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## RCTC LIFE ..expanding its Horizon

The worse thing that has happened to the LIFE Program this year is the coronavirus. The best thing to happen to the LIFE program this year is, yes, the coronavirus. At first, the necessary precautions shut the program down in March. The health and safety of our community and its participants was and is our first priority. The cessation of in-person classes also amped up the creativity of the staff, Chrisanne Pieper, program director, and Jamie Schroeder, program assistant. With the invaluable assistance of longtime Board member and instructor Steve Troutman, the Zoom experiment began in May.

During May, the classes were free. Starting in June/July, class fees were reinstated. Then there were two surprises: registrations began to increase with Zoom classes due to individuals registering who were unable to attend in person, and Chrisanne in particular began to think outside Minnesota. At first, we scheduled our old favorites and some new and promising ones, instructors in southeast Minnesota and those who have been willing to drive to Rochester from the Twin Cities, and other areas.

Early on, Chrisanne realized she and the Program Committee were no longer limited to speakers who could come to Rochester. With help from the committee, chaired until August by Judy Pease, and now by Peg Farrell, the horizon of LIFE Programs is increasing dramatically.

The first hint of the potential scope was the class in late August on the coronavirus by infectious disease specialist Dr. Eddie Stenehjem (son of Board President Julie Stenehjem) of InterMountain Health in Salt Lake City, and this past week with a class on the wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald in 1975, by University of Wisconsin-Madison professor of atmospheric and oceanic sciences Steve Ackerman.

November-December classes, starting next week, bring two more distant speakers to us, including Arshay Cooper of Chicago, with his message of hope, the documentary "A Most Beautiful Thing" about becoming the captain of the first all-Black high school rowing team in America. The second is Brandon Chamberlain, lead ranger at Appomattox Court House National Historic Park in Virginia, about the Appomattox Civil War campaign.

But it's the winter quarter that features more speakers from around the country and even from England. The rich history of LIFE Programming is becoming broader and richer through Zoom classes and your increased participation. We still depend on our regular, stalwart group of instructors, but augmented with wider participation. Quite a bit to look forward to with the LIFE Program.

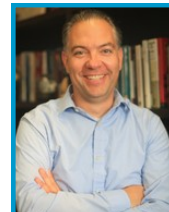


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LIFE Board Member

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## Teacher Feature...Timothy R. Johnson PhD on Nov. 30

Dr. Johnson is a Morse Alumni Distinguished Professor of Political Science and law, and a nationally recognized expert on U.S. Supreme Court oral arguments and decision making. My research appears in a variety of academic journals including the American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, Law and Society Review, and Political Analysis. In addition, my research and commentary have been covered by The Economist, The Guardian, New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, NPR, MPR, WCCO Radio, C-SPAN, Slate, USA Today, ABC, CNN, and The National Journal.



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