Dear LLI Members,

As current President of Lifetime Learning Institute of SUNY New Paltz, it falls to me to briefly introduce our latest Newsletter and to commend it to you. From its content, you will see that our Institute is very much alive and continuing to develop. Sound management from our beginning until now is reflected by our current excellent financial health, as you will see from the Statement published on page 9 in this Newsletter. Without once needing to increase our membership fee, we have offered more courses, paid higher insurance premiums and started producing a visually much more attractive Catalog, which we see as our flagship publication. A great deal of work lies behind the Catalog, and its content. Since beginning to serve on Council, I have been impressed by the commitment, enthusiasm and hard work of its members, without which LLI would be much less efficient and viable. Almost everything is carried out by volunteers, but the standard of what they do is wholly professional. Last semester, we offered more courses than ever. The fall semester will see a few less, as we adjust and balance our aim of enabling more members to secure their course of first choice with that of maintaining the highest standards.

In addition to our program of non-competitive, non-credit bearing courses, we are also holding more events than before. This makes reading our Newsletter even more important because it is one of the main vehicles we have to publicize activities. I also want to encourage members to submit any suggestions for events or activities that they have by contacting a Council member. We also welcome any ideas on how to improve what we do. Only remember that we are an educational organization, so while events may have a social aspect too, some learning type objective should be the main rationale. As I have said before and will say again, I am convinced that as we grow older, our health is greatly aided by intellectual and cultural stimuli. LLI is a rich source of such stimuli, and continues to deserve all our support and participation.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Clinton Bennett
President 2014-2015
On this and the following page, we recognize the LLI volunteers whose dedication makes Lifetime Learning New Paltz possible.

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Meeting once a month, the LLI Council deals with some tough issues

LLI Council 2014 – 2015

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Paul Kelley and Jake Schoonmaker couldn’t wait for the next rainy Friday afternoon. It seemed as though from the end of March until the middle of May it rained every Friday, but bad weather didn’t keep these two at home.

Mary Phillips’ Distance Walking course originally attracted 22 participants, but over the course of the eight-week semester, all but a few die-hards dropped out, mostly because of the truly awful weather that seemed to dog this outdoor class. Paul and Jake were among the die-hards.

Jake and his wife Evelyn have been involved in New Paltz LLI from the beginning; they were in the first group of students, back in 2007. They have different interests, but both of them enjoy the experience of learning new things. “I never even finished high school,” says Jake. “My wife and girls were always reading. We got rid of our TV! Now I read all the time – I’m particularly interested in history and environmental issues.”

“I was always an educator,” says Paul, who taught shop and woodworking at New Paltz Middle School for 35 years. “I was always interested in many subjects – environmental issues, climate change, and change in the world at large.” A friend of outdoor adventure classes. When Paul was at Benedictine Hospital for some tests, he saw Jake again, who was working two days a week as a volunteer. (Jake’s been helping out at Benedictine for twenty years). “We met up again in Mary’s Distance Walking class. Although I couldn’t make the first class because I didn’t have a ride, I found at the second class that Paul and I were the only men and that we were constantly being passed by a group of women! So we settled into our own pace, talking constantly as we brought up the rear.”

“Both of us enjoy walking and hiking,” says Jake. “Although we had already met before, we really hit it off during the course this Spring.” Paul says of Jake: “I couldn’t have found a better person to walk with. We immediately started talking and have never shut up.” Jake is a self-described people person. “I’m good at hand-pumping. I was a construction coordinator at IBM – where you’ve got to get along with people.

Paul’s first introduced him to the LLI at Bard College, where he attended classes for four years, before New Paltz had such a group. “When my friend first showed me their catalog, it made my mouth water, it was so interesting!”

Both in their early eighties, Paul and Jake first met several years ago in one of Ann Guenther’s
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...Walk in the Park

Paul’s experiences are wonderful. I’ve benefited from his woodworking skills. I’m making frames for my wife, and Paul taught me tricks about cutting splines. I was doing it my own way, but I learned the right way from him.” Paul says, “I really liked that Jake came from an IBM background, where they were doing work that I always wanted my students to do—using machinery and building things.”

Each Friday, Mary’s class met at different points along the Hudson Valley Rail Trail in Highland. Paul particularly enjoyed the section of the trail from Tony Williams Park to the caboose on Old New Paltz Road. “It’s so interesting to see the carved cliffs curving out of Illinois Mountain, to see the rock layers almost vertical, after they were formed horizontally from an ocean bed—evidence of past mountain building.”

He and Jake were ultimately game for Mary’s longest distance challenge— the Walkway Loop trail. The class met at Johnson-Lorio Park at the Highland end of the Mid-Hudson Bridge, crossed the bridge (stopping to listen to Joseph Bertolozzi’s “Bridge Music” at the two listening stations in mid-span, where both Paul and Jake used their own walking sticks to make a little bridge music of their own on the pedestrian railing), through Poughkeepsie (including a stopover at the Poughkeepsie railroad station, where they and their classmates were invited by a young bride from New Paltz to pose for a photo with her entourage), then back across the Walkway Over the Hudson and down Haviland Road to the parking lot—a total of 3.6 miles.

Jake and Paul began to hike together outside of class, and plan to continue their excursions.

A new friendship has been born. For them, it’s more more than just a walk in the park!

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**Lifetime Learning Institute**

**Invites you to a FREE AFTERNOON of**

**Board Games**

**Wednesday, August 20, 2-4 pm**

Gardiner Library
133 Farmer’s Turnpike, Gardiner

**Bring your games -- Apples to Apples, Scrabble, Monopoly, Quirkle -- you name it; you got it.**

**Invite your friends. All are welcome.**

**Free for all (with Seniors in mind).**

**Light refreshments provided.**

**Plenty of parking but carpooling advised.**

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Contemplating Simple Things
# May 2014 LLI Budget Report

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| **Expenditures**         |           |                                   |                 |
| Rent                     | $4,200    | $3,917                            | $125            |
| Administrative support   | $3,000    | $1,254                            | $92             |
| Custodial and Maintenance Services | $1,500 | $700 |                 |
| Catalog Renovation       | $250      | $1,700                            |                 |
| Insurance                | $2,900    | $2,941                            |                 |
| Computer support         | $1,000    | $150                              |                 |
| Recognition              | $900      | $683                              | $683            |
| Brunch programs          | $1,200    | $2,025                            |                 |
| Conferences and Professional Development | $500 | - | -$493 |
| Copying and Supplies     | $4,100    | $3,595                            | $21             |
| Postage                  | $1,750    | $1,819                            | $113            |
| Post Office Box          | $125      | $100                              |                 |
| Scholarship              | $1,000    | $1,000                            |                 |
| Publicity                | $700      | $200                              |                 |
| Gifts                    | $350      | $186                              | $115            |
| Annual Meeting           | $400      | $345                              |                 |
| Audio - Visual Equipment Capital Expenditure | $600 | | |
| Registrar Salary         | $6,000    | $2,925                            | $215            |
| Miscellaneous Expenses   | $1,400    | $159                              |                 |
| **Total Expenditures**   | $31,875   | $23,698                           |                 |

**Net Revenue minus Expenses**

- $2,475
- $5,609

**Balance Sheet**

- balance in CAS account as of 28 May 2014: $24,152
- balance in SUNY Foundation account: $19,000
- Total assets: $43,152