Classes & Registration

The Spring, 2016 classes will be held Thursdays, April 7, April 14, April 21 and April 28. **To celebrate our 20th anniversary of providing community education opportunities for seniors, we will hold a special opening ceremony on Thursday, April 7 at 8:45 AM.** For the spring season, we will offer just one outstanding series in the 9:00 AM time slot, *The Best of 20 Years*. For the 10:30 AM time slot, you may choose two sessions: *The Future of Senior Health* OR *From Genesis to Isis: The Middle East in History*

The cost of the four-week series is $20.00, made payable to Peter Becker Community, with your registration. This non-refundable fee includes registration in your two chosen topics, as well as refreshments during the break. The non-refundable registration fee and registration is due by March 18, 2016. Class size is limited, so be sure to register early!

Welcome to another session of Expanding Horizons! This educational program was formed in 1996 to promote adult enrichment opportunities in the community. The Expanding Horizons Committee includes staff and resident representatives of retirement communities Dock Woods, Frederick Living, Lutheran Community at Telford, Peter Becker Community, The Community at Rockhill and Souderton Mennonite Homes. The Committee also includes representatives from Generations of Indian Valley and Encore Experiences at Harleysville.

Our Faculty

Class instructors are recruited from the community and include speakers from universities, businesses, organizations, and churches as well as local talents. Each instructor commits his or her time and talents to the Expanding Horizons program, and we are very thankful for their contributions. If you know someone who is a dynamic speaker and “subject-matter expert” on a topic that might be of interest for a future session, please contact a member of the Expanding Horizons Committee. We always welcome new ideas and suggestions!

For more information, please contact Joe Monserrat at 215-256-1528.
April 7:
**The Revolution of Diversity** -
Ann Atkins

Eleanor Roosevelt, Golda Meir and Marie Curie—revolutionary in society, state and science—displayed the courage to challenge the inglorious attitudes of society. Embracing the ideal that unbiased policy is a country’s strength, their objective to keep equal standards for all people empowered lives of integrity and leadership. In this presentation, Ann Atkins uses the stories of these great women to bring balance to the dialogue of embracing diversity.

April 14:
**The Old World and the New World** -
Dr. Aaron M. Shatzman

This presentation will revisit themes Dr. Shatzman has addressed in his previous presentations, including the reasons for European expansion into the wider world in the 15th century and its consequences both for Europeans and the inhabitants of the areas they visited, conquered and settled. Particular focus will be on the Americas.

April 21:
**The Dead Really Do Tell Tales: Using Modern Forensic Science to Help Unravel Causes of Death Among Ancient Egyptian Royalty** -
Dr. Stephen R Phillips

Iconic among the enormous array of cultural artifacts that survive from ancient Egypt are its mummies. Numerous mummies of common people, upper class people, nobility and royalty have survived into modern times. Some mummies of royalty bear evidence that indicates murder may have been the cause of death. This class illuminates how modern forensic science techniques, techniques that are used to help solve modern murders, can also help us solve “cold cases” from thousands of years in the past.

April 28:
**China, People of Other Faiths and America – Living Together in a Globalizing World!** -
Lonnie Turnipseed

Key points from previous Expanding Horizons presentations (**China, Living Together with People of Other Faiths and America and the World**) will inform the implications of the rise of other nations for the United States. We will also discuss the role of the United States in the world today.
April 7:
Emerging Technologies That Will Change Your World, Part 1
John Grencer
Between two sessions, expect two hours of "gee-wiz and what will be" as John Grencer speaks about some of the major forces and trends driving technology and provides a sneak peek of key just-around-the-corner technologies that will be available sooner than we expect.

Hold on to your smartphones as we explore the new world of the internet of things, advanced motion sensing, myoelectric-based controls, brain-computer interface, life-logging, advanced home automation systems, augmented and virtual reality headsets and "wearables." Oh, and let's not forget self-driving cars!

April 14:
Back to the Future: Coming Changes in Senior Health Care
Dr. Anna Doubeni
This talk will cover new technology and old methods to bring healthcare delivery for seniors back to the home. With recent advances in tele-health and more physicians beginning to embrace home visits again, seniors can continue to receive health care and remain in the home longer.

April 2:
In Case of an Emergency
Dr. Everitt F. Binns
This program will provide education to participants on topics including 911, EMS ambulance response and providing simple First Aid and CPR.

April 28:
Emerging Technologies That Will Change Your World, Part 2
John Grencer
See course description under April 7 class listing.

From Genesis to Isis: The Middle East in History
Dr. Thomas A. Kolsky
This four part course will expose you to the historical evolution of the Middle East, its past crises, encounters with the West, Modernization, Nationalism, Islamism and the path that led to the current multiple crises.

Please see titles for individual lectures below:

April 7:
The Course of Middle East History

April 14:
World War I and the U.S. and the Middle East

April 21:
The Arab-Israeli Conflict

April 28:
The Middle East in Upheaval Today

Dr. Thomas Kolsky>>
Our Faculty

Ann Atkins, Author and National Speaker, has lived and worked in Korea, England and Germany. She has served as a college instructor, a counselor and a director of a family support center. Ms. Atkins’ master’s degree in counseling from Boston University encompassed studies at the University of Cambridge. Ann’s “Flash History” biography series includes: Eleanor Roosevelt ~ Unleashed and Marie Curie ~ A Nobel Life.

Dr. Everitt Binns is a nationally recognized management expert and educational consultant. He is an organizational leadership specialist to corporations, hospitals, higher education institutions and emergency service organizations. He has over 45 years of experience in emergency services, to include EMS, fire, rescue, emergency management and tele-communications. He was the incident commander/leader of the initial PA EMS strike team deployments to Hurricane Katrina and Gustov.

Dr. Anna Boorse Doubeni, a native of Montgomery County, graduated from Christopher Dock Mennonite High School in 1986. She holds the degrees of BS from Gordon College, MD from Temple University School of Medicine and MPH from University of Massachusetts. She completed her residency in family practice at Duke University School of Medicine.

Dr. Doubeni is an associate professor of clinical family medicine and community health director. She teaches family medicine and directs Penn Global Health Fellowship in Comprehensive Care at the Perelman School of Medicine/University of Pennsylvania. She is involved in a movement to make health care more accessible to elderly home-bound patients by reviving the tradition of doctor house calls.

John Grencer has presented both regionally and nationally on leading edge medical technologies to groups from MIT classes to the American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association.

A graduate of Lehigh University, John has been at Good Shepherd Rehabilitation for 25 years. He is actively involved in the process to select appropriate and evidence-based assistive and rehabilitative technologies for Good Shepherd Rehabilitation network and maintains responsibility for updating the organization’s medical technology roadmap.

Mr. Grencer is on the Scientific Advisory Board of the Lifeboat Foundation. He also enjoys speaking at local high schools and universities.
Professor Thomas A. Kolsky received his PhD in history from the George Washington University. He taught history and political science at Montgomery County Community College from 1971 until 2015. From 1987 until 2015, he hosted Issues and Insights, a campus interview/talk show and lecture series program that was designed to expose the college and the community to matters of public interest. A political maverick, Kolsky advocates peace, intellectual freedom, religious pluralism, and market economy with a human face.

Stephen R. Phillips, PhD is the curatorial research coordinator in the Egyptian section of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. He holds a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania and has spent parts of the past 20 years working on archaeological excavations in Egypt, Jordan, and France. Dr. Phillips presents aspects of his own work on archaeological excavations in these countries and he has taught at Expanding Horizons in the past. Dr. Phillips very much looks forward to continuing to illuminate the deep interconnections that still link modern and ancient lives.

Aaron M. Shatzman, PhD is the dean of social sciences and the interim dean of business and entrepreneurial initiatives at Montgomery County Community College. He received an AB summa cum laude from Washington University and both an MA and a PhD from Stanford University. Dr. Shatzman is the author of more than 100 articles and book chapters. He is the author of two books: Servants into Planters (Garland, 1989) and The Old World, the New World, and the Creation of the Modern World, 1400-1650 (Anthem, 2013).

Rev. Robert L. Turnipseed, Sr. (Lonnie) and his family lived in Hong Kong from 1958-1973. In his capacities as staff of the General Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns of the United Methodist Church and later for Southern Asia for Church World Service, he has traveled widely in Asia and, more recently, in China. Rev. Turnipseed has participated in dialogues with Jews, Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists. He also has served as the president of the Montclair, NJ United Nations Association.