



# SUNY New Paltz Lifetime Learning Institute

# FALL 2007

## *Newsletter*

### **LLI Council Members**

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### **Important Dates**

**November 5, 2007:** Discussion Group: "Bless Me Ultima"  
**November 16, 2007:** Meet Your Instructors, Your Council and Each Other

**January 4, 11, 18, 25 , 2008:** Italian Film Course with Giancarlo Traverso  
**March 14, 2008:** Annual Meeting (10 AM)  
**March 28, 2008:** Spring Semester Begins

### **Message From the President**

Our first semester—what a fantastic beginning! My personal thanks to all of you who helped launch our Lifetime Learning Institute. It has been a dream of mine to have an LLI in the Hudson Valley and I am amazed and delighted at what we have accomplished in a short period of time. What's so exciting to me is that we have only just begun.

The Elderhostel guidelines for establishing an institute are very basic, opening the way for each LLI to establish its own governance and plot the course for its own future. So, what do we want to get? This question and many more are all open for us to explore. It is our institute.

There will be some challenges in the fall. SUNY New Paltz will be renovating Old Main Building making classroom space a

premium for the next two years. This will temporarily limit the space we have available to us at the college. We are looking to find space in the community for some of our classes.

We are growing fast, so a long range planning committee has been established to eventually suggest to the council a course for our future. Your council has established a set of bylaws which can be found on our web site <http://www.newpaltz.edu/cpe/lifetime/bylaws.html>. You are encouraged to present your ideas regarding new council members to be elected in March. Most of all, if you haven't done so, become involved, serve on a committee, teach a course, volunteer for a short project. This is your Lifetime Learning Institute.

—Lyn Mayo, President LLI

### **Meet Your Instructors, Your Council, and Each Other**

LLI's first Special Social Event will be held November 16, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. north of the SUNY Lecture Center. This is the lobby closest to the Humanities Building. This will be an opportunity for you to become better acquainted with your instructors, your

council members, and each other. You will also learn more about the winter and spring plans of LLI. Coffee and refreshments will be served. We hope everyone can come.

### **How Many Are We and From Wither?**

There are so many of us in this new LLI and perhaps you haven't had a chance to meet all in your classes or have wondered how many seniors found us.

One hundred seventy-six people joined LLI for the 2007/08 year. One hundred and sixty one are actually taking classes this

fall. The largest number, of course, are from New Paltz (90), but we have students from as far away as Rhinebeck, Bearsville, Phoenicia, and Pleasant Valley. Most of the rest of us fall someplace in between. We hope you will all spread the word and encourage others to join us for the 2008/09 semesters.

## **LLI Spring 2008 Courses**

We have some exciting new topics coming up in March of 2008—so watch for the new catalog and sign up early. The hard part will be making choices.

The eight week courses for 2008 are *Origami* with Anita Barbour; *World War II Battles* with Roland Hess; *Performing Arts* with Joav Kaddar; *Astronomy* with David Rossetter; *You, the Empowered Patient* with Puja Thompson; *Thinking About Ethics* with Janet Winn; and *Poetry From the Ground Up* with Louise Altman (tentative).

The four week courses during the first four weeks are *Write a Secret Language* with Barbara Burge, *History Through Travel* with Tom Mounkhall (3 weeks), *Historic Architecture of New York City* with Bill Rhoads, and *Performing Shakespeare's Sonnets* with Don Wildy, while those for the second four weeks are *The American Novel* with Barbara Adam, *Non Representational Design Watercolors* with Barbara Burge, and *Spirit of the City* with Suzanne Murphy.

## **Immerse Yourself in Another Language**

Here is an opportunity for LLI members to receive free enrollment in a foreign language class. Traveling to another country? Doing business overseas? Or just interested in learning a new language? Register for an intensive weekend class this spring at the SUNY New Paltz Language Immersion Institute.

Attendance in these intensive weekend classes can help the student acquire proficiency in one or more of *twenty* languages in the shortest possible time, with an emphasis on the development of conversational skills. The instructors are native or native-fluent speakers as well as rigorously trained language teachers.

One LLI member each weekend could receive free enrollment.

The cost of each weekend intensive language course is \$350. If there is sufficient enrollment in a chosen class, however, the Language Immersion Institute will waive the cost for one LLI member each weekend, to be picked at random from among the LLI members enrolled in spring semester classes.

To register, contact the Language Immersion Institute, (845) 257-3500; lli@newpaltz.edu.

## **Book Discussion Group**

A group discussion of the novel *Bless Me Ultima* will be held at La Ninnola Cafe, 215 Main St. New Paltz, 10 A.M. on November 5th. The discussion, to be led by Judy Reichler and Sally Rhoads,

will focus on "What makes an elder? Is it the same as getting old?" Come even if you have not read the book.

## **Italian Film Course**

Watch some great Italian films and participate in discussions with Giancarlo Traverso. These events will take place in the

Lecture Center Room 102 on January 4, 11, 18, and 25. Bring a guest! Registration is not required

**Reminder:** Please fill in the medical form on the back of your name badge. Only you will see it and it could be very helpful in case of emergency.



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