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Summer: The season for new experiences

Summer is the perfect time to try out new experiences. The relaxed mood of the season perfectly matches the atmosphere you will find in TELOS classes at Bellevue College Continuing Education. Here the emphasis is on education and growth, not measuring performance. There are no entrance requirements, grades or tests. The atmosphere is intellectually stimulating and supportive. Classes are small and informal. Students and faculty interact as peers, making learning a creative exchange of ideas.



Some of the topics that will be offered Summer Quarter at TELOS include ...

Creative Arts – Post modern & contemporary art, History of opera, Creative writing, Summer drawing, Radio drama, History of dance, Poetry of Ireland

Politics – Views of the news (discussions of current events), History of the US Constitution, “Is this Any Way to Choose a President?”

Philosophy & Religion – Houses of Worship, Influential fringe religions, the Old Testament

Science & Technology – Digitized life, Windows 10

Community Studies – Stories of the Eastside’s past, Arts & Community Identity

Controlling Perceptions – Learning better balance, Cognitive biases & logical fallacies, Chance and the prepared mind

See page 4 for details about your opportunity to learn more about TELOS classes at the **Summer Course Preview on Thursday, June 2, 2016**



Celebrate 40 years at TSO Summer Picnic!

Come join with other TELOSians to celebrate the program’s 40th year! What better time to do that than the annual TSO Summer Picnic. Remember to mark your summer calendar to save August 23 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm at the beautiful Bellevue Botanical Gardens. (See article on page 2 for more exciting details about the anniversary celebration!)



TSO Student Profile: Dee Koger

By Randy Buehler



Visit the Bellevue College North Campus almost anytime, and you will probably run into Dee Koger. She has been taking classes at TELOS, sometimes as many as four or five each quarter, for more than 17 years.

"These are really good classes" she said. "But the main benefit is being with intelligent people. I can

meet people I would never have been able to meet as a teacher." She added she takes courses so she 'can know where we've been and where we're going'.

Originally from the Bay area, she moved here in 1973. Her husband got her involved with TELOS, and she has been involved ever since.

As a teacher, Koger took classes to keep her credentials in order, so taking classes now is not too much different. Dee added she is comfortable with the people at TELOS "Everybody is tolerable of our shortcomings and very supportive." "I live alone and don't have to take care of

anyone and I like to be around people."

Her involvement with TELOS goes deeper than just taking classes. She served on the TELOS Board for 10 years and was the Ways and Means Chairperson. She has also sat in on interviews with prospective instructors. She also moderates a class in current events called *Views of the News*. "I consider myself a moderator not a teacher."

At 82, Dee doesn't seem ready to stop. "I may need to cut back (someday), but I just love taking classes."

From big birds to big cats and wart hogs to wild dogs!

Lucky attendees at the Winter Quarter Break seminar on Nature Safaris in Africa with Marty and Merl Arnot on March 2nd were treated to a wonderful collection of photos featuring an amazing variety of animals from birds to big cats and wart hogs

to wild dogs. In addition, we gained an understanding of what it is like to travel on these safaris with pictures of where you can stay (they prefer "under the canvas") and how you can travel (open sided vehicles are the Arnots' preference.)

40th Anniversary Picnic Details

On Tuesday, August 23rd, TSO will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the TELOS program at the annual TSO Summer Picnic. A review of the program's history will be presented and the sharing of stories about favorite classes, instructors and students will be heartily encouraged. The picnic will be held at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. All members of TSO will receive an email announcement with

further details. Please save the date and join fellow TELOS students to celebrate this wonderful program.



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Survey shows students are happy with TELOS

"TELOS" is Greek for "fulfilment," and according to a recent survey of TELOS students, the learning and social opportunities afforded by TELOS and TSO are fulfilling indeed.

In a recent survey completed by nearly 250 TELOS students, over 90% rated their courses "Excellent" or "Very Good." Respondents know the program well: about one-third take two or more courses each quarter, and longer-term students are likely to take three or more at a time. They are also loyal to the program: most have taken TELOS courses for three years or more, and about 75% take only TELOS courses.

History courses – especially art history – are most frequently named when participants are asked what would

encourage them to take more classes. Literature, music, and science were also named frequently. Spring quarter registrations bear out these preferences: courses in art history, Chinese history, history of East King County, Women in Ancient Greece and Rome, History of Rock 'n Roll, Russian history, The First World War, Films of American Trials in Historical Context filled quickly and reports from students are overwhelmingly positive.

Tim Hay, who is taking both Eastside Story and Russian History, commented, "I have lived through so much of Bellevue's history, the well-researched presentations pried loose my sense of wonder. Edo is able to bring Russian history all together."

TSO brings many TELOS students

together, with 60% participating in TSO activities such as Coffee and Wisdom, Legal Forum, and Interim Seminars. Students are less involved in social activities like the annual picnic and holiday party. TSO's monthly clubs – movies, economics/finance, and book clubs – have the lowest current participation at 10%, but 33% say they would like to attend in the future, suggesting that clubs are not as well-known as other activities. About 20% serve as volunteers for TSO.

If you do not currently receive regular emails from TSO, subscribe by sending email to info.telosso@gmail.com. TSO email list subscribers are among the first to hear about registration, courses, TSO activities, and web site updates.

Suggestions for Summer Reading from TELOSians



Sam Eastern: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

Mary Mataja: *Nothing to Envy Ordinary Lives in North Korea* by Barbara Demick

Carrie McCarthy: *The Human Age* by Diane Ackerman

J Page: *Smaller, Faster, Lighter, Denser, Cheaper* by Robert Bryce

Joanne Primavera: *The Silk Road-Taking the Road to Pakistan* by Bill Porter

Barbara Sherer: *The Mathematician's Shiva* by Stuart Rojtaczer

Peggy Swistak: *A Paris Apartment* by Michelle Gable

Don't forget the "Lost & Found"

A story recently ran in an area newspaper outlining what the owner of a cat named "Hemi" was willing to do to retrieve his friend who had been missing since 2011. Specifically, he drove 1,700 miles through winter storms from North Dakota to North Carolina.

Luckily, it takes much less for a student at TELOS to retrieve items

that might have gone missing at North Campus. The good people staffing the front desk have a "Lost & Found" where articles left behind after class or in sitting areas in the building are collected. Although the collection includes a variety of lost items, most often it is eye glasses that are left behind. (Recently, 17 pairs of unclaimed glasses were taken from the "Lost & Found" to

the Lions' Club which will distribute them to people in need.)

So, don't forget to check at the front desk if you discover that you have misplaced your glasses or other items during a class or visit at TELOS. It's a short trip and the conditions in the front lobby are usually quite pleasant.

More March Quarter Break Sessions

The death penalty process in Washington state

On March 4, over 60 people heard Bill Jaquette speak on the Death Penalty in Washington State. With a PhD in Philosophy, a law degree, a long career as Director of the Snohomish County Public Defender Association and having represented four persons for whom the death penalty was sought, Bill was able to provide much factual information and background on the ongoing controversy. The presentation struck a chord with attendee, Carol CeCoursey who noted, ". . . those who attended were obviously persons of conscience and concerned about justice."

What do crows understand about death?

On March 9, Telos Student Organization (TSO) members attended a presentation by UW doctoral student, Kaeli Swift, exploring this and other complex crow questions. Animals that live in social groups are known for having advanced causal reasoning and, it turns out, crows may pay special attention to their dead as a way to gather information relevant to their own survival. As an esthologist, one who studies non-human behavior scientifically, Kaeli could devote an entire career to investigating the fascinating corvids (or "crow family" for those who did not attend the session.)



SAVE THE DATE!

Get ready to shine with
Summer TELOS Classes!
Preview class topics

Bellevue College Continuing Education TELOS Program presents a **Summer Course Preview** where you can learn about classes designed to enrich your life. Short presentations about classes will begin at 1:00 pm and in-person conversations with instructors will be available afterwards.

Join us to hear overviews of many classes that are offered for the 2016 Summer Quarter:

Literature
History

Current Events
Ideas

Science
Arts

Philosophy
Creative Writing

TELOS provides a wide variety of cultural and academic enrichment classes designed to fit your lifestyle and interests. All classes are held weekday mornings or afternoons at the Bellevue College North Campus.

Thursday, June 2 — 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Bellevue College North Campus — Room #1125

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