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President's Letter

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



Dr. Clinton Bennett

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

Presenters

Fall 2013 and Spring 2014

Marilou Abramshe	Terry Flaherty	Paul Lurie	Richard Sullivan	Bill Whittaker
Sal Anastasio	Carole Ford	Walter Marquez	Judy Swallow	Don Wildy
Karin Andriolo	Lynne Friedman	Doug McBride	Helen Tennenbaum	Ken Wishnick
Ariana Basco	Jo Gangemi	Sevan Melikyan	Puja Thomson	Dolly Wodin
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Warren Boroson	Patty Kane Horrigan	Moskowitz		
Gil Brenner	Susan Jacque	Tom Mountkhal		
Joe Britto	Polly James	Becky Nielsen		
Lewis Brownstein	Marny Janson	Connie Noelle		
Janet Caffo	William Van Jura	Richard Parisio		
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Timothy Copeland	Arnold Kahgan	Mary Phillips		
Glenn Dewitt	Kate Larson	Judy Reichler		
Janne Dooley	Craig Lennon	Toby Rossman		
Michael Drilinger	Steve Lewis	Alan Rothman		
Pattie Eakin	Adrian Lurie	Jessica Rothman		



NEVER STOP
TEACHING

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Fall 2013 & Spring 2014



*A helping hand is always
appreciated*

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	Ellen Brady	Tom Losee	Angela Ruska
	Ann Burdett	Paul Lurie	Marion Ryan
	Florence Butler	Kathleen	Renee Sachs
	Joan Byers	Mackenzie	Terry Scott
	Rosalyn Cherry	Reeva Miller	Wendy Smiley
	Mary Cotton-Miller	Faith Nichols	Myra Sorin
	Marin DuBois	Mary Ann &	Vivian Stokes
	June Finer	Paul Osgood	Miriam Strouse
	Anne Finn	Doreen Perry	Puja Thomson
	Michael Hartner	Gail Picciati	Susan Tullin
	Rhoda Horowitz	June Polatsek	Susan VanAlst
	Martin Horwitz	Ralph Pollard	Shirley Warren



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

Phone Committee Spring 2014 and Fall 2013

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LLI Council 2014 – 2015

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Chair Public Relations	Open
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Dr. Paul R. Lurie, Pediatric Cardiologist LLI Student and Presenter

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Photo by Ed Steele



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More than Just a Walk in the Park

Interview by Sheyda Eversly, written by Shirley Warren

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 wood-working 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



Photo by Sheyda Eversley

Paul Kelley and Jake Schoonmaker

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

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.

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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-Iorio 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**



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.

For additional information and directions, contact

Mary Louise at 256-5580,

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TITLES OF COURSES TO BE PRESENTED THIS FALL
CATALOGS TO BE SENT OUT IN AUGUST

Beginner's Course in Woodcarving
Wire Jewelry Pendant Workshop
Drawing and Watercolor Techniques with You Tube
Rounds, Canons and Fun Music
Meet Your Ancestors
"Come DooWop with Me"
Drawing and the Art of Seeing
Watercolors Made Easy
The Basics of Oil Painting
The Nature of Drawing
Latinos in the U.S.: History, Culture, and Language
The Evolving Creative Mind in Indian Spirituality
Carl Jung: A Psychology of Soul, Shadow and Inner Knowing
Music and the Brain
The Importance of Being Oscar
Local Authors II
One Land, Two Nations-Israelis and Palestinians
Playing with Shakespeare
Wiltwyck:A Look at Life in a Dutch 17th Century Ulster County Town
World History through Objects Part 2
Free Loaders
Part 2 - The "Found" Tribes of Israel - Dispersed Jewish Communities Rediscovered
Climate reality: What's Happening and What we Can Do
When Zero Doesn't Mean Nothing
Living Life More Fully
Sicilia (Sicily), Its History, Art, Architecture & Food
The Funeral Process
New Paltz "Antiques Road Show"
Greet your Day with Poise, Strength and Balance
Mah Jongg for Beginners
Dr. Manners Goes to Dinner
Contemplating Simple Things

May 2014 LLI Budget Report

Figures accurate as of 5/28/2014	5/28/2014		
	2013-2014 Proposed	2013-2014 Actual as of 28 May 2014	MONTHLY CHANGES
Income			
Memberships	\$ 27,600	\$ 26,335	229 members to date
Donations	\$ 500	\$ 675	
Brunch Revenue	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,255	
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 100	\$ 43	
Total Income	\$ 29,400	\$ 29,308	
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		

Copy of April 2014 LLI Budget Report 5/28/2014