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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**MONTHLY PROGRAM** Monthly Program Chair: Claudia Berry, [claudia@olwenberry.com](mailto:claudia@olwenberry.com), 616.399.2538

**Date:** March 2, 2021, 9:30-10:30am

**Place:** HASP Virtual Classroom, [hope.edu/virtualhasp](http://hope.edu/virtualhasp)

**Program:** **David Teater**, “The Opioid Crisis”- The Way Out

Addiction is a brain disease not a moral shortcoming. Mr. Teater’s presentation will discuss:

- The Disease of Addiction
- Impact on Families and Society
- The Promise of Recovery

**David Teater** of Spring Lake, Michigan, is Executive Director of Ottagan Addictions Recovery (OAR). OAR is a nonprofit organization that provides life-changing treatment, education, and support for those affected by addictions and co-occurring mental health concerns, restoring lives and families, and making communities healthier and safer.

Prior to joining OAR, Mr. Teater was a recognized national leader on the issue of distracted driving. He founded FocusDriven LLC, a firm dedicated to reducing motor vehicle crashes resulting from driver distraction. Prior to FocusDriven, Mr. Teater was Senior Director of Transportation Initiatives at the National Safety Council where he led the Council’s distracted driving initiative. Mr. Teater has been a frequent speaker on the topic of Distracted Driving and has appeared before several state legislatures and testified before the US Congress.

Mr. Teater’s 30-year business career has included serving as CEO of several companies including 20 years at an automotive supplier.

### **Upcoming Monthly Programs**

April 6, 2021 - Heidi Kraus, Hope college, “Art/Terrorist the French Response.”

May 4, 2021 – Shonn Colbrunn, Hope’s first Executive Dir. of the Boerigter Center for Calling and Career

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** HASP President: Barbara Stegink: [bstegink39@gmail.com](mailto:bstegink39@gmail.com), 616.990.7124

Lifelong learning organizations for senior adults began back in the late 1970s and spread quickly around the country. Many of these organizations became part of a national lifelong learning network. However, when HASP was founded in 1988, the founders, led by Dr. John Hollenbach, Professor Emeritus of English and supported by Dr. John Jacobson, then President of Hope College, decided that HASP would be an independent organization. In essence, it would be an organization that would rely on its own members for leadership in all areas of its programming.

HASP is governed by a Board of Directors but all our programs, curriculum courses, and other activities are generated and planned by committees consisting of individuals from the general membership. We have six standing committees that contribute to making HASP an interesting, vibrant, and multi-faceted organization. Approximately 85 HASP members contribute their time, energy, and talents to continuously keep our programs and activities appealing, appropriate, and absolutely top-notch!

Every year at this time, our committees look at replacing those members who have completed their terms. Members serve on a committee for a 3-year term; they may serve 2 consecutive terms but then are replaced by new members. New committee members are important as they bring new ideas and energy to the table. Committee members also enjoy the camaraderie of working together toward goals that make our organization one of integrity and high quality.

We want to continue our programming with ideas and initiatives that come from you, our members. So please consider learning more about any of the committees of your interest by contacting the chairpersons listed below. Finally, if you are asked to consider being a member of a committee, it is our hope that you will take the opportunity to bring your own ideas and energy to our programming.

**Curriculum:** (Fine Arts, Humanities, SMT, Social Sciences)

Sharon Arendshorst - [snarendshorst@gmail.com](mailto:snarendshorst@gmail.com) (616)335-3132

**Membership:**

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**Service:**

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Judi Zylman – [Jazie3@gmail.com](mailto:Jazie3@gmail.com) (616)566-0412

**Communications/Technology:**

In transition, contact Kim Mendels: [mendels@hope.edu](mailto:mendels@hope.edu)

**MEMBERSHIP** Membership Chair: Carla Ver Schure, [verschure@sbcglobal.net](mailto:verschure@sbcglobal.net), 616.392.5666

We welcome the following new member:

BETH VOLKEMA

Profession: Registered Nurse, Holland Hospital ICU/TU

Education: Associate Degree in Nursing

Hobbies: Travel, reading, biking, learning Spanish, time with granddaughter

Mentor: Alda Van Kampen

While we are working remotely, please contact Susan Timmer, [timmer@hope.edu](mailto:timmer@hope.edu), for membership assistance or questions.

### **Membership Process**

- Request information by emailing Susan Timmer [timmer@hope.edu](mailto:timmer@hope.edu). If you are requesting information on someone's behalf, please provide their name and email address.
- Prospective members are asked to attend a Monthly Program via Zoom prior to submitting an application (instructions to attend will be provided).
- Submit application for processing and approval.
- Sign up for classes and enjoy HASP!

### **Sympathy**

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

**Jodi Syens-** *Jodi joined HASP in 2013 after a career with the City of Holland. She passed away February 5, 2021.*

**Bruce Ellis-** *Bruce joined HASP in 2010 after a teaching career at West Ottawa Public Schools. He passed away on February 17, 2021.*

**CURRICULUM** Curriculum Chair: Sharon Arendshorst, [snarendshorst@gmail.com](mailto:snarendshorst@gmail.com), 616.335.3132

In March a year ago we were enjoying being in our new classroom, until we weren't. As I write this we still don't know when or how we will return to the HASP classroom and in-person courses. The Curriculum Committee is grateful that the COVID-19 sub-committee of the board continues to assess the many factors that impact the decision of when and how to return to our classroom. Meanwhile the four curriculum sub-committees are developing both zoomable and in-person courses for summer 2021. They will be fine-tuning the proposals in March and passing them on to the Curriculum Committee by the end of the month. If you have a course to recommend or one to present this summer, please send your proposal to the appropriate sub-committee chairperson as soon as possible.

If you'd like to be a more active part of the course preparation and review process, please talk with the curriculum chair or with the chairperson of one of the subcommittees listed below. Subcommittees invite HASP members to three-year terms that begin and end in July. Every year some members' terms expire, so we are always excited to talk with interested people. Serving on a HASP committee is an excellent way to make new friends and to appreciate more fully the quality of our HASP organization of life-long learning.

**All committees accept course ideas and proposals year-round!**

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**To view courses from earlier semesters and/or past monthly programs please use these links:**

Please click here to access the HASP monthly [HASP Monthly Programs](#) OR paste this URL into your browser

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLTM\\_FIXkQo&list=PLcQqnyCUIJWjQBHtyOK1Er6HJtwTHawvs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLTM_FIXkQo&list=PLcQqnyCUIJWjQBHtyOK1Er6HJtwTHawvs)

Please click here to access to access past classes [HASP YouTube channel](#) OR paste this URL into your browser <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIwf4rDyHICVTy3I06nC-Ow>

**SPECIAL EVENTS** Special Events Chair: Judie Zylman, [jazie3@gmail.com](mailto:jazie3@gmail.com), 616.566.0412

Hopefully by now many of our members have had at least their first Covid Vaccine. This is moving us forward to one day, hopefully in 2021, boarding the beautiful and comfortable Hope College Blue and Orange Bus. Perhaps in July we will be able to venture to Shippshewana or in September to Springfield, Illinois!

Remember this is a “maybe” but let’s keep the HOPE and get our vaccines!!

In the meantime, how about joining us on the “Zoom Bus” for another fun evening with our Trivia playing friends? We are planning our fourth event, and our previous evenings have been filled with laughter and information.....some that we may not have even needed to know. As always, we had the opportunity to socialize and make new HASP Friends.

Larry Lynn is coordinator of our next Trivia Night on **Tuesday, March 16, at 7:00 P.M.**

If you have not joined one of our three previous events, we encourage you to give it a try. Don’t be intimidated by the word *TRIVIA*. This is a team event designed for all levels of play. It is geared towards socializing and will surely connect you with other fun loving people.

To register, type this address into your browser: <https://forms.gle/ALhBao8JXtAAHi2G8> or wait for the registration email that will provide a live link.

**SERVICE** Service Chair: Maura Reynolds, [mreynolds@hope.edu](mailto:mreynolds@hope.edu), 616.392.2874



50 young CASA students and their Hope College tutors were cheered and warmed in the new year with notes of appreciation and encouragement from HASP members. “Your support means so much to us!”



Thanks to Barbara Bright for suggesting a clever way to thank Hope faculty and staff for their support of HASP. Barbara and Terri Holden filled gift bags with candy for Hope’s 24 academic departments and offices who have been especially helpful to HASP. Included was a note thanking them for their assistance. What a sweet way to begin the semester!

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **HASP Review**

Has the COVID-19 pandemic and stay at home orders provided you with more time to write and create?

The HASP Review is a compilation of HASP members' shared pieces of poetry, nonfiction, fiction or memoirs, illustrations or artwork that is published and distributed in June at our Annual Business meeting.

**For 2021 we will publish one IF there are enough submissions!**

### **HASP Review submission criteria for written pieces:**

- 1) Limit of 3 submissions per HASP member
- 2) Only items that have not been previously published elsewhere
- 3) Preferred length not more than 3 pages
- 4) Edited for accuracy in spelling and grammar. (Articles containing spelling or grammar errors will be returned to the author with a request for correction and re-submission)
- 5) Please submit electronically (MS word preferred), 12 pt. font, to: [hasp@hope.edu](mailto:hasp@hope.edu)
- 6) Please indicate with your email if it is poetry or prose (with your classification as to whether it is fiction/non-fiction/humor/memoir etc.)
- 7) Please include your name on all submitted documents.
- 8) If submitting an article with artwork/photograph, please send the original artwork/photo into the HASP office with your name, contact info, and article it is meant to be placed with (see additional information below).
- 9) Include a headshot of yourself (if this is your first submission) for final publication with the article. If one is needed, please contact the HASP office.

### **HASP Review submission criteria for artwork:**

- 1) Please bring the original, unframed (or at least without glass) to the HASP office where we will determine the best way to either scan or photograph it (Note: framed artwork does not turn out well if covered with glass).
- 2) Artwork submitted for inclusion within the Review (non-cover submissions) will be printed in grayscale so black/white/gray submissions, or color work with much contrast work best.
- 3) Please include documentation with your artwork that includes your name, contact info, and whether you would like it to be considered for cover art, general submission, or both.

**Submission deadline is March 31, 2021, and the deadline is firm! All submissions should be sent to [hasp@hope.edu](mailto:hasp@hope.edu)**

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We are still primarily working remotely with office time scheduled around the need for course presenter technology support on site. Please feel free to reach out to us via email or phone (see above) during business hours.

Thank you for your active participation in online courses. Many of you have expressed that these have been a “lifesaver” during the pandemic and that they help give structure to your days. Please continue to recommend topics/speakers, dream up new courses, and consider helping on a curriculum committee as many of your fellow HASP members “retire” from their service in these areas this summer.

Both the COVID-19 subcommittee of the board, and the board of directors, will meet the first two weeks of March. We will be discussing and evaluating the best and safest practices for moving forward with our programs in the months ahead. If you have thoughts or ideas you would like to share with the COVID-19 subcommittee please feel free to contact us with those before our meeting on **March 8, 2021** :

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