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## Monday Mornings at SUN CITY

Activities Center, 1 Texas Drive, 78633

Social Center, 2 Texas Drive, 78633

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### “No-Fault Landscaping & Gardening on the Balcones Fault”

Monday | 8:30 am - 10:00 am

Sun City Activities Center Atrium

**Kate Whitney**

**January 27:** Basics of Lawn Care

**February 3:** Pest Management & Beneficial Insects

**February 10:** Cacti & Succulents

**February 17:** Planning an Earth-Kind Landscape (Landscaping for the Environment)

**February 24:** Native & Adapted Plants – Deer Resistant & Pollinator Plants

**March 2:** Common Gardening Mistakes & “Ask a Master Gardener” Panel

*Kate Whitney serves as Horticulture specialist in the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office for Williamson County. She coordinates support for those interested in horticulture, and the WILCO Master Gardener Association.*

**This course is 1 1/2 hours long.**

### “Introduction to Genealogy Research”

Monday | 8:30 am - 10:00 am

Sun City Activities Center, Rooms 1&2

**Ken Pinter**

If you believe that it is important to know something about your family roots, this course will introduce you to the tools and techniques needed to begin your genealogical research journey. You will find out what it takes to be a researcher. You will hear ideas about how to plan and implement your research and where to find information. You will then learn about ways to organize and document your findings, create tree diagrams, and ultimately pass this heritage on to others. Finally, you will see demos of the various free and for-fee online and offline data resources available to you.

**All classes begin  
January 27/28/29  
& end March 2/3/4**

*Ken has spent 18 years doing in-depth family history research. He has researched numerous immediate and allied families resulting in a large family tree, an extensive picture library, and a web site with his many writings about those families. In his career he was a corporate technical instructor and manager.*

**This course is 1 1/2 hours long. Limited to 20 students**

### “MIGRATION ENCORE-The Acadians”

Monday | 8:45 am - 10:00 am

Sun City Social Center Ballroom

**Sandi Phillips and Rocky Romero**

Last winter, Rocky and Sandi finished a three-year trilogy of westward migration across North America with stories of the Corps of Discovery, the Trail of Tears and Santa Fe Trail, and the Oregon, California and Mormon Trails. This winter we will journey with a group of French emigrants who travel to the new world, build a vibrant community along the Atlantic seaboard in French Acadie, are forcibly evicted, and finally find safe refuge in south Louisiana. Please join us as we continue to study the stories of our American expansion.

*The Vagabonds, Sandi Phillips and Rocky Romero, met in 1996 in Angola while working in oil exploration for a major oil company. Sandi is a geophysicist and Rocky is an engineer. Both hold advanced degrees in their fields. Since retirement they have traveled the world studying the impact of geology on human history.*

### “The Earliest People in Texas: The Gault Site”

Monday | 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Sun City Ballroom

**Clark Wernecke and Thomas Williams**

The Earliest People in Texas: The Gault Site" will cover the past and most recent discoveries at the Gault Site in Florence, Texas. This exciting, active source for our earliest North American human habitation is continuing to furnish new information on the peopling of our continent.

Dr. Wernecke is the Executive Director of the Gault Site, the archaeological site located in Florence.

Dr. Williams also works at the Gault Site and is a specialist in prehistoric stone tools. Both professors are associated with the University of Texas.

### **“Anatomy of a Trial”**

Monday | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sun City Activities Center, Atrium

**Stephen Sutter**

During a trial there are many decisions to be made outside of the purview of the public. This course seeks to outline the many aspects of a trial that are hidden. The instructor will draw on his 43 years of trial experience to explain how pre-trial factors often greatly affect a jury verdict. Witness preparation will be explored. Attorney-client factors will be stressed. Also matters of appeal will be discussed, particularly to contradict the common notion of trial "technicalities". This course is intended for the general public-not lawyers.

*Stephen A Sutter, Esq is admitted to practice in the US Supreme Court, the Federal Court of Appeals, all New York State Courts and the Courts of Connecticut. A graduate of NYU Law School and Queens College-BA-Economics cum laude, he has participated in several well-known venues. This experience includes federal criminal law, civil trials, surrogate court trials, family law trials, representation of minors in special courts, and various real estate, tort, contract and trust matters. He was appointed a member of the National Economics Honor Society and is a skilled poet.*

**This course is 1 1/2 hours long.**

### **“Female Authors”**

Monday | 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Sun City Activities Center, Rooms 1 & 2

**Sam Smith**

This course will expose the students to some of the best authors in history. We will start with "One book wonders" and move on to five female authors who had tremendous impact. From writing about prehistoric women to fictional characters who have made reading for young people exciting. Guess who sold the most books?

*Smith's career in battery technology, involved establishing a battery factory in San Marcos, TX. Served as VP-technology, and financial adviser at Morgan Stanley & UBS. Served in the*

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*US Air Force in Asia & Europe. Holds degrees in engineering from U of Okla, and U of SoCal. Smith is an avid book collector.*

[SPECIAL NOTE: The Monday, February 17 class will be conducted at the French Room, Sun City Social Center, across from the Activities Center.]

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## **Monday AFTERNOONS at GEORGETOWN LIBRARY**

402 W. 8th, 78626

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### **“Death Rides a Rocket”**

Monday | 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Georgetown Library, Hewlett Room

**Hank Haliasz**

Space is a cold, dark, forbidding place. It is unwelcoming and uncompromising, and when strangers dare to trespass into its unfeeling and loveless territory, it strikes out to suffocate and destroy the interlopers. Join Hank as he pays tribute to those brave astronauts and cosmonauts who have dared to challenge space, and made the ultimate sacrifice in so doing. Their names are mostly forgotten today, but in Death Rides a Rocket they will come alive again and to, receive the recognition so richly earned.

*Hank served in the Air Force retiring in 1984. He was the Mission Director for orbital operations of a Department of Defense satellite program and with NASA's Space Shuttle program. Hank chaired the Sun City Astronomy Group for ten years and has been an instructor for Senior University since 2004.*

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## “Contemporary China”

Monday | 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Georgetown Library, Hewlett Room

**Li-hua Yu**

Dr. Yu will cover the situation of present-day China and its relation to the rest of the world. The current society, government, and expectations for the future of China will be addressed.

*Sun City resident, Dr. Li-hua Yu, Professor Emeritus, taught Sociology and the History of Chinese Culture and Society for 25 years at the College of Lake County in Illinois. Born and raised in China she experienced the most turbulent changes in China in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s until she came to America for graduate study in 1984.*

[SPECIAL NOTE: The Monday, February 24 class will be conducted at the Florence Room at Cowan Creek Amenity Center, 1433 Cool Spring Way, Georgetown, Texas 78633]

## Tuesday MORNINGS at FIRST

### BAPTIST CHURCH

1333 W. University, 78628

## “Intermediate Spanish”

Tuesday | 8:30 am - 10:00 am

First Baptist Church, building E2, Rooms E108-110

**Gloria Gonzalez**

This will be a continuing course in conversational Spanish. This course is designed for those who have completed the entry and early-Level Spanish courses. Book used in class: Barron’s Learn Spanish the Fast and Fun Way, Third Edition.

*Gloria Gonzalez earned her MA in Spanish at North Texas State University and has had 14 years teaching experience. She has been a resident of Sun City 22 years and a Senior University faculty member for many years.*

**This Course is 1-1/2 hours long. Limited to 25 students.**

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## “Conversational French, Level I”

Tuesday | 8:30 am - 10:00 am

First Baptist Church, building E2, E207

**Frank Attoun**

Bienvenue! This course is intended for "pure" beginners who wish to learn to communicate in French. It will include a comprehensive review of French pronunciation and intonation, greetings and civilities, ordering from a menu, shopping, the weather, activities and daily routine, likes and dislikes. Some grammar will be included but the course concentrates on acquiring listening and speaking skills.

*Franklin Attoun is a native speaker of French and has a Masters in French Language and Literature; he has completed only the coursework as a PhD candidate at UCLA. He taught French to adults, at community college and university levels for forty-five years, using second language acquisition methodologies.*

**This course is 1 1/2 hours long. Limited to 20 students.**

## “Big Data 101: What it is, and How it Impacts You”

Tuesday | 9:00 am - 10:00 am

First Baptist Church, building E2, E103-105

**Bob Holub**

Today, every two days we create as much data as we did from the beginning of time until 2000. The term "Big Data" refers to the collection of all this data and our ability to use it to our advantage across a wide range of areas. This course will introduce the concept of Big Data and how that data is used today to impact your everyday life. The impact on society will be shown using use cases from various industries (Healthcare, Financial Services, etc.) as well as a look at the different ways that data is processed (Artificial Intelligence, etc.)

*Bob Holub has been defining and quantifying the value of software for businesses for over 20 years. As an experienced Business Value Consultant, CIO, IT Applications Leader, and DBA, Bob continually emphasizes a customer-focused solutions approach for sales enhancement and business IT problems. He helps his customers realize millions of \$ in savings by enabling them with quality service-related processes, program management and benefits realization processes. His special interest is in determining the metrics that show the impact on people and society, as well as enterprises and corporations."*

## “From Victory to Collapse (1919-1929 America)

Tuesday | 9:00 am - 10:00 am

First Baptist Church, building E2, E109-111

**Gerald Faulkner**

This course will cover the years following the "Great War" where America attempts to return to "normalcy" under four different administrations of progressives and conservatives. Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover will be discussed. Each President will attempt to right-size the economy, employ the returning World War I veterans, adapt to new technologies, understand the new social and political realities while somehow holding on to pre-war values.

*Jerry Faulkner received his BBA in human resources with a minor in history from City University of New York. After a career in Human Resources he has devoted much of his retirement to teaching as both a substitute teacher and Bible study leader. Jerry has taught three previous history courses for Senior University dealing with World War I and its aftermath.*

## “Worldwide Travel”

Tuesday | 9:00 am - 10:00 am

First Baptist Church, building E3-300, Collide Room

**Multiple Instructors**

**Jan. 28 CAUCASUS** Bill Thornton takes us to the unique countries of Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Armenia via maps, facts, videos, and photos. We will get acquainted with the people, their religion and culture, their economy and opinion of Americans.

**Feb. 4 MISSISSIPPI RIVER** John Dallen shares his experience with American Cruise lines going from St. Paul, Minnesota to New Orleans. From the small ship he makes interesting excursions to Dubuque, Hannibal, St. Louis, Memphis, Vicksburg, Natchez and Baton Rouge. John also tells about stops in the upper plain states before setting sail.

**Feb. 11 MEDITERRANEAN CITIES** Terri and Denny take us aboard the Seabourne Encor to experience the exclusive French Riviera. In Italy they visit Rome and the ancient city of Pompeii and then traverse the Adriatic to visit Dubrovnik, Croatia and Slovenia. As a finale they sail into Venice, “the most unique and beautiful city in the world.”

**Feb. 18 CENTRAL AMERICA** Marsha Larabee reveals conditions in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Belize during the start of the immigration crisis. Relative to the

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exploration with OAT (Overseas Adventure Travel) she says, “I didn’t know which would break first, my head or my heart.”

**Feb. 25 CIVIL WAR SITES** Bill Perkison shares the trips that were inspired by his study of genealogy. History is revealed through the personal accounts of uncles who fought at Ft. Donaldson TN., Ft. Hudson, LA., and Richmond, VA. He will also take us to Appomattox where historians debate the significance of the retreat.

**March 3 MEXICO** John and Antoinette Castello’s love of Mexico is apparent in their detailed account of travels to Choulla, Oaxaca and Puebla for the Dia De Los Muertos Festival. History comes alive with the friendliness of the people and their colorful and exuberant life style.

*Six week session is a potpourri of travel guides conducted by different lecturers.*

## “Self Knowledge”

Tuesday | 10:30 am - 11:30 am

First Baptist Church, building E2, E108-110

**Herman Matthews**

The class explores the question: Who am I? This is a universal question, so there are many "answers" in different cultures and traditions. The question, "How do I know Who I am?" will be explored in the six-week session.

*Dr. Matthews has a PhD in physics and was on the faculty at four major universities. He has served as a consultant, video producer, and worked in non-traditional education in the U.S. and India for the past 35 years.*

## “Just Looking/Art and Architecture”

Tuesday | 10:30 am - 11:30 am

First Baptist Church, building E2, E109-111

**Karen Pope and David Smith**

“Just Looking” - The four weeks will cover Great Still Lifes, Great Portraits, Great Events, and Great Landscapes.

“Just Looking Architecture” - The history of Chicago and its historic architecture will be thoroughly presented in two sessions. Dr. Smith's animated delivery will include stories of past Chicagoans including Frank Lloyd Wright.

*Karen Pope, PhD, Austin art historian is retired from Baylor University and conducts domestic and international tours of*

notable art sites. She is the principal of Art InSight Adventures in Art History. Dr. Pope will teach four sessions.

David Smith, PhD, received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Columbia, New York University and the University of Illinois. He taught English Literature and Humanities at the University of Toledo (Ohio) for 32 years. For the past 13 years in Chicago he has served as a volunteer docent for the Chicago Architectural Foundation. Dr. Smith will teach two sessions."

## “Conversational French, Level 2”

Tuesday | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

First Baptist Church, building E2, E207

**Frank Attoun**

This course is taught at the intermediate-beginning level; intended for students who have been exposed to the language for a year or two at high school or college level and who wish to progress in their knowledge. It is still a beginner's level: will cover some pronunciation principles, topics such as travel, food, family, likes and dislikes, activities and daily routine and speaking about the past (your past!). The objective: for you to learn basics in communicating in French--understanding (there is no speaking without understanding first), speaking, reading and writing, within the context of French culture. Some grammar will be introduced.

*Franklin Attoun is a native speaker of French and has a Masters in French Language and Literature; he has completed only the coursework as a PhD candidate at UCLA. He taught French to adults, at community college and university levels for forty-five years, using second language acquisition methodologies*

**This course is 1 1/2 hours long. Limited to 20 students.**

## “Memoir and Biographical Writing”

Tuesday | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

First Baptist Church, building E2, E205

**Alan Dawes**

Everyone has a story to tell. The story of your life, your family and events you have witnessed are all part of your story. This class will get you started in capturing your story in good company. The focus will be the content of your story rather than writing technique.

We will be working from prompts, simple subjects to write about in class and share them with the class. Subjects will

progress from your roots, the place and culture where grew up, to vocations like homemaking, service, careers and hobbies. We will also include topics related to profiles of family members and influential people. The final session will put it all together in the form of a short autobiography. We will discuss the option of continuing your writing and self-publishing as well.

This is a highly participatory class. Students read to the group from what they have written. Homework assignments will be suggested at the end of each class, to be read at the next class session. Memoir writing can be fun and a valuable legacy to *pass on to children, grandchildren and future generations.*

*Alan Dawes has been writing memoirs and teaching memoir writing for many years. Recently, he self-published a collection of memoirs based on his life in England before coming to the United States in 1960. The "Shoe Box Stories" was a surprise and appreciated gift to his children.*

**This course is 1 1/2 hours long. Limited to 10 Students**

## “Building America: Conquest, Commerce, and Consequences (Stuff we missed in high school history)”

Tuesday | 10:30 am - 11:30 pm

First Baptist Church, building E3-300, Collide Room

**Todd Clayton**

America started as individual colonies isolated by a huge ocean to the east and a huge continental landmass west of the Allegheny Mountains. Now, 400 years after Jamestown and Plymouth, America is the most powerful nation on earth. We've experienced explosive growth in the relentless push to the Pacific Ocean. We've celebrated our unique and better way of life, a model for oppressed people everywhere. Yet, we've experienced a deadly civil war, an economic system sustained by slavery, and an expansionist drive that pushed native inhabitants out of the way. What's wrong with America is solved by what's right with America. As ever, we are intent on upholding our founding principles, "with liberty and justice for all". America is a work in progress.

*Todd Clayton was in the US Navy as an officer qualified in nuclear powered submarines. He earned an MBA from the Harvard Business School and a BS in Industrial Engineering. Todd has 30 years of executive marketing experience in the high-tech industry. Over the past seven years he has presented maritime history courses to Senior University and UT Austin.*

## Tuesday AFTERNOONS at SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

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### “American Spies”

Tuesday | 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Southwest University, Olin Hall, Room 105

**Christy Wolf**

A series of lectures about Americans who made the choice to spy/attempt to spy against their country: what led to their decisions, what they provided, how they were caught and what was the impact of their decision to themselves and others, including you as taxpayers.

*Christy began her federal career in 1975 as a Special Agent with the US Department of State, Office of Security, protecting Secretaries of State and Foreign Dignitaries, conducting background investigations and passport/visa fraud investigations. She joined the Central Intelligence Agency and eventually became an Operations Officer with a specialty in Counterintelligence. Completing a war zone tour in Afghanistan and a tour in Africa, she retired in 2016, receiving the Career Commendation Medal. Christy began a new life adventure in Texas and is loving it. She has two sons, two wonderful daughters-in-law and two extraordinary grandsons.*

### “History of the Soviet Union-Soviet Leaders from Lenin to Gorbachev”

Tuesday | 4:15pm - 5:15 pm

Southwestern University, Olin Hall, Room 105

**Anthony Triola**

Instructor will present an interactive living history of the leaders of the Soviet Union, from Vladimir Lenin to the Mikhail Gorbachev. Classes will explore their lives, their visions and their effectiveness at steering the massive Soviet state.

**Week 1:** An afternoon with Vladimir Lenin

**Week 2:** An afternoon with Joseph Stalin

**Week 3:** An afternoon with Nikita Khrushchev

**Week 4:** An afternoon with Leonid Brezhnev

**Week 5:** An afternoon with Yuri Andropov and Konstantin Chernenko

**Week 6:** An afternoon with Mikhail Gorbachev

*Chief Warrant Officer Four (CW4) Anthony Triola retired on January 31, 2014, after serving 25 years on active duty. Anthony enlisted in the US Air Force in 1989 as an intelligence operations analyst. Following the attacks of September 11, 2001, Anthony applied to the US Army Warrant Officer School and served as an intelligence officer. He served a total of 33 months in combat, during OPERATION DESERT STORM and OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. His medals include the Legion of Merit and two Bronze Stars. Anthony currently serves as the Community and Military Liaison for Cedar Crest Hospital & Residential Treatment Center.*

### “World Art”

Tuesday | 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Southwest University, Fine Arts Center, Room 235

**Allison Miller**

This course consists of six classes taught by junior and senior Southwestern students majoring in Art History. Class topics are chosen and researched by the students. Students presenting will be Kari Darr, Haley Druart, Kyle Leon, Marial Schroeder, Elise Tisdell, and Marion Whitworth.

**Week 1: Kyle Leon** - Gods in the Mountains: Tracing Andean Spiritualities

**Week 2: Haley Druart** - Duality, Death, and Motherhood in Aztec Sculpture

**Week 3: Marion Whitworth** - Celebrating Leisure: Depictions of Aristocratic Past-times in French Rococo Art

**Week 4: Elise Tisdell** - Julia Margaret Cameron: Stories of Victorian Childhood

**Week 5: Kari Darr** - From Atom Bomb to Kitchen Table: The Image of Progress in Atomic Age Design

**Week 6: Marial Schroeder** - The Art of Medicine: A Look at Photography and the Depiction of Disease"

*Allison Miller is Associate Professor of Art History and the Chair of the International Studies Program at Southwestern University.*

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## “Great Composers”

Tuesday | 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm

Southwest University, Choral Room

**Ellsworth Peterson**

Dr. Peterson will give six presentations of great American composers. The theme is "Red, White, and Blue". The composers will include the periods from the founding of our country.

*Dr. Peterson received his MA degree from Union Theological Seminary and his PhD from Harvard. Before retirement in 2002 he was the Margaret Root Brown Professor of Fine Arts at Southwestern University for 37 years. Dr. Peterson was organist for Georgetown's First United Methodist Church and is the artistic director of Festival of the Arts in Georgetown.*

## Wednesday MORNINGS at THE DELANEY AT GEORGETOWN VILLAGE

359 Village Commons Blvd., 78633

## “Air Combat Operations during WWII & ‘Hawks’ Squadron”

Wednesday | 9:00 am - 10:00 am

The Delaney

**Kenn White**

This course explores air combat leading up to the first use of radar technology during World War II and the accomplishments of the Marine Night Fighter Squadron 533 (VMF(N)-533), one of three night fighter squadrons activated in the Marine Corps. The lectures will focus on the 533 squadron that shot down 30 Japanese planes - by radar, at night - without one operational loss. A special in-depth biographical look at the commander will be presented on final class. biographical look at the commander will be presented on final class.

*Kenn recently retired from the Texas Army National Guard after 30 years of service. His most recent position as Deputy Chief of Staff involved strategic planning activities along with work in change management and business analytics. Kenn holds an MBA from the University of Phoenix and a BA from Southern Illinois University. During his military career, he has served in various roles with an extensive background in Strategic Planning. Today, he serves as the Executive Director*

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*for Senior University. He is the founder of Resilient-Me, a local nonprofit that provides expressive arts programs for veterans and also serves on the Board of Directors for the Georgetown Art Center.*

## “Psychology. Maybe The Hokey Pokey is What it’s All About”

Wednesday

10:30 am - 11:30 am

The Delaney

**Deborah McElfish**

Topics include: Why do I think, feel and behave the way I do? What is abnormal psychology? Three types of aging: Biological, Psychological, and Social. Coping mechanisms: techniques to cope with life's stressors.

*Deb "French" McElfish received her Masters degree in Counseling/Psychology and Master of Arts in Rehabilitation Science at Amber University and the University of Texas. She has served 30 years in the counseling psychology field. That experience includes college counsellor, instructor and clinical manager in a full service mental health facility.*

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