be adopted. After discussion within the committee and approval by the Board of Directors (in December) the following cancellation policy will take effect January 1, 2014:

Special Event cancellation fee is $5.00 or 10% (whichever is greater) of the event per registration, regardless of the reason or timing of the cancellation.
The Special Events Committee and HASP office will do their best to refund remaining money to members working with the following established policy:
1) Substitutions will be taken in order from the ‘wait list’ if one exists.
2) If no wait list exists, upon completion of the activity, any contractual costs we were not able to get refunded will be subtracted from the base price, along with the cancellation fee, and the remainder (if any) will be refunded.
3) No refunds will be made to ‘no shows’ or cancellation within 24 hours of departure.

**HASP Office News**

- The HASP office will be closed in conjunction with the Hope College Campus shutdown for the Christmas and New Year’s holidays from Monday, December 23, 2013- Friday, January 3, 2014. We will reopen on Monday, January 6th.
- Special thanks to Ruth and Lois Kronemeyer for over 5 years of volunteer service to the HASP office helping with mailings! They will be greatly missed.
- New signage for the Hope parking lots is being installed. HASP members are able to park in lots labeled ‘F’ for Faculty/Staff.
- Please check your book shelves for HASP books and DVDs. It seems there are a few items that are missing but not signed out or returned. Please remember to sign items in and out in the white binder.
- Winter weather…if Holland Public Schools are CLOSED due to weather, HASP courses are CANCELLED. If there are Holland Public School delays, HASP courses will continue as scheduled. In the event of such a cancellation, we will put a notice on the office voice mail system, 616.395.7919 and send out a Constant Contact email message.
- If you are interested in making a year end gift to the HASP Scholarship Fund or the HASP Endowment Fund, please send your check to the HASP office and specify in the memo which one you are contributing towards. The Hope business office will provide you with a tax receipt letter.

**HASP Board of Directors News**

**HASP has created a new Hope College Student Scholarship.** The HASP board has voted to endow a HOPE College Student Scholarship by transferring $50,000 from HASP reserve funds to a Hope College Endowed Scholarship Fund. Interest from this fund is to be used to aid in the recruitment or retention of students with financial need who meet the academic requirements of the college.

These excess funds largely accumulated during the tenure of our former Executive Director who generously declined a full salary. During those years (1996-2007) the excess funds were placed in reserve, and wisely invested in high paying CDs. As HASP moved to a part-time salaried staff, the Board has carefully monitored our budgetary process. Since 2007 our expenditures and income from dues and class registration fees have largely been right in balance.

A finance committee was appointed by the Board to examine the appropriate size of our reserve funds. This committee recommended that $50,000 of our reserve funds exceeded our need and should be distributed as an endowed scholarship for incoming Hope students. The HASP Board unanimously approved this recommendation at its December 3, 2013 meeting. The funds will be transferred by the end of March in order to ensure a student can be awarded this scholarship for the 2014-15 academic year.

**Second Semester Opportunities for Volunteering for Hope Classes**

During the fall semester, 116 HASP members volunteered for 15 requests. This included more than 20 HASP members who attended end-of-the-semester presentations by students in a FYS on ”Voices from Contemporary China.” One student asked her professor, ”Where did you get all of these educated and well-informed people?” HASP members really modeled lifelong learning for the students. Thank you! Here are some new opportunities for the spring semester. Please complete the form at the end of this article, drop it off at the HASP office or contact Elliot Tanis, 396-2228 or, better yet, tanis@hope.edu.
1. Professor Kim Douglas (English) has two requests. (a) She is teaching **Rethinking Health** and would like volunteers who are health enthusiasts and realize the power of making great lifestyle choices to promote health and age successfully. Are you a vegetarian or exercise enthusiast? Do you practice gratitude to help yourself focus on the bounties of life rather than the stressors? Do you grow your own food? Have you transformed your health through lifestyle choices? This class meets on Tues/Thurs from 1:30-3:20 in the Anderson Werkman Building. She would love to have volunteers – could be a panel – late January or during February. (b) She is also teaching **Encounter with Cultures** and would like volunteers who value interfaith dialogue, cross-cultural families and friendships. Do you have friends of faiths different than your own? What kind of interfaith activities do you engage in? Are you inter-racially married or have children who are inter-racially married or who have adopted children of another ethnic or racial background? Can you speak to the challenges and opportunities of cross-cultural families and interfaith friendships or families? This class meets on Tuesday night from 6:00-8:50 and she would only need volunteers to share for about 40 minutes during that time, after spring break – end of March, beginning of April.

2. Professor Mark de Roo (Center for Faithful Leadership) is teaching the capstone class for Leadership Minor students and would like 1-2 HASP members who have been in senior positions in their career come to his class and share their perspective on "leadership." The class meets Wednesday evenings at 7. He would like the HASP member(s) some time in February.

3. The **Hope College Model United Nations** will be holding their conference Thursday, March 6 and Friday, March 7, 2014. There is a need for judges on Friday, March 7, from 8:00 until around 4:00. (The volunteers will get a free lunch from Cook Servery.) The volunteers will be judges in the General Assemblies, which entails listening to debates and helping to decide the award winners. This year’s topics for the Introductory General Assembly (IGA) are **Blood Diamonds** and **Endangered Species**. The topics for the Advanced General Assembly (AGA) are **Drug Summit** and **Nuclear Disarmament**. Information will be given to you prior to the event.

4. Professor James DeBoer (Music) is interested in any **vocalist or instrumentalist** who is willing to work with Middle School or High School students one-to-one or in a small group at Holland Public Schools. Days and times depend on your schedule and most anything can be worked out.

5. Professor Sarah Estelle (Economics, Management & Accounting) is teaching a class about the **consequences of government policy**. One topic they cover is **Social Security (SS)**. What has been your experience with SS? Some possible topics are: (1) when to retire, (2) when to claim SS, (3) taxation of SS benefits, (4) how the retiree sees working-aged people’s attitudes and expectations about SS as different than their own when they were younger, **because of the state of the program**. More information is available. She would like volunteers the last week of February and the class meets MWF at 2:00 in Graves Hall.

6. Professor Amy Bade (Psychology) is teaching **Human Sexuality** and would like a HASP couple who has been married for a long time to talk to her students about the **secrets to a long marriage**. The class meets Tues/Thurs at 9:30. She would like one (or two) couples the third or fourth week in January.

7. Professor Aaron Putzke (Biology) is teaching a Senior Seminar on **genetic engineering** (it's open to all seniors on campus so no science background is needed). He would like a HASP member who is a lawyer who has had experience in bioethics or science policy with respect to human health speak/lead a discussion. The class meets MWF from 1-1:50. Anytime during the month of April would probably be most appropriate as that is when they are discussing more of the direct links between legal, social and political ramifications of genetic engineering.
8. Professor Laura Pardo (Education) is looking for one or more HASP members who have worked with math challenged students. She has a student who needs a math tutor during the spring semester and would prefer that the tutor be an adult rather than a student.

9. There will be 5 sections of Developmental Psychology so approximately 30 volunteers will be needed. Details will be given next month. HASP members usually visit in late April.

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