



## Central Red Society Class Schedule & Registration

### Spring 2018

*In January, we will be tapping into the “January Series” broadcast by Calvin College in Grand Rapids and viewed at Third Reformed Church. Join us for the lecture and lunch/discussion afterwards in the Third Church Café following the January 11 & January 18 presentations. All 10:30 a.m. classes will have a coffee time before the class starting at 10 a.m.*

#### **Randy Lewis: “No Greatness Without Goodness: How a Father’s Love Changed a Company and Sparked a Movement”**

**Friday, Jan. 5, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Third Church Auditorium**

**No Cost, no need to register—just show up!**

*Randy Lewis bet his career that he could create an inclusive workplace at one of America’s biggest corporations where people with disabilities could not just succeed, but thrive. No Greatness without Goodness is the story of a corporate executive who, after watching the world through the eyes of his own child with autism, realized that we all have a greater responsibility to make the world a better place for everyone, including those with disabilities. As the Senior Vice President of Walgreens, Randy created thousands of full-time jobs for people with disabilities and has created a model to follow for other employers in the United States and around the world. He gives a firsthand account of what it takes to lead with courage in order to change people’s lives for the better.*

#### **Laura Sumner Truax: “Love Let Go: Radical Generosity for the Real World”**

**Thursday, Jan. 11, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Third Church Auditorium**

**No Cost, no need to register—just show up!**

*Rev. Laura Sumner Truax is the senior pastor of LaSalle Street Church, a non-denominational church in downtown Chicago. She holds degrees in divinity, pastoral studies, and spirituality from Loyola University Divinity School and is currently working toward her Doctor of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary. She also serves as a teaching pastor for World Vision and for the University of Chicago Divinity School and is the author of two books. In Love Let Go she shares how her church community was transformed by the startling truth that money can buy happiness – when you give it away – and explores the connection of human flourishing to generosity.*

#### **Jeremy McCarter: “Hamilton, Hope and Change”**

**Thursday, Jan. 18, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Third Church Auditorium**

**No Cost, no need to register—just show up!**

*Jeremy McCarter is a writer, director, and producer. He is the co-author of Hamilton: the Revolution with Lin-Manuel Miranda and will share the story of the Broadway show Hamilton’s journey from concept to cultural phenomenon as witnessed by someone who has been in all of the rooms where it happened – even the White House. McCarter spent five years on the artistic staff of the Public Theater in New York, where he created and ran the Public Forum series of performances and conversations. It brought together America’s leading actors, activists, writers, scholars, musicians, and community leaders to explore the intersection of arts and society.*

**Nancy Trask: "Iowa's Own Monuments Man: George Stout"**

**Tuesday, Feb 27, 10:30 a.m.**

**Maytag Student Center, Boat/Moore Room**

**Cost: \$10**

Nancy Trask will present historical slides about the WWII Monuments Men, especially introducing George Stout, who was born and raised in Winterset, Iowa. George Clooney's character in "The Monuments Men" movie was based on George Stout, although the character was named Frank Stokes for the sake of artistic license in the movie.

*Nancy Trask grew up in Winterset, earned her library science degree from the University of Oklahoma, and recently retired from the Winterset Public Library where she was the Director from 2004-2016. Her interest in World War II was enhanced by lifelong conversations with her father, a Purple Heart veteran of Normandy..*

**Jennifer Attema & George Clark: "Freedom House Ministries: A Place of Refuge"**

**Wednesday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.**

**Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex**

**Cost: \$10**

Freedom House Ministries is an organization that provides prayer, counseling and mentoring to girls who have been sexually exploited. The organization is currently looking for a home for the sexually exploited, to put them in a place where they feel safe.

*Jennifer Attema, founder and executive director of Freedom House, has a BA in Religion and Christian Education from NWC in Orange City, IA. She has home schooled, worked 6 years in a school office, and currently is the bookkeeper for Attema Sales. George Clark received his master's degree in counseling from the University of Northern Iowa and is a licensed mental health counselor. He has spent the past 20 years teaching and counseling students in a variety of educational settings ranging from kindergarten to college. George is currently the assistant director of counseling at Central College.*

**Deb Wiley: "Touring America's Garden Capitol: Philadelphia and the Brandywine Valley"**

**Tuesday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.**

**Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex**

**Cost: \$10**

Anticipate spring and gather inspiration for your own landscape with a virtual journey to America's Garden Capital: Philadelphia and the Brandywine Valley. Through beautiful photos, Deb Wiley, will lead us to several public and private gardens. We will also receive a list of these and other gardens to visit when you are in this region.

*Deb is a freelance writer, editor, and photographer and serves as a board member of the Brenton Arboretum and the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden.*

**Lunch 'n Learn – U.S. Ambassador (Retired) Bernadette Allen: "U.S. Diplomacy Matters"**

**Thursday, April 19, Noon**

**Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex**

**Cost: \$10 Lunch Buffet served at 11:30 a.m.**

U.S. Ambassador (Retired) Bernadette Allen was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as U. S. Ambassador to The Republic of Niger in 2006. She also served in that capacity under President Barack Obama until her retirement in 2010. Secretaries of State Hillary Clinton and John Kerry appointed her respectively, in 2013 and 2015, to the Foreign Service Grievance Board. In May 2010, she completed a 30 year Foreign Service career at the U.S. Department of State, after assignments in Asia, Africa, and the Americas. Ambassador Allen will share highlights from her 30 year diplomatic career.

*Bernadette Allen earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in French Civilization and Linguistics from Central College in 1978. Central College honored her with an Alumni Achievement Award (2008) and Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (2013). She was the Central College May 2013 commencement speaker. She currently serves on the Central College Board of Trustees. Bernadette credits Central College which prepared her well for an unexpected, yet gratifying global experience.*

### **Vern Cochran: "The Red Rock Hydroelectric Plant"**

**Thursday, May 17, 5:30 p.m.**

**Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex**

**Cost: \$15 Heavy Appetizers & Cash Bar**

What does it take to build a hydroelectric plant? The Project, which will provide enough clean, reliable hydroelectricity to power about 18,000 homes, is projected to be completed in 2018. Learn who MRES is, what was completed prior to the start of the project to mitigate the recreation loss during the project, an overview of the Red Rock Hydroelectric project, the key participants and the most up to date photos showing the construction of the project.

*Vern has 34 years of experience in the power generating industry as an operator, maintenance technician, and vendor technical advisor. He started his career in the US Navy as a machinist mate and has since operated, maintained, built and commissioned natural gas, coal, gas turbine and landfill gas power plants. Vern is married with 5 kids, 8 grand kids, and three dogs.*

### **Year-End Celebration**

**Tuesday, May 22, 5:30 p.m.**

**Dave and Ardie Sutphen Common Room, Graham Annex**

**Cost: \$15 Dinner & Cash Bar**

*Join us for an end-of-year celebration where we'll review our year, thank our instructors, and unveil next year's classes and offerings!*

### **Terrace Hill Tour & Lunch**

**Wednesday, May 23, Tour at 10:30 a.m., Bus leaves at 9:15 a.m.**

**Cost: \$25, includes lunch & entrance into Terrace Hill**

**Maximum of 40**

*Once the home of great families of wealth, today Terrace Hill is "Iowa's Home". Now a stunning example of Victorian Second Empire architecture, the 18,000-square foot building serves the dual purpose of the official governor's residence and a National Historic Landmark. Pella's own Liz Epperly will be our tour guide. We will enjoy lunch at Noah's Ark after the tour. **Limit of 40. Bus available for up to 14.***