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Monthly Newsletter

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Dear HASP members,

We miss you! We know this time is filled with disappointment of things we had planned and looked forward to, of daily activities and engagement with others that fill our lives. We are all struggling and grieving the loss of so many things, may we show and receive extra grace in these days. We encourage you to take the best possible care of yourselves, and to use this extra time to reach out to friends and family safely and responsibly.

I'd like to share with you here some thoughts from one of President Scogin's recent messages:

This is a loss.

Don't be embarrassed or ashamed about grieving this loss. It is sad. The Bible makes it clear that it is okay to grieve, but we should not grieve like those who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13). So, as we experience this loss together, let's remember our HOPE.

The world places its hope in circumstance ... things like personal health, family, success, high position in society. But life is full of hardship, and what is hardship but a stripping of those things? When you lose the circumstances in which you place your hope, you risk becoming cynical, disillusioned and hopeless.

The one thing that is sure and solid is God's hope. And with this guiding us, we can look to the future with confidence.

MONTHLY PROGRAM Monthly Program Chair: Claudia Berry, jcberry@sirus.com, 616.399.2538

April 7 and May 12 programs have been cancelled.

Since we are unable to gather right now for HASP Monthly Programs, we invite you to watch previous monthly programs online that you may have missed or ones that were your favorites.

To view about 39 monthly programs, click on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/Hopecollege/search?query=HASP>

If you click on Playlists on the header, there are many other Hope College videos that you may find of interest.

Upcoming Monthly Programs

June 16, 2020

**Annual Meeting – 9:00am Refreshments, 9:30am Annual Meeting
at the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts**

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Chair: Carla Ver Schure, verschure@sbcglobal.net, 616.392.5666

New Members

We welcome the following new members:

GAYLE LOMAS

Profession: Teacher
Education: Albion College
Hobbies: Knitting, sewing, walking
Mentor: Lynne Frey

RON LOPRESTI

Profession: Finance, Sales Manager
Education: College courses and various management courses
Hobbies: Golf, exercise
Mentor: Ralph & Linda Fairbanks

SUSAN RYAN

Profession: Heart Valve Specialist
Education: University of Michigan, Spalding University
Hobbies: Science, medicine, writing, reading, bicycling, kayaking, golf, hiking, jazz
Mentor: Frank Cunningham

MARTY SIEMON

Profession: Space Communications Engineer
Education: Michigan State University, Arizona State University
Hobbies: Karate, golf, fishing, home improvements DIY
Mentor: Charlie Soria

CLAY STAUFFER

Profession: Newspaper Publisher, Visual Artist
Education: Haverford College, Kendall College of Art & Design, University of Chicago
Hobbies: Music, beekeeping, photography, birding
Mentor: Scott Anderson

GEORGE WADEN

Profession: Business Owner & Co-owner
Education: Loyola University
Hobbies: Travel by back roads, roading
Mentor: Ruth Barker

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following HASP members:

Julia Marckini – Julia joined HASP in September 2004 after a career as an elementary school teacher. She passed away on February 27, 2020.

David Walter – David joined HASP in March 2010 after a career as a missionary. He passed away on March 8, 2020.

William Butterfield – Bill joined HASP in January 2016 after a career as a military officer and sales engineer. He passed away on March 11, 2020. His wife, Marcia Westrate Butterfield, is also a HASP member.

Elton Bruins – Elton joined HASP in August of 1992 after a career as a minister, college professor, and historian. He passed away on March 23, 2020. His wife Elaine is also a HASP member.

We also grieve with HASP member, Eileen Nordstrom, on the passing of her husband, **John Nordstrom**, former HASP member, since August 2005 and retired minister, college administrator and businessman. John passed away on March 17, 2020.

CURRICULUM

Curriculum Chair: Sharon Arendshorst, snarendshorst@gmail.com, 616.335.3132

What a difference a month makes! As we look forward to resuming HASP classes at a later date, know that your curriculum subcommittees continue to do their work in preparing courses and identifying presenters for coming terms. They are mastering the logistics of committee meetings by e-mail and phone! Course coordinators are also working to reschedule canceled or interrupted courses into future terms. In April the Curriculum Committee will begin reviewing all the course proposals developed for summer.

I imagine that, like me, you have a bit more time to read now that we are all sticking closer to home. As you read and discover areas of interest, please consider whether HASP members might also enjoy that topic. Imagine yourself standing in our lovely new classroom leading a course, and then write up a proposal and pass it on to me or to a subcommittee chair. If you can't imagine yourself teaching that particular course, close your eyes again, and see who might be a good presenter to teach that topic. Again, share that presenter's name or any idea and we'll help develop a course.

Subcommittees continue to welcome new members to join in course development. If you'd like to explore that possibility (without making a commitment) call one of the subcommittee chairs and learn more.

We are also working to identify which of the cancelled courses from this semester we will be able to reschedule in future semesters. Kim Mendels and Don Cowie, HASP Treasurer, will communicate with members regarding refunds for cancelled courses OR the option to donate those course fees to the HASP operating budget. THANK YOU to those of you who have already suggested this. Please watch your email for further instructions on how to respond to this in the following weeks.

All committees accept course ideas and proposals year-round!

Curriculum Chair: Sharon Arendshorst, snarendshorst@gmail.com

Fine Arts: Sarah Briggs – sarahbriggs969@gmail.com 517-449-5818

Humanities: Co-Chairs David Brower – davidangusbrower@hotmail.com 616-688-7356

and Judy Parr – parr.judyandbill@gmail.com 616-546-3424

Science, Technology & Medicine: Bruce Bassett, bruce-b@sbcglobal.net, 847.542.7449

Social Sciences: Mike Economos – mikeeconomos@gmail.com 269-857-1248

NOONTIME/Brown Bag Series

April 17 and May 15 Noon Series have been cancelled.

SIG (Small Interest Groups) - free, member initiated and directed groups.

For more info, go to hope.edu/hasp and click on Member Resources on the left column and scroll down to find Small Interest Groups dropdown.

- **SIG Read, Learn, and Discuss:** Our S.I.G. group, scheduled to meet on March 19, was cancelled due to Hope College's health/safety closure. As we are most likely "social distancing," with extra time to read and consider, I am suggesting the following items that may interest you over the next few weeks. First: a film of the 1965 debate at Cambridge, "the American Dream is at the expense of the American Negro," Baldwin/Buckley. [Debate: James Baldwin/Wm. F. Buckley](#) Second: For those of you unable to attend the showing of the film "*I Am Not Your Negro*" in February, the film is available on Amazon Prime. [film trailer](#)

COMMUNICATIONS

With this time off of HASP classes and unfortunately most everything else - it's a great time to be writing and drawing! Please consider sharing your work in our next issue of the HASP Review. The Review is a compilation of

members shared pieces of poetry, nonfiction, fiction or memoirs, illustrations or artwork. Submissions may be sent via email to HASP Director, Kim Mendels, mendels@hope.edu or hasp@hope.edu. **SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MARCH 30, 2020, AND THIS DEADLINE IS FIRM**

SERVICE

Service Chair: Maura Reynolds, mreynolds@hope.edu, 616.392.2874

No service items as they pertain to HASP this month.

Maybe consider a different service that anyone can do: write a letter to a friend or family member, call someone you haven't talked to in months, write or do artwork for the HASP Review, so many options!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Events Chair: Judie Zylman, jazie3@gmail.com, 616.566.0412

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR EVENTS ARE NEAR THE BACK OF THE NEWSLETTER

To sign up- Go to online link or fill out and return the form to office with cash or check payment
(made out to Hope College)

All of our trips leave from the Ray & Sue Smith Stadium parking lot (13th & Fairbanks) unless otherwise noted



- Online Registration Option –for Special Events

We are piloting the Special Event registration process online. This is very similar to the course registration. Each event has a separate link to register, which is listed on the top line of each event. The paper form is always an option to fill out and send to HASP office. With this option when you register and pay online we are also able to submit credits to you as well via this system easily. That is what we will be doing for the trips that need to be cancelled. I will get info out to registrants next week.

The following HASP Special Events have been cancelled:

March ~ Great Performance Series of Spanish Brass & Dinner

Friday, March 27, 2020

April ~ A Day of Culture in Chicago

Friday, April 17, 2020

May ~ Dow Gardens

Friday, May 15, 2020

May ~ Spring Fling at Grace Episcopal Church

Thursday, May 21, 2020

As of now the following events are still on:

October ~ Shaw Festival (*Register online at hope.edu/hasp/events/shaw or fill out paper form*)

Wednesday, October 7- Friday, October 9, 2020

7:00 am depart on Wednesday, approximate return to Holland 6:00pm Friday

Cost: \$450 pp double occupancy

\$600 pp single occupancy

Travel to beautiful Niagara on the Lake, Ontario, Canada to enjoy seeing three plays: "Gypsy" a musical with lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, "The Devil's Disciple" by Bernard Shaw, and "Sherlock Holmes and the Raven's Curse" by Hamilton Wright based on the works of Arthur Conan Doyle. We will be staying at the Colonel Butler Inn in downtown Niagara on the Lake within walking distance of restaurants and theaters. **However bus service will be available to and from the plays on each day.** Travel begins on Wednesday, October 7, a box lunch on the way and arrival in Niagara on the Lake in late afternoon, dinner on your own and an evening play performance. The next

morning is free to enjoy the restaurants and shopping on your own, a play at 2:00 pm and dinner on your own. The third play is at 8:00 pm in the evening. Breakfast is included at the hotel each morning either in the breakfast room or on the veranda. Friday morning we will return to Holland and arrive there around dinner time. We will stop for lunch on your own on the return trip.

NOTE: You will need a current passport to travel to Niagara on the Lake that does not expire in the next six months.

If you have further questions, please contact Event Coordinator:
Sue Bohlander (616) 566-7484, hiker4625@gmail.com

Future HASP Special Events

The Special Events Committee would like to make you aware of the trips they are planning in addition to the ones listed above. Registration and details for these trips will be available in future newsletters. But for now, pencil them in on your calendar!

Thursday, July 16: Day Trip to Shipshewana, IN

The Global Travel Program Pat Van Wylen, vanwylenp@hope.edu, 616.395.6856

Hope College continues to diligently monitor and respond to the COVID-19 issue and at this time we are still planning to run our two upcoming programs: **Croatia and the Adriatic Coast: Lands of Contrast and Beauty**, October 15-26, 2020 and **Vietnam: History, Culture and People**, December 27, 2020- January 7, 2021. Learn more at hope.edu/globaltravel.

At Hope College and at HASP we recognize that the world is so much bigger than the few blocks our campus sits on. The Hope College Global Travel Program (GTP) ran three travel programs last year to: Tanzania, the Balkans, and New Zealand. In 2020 we have two more travel opportunities: Croatia and Vietnam. With all our programs, we'd love to include HASP members and any interested individuals. You do not have to be a Hope alum to participate. Visit: hope.edu/globaltravel for more details on each trip.



Join leaders, John Tammi and Michael Boonstra, for an incredible adventure to Croatia and the Adriatic Coast from October 15-26, 2020. We have room for four more people. For more details check our [Croatia website](#) or contact Pat Van Wylen at vanwylenp@hope.edu or John Tammi at tammi@hope.edu.

Later in 2020 with professors, Fred Johnson and Scott VandeStoep, you can learn and experience the culture and history of Vietnam. This program runs from December 27, 2020 - January 7, 2021. For more information check our [Vietnam website](#) or contact Pat Van Wylen at vanwylenp@hope.edu.



OFFICE/DIRECTOR NEWS *Kim Mendels, mendels@hope.edu, 616.395.7919*

- **Office Hours:** working remotely until further notice

Nominations for Fiscal Year '21 (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021)

We are happy to announce the following slate for nominees to our Board of Directors for FY '21:

Nominations:

President – Barbara Stegink

Vice President – Brad Bright

Member at Large (2023) – Diana Nelson

Member at Large (2023) – Susan Couch

Member at Large (2 yr. term/2022) – Ron Gerow

Reappointed:

Monthly Program – Claudia Berry

Service – Maura Reynolds

Curriculum – Sharon Arendshorst

Membership – Carla Verschure

Special Events – Judie Zylman

Returning:

Treasurer, Don Cowie

Member at Large, David Blatt (2022)

Member at Large, Debra Williamson (2021)

Member at Large, Paul Heusinkveld (2021)

College Liaison, Fred Johnson

College Liaison, Josh Bishop

These members were nominated and approved by the Board of Directors at the March 10, 2020 meeting. The HASP membership will vote on President, Vice President and At Large members at our June Annual Business Meeting.

2020 Nominating Committee: Connie Corriveau, Mike Economos, Al Ver Schure, Teresa Ellis, Scott Siakel, Kim Mendels

HASP Facilities~

We hope most of you have had a chance to visit the new HASP office and classroom on the main floor of Anderson Werkman, before COVID-19 caused all our closures. We are so grateful for the generosity of all the HASP members who have contributed to our HASP Facilities Fund and made this new space possible.

The HASP Facilities Fund benefits us all by reducing our annual operating costs as well as enabling us to address future facility needs. Investment earnings are shared with the college in exchange for a rent-free facility on campus and numerous in-kind services (i.e., physical plant, copy and mailing center, computer and information technology support, etc.). This allows HASP membership and course fees to remain steady and affordable.

Fundraising is still active for this effort. If you would like to make a gift, we would love to know by May 1st, 2020, in order to properly recognize all donors at our annual meeting. Past and current facilities fund gifts of all sizes will receive recognition via HASP publications. In addition, there are two special recognition opportunities:

Donor Wall – Donors making leadership gifts of \$5,000 (over up to five years) will receive recognition on a donor wall in the new HASP suite. Previous giving to the HASP facility fund can be counted toward hitting this threshold.

Room Naming Opportunities - A variety of naming opportunities exist for spaces within the new facility. Friends or families may join together to meet a naming threshold. To date, we have received naming gifts for the library, director’s office, and conference room. We are looking for partners for the classrooms, welcome and hospitality space, and work area.

All members are invited to make a gift or pledge via the HASP Facilities Fund gift/pledge cards mailed out in early December and are also available in the HASP office. **Gifts can be one-time gifts or payable over five years, and be made via stock, IRA roll-overs, or deferred gifts through wills and trusts.** Checks can be made payable to Hope College with HASP Facilities Fund in the memo section.

If you would like additional information on the donor wall and/or room naming opportunities please contact Kim Mendels, HASP Director, mendels@hope.edu, 616.395.7919.

Thank you for your support!

HASP Fundraising Advisory Group: Kim Mendels, Larry Lynn, Barbara Stegink, Terri Holden, Ron Mulder, Dave Vanderwel, Scott Travis.



To entertain you a bit, we thought we’d include another picture now that the facilities project is nearly complete and we are moved in. This is Kim and Amy at the Open House in February with your favorite HASP cookies! Our cupboards are full of cookies and we wish we could serve them to you!

HASP Distinguished Service Award

Names of nominees for the HASP Distinguished Service award will be accepted via the HASP email, hasp@hope.edu, Attn: Kim Mendels, from now until March 31st, 2020. Nominations will be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors at a special meeting. The name of the recipient (if any) will be kept confidential by the Executive Committee until presented by the outgoing President at the Annual Business meeting in June. Presentation of this award is not a required annual event, however, only one award will be considered annually. The HASP Board of Directors approved the following criteria:

Criteria: The member considered for this award must display the following characteristics and qualifications:

- Be a member in good standing (reference HASP Constitution and By-laws, Article III.)
- Strong commitment to and promotion of goals of the Academy.
- Participation and leadership in activities of the Academy.
- Service to Hope College and to the community.

(Service on the Board of Directors or as an officer will not be a condition of receipt of this award.)
Nominations for this award must be made in writing and should include the specifics which qualify the individual for the said award. Please use the form on the last page to submit your nomination. **Nominations must be received NO LATER than March 31st, 2020. Please email Kim at hasp@hope.edu with your submission of a nomination.**

Past recipients of this award include:

1992	Vern Boersma	1997	Ruth Kronemeyer
	Lars Granberg		Lamont Dirkse
	Renze Hoeksema	2000	Louis DiGuseppe
1993	John Hollenbach		James Townsend
1994	George Claver	2001	Jan VerHelst
	Vernon Roelofs	2010	Jack Hyde
	Trudy VanderHill	2011	Winnie Hollenbach
	Evie Smallegan	2013	Bill & Judy Parr
1995	Roy Berry	2014	Marshall Elzinga
	Audrey Bloemendaal	2015	Gene & Mary Heideman
	Bernard Donnelly	2016	Mary deForest
1996	Bill Bloemendaal	2017	Edmund Anderson
	Donald denUyl	2019	Barbara Stegink
	Richard Oudersluys		
	Laura VerPlank		

Nomination form for HASP Distinguished Service Award located on last page

**Farewell from Amy Berarducci, HASP Office and Project Manager
(Amy read this at the March Monthly Program, tearfully☺)**

Good Morning HASPers,

Where do I begin? It was 9 ½ years ago that I put my work clothes back on after staying home with our kids to start this job at 10 hours/week. That's nearly a decade, where has the time gone?

As Larry mentioned, I am taking a new position and will be the Executive Administrator at Pillar Church, supporting the Lead Pastor and Executive Pastor and being a part of the communication team. The decision didn't come easy, it was only after many sleepless nights, conversations with different people to make sure that this would be a good fit for me, prayers, and I guess my gut...that I said yes. The new adventure and the thought of trying something different are exciting to me and reinforces that the time is right for a change. Our son is going to college this fall and so sadly my afternoons won't include soccer or baseball games so that will allow me to work into a potential full time position.

A quote from Raymond Linquist resonates with me, "Courage is the power to let go of the familiar." Familiar. Comfortable. That's how I feel at HASP. I know you, I know what to do and when to do it (most of the time). When this opportunity at Pillar came to me, I thought maybe I need to let go of the familiar. I guess I feel like I'm getting the "holy nudge" to move on and let someone else enjoy this perfect part time gig. But it's tough to leave a good job that you love and that is familiar. I was visiting with one of you about this and her words assured me that this is a good thing, she said, "Amy, I left 2 jobs that I loved, but each time, it was clear that that was the path I was to follow." And that's my prayer for this new start as well.

I wish I could thank you all personally for the wisdom, experience and love you've shown me. You have been so gracious and kind. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you and I'm sorry I don't know all of you. And who doesn't love the chance to buy \$200 worth of cookies and coffee at Meijer in one shopping trip! I'm not sure I'll find a group that loves their coffee and cookies more than HASP! Even though I got funny looks while at Meijer with an overflowing shopping cart, I enjoyed serving you in this way as it reminds me of my dad who would definitely be participating in the coffee and cookies but most importantly the conversation that goes with it.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this group. Over the years when I would tell people where I worked and explained what HASP was, I found myself saying, "I only hope I am half as interested in learning about new things as they are when I'm retired." You truly are an inspiring group and I do want to be like you when I grow up!

I will miss you all but please don't be strangers. One thing that this job has reinforced to me is that relationships are important. I know I will see you out and about in the community, because as my kids always say, "HASPers are everywhere!"

I came across this quote, author unknown...

"Life is about trusting your feelings, taking chances, finding happiness, learning from the past, and realizing everything changes."

I think that pretty well sums it up, but I'd be remiss if I didn't thank Kim, who was a friend before we worked together. She gave me a chance 9 ½ years ago and called me one day and said "Are you ready to go back to work?" after I had stayed home with our kids for 6 years in which those years were filled with taking care of our daughter who had cancer and epilepsy.

After considering her offer, there were 2 things I remember saying to her on the day I said yes to HASP:

- "Yes I'll take the job but I don't think I will do it forever", well I pretty much have done it forever but it doesn't feel like it and it was way more fulfilling and rewarding than I ever expected.
- And I also said "I don't want this job to come between our friendship, our friendship is more important than the job."

It has all worked out better than I could have imagined. She's taught me a great deal and has given me the flexibility to be with my family when needed. It has been the best 22 hour a week job I could ask for. We've laughed, we've cried, we've been frustrated, we've shared stories, gone out for wallet therapy, co-existed in a large closet called an office for 9 years and more recently moved into the beautiful space made possible by all of you.

This kind of friendship doesn't just happen. Even though we won't be side by side every day, our time together will be spent catching up on life and continuing our friendship bond. I did tell her though I'd be disappointed if she didn't call once in a while with work questions.

Kim is one of my best and forever friends. She has an enormous heart and always has a listening ear. I will miss not being together every day. She does a fabulous job for this organization and has worked hard to make HASP what it is today. I'm very proud of her.

Thank you HASP and Kim and God bless you all.

Amy Berarducci

Amy's family L-R: Amy, Mike (husband), Mia (freshman in HS), Anthony (senior in HS)
 We were in Ludington State Park the weekend of March 14-15, just before everything shut down. We got in a beautiful 3 hour hike. I love exploring new places.



Special Event Registration Form:

Shaw Festival
Wednesday, October 7-Friday, October 9, 2020
Cost: \$450 pp Double Occupancy, \$600 pp Single Occupancy

Name #1 _____ Cell phone #: _____

Name #2 _____ Cell phone #: _____

Emergency contact name _____ Phone # _____

Boxed Lunch Menu Choices (Choose one, please initial if more than 1 person registering):

_____ **Haworth Club Sandwich:** with smoked ham, roasted turkey, bacon, lettuce, tomato and Dijon mayonnaise on an Artisan pretzel bun. Also includes kettle chips and fresh fruit salad

_____ **Vegetarian Whole Grain Wrap** with black beans, herbed Alouette cheese, tomatoes, shredded carrots, cucumbers and romaine lettuce, with red pepper hummus in a whole grain wrap. Also includes kettle chips and a fresh fruit salad

_____ **Southwestern Chicken Salad** with char broiled chicken, cheddar cheese, black bean and corn salsa, tomatoes, black olives, red onions and crispy tortilla chips on romaine lettuce with salsa ranch dressing. Also includes a fresh bakery roll and butter and a gourmet chocolate chunk cookie

All lunches come with bottled water.

Special Dietary Requests: _____

HASP Distinguished Service Award Nomination Form:

Name: _____

HASP Participation: _____

Qualifications for the Award: _____

Helpful biographical information: _____

Submitted by: _____

Date: _____