Dear LLI Members,

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. Hope many of you enjoyed the courses offered during the spring semester. We are always open to new courses and welcome your suggestions.

During the month of June, we have been showing Alfred Hitchcock classics on successive Fridays at 1:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (the PAC) at Woodland Pond. The last in the series, *Vertigo*, will be shown on June 22nd. We like to offer events throughout the year. Some of these events give us an opportunity to see each other between semesters, encourage new people to become members, and provide additional educational and fun opportunities.

Our upcoming semester looks exciting with new categories of courses. Please spread the LLI word to other friends or groups. We have a lovely brochure that introduces people to LLI. We will gladly mail or drop off copies for your use. Please introduce yourself to me when you see me. I welcome your thoughts on how we are doing. Please feel free to email us with your comments. Our email address is lifetime@newpaltz.edu. Enjoy the upcoming summer. I wish all the best of health.

Sincerely,
Margaret Armento-McDowell
LLI President

**President’s Letter**

In the fall LLI will offer 28 courses in five categories: (1) Art, Music, Performing Arts; (2) Current Events, History; (3) Literature, Writing; (4) Psychology, Social Science; (5) Miscellaneous: Finance, Geography, Health.

A small sampling of the courses appears below.
(Note: Some of the titles below are working titles that will vary from the way they appear in the catalogue that you will receive in late July or August.)

- **“Stone Painting as Meditation Using Acrylic Paint on Stone,”** presented by Becky Nielsen.
- **“Women in Jazz,”** presented by Harold Lieberman. This course focuses on the struggle women had entering a field with formidable barriers to their entry imposed by society and male attitudes.
- **“Evolution Written in Stone,”** presented by Gil Brenner. This course focuses on the formation of Earth and its atmosphere before life appeared on Earth 3.5 billion years ago.
- **“The Historical Tragedy of the Balkan Wars,”** presented by Jeff Warren. This course explores the tragedy of the Balkan Wars seen through the lens of the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina in the 1980s.
- **“The Beautiful Ideal: Anarchism and Emma Goldman,”** presented by Abigail Robin. This course takes a close look at the life and work of Emma Goldman (1869-1940) in the historical and philosophical contexts of the culture in which she lived.
- **“Life in Iran Between 1991 and 2004,”** presented by Pam Krimsky. This course focuses on the changes that have occurred in Iranian society over the past 35 years, economic difficulties in Iran, the people of Iran and the terrain in which they live, and the customs of the Parsis.
- **“Anatomy and Philosophy of the Body,”** presented by Stefi Morrison. This course will discuss in an informal way common medical conditions relating to human anatomy and the philosophy of body parts.
- **“A Virtual Visit to Four Museums,”** presented by local artist Sevan Melikyan. The museums are (1) the Kimball at Fort Worth, Texas, (2) the Peggy Guggenheim Collection in Venice, Italy, (3) the Picasso in Barcelona, Spain, and (4) the Chagall in Nice, France.

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**Fall 2012 Courses**

Sheyda Eversley
A Note From Registrar Jean Poirier

- Our Fall 2012 Course Catalog will be mailed in late July. Be sure to register early to ensure a space in the classes you would like to take. If you will be away in late July, and need your catalog mailed to an alternate address, please email that information to me at the LLI email address: lifetime@newpaltz.edu.

- Please volunteer to serve as a Class Assistant (CA) in one of the classes you are registering for. We need your help! Let us know by circling the class you choose to serve as a CA on your registration form. The LLI CA coordinator will contact you with instructions and pertinent information.

- The Fall registration deadline is September 4th. Please check your calendars to make sure you can attend all of your class sessions. Please do not register for a class for which you cannot attend a good majority of the classes – especially those with limited space.

- Members may take the equivalent of eight 4-week classes.

- Registration confirmation letters will be mailed to all those who have registered for classes shortly after the registration deadline (8/27/12). We need time after the deadline to confirm classes and finalize room assignments based on enrollments.

- Has Your Contact Information changed? Please remember to notify us if you have a new phone, email, or mailing address. You can do so by e-mailing the new information to the LLI email address at lifetime@newpaltz.edu.

- Recruit-a-Friend – Did you know that you can bring a friend who is not a member, to try out a class? (As long as there is space in the class and with permission of the instructor) If they like the class, and wish to continue, then they can join LLI!
On May 23, 2012, the Council of LLI at SUNY New Paltz held a luncheon at SUNY’s Terrace Restaurant in recognition of the contributions of the many who volunteered their efforts to assure another successful year at LLI.

It takes many volunteers to make our organization work. LLI presently has over 130 volunteers including, to name a few, all of the instructors; classroom assistants; liaisons from SUNY and our off campus sites; committee members who plan curriculum, work on membership, produce the catalogue listing course offerings; and the volunteers who plan affairs such as Appreciation Luncheon.

At the luncheon LLI President Margaret Armento-McDowell thanked the 55 volunteers who attended for their contributions. Special thanks were given to SUNY New Paltz President Donald Christian and Dean of the Office of Extended Learning Helise Winters for the special support given LLI by the college. LLI President McDowell also thanked the teaching faculty and the classroom assistants who are the heart of the program as well as the LLI council members and the committee chairs.

Finally, a special gift of a plant was given to instructor Maureen Brooks who has taught classes on opera and is also instrumental in the offering of the Woodland Pond film series. We all wish Maureen good luck on her move to Arizona.

The names of our current volunteers appear in the list below. Without these folks, there would be no LLI. (Our apologies to anyone whose name is inadvertently missing from the list.)

Marilou Abramshe  Sheyda Eversley  Sara Jecko  Paul Osgood  Wendy W. Smiley
M. Amento-McDowell  Ann Finer  Helen Kane  Linda Lee Paquin  Gerald Sorin
Garnette Arledge  June Finer  Paul Kelley  Richard Parisio  Myra Sorin
Ruth Bean  Anne Finn  Frank Kraat  Sara Pastio  Sondra Sperber
Clinton Bennett  Carol Ford  David Krikun  Mary Phillips  Ed Steele
Ellen Berlin  Roberta Forest  Barbara Lane  Gail Picciati  Norma Srothenke
Helene Bigley  Gail Gallerie  Susanna Lent  Jean Poirier  Richard Sullivan
Faye Bishop  Jo Gangemi  Carol LeFevre  June Polatsek  Michelle Sutton
Ellen Brady  Marybelle Gemmell  Judy Lessinger  Pam Quinn  H. Tennenbaum
Joseph Britto  Ginny Gravatt  Gail Logan  Gordon Rauer  Joan Tenuto
Maureen Brooks  Katherine Gray  Tom Losee  Judy Reichler  Puja Thomson
Lillian Burd  Pat Guralnik  Jan Marotta  Sally Rhoads  M. L. Van Winkle
Ann Burdett  Trina Greene  Lyn Mayo  William Rhoads  Ann Wandres
Florence Butler  Ann Guenther  Doug McBride  Ed Rogers  Shirley Warren
Joan Byers  Adelaide Haas  Nancy McBride  Teri Roiger  Susan Webber
Rosalyn Cherry  Barbara Hardgrave  Rosemarie McBride  Hal Rosengarten  Lucille Weinstat
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Victoria Danskin  Patrick Higgins  John Menegon  Marion Ryan  Ken Wishnick
Manuela Dobos  Johanna Hill  Arlene Merker  Joyce Schiff  Dolly Wodin
Marion DuBois  Doro Holveg  Bill Metzler  Tomi Schneider  Ethel Yusko
Charlene Dye  Sylvia Homer  Reeva Miller  Jane Schunk  
Mark Dzuba  David Jaman  Stefi Morrison  Terry Scott  
Pattie Eakin  Polly Beynon James  Kathe Nack  
Ginny Esser  Marny Janson  Mary Ann Osgood  

LLI President Margaret Armento-McDowell and Maureen Brooks at the Appreciation Luncheon.
In Appreciation of Sally Rhoads

Gail Gallerie

At LLI’s 2012 annual meeting, Sally Rhoads passed the LLI New Paltz presidential mantel to Margaret Amento-McDowell. Thus Sally added yet another chapter to her more than four decades of accomplishments in fostering educational opportunities for the New Paltz community. Sally’s service as a founding member of LLI and its fifth president adds to that of 15 years as a New Paltz Central School District board member and president plus 10 years as board member and president of the Elting Memorial Library. The continuing importance of the annual book fair as a central part of the library’s annual fund raising efforts is testimony to her 35 years as its indefatigable chair. Sally also served for 10 years as the Director of Education for the Reformed Church and has been a catalyst for the creation of several scholarships for students graduating from New Paltz High School.

During a recent interview, Sally explained that she was drawn to the efforts to create the New Paltz LLI because it promised to offer both educational and social opportunities for members of the community who have transitioned from their previous responsibilities and now have time to pursue intellectual and other self-development interests. In addition to a broad variety of courses to address members’ interests, Sally feels that LLI’s critical reliance on volunteers has also offered community service opportunities that some members have felt they have not had the time for before. Sally also recognizes that there are some LLI members who feel that they have “done their thing” and now want the freedom to study and socialize without additional responsibilities. Addressing the interests of this group must continue to be part of LLI’s mission.

Reflecting on the accomplishments of her presidency, Sally cites the reorganization of the Curriculum Committee as a major achievement, one which reflects LLI’s capacity for responding to the lessons of experience as the organization has evolved. She also takes pride in having made further advances toward the mission and goals with which this LLI was created. Sally believes that the success of the New Paltz LLI is evidence of it having benefited from “the right leadership at the right time,” people who brought the needed combination of vision and organizational skills. She credits her predecessors with having the gifts and talents for creating a “road map” that she was able to further refine during her presidency.

As Sally continues to serve as Immediate Past President, she hopes that LLI at SUNY New Paltz will celebrate its 10th anniversary with its core values maintained while even more fully capturing this community’s instructional talents and promoting creative social opportunities.

A lifetime learning program exists called DOROT. They are an organization that believes in reducing the social isolation of older adults and improving their lives and health. DOROT provides many services, among which is their “University Without Walls.” This makes it possible for home-bound older adults to participate in educational programs while at home. Hundreds of classes are offered yearly, including but not limited to the arts, history, and current events. The student takes these courses by using teleconferencing. When it’s time for the course to begin, students telephone a particular telephone number. As the course is being presented by the instructor over the phone, students have an opportunity to give responses to what the instructor says, ask questions, etc. Each course typically lasts for a semester.

If you are interested in taking a course, call 1-212-769-2850. If you have internet access, go to their website at www.dorotusa.org. They reportedly are available to Ulster County residents.

Do you have Home-Bound Family or Friends?

Elderhostel Institute Network (EIN) is a free, voluntary association of affiliated lifelong learning institutes, funded by Elderhostel Inc., a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing educational opportunities for older adults through their Road Scholar programming. To get a wealth of information about EIN and the Road Scholar programming, go to (www.roadscholar.org/ein/intro.asp). You can also view Road Scholar’s DVD at (www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5E8rnTiESI).

Lifelong Learning Institutes and Elderhostel Institute Network
How to Get the Most Out of Your LLI Membership

Renew for 2012-2013
With almost 235 paying members this year, we expect an even stronger program as we begin our 5th year in September. The annual membership fee remains $115. Send in your membership form when you receive the fall catalog.

Attend classes and events
Your membership fee entitles you to an assortment of courses, special lecture programs and films, and other activities.

Help us run the organization
LLI is run by volunteer members, and there are so many ways to help out. One particularly gratifying contribution is to be the classroom assistant in one of your courses. You handle communications between the teacher and the students and assist in other ways. It’s a good way to participate in the program and get to know people along the way. Tomi Schneider, chair of the classroom assistants committee, says that “the assistants report that a minimum of time is required and that they always feel useful and appreciated.”

If you want to help grow and serve the organization, join the membership committee. Or volunteer for the curriculum committee, where you will work with instructors and help select the courses. Or just say you’re willing to help in some small way, like participating in occasional mailings. You can indicate your interest on the membership form.

Having trouble parking on the SUNY campus?
Try the LOOP bus, which travels through the core areas of New Paltz and the SUNY campus. Ask the driver to drop you off at the Wooster Science parking lot (close to the Humanities Building) and say which bus you wish to return on. There’s free parking at the Route 32 N. Park & Ride (across from Stewarts), but the LOOP can be boarded anywhere along the route.

For the full schedule and map, call 340-3333 or go to www.co.ulster.ny.us/ucat/schedules/newpaltzloopmap.pdf.

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Annual Membership is $115. The membership year is July 1 to June 30. You must be a member to register for classes. The fee is non-refundable. For more information, please visit our website.

To join please complete this form and mail it with your check (payable to CAS/LLI) to Lifetime Learning Institute, c/o June Polatsek, Membership, 19 Deer Path Drive, New Paltz, NY 12561.

ENCLOSED: ___ $115  2012-2013 membership fee. Make check payable to CAS/LLI
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Name ________________________________________________________________
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Please answer the questions below by circling YES or NO.

YES  NO  I agree to allow my photo to be used in LLI promotional materials.

YES  NO  I would like to be a speaker for a brunch or other event.

YES  NO  I would enjoy teaching a course on ________________________________

I would enjoy serving on one or more of the following committees (please check):

Events_____  Public Relations_____  Membership_____  Technical/Equipment Support____
Curriculum_____  Classroom Assistants_____  Newsletter_____  and/or Volunteers____