



LLI MATTERS

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EMAIL ALERT!

Your LLI has started sending informational email announcements and notices about our fun and educational events.

Since we are only able to do a full newsletter four times a year, these email notices are the only way we have of keeping you up-to-date about new events or important changes.

If you have not been receiving these emails, it could be for one of these reasons:

- We may not have your email address on file.

If you think this is the problem, send it to us at lifetime@newpaltz.edu

- Your spam blocker may be intercepting LLI mailings. The messages may still be in your spam folder, or they may have been accidentally deleted when other messages that really were spam were deleted.

If you think this is the problem, check for past LLI emails in your spam folder and mark the messages "not spam"

- Your spam blocker may simply be "bouncing" the messages and not even keeping them in a spam folder.

If you think this is the problem, add us to your address book: lifetime@newpaltz.edu

Don't use email?

This might be a good time to try it. Or you might want to pal up with another member who does, so you can stay informed.

Don't care?

If you don't want to receive these email announcements, that's okay, too. Just be aware that you may miss out on some really good things.

The faces of LLI



Brunch Conversations

Brunch Conversations will be held at 10:00 a.m.

SUNY Terrace Restaurant and will cost only \$7.00.

There will be speakers and time for you to enjoy conversations with old friends and new. Pick up registration forms on LLI Fridays at information tables or use the form that was sent to you by email. Check Events Calendar for details

To learn more about LLIs, go to the Elderhostel Institute Network Newsletter: www.elderhostel.org/ein/intro.asp

Thanks to the negotiating skills of the LLI Vice President, Gail Gal-lerie, and to the generosity and gracious cooperation of Emily Trapp and Diane Strauss of SUNY Inst. Media Services, the audio video needs of LLI instructors were met this fall at all three sites of our downtown "campus".

We are well aware that having an ELMO, a lap top or a document camera in the room wouldn't do any of us much good without the technical assistance to go along with it. This fall

who you gonna call?



we were able to hire a great audio visual technical assistant from the IMS Department who was on-site with us every Friday to ensure that we knew where to plug in those little things and what to do when something bad happened.

Rocky Tang is completing his graduate program in December and will not be with us in the spring. He assures us, however, that there are many other knowledgeable techno wizards in IMS for hire who will be available to solve our future A/V dilemmas.

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

Definition of SIGS

SIGS are informal groups of LLI members and their guests who come together to enjoy a shared interest.

Guidelines for SIGS

- Led/facilitated by current LLI members
- Groups and leaders must be approved by Events Committee
- Groups must hold regular meetings and are to provide a schedule for the newsletter
- Meetings must not conflict with LLI classes
- Leaders facilitate the groups but do not teach the groups
- Members of SIGS are responsible for costs or fees
- Members are responsible for finding locations for meetings

SIGS we have enjoyed in the past few months are: Scrabble, Birding and Beading. The following SIGS are currently in the planning stage.

Mahjongg

Facilitator: Elaine Stessin

While most SIGS do not have teachers, this one will because there are so many of us who want to learn, and Elaine is an experienced and willing instructor. Initial membership will be limited to those who already know how to play Mahjongg and a few who are willing to commit to learning the game. As soon as we have a base of competent players, we will increase the number of interested beginners. We are now arranging meeting times and location. This is a great opportunity to learn a game that has been popular world wide for many years so please call Ann Burdett at 255-1837 to get your name on the list.

Quilting

Facilitator: Dolly Wodin

For information (845) 255-6877 Times and activities will be decided upon by the group, which will meet at Dolly's home in the evening or on a weekend day.

If you have a special interest and are looking for people to share it, we encourage you to consider facilitating a SIG.

To organize a SIG

Contact
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255-1837
anburd@aol.com

Newsletter Committee

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Faculty Highlight



Professor William Rhoads

Gauged by the sheer number of students clamoring to get into his classes, William Rhoads is one of the stars of the SUNY New Paltz Lifetime Learning Institute faculty. During LLI's first three semesters, Bill's courses on architectural history have attracted about fifty students in each session, which is approximately a quarter of the LLI program's total enrollment.

"The class was lively and the slides that went along with the lecture helped illustrate the important aspects of the talk. The topic was presented so that without a background in the subject I could understand and appreciate the class each week," said Linda Worden, a repeat student.

Bill can't really remember a time when he wasn't intrigued by "history as seen through architecture," for which he credits his parents. Family vacations were spent exploring the country by car; historic buildings ripe for investigation by the three Rhoads boys were among the entertaining stops. In fact, his FDR era course is enriched by a slide illustrating a long ago demolished house across from the famous president's home in Hyde Park ~ taken by Bill's father while four year-old Bill played just out of camera range.

As a young man at Princeton, Bill assumed he would pursue a profes-

sion deemed "serious" by his parents. Ultimately, however, the rigors of pre-med chemistry only served to enhance the allure of his elective art history courses. Professor Donald Egbert's course highlighted John Notman's Princeton architecture ~ illustrated by the professor's own photos. Now, here was worthy work young Bill could imagine himself enjoying!

For more than thirty years at SUNY New Paltz, Professor Rhoads developed and refined his work on local art and architecture. He especially loved teaching that course, and after retirement missed sharing his lectures. Talks to regional organizations helped, and led to single LLI lectures at both Bard and Marist. When New Paltz LLI got underway he knew he wanted to be a part of it.

"The students are very curious about the material and their questions are always thoughtful," he observed.

The students are equally enthusiastic about their professor.

For more information
about LLI matters,
please contact us at

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Many thanks to the staff of the
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One Last Chance

This fall there is one remaining weekend that one member of the Lifetime Learning Institute will be chosen to receive free enrollment in an intensive language class offered by the Language Immersion Institute at SUNY New Paltz.

The SUNY Language Immersion Institute offers classes to adult learners in more than twenty languages, with an emphasis on developing conversational skills. The normal cost for a class is \$350, but that cost will be waived for one lucky LLI member.

Language classes meet for 25 hours each weekend:

Friday: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

The one remaining weekend class this year will be held on:

December 5-7, 2008

*This opportunity is not open
to previous winners*

To learn more and to register, contact

Language Immersion
Institute
Annie Gallin
Director

(845) 257-3560
or

gallina@newpaltz.edu

Calendar of Events

Brunch Conversations

December 5, 2008

Speaker: Larry Winters

Author of "The Making and Un-Making of a Marine"

Larry will speak about

THE TRANCE OF TURNING AWAY FROM WAR AND ITS AFTERMATH.

Deadline 11/26/08

January 21, 2009

Speaker: Larry Carr

Editor of Riverine: An Anthology of Hudson Valley Writers

Larry will speak about his latest anthology of memoirs and how you may participate with your memories.

Deadline 1/14/09

January Intersession Film Series

Giancarlo Traverso returns to host a film series that will take place at SUNY in the

Coykendahl Auditorium

At 1:00 p.m.

On the following Fridays:

January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2009
(Dates Tentative)

Second Fridays

LLI Council meetings are held the second Friday of each month. All members are welcome to attend.

LLI and AAUW Collaborative Trips

If you are interested in either of the following AAUW trips, contact Pat Whelan at PWHL8@aol.com or call her between noon and 10 p.m. at (845) 657-6807.

December 18, 2008

"Christmas in NYC": Visit the Metropolitan Museum or enjoy a day in the city on your own.

Trip & Museum: \$55

Trip only: \$40

January 17, 2009

See Puccini's *La Rondine* from the Metropolitan Opera on the big screen in Hudson, NY. Bus trip, tip and tickets: \$58

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